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"GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"

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"I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:36

1965 JACQUELYN L. MARTINEZ 1995

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit -- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

John 15:16-17

Jesus chose and appointed Jackie Martinez at a very young age. Jackie did go and she did bear fruit -- fruit that is lasting. Jackie often prayed to the Father, and her prayers touched many lives. Jackie Martinez obeyed Jesus' command to "love each other".

Jesus called Jackie Martinez home in August, and the church overflowed for her Recitation of the Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial. The special honor guard at the Mass and cemetery was made up of "her boys" that she counselled in the drug diversion program where she worked. She worked there on the day before she went into the hospital for the last time and, as she became weaker, hung on until "her boys" could come visit and say "Goodbye".

Her other "home" was Colorado Women's Correctional Facility where she volunteered for many teams on Kairos Weekends and Retreats and monthly Reunions (Ultreyas), including the July two-day Retreat. She loved those ladies so much! The September 3rd Reunion was a special time for remembering Jackie and her impact on so many lives (see quotes on page 3).

Another Kairos volunteer wrote the following about Jackie's impact on her: "I first met Jackie about 4 1/2 years ago through Cursillo. We quickly became friends and bonded, not only because we had a lot in common but because she was the kind of person that made anyone who knew her feel very special and loved. Jackie's love for life and people was something extraordinary! Jackie and I were roommates during a weekend together working Kairos Prison Ministry a couple of years ago and I learned from her that weekend about true friendship. She talked, listened, and loved. This gal was one of the most beautiful (inside and out) persons I've had the pleasure of knowing. I will never forget my friend. Jackie, I love and miss you very much." (More on page 3)

Note: The family has requested that any memorial donations be given to Kairos Prison Ministry at the above address.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JACKIE MARTINEZ – CWCF – SEPTEMBER 3, 1995

FROM INSIDERS —

Something in her prayers with me will be with me all my life.

She felt like the sister I'll never have.

Jackie, I know I'll see you again.

She brought me closer to the Lord than anybody ever has.

She always managed to smile, to shine.

I'd like to go to Chimayo and light a candle for her.

She never looked down on prisoners; she treated us all like equals. She's still touching my life now.

She helped me deal with problems I had with my Mom.
We're real close now.

She helped me reconcile with my Dad.

She saw my pain -- told me to let it out. She made me feel good about myself.

Whatever was happening with me, she made me feel OK.
She taught me patience and to listen.

She had that Star she told us to look for in others' eyes.

She listened and she always gave me feedback whether I liked it or not. Now I understand better.

When it hit you, knowing Jackie, it doesn't let go.

FROM OUTSIDERS —

I hate to cry. She was the only one I could cry in front of.

I could feel her pain when she gave the Forgiveness talk.

I was glad I could be there for her like she would be for me.

Hearing about Jackie's problems with family relationships helped my kids deal with that in our family.

No matter how hard it was, she had to go to work (youth drug abuse counselor) and she had to go to CWCF. She couldn't live any other way. She had quality, not quantity of life. Her corneas enabled two young people to see who couldn't before.

This song is by the inmate who sang it for us at the CWCF Memorial service. Jackie wanted this sung at her funeral, but that didn't work out, so we share the words with you here.

THE PAIN OF GOODBYE

Lord, how you've taught me,
Gave me back the breath of life.
How your death bought me,
You walk me thru the storms of strife.
Oh, how you've blessed me,
Beyond all that I could dream.
Thru every trial, Lord,
You've brought me into perfect peace.

CHORUS:

Now I ask of you, Lord,
To teach me how to cry,
To give me strength and courage,
To learn to say goodbye.

Goodbye to those
Who've been the sparkle in my smile,
Who have come so close
And brought such joy I often cried.
So strong and true,
We are as branches on your vine.
Teach me, Lord, and carry me
Thru the pain of goodbye.

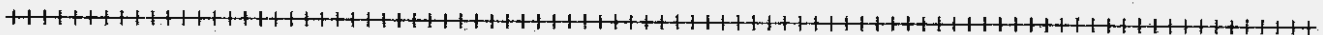
CHORUS

Lord, you have blessed me
With love I'd never known.
You have taught me, Lord,
To be a friend and you have shown
The light of love thru one
Who helped me on my way.
As I dance this dance of life,
Please teach me how to say --

CHORUS

You have shown me your wisdom
In the words of one you'd sent.
You have blessed me with such joy, Lord,
Thru the laughter of a friend.
You have broken down my walls, Lord,
And taught me not to fear,
When I found trust and love
In the heart of one so dear.

CHORUS



Jackie's family asked us to convey her and their deepest gratitude for all donations to Jackie's DREAM FUND. She wasn't given the opportunity to take her family to Disneyworld like she wanted to because of her being on call for a lung transplant. But that fund enabled her to maintain a degree of that independence which was so important to her that she could not have managed to do without it. You helped immeasurably with her "quality of life" during the remaining time we were blessed to have her among us. We in KAIROS, and especially our sisters in CWCF, know we have our own "special angel" interceding for us always.

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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A
CELEBRATION DINNER
WITH GENE WILKOWSKI AND FRIENDS**

**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM EPISCOPAL CHURCH
13151 WEST 28TH AVENUE IN GOLDEN
OCTOBER 22, 1995 AT 6:00 PM**

*Main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish to share.
Please reply to Elaine Wise 303-526-9038
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KAIROS KALENDAR

	1995		1996	
Fremont	#26 ---	Sep 21-24	#27 ---	March
Women's	#25 ---	Oct 12-15	#26 ---	April
Delta	#8 ---	Sep 28-Oct 1	#9 ---	April
Territorial	#20 ---	Nov 16-19	#21 ---	May

Please keep all of these in your prayers and note the dates for your calendar. This will help you plan ahead. We always need team members, Closing guests, and pray-ers. Contact any Board member for more information.

