



K A I R O S O F C O L O R A D O

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SECURITY CORNER

Two things to be sharply aware of:

- ◆ Any changes in your "police record" (tickets, arrests, etc). Must notify DOC.
 - ◆ Anything you take into the prison must be on the coordinator's list, or else don't do it.
 - ◆ To give anything to an inmate, ask your coordinator first. The answer will probably be no.
- Questions? Call [Jean Yanchek](#) 719.599.8280.

KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 – 14-16 November

Jean Mares reminds us that our first Kairos Outside weekend is just around the corner. She is up to her neck in the many arrangements involved, and in keeping in touch with the approximately 40 "guests" and 34 team members (lay and clergy) expected to gather at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park on Friday 14 November. Jean still has "angel" applications, which you can get by emailing her (click here on [Jean Mares](#)). For more detail, see previous newsletters.

As you must know from previous communications, Outside is a retreat especially for female guests who have or have had a loved one in prison. They attend free of charge, so we are still appealing to all readers for green agape. They will also appreciate lots of prayer agape. Their final team meeting is an overnight there in Estes Park on 1-2 November.

During the Weekend, there are two events you can support by attending (click [here](#) to ask Mary Sogan for map):

- 1) The "Walk in Love" **Candlelight** Program on Saturday the 15th. Need to be at the Dannen Reunion Cabin by 8:00 pm.
- 2) The **Closing** on Sunday the 16th. Need to be in the Hyde Chapel by 2:00 pm.

Please come and help build up the community of God.

Jean and Mary have also put out a request::

- 1) To borrow at least 2, maybe 3, **vans** for transporting guests and equipment to and from the weekend.
- 2) To borrow or have donated about ten **twin air mattresses**. The facility has only 30 beds, but 40 guests are expected. It would be nice for each to have her own bed.
- 3) For volunteer **drivers**, especially on Friday afternoon to get people up to Estes Park. Note: if driver is a male, he must be accompanied by a non-guest female while transporting a guest.
- 4) For volunteers all through the weekend to **help** the Kitchen, Facility Coordinator, and others for a few hours, half a day or for however long you can stay.
- 5) For additional **financial help** (green agape). Please make checks out to "Kairos of Colorado" and give to Jean or Mary, or mail to Kairos Outside of Colorado, P O Box 16113, Golden CO 80401.

Above all else,

PRAY!

O God, bless this team/these servants for saying yes to your call for KO#1. In Jesus' name, who shows us "the Way!" Amen

FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Greetings fellow Kairos volunteers.

I'm happy to report that I did not have any security issues this month. What I did have were a couple of very spiritual and gratifying Kairos Outside team formation meetings. Colorado's first Kairos Outside is just weeks away and I'm very excited about being on the team. But I can't talk about it -- not just because another very well written article already does that in this issue, but because of the critical importance of keeping our Kairos Outside participation separate from our Kairos Inside participation.

You might ask why? Well, the DOC has rules about fraternizing with the families of the incarcerated, and by definition, Kairos Outside does just that. So our agreement with DOC is that what happens at KO, stays in KO. It would not be appropriate to have a conversation with an inmate during a reunion or weekend and mention that you or someone else was on a Kairos Outside team, especially if that resident just told you that his (mother/sister/wife) was on that KO weekend. This won't be easy. The resident may be persistent about finding out: "How it went?" or "Did she have a great time?" or "Did she get my letter?" We simply have to stand behind our "shield of integrity" and let those questions go unanswered. This is a strict and absolute requirement for the success of the KO program, and I urge everybody to be vigilant and support each other in this transition.

I'm going to keep it short this month. Everyone have a blessed next month.
M. Jeffrey Holley, Chair.

NEXT STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday 29 November 0845

Pine Creek Community Church, Colorado Springs — Welcome all

FROM OUR SECURITY COORDINATOR

ENMESHMENT — ONE OF MY FAVORITES

According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary it means being caught, entangled, meshed, engaged, entrapped.

We have all seen and felt the residuals of this problem when it exists. Enmeshment can be an easy thing to fall into -- such as "Can you call my mother and ... for me. She would love to hear from you." And the minute you comply, guess what? You are now entangled! And this is only the beginning, a minor part of it. Some of us have experienced very severe consequences from being "engaged" or "entrapped."

You might think it innocent when our inside ladies and gentlemen consistently ask you to "Sit with me" repeatedly -- and you do. Little by little you are entering an area that will be destructive to you as a volunteer. You don't need that. Kairos doesn't need it. Be kind, gentle, but careful. Know the limitations between you and our guest.

The phone call example may seem childish to you but I have known it to go from there to making calls in to an inmate, letters, notes -- even giving them a telephone card. Once you comply, you are owned. Avoid it and go in free. In return you'll maintain respect on both sides of the fence

Call or [email](mailto:) me if you need to report or talk about security situations.

Jean Yanchek 719-599-8280

RECAP and REMINDERS

INSIDE/OUTSIDE — Keep Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside as separate as possible. This is very important.

SECURITY — Avoid enmeshment.

REPORTING TO DOC — Be sure to inform the DOC Volunteer office (719-226-4481) immediately of any changes in your "police record." This is a DOC regulation. See Jeff's message in previous edition.

WEBSITE — <http://www.kairoscolorado.org> is up and running. Ryan will appreciate your comments for corrections, improvements, etc. Meanwhile we are very grateful for his diligence. Thank you, Ryan!

PASS IT ON — Please share this newsletter with your friends — by email or by printing it.

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TERRITORIAL #46 CLOSING

From the six table families:

1. **In what Spiritual condition did you come to Kairos?** Shaky, straddling the spiritual fence, wounded, undecided, spiritually confused and unsure, nervous, lost/low with lack of faith, searching, stuck, nervous, open minded, willing to give it a fair chance, beat-up, tired -- needing fellowship and rebuilding, needing to be recharged spiritually.
2. **What did you find?** Clarity, motivation, the truth of spiritual life, friends, joy, peace of mind, happiness, what I once had in Christ, love of God, agape love, guidance & a spiritual awakening, knowledge, a structure to follow God, learned more about "the church," fellowship, friendship, acceptance, an open heart.
3. **What are you taking away?** Love for our fellow man, new friendships & relationships, understanding about Christ, knowledge, guidance, inner-peace, Jesus, a new experience with God, wisdom, true love of God, courage to believe, to live a life for God, better feeling and understanding of agape, that God has a plan for us, that God is in the business of restoration, what it means to actually walk with God, understanding of fellowship, comfort, blessings, and "Don't give up — ride it out to the end."

From the individual men:

- I came with an empty stomach, am leaving with a full heart. Kairos has opened my eyes — and my heart.
- Satan is outside the gate doing push-ups, waiting for me to come out. This time when I get out, I'm going to make it.
- Jesus brought some soldiers to this weekend. My batteries needed recharging. The letters were touching to the soul, to the heart. I was deeply moved. You brought God back into my life I haven't felt this way for a long time and I don't want it to end.
- I was carrying a 1000-lb jacket of guilt about not being able to save my son in a house fire, even tho I was able to save the rest of a large family. This weekend I found forgiveness — of myself. (Then this man read a letter he had written to his son telling him that he and his twin sister would be together again in heaven — with Jesus.)
- I had leukemia and God healed me from that disease, but I continued on playing the role of "woe is me" for years — and not forgiving myself, until now. Now I am no longer a victim, I have the gift of encouragement. I've been in prison seven times. This is It - No More. I want to be a blessing to somebody.
- I've been locked up for half my life. This weekend I was shown respect and worth.
- I came from a family of deacons and preachers. I was the heartache. Now I've been restored — like the demon possessed man of Gerasenes (Luke 8:26-39). Jesus went many miles to save and restore that one man. Then the man wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus said, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." I am telling you how much God has done for me. He sent Kairos here to clean us up and go home to share that with the other guys.
- I have a scar on my life, a tattoo relating to my street gang - MFFM. Now those initials on my arm stand for "My Father Forgives Me".
- This weekend is for all the people who walked away from God. It has rekindled my fire for God, got me to look at the big picture. I promise never to walk away from God again.
- I've spent 25 years bouncing in and out of prison. I'm a Christian while I'm in prison. Then I get out and I'm a drug addict and a liar and a thief. I had an auto accident, was dead at the scene, was resuscitated; was dead enroute, resuscitated again; was dead on arrival and put on total life support. As my Mom was notified, it was found that my Dad had just died of a heart attack in bed. I am a living medical miracle. Then I was considering being part of a cult that had human sacrifice. I cried out to the Lord for help. Now Kairos has come - the answer, an enormous help.
- I just found out that I have passed the GED. (Applause) This was hard to do, but I have an eight-year-old daughter. I have two sisters and one brother and I'm the only one with a diploma. If I didn't give up on myself, then the Lord won't give up on me either.
- On the street I am a liar, murderer, thief — and these people came in here to show me love. I hope I am able to show that love to others.