Essential to being an effective member of a Kairos team is experiencing for one's self the kind of encounter with God's love offered during a Kairos, Cursillo, or Emmaus-type weekend. Realizing that many potential team members may, for a variety of reasons, not be able to participate in such a 3-day experience, Kairos National has been seeking ways to overcome that, to provide an alternative, such as the training described in the next article. We'll keep you posted

KAIROS TEAM TRAINING

Kairos of Colorado is part of a one-year pilot program approved by the National Board of Kairos Prison Ministry to seek an additional way to recruit and train team members who have not or cannot experience a Cursillo or Emmaus-type weekend. The purpose is to find ways to expand the variety of Christians from which we can effectively draw new team members into the ministry.

The program consists of the contents of a Kairos weekend condensed into a one-day workshop. Talks have been combined and shortened. Participants are placed in table families, take notes, discuss the talks, and participate in a forgiveness service. They then receive Kairos crosses and have an opportunity to share about the experience.

The first such mini-Kairos was scheduled for Sep 2 in Grand Junction, with past Rectors and Rectoras assisting. As we "go to press", we do not have a report from that day, but we pray that this will indeed help broaden our team base.

FROM TERRITORIAL #18 CLOSING ---

I've been to seminars and Bible studies since I've been in the system, but never saw such love as you brought us. I came for the food, and got spoiled.

We found Jesus, brotherhood, joy, and that Christ is always with us. We found love and peace and learned about ourselves. We once were lost and now we're found, and we're taking love and fellowship, and bigger hearts with the Lord back in there.

Some knew Christ, some didn't, but we knew something was missing. We found love, peace, friendship with strangers, how to see Jesus in others. Some found God for the first time in our lives.

I've been running from God since 1988. I feel blessed now, and am taking the love of Jesus in my heart. I'll be a doer, not just a hearer. Knowing others were praying for me -- I really took that personally. I know it can be worse for those who know but don't do, than for those who don't know.

I was bleeding bad. People prayed for me and I'm not bleeding no more. I thank God that there are real Christians like you to come to us.

I just want everyone to know you're efforts weren't wasted 'cause I got saved.

Jesus has stepped deeper into my heart now. He's shown me what people are all about -- to love each other. Satan prowls about and he'll trip me any chance he gets. My wife says, "Next time Satan reminds you of your past, you remind him of his future."

I gave my life to Jesus 2 years ago. Here I found how to walk with Him in here and back out on the street. The Lord will be in my life now, not like I used to go to church -- drunk; but I'll walk with Him sober for the rest of my life.

When I first became a Christian 6 months ago, I was on fire, but gradually something was missing. Then here at Kairos, I found out about and experienced God's love. I just didn't know what that was. What I was missing was that love and now I've found it and I'll never lose it.

Nobody's ever tried to save someone as bad as me before, but you did. I still don't understand.

I've had 30 years of this place, the loneliness and pain here, the high walls and fences. This love is tearing down those walls and fences. The biggest construction going on in this country is penitentiaries. Only this love, this spiritual revolution can change that.

(To guard): I love you in Christ. You're just doing your job. God bless you!

DELTA HONORS VOLUNTEERS ---

Many Kairos volunteers were among those honored at the fourth annual volunteer dinner and awards ceremony last April at the Delta Correctional Center. Lucille Beals of Volunteers of America was given the first Raymond G. Hausner Memorial award by DCC Chaplain William Potter. Hausner, a dedicated Kairos volunteer, died last year. His wife, Marilyn, his son and daughter attended the ceremony.

Nine Kairos volunteers were among the thirteen people who received framed certificates or letters of appreciation from Governor Romer. Kairos of Colorado was one of the five organizations which were recognized for giving more than 300 of service during the previous year.

(Note: Chaplain Bill Potter is now the Administrator of Volunteer Services at the Department of Corrections headquarters in Colorado Springs.)

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HAVE YOU NOTICED ---

--- When the other fellow acts that way, he's ugly; when you do, it's nerves. When others are set in their ways, they're obstinate; when you are, it is firmness. When your neighbor doesn't like your friend, he's prejudiced; when you don't like his, you are a good judge of human nature. When he tries to treat someone especially well, he's "toadying"; when you try it, you are being thoughtful. When he takes time to do things well, he's a slowpoke or lazy; when you do, you are deliberate and careful. When someone picks flaws in things, he's cranky and critical; when you do, you are creative. When someone dresses especially well, he's extravagant; when you do, it is tastefulness. When he says what he thinks, he's spiteful; when you do, you are being frank.

In Kairos as well as in other Christian ministries, it is important to remember that to do the Lord's work, we first have to take a deep soul searching inventory of our own life. To witness of Christ's work in our lives we first have to allow Him to do that work. If you are telling others to love unconditionally as Christ loves, and then say something unkind or cutting, leaving behind pain and hidden wounds, you have just destroyed your testimony. First impressions are important but so are lasting impressions. Check out Ephesians 4:29 and 2 Corinthians 6:3. Pray, "Lord, before I move, before I speak, your perfect wisdom I will seek."

<p>MAKE A FRIEND</p> <p>BE A FRIEND</p> <p>BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST</p>