From the 4th Day Speaker:

Imagine you are in a circle and Jesus is on one side and Satan is on the other. Who do you have your back turned to? You are now part of a fellowship of brothers in Christ. I and we are always here to talk with you, pray with you, join in prayer & share on Thursday morning in the Chapel. Each family: you are a team; stay as a team.

DELTA #34 CLOSING

Another amazing weekend. Lives were changed. Hearts were softened to the love of Christ.

St. Matthew went first and shared how they came into the weekend empty and dry. They found unity, love, understanding and family. They are taking away an understanding of unconditional love like they never knew before.

St. Paul shared how they came in defensive, doubtful and drifting in their faith. "We found Unity in getting to know God better, & found Christ's love through the letters, food, and time you spent with us. We are taking the testimonies of how to put Christ's love into action. We are taking hope, love and knowledge of God. We learned we are not just numbers but we are a part of the body of Christ."

St. Mark shared, "We had people sitting on the fence doubting and curious. We found out we could share our hearts and emotions without being judged. We found love, caring and Christ. This weekend topped my daughter on stage in kindergarten for the tears shed, and bikers don't cry. We found new life and confidence, knowing God loves all of us. We're taking cookies, hope, faith, and love."

As for personal witness –

God was a stranger to me. I was blind and lost. I found a sense of peace. I found love and friendship. I am taking away spiritual love, unity and friendship. I am taking a new life and family in Christ.

I was raised not to cry. I now know I can. When I came through the door today I felt a wall of love. I have Jesus in my life now.

I came in with locked doors. I came looking for God & see him transforming lives. I found we are not alone. I found Christ for life. I found forgiveness. I am taking the love of Christ and new friends in God. I now can trust others for the first time in my life.

We were brought together as families. When we generate love as a family then God puts us places, as a part of his will, to be his family. I will live my life for Jesus. I can only hope for a biker church to be a part of. When I saw the placemats, I cried, when I saw the letters, I cried, when I found forgiveness, I cried, when I saw you today, I cried. Bikers don't cry.

"We love you" is hard to say because of stage fright. I now understand how powerful the Lord is. Maybe now when I go home, my family will get the man I should have been all along.

I now feel unconditional love. I never felt love like this. You love me not knowing my crime. I now want to love like that, and take it back to my family. I now understand the reason for community and fellowship. Agape love is powerful.

I've never known love like this my entire life. It's really overwhelming. I came from a broken family like many of you here. My father committed suicide when I was young, my mother has been married 6 times and many of my stepfathers have been abusive. I was on the street by the time I was 14. Crime was the only way I knew to survive. I was happy to be in prison to know where my next meal was coming from. I will be released in 52 days and I am anxious to go see my mother and hug her. She had lung surgery and I now feel God has kept her alive for me to see her again.

The fourth day speaker told the residents: God is an awesome God that comes through when we need Him. He referenced Romans 12:10-12, love each other, work hard to serve the Lord, and keep on praying. He shared about talks given on his weekend, Friendship with God, walking with God as You are Not Alone, & We are The Church. In my Kairos I vowed to serve God as I was thanking Him for keeping me out of Ad Seg. Then he told them about how hard it can be back in the yard but to never let go of God, and to count on God's help for everything.

Tony (currently a pastor from Grand Junction) shared with all that he made his Kairos at Delta #1 in 1991 and told the guys "God will take you to heights you'll never know and God will bless more than you can even imagine." Tony is going to start teaching the Life Learning Skills class at Delta Correctional Facility. He is such an inspiration for all of us.

Submitted by Randy Borden

STREET GATHERINGS – similar to the Monthly Reunions we do inside and a great way for us to minister to Kairos graduates when they come outside. Our intentional contact with ex-inmates is limited to seeing them at group functions such as this.

Denver, 2nd Fridays, 7:00pm, Warren United Methodist Church, 14th and Gilpin . Bring spouse, friend, potluck dish, grouping card, and/or musical instrument Contact is [Glenda Condon](#).

Colorado Springs, 3rd Fridays (beginning 21 November), 7:00pm, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Hancock & Boulder, Bus lines #5 and #19. Meal will be provided. Contact is [Jean Magnuson](#).

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING WRAP-UP

I had the pleasure of conducting the KPMI-approved pilot course for spiritual advisors on 12-14 September at the Tedford Cabins near Allenspark and 3-5 October at Pine Creek Community Church in Colorado Springs. Eight Kairos volunteers attended and were then commissioned as "Certified Spiritual Advisors" for the purpose of augmenting the clergy corps on Kairos weekends. Those certified were Tina Anderson, Kristin Briggs, Richard Fairchild, Bert Morrison, Patty Morrison, Karen Salzman, Jim Strub, and Marilyn Tedford.

One of the exercises was to write a "Recipe for a Kairos Spiritual Advisor." Here is Patty's recipe:

RECIPE for a KAIROS SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Prepare your heart, mind, and soul with the oil of gladness, prayer, and DOC and Kairos guidelines.

Go by "the book" — i.e, the Bible and the Kairos Manual.

Ingredients: 2 large, active ears, with lots of practice at active listening. Then add:

1 extra large heart, that loves God and others lots

1 huge scoop of sensitivity

1 extra large scoop of humility

1 Bible, studied daily by a dedicated

1 Prayer warrior, with whom talking with God is as natural as breathing.

Mix with the love of Jesus that shines thru your eyes and actions.

Sprinkle with calmness and affirmation.

Bake with confidentiality and more prayer in God's special timing.

Enjoy the fragrance as God works.

Both weekends were an enormous blessing for me. God worked in magnificent ways for each weekend!

The working textbook, "The Spiritual Advisor's Manual," is in the process of being revised to include valuable feedback received from participant evaluation.

Thank all of you who have supported this Spiritual Advisor Training with prayer, input, and giving! I will schedule more training weekends for the coming Spring.

In His Service, [Chaplain Jack](#) Olafson

FAITH

"We see the righteousness and fairness of God in His establishing belief as the only condition for salvation. If you go to heaven because of **your** righteousness, it would not be fair and just. If you were raised in a morally depraved environment, having been taught that all manner of wickedness is permissible, you would be handicapped in your quest for heaven. If knowledge were the key, some are smarter and better educated than others are. If salvation required wealth, some are born wealthy and others have a gift for making money, while others do not. If you needed good works and died early you would miss the mark.

"God judges all and saves all the same way: they both are expressions of **His** righteousness. Only by this righteousness can you hope to enter heaven, and the only requirement you must meet is faith."

Walter Hendrichsen, in "Thoughts from the Diary of a Desperate Man" – day 291

WHO INVIED YOU INTO KAIROS?

Each one of us can probably remember who (as the Lord's instrument) invited us into the Kairos ministry.. For most of us, it was probably someone on the outside who was already involved. Then we stepped out in faith.

For one of us, however, it was someone on the inside. For years Phil Archuleta had been going into some of the prisons to lead 12-step (AA) meetings. One day **one of the inmates** told him about Kairos, and that maybe he ought to look into getting involved in it. So Phil did just that. He stepped out in faith. Thank you, Phil.

UPCOMING EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
<u>2008</u>			(click for email)
30 October – 2 Nov	STERLING NORTH #13	Mike Ramirez	Randy Borden
13-16 November	LIMON #8	Jack Burson	Jim Richardson
14-16 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Jean Mares	Jean Mares
4-7 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #10	Linda Stewart	Glenda Condon
9-12 December	E. P. LIMA #1 (PERU)* (Need your prayer support) * Establecimiento Penitenciario	Juan Camacho	Wayne Park
<u>2009</u>			
5-8 February	KPMI WINTER BOARD Orlando, Florida		Mary Sogan
13-16 February	FREMONT #47	Rueben Duran	Tom Guidera
5-8 March	STERLING EAST #6	Paul Benevides	Thomas Sonntag
5-8 March	RIFLE #8	TBD	Tyne Bush
27-29 March	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING Denver Area		Randy Borden
16-19 April	CAÑON WOMEN'S #49	Katherine Igyarto	Kathy Awtray
16-19 April	DELTA #35	Glen Kimbrough	Bill Bennett
16-19 April	TERRITORIAL #47	Mike Zwissler	Bill Durfee
30 April-3 May	STERLING SOUTH #12	Greg Oliver	Thomas Sonntag
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Mary Sogan	Jean Mares
TBD	LIMON #9	Jay Sims	Jim Richardson
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11	Ruthmary Lyons	Glenda Condon
28 July-2 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE St Catharines, Ontario (near Niagra Falls)		Mary Sogan
1-4 October	DELTA #36	Rex Stucker	Bill Bennett
8-11 October	TERRITORIAL #48	Terry Fitzgerald	Bill Durfee
16-19 October	CAÑON WOMEN'S #50	Jannie Savoy	Kathy Awtray
TBD October(?)	HIGH PLAINS #6	TBD	Patty Morrison
5-8 November	STERLING NORTH #14	Scott Glahn	Thomas Sonntag
3-6 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #12	TBD	Glenda Condon

