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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear brothers, sisters, servants in Christ,

On November 8, up in Frisco at the new Senior Center's Conference Facility, all Kairos volunteers, CDOC leaders, clergy, chaplains, and spouses are invited to come together to celebrate the changes in people's lives which we as Kairos volunteers have been privileged to witness in the prisons across Colorado. Formal invitations are forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!

I'm sure we all have had the same experience during Kairos weekends, reunions and other events – we soon realize we do not personally have the power to change these people's lives – yet miracles happen in droves every single time we go in there. We know where the Glory belongs – “All Glory to God!” – as the experienced Kairos volunteers told me when I went on my first weekend. We are the arms and legs of our God, our Savior, and our Holy Spirit! We choose to live in His Holy Presence, and He chooses us.

We all realize that Kairos is a program, and we are not here to serve a program, but we are here to serve our Lord in the prisons! But Kairos is the tool we use to organize, come together as a team, and ensure we deliver our service in a consistent and high quality manner, because we want to give our very best to our God!

Why do YOU continue to volunteer your time and resources to train and serve on Kairos weekends and sacrifice even more time to serve on Advisory Councils and the State Committee? At the Celebration Event in Frisco, we will all share in small groups our personal answers to that question, both in short phrases and in stories. Because the stories you tell, which illustrate the deeply moving reasons you serve, are exactly what God will use to call, inspire, and motivate other people around you to serve Christ in the prisons, either in person or in prayer or in gifts of resources.

Today, we are in only five of around fifteen institutions in Colorado. In Indiana, Texas and other states, Kairos is in 100% of all institutions, and there are waiting lists of volunteers for weekends. Indiana signed up around 420 new volunteers last year. The state directors of DOC in those states actively help Kairos get into all prisons because they know the extreme impact God will make on the incarcerated both inside and when they get out and stay out. God is quite big enough to put us in all the facilities in Colorado also, according to His timing! If we tell our stories about God's grace and forgiveness, we will get as many leaders and volunteers as God needs for Kairos in Colorado!

For me personally, I knew that God's Word said He wants all of us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and serve our brothers and sisters in prison. But I avoided that latter call for many years. In September 1990, I was graced by an

"Knowing Me intimately is like having a private wellspring of Joy within you."

*Jesus
in "Jesus Calling"
by Sarah Young*

FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Emmaus 4-day “street” weekend, and was blessed beyond belief by how God broke down all my lifelong barriers and let me finally “feel” something after growing up stifling those feelings in a severely alcoholic family. I actually cried for the first time since early childhood. I even hugged other men! I answered God’s call and worked Emmaus weekends for a dozen years.

But I still avoided all the requests to work in the prisons. Finally, I found myself without a job in 2001, feeling like God wanted me somewhere else, realizing I had run out of excuses, and suddenly finding I had the time for prison ministry. God had put it on my heart to say Yes to Kairos (through Wayne Park and Jeff Caruso)! Since then, I have personally witnessed the Holy Spirit perform miracles in the lives of inmates in the most dramatic of fashions. There is no denying what I have experienced in real life, over and over. These events are way, way beyond the realm of worldly statistical probabilities for “coincidences”.

I want other people to experience the Holy Spirit for real in their lives also, don’t you? I want to tell my stories from the mountaintops, or wherever people will listen. So, join me, let’s do it!! We are NOT alone!!

May you all live in the Holy Presence in so many ways: Peace, Joy, Love!

Randy Weldon
State Chairman

GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE –

and LIKE it –

And while you’re there,

find out more about Kairos of Colorado!

[Facebook of Colorado](#)

SIMPLIFIED CLOSING REGISTRATIONS – (You can do it!)

Even if you’ve never used it, Facebook (FB) has created a format that works wonderfully for Kairos of Colorado. All facilities are encouraged to use it because it can make your work easier.

There is a feature available on Facebook to invite, register, and promote new people and previous attendees to go to Kairos closings at your facility. Take a minute to see how it works. Just go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kairoscolorado/events> Here you will see an invitation on the Kairos of Colorado Facebook page listing the date, time, and location for the Sterling West #31 closing on Nov. 2, 2014. If you are a Facebook user, you can respond that you are Going, Not Going, or Maybe, as well as you can invite someone with a box check!

How do you post an event? Right below the picture at the top you will see Events. Click on it and then on the box that says Create Event. Next, add basic information and details. It’s as easy as falling off a log, but call me with any questions.

Right now the Kairos of Colorado Facebook group has 97 members. Sterling CF and Denver Women’s CF are pretty good at using it to get prayer vigils filled, update donors on the good their support is doing, and share new Kairos videos and articles in the press. The state newsletter is there and from there you can print the forms needed by volunteers in the Department of Correction. Everyone can use this. If you need help, just ask. Meanwhile, let your Facebook friends and family know about the Kairos of Colorado page. Keep Kairos “top of mind” for supporting churches, businesses, donors and all volunteers, past and future. It’s like a daily newsletter!

Kevin Condon

HOW IS YOUR SOUL?

What is your immediate response to this question? What is your response when you have reflected on it for a while? Go ahead and take a few minutes to meditate on the question.

Does your response depend on the most recent circumstances in your life? If so, I suggest that you ask God to open your eyes to the wonderful truth in his word and reflect on Paul's message in Philippians. "For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Phil. 4:11b

Horatio Spafford's answer to this question has encouraged generations of believers with his hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul". But would you have been able to make that answer if you had been in his circumstances?

Spafford, a successful lawyer, had his investment property destroyed in the 1871 Chicago fire.

In 1873 he planned a family vacation to Europe where he planned to help his friends D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey with their evangelistic meetings in England. At the last minute, needing to finish up last-minute business in Chicago, he sent his wife and four daughters ahead on the S.S. *Ville du Havre*. During the night of November 22, 1873, it struck another vessel and sank within twelve minutes. His daughters perished, only his wife survived. She cabled, "*Saved alone, what shall I do?*"

En route to join his wife and passing near where the *Ville du Havre* had gone down, he wrote, "*It is well; the will of God be done.*" A couple of years later he wrote the hymn "*It Is Well with My Soul*".

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Only a developed, mature relationship with God based on faith and trust can enable someone to turn to God like this in the midst of such personal anguish. So,

How is your soul?

Fr. Tom Hall

THE SOURCE

“He who believes in Me...out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38)

A river reaches places which its source never knows. And Jesus said that, if we have received His fullness, “rivers of living water” will flow out of us, reaching in blessing even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8) regardless of how small the visible effects of our lives may appear to be. We have nothing to do with the outflow -- “This is the work of God, that you believe...” (John 6:29). God rarely allows a person to see how great a blessing he is to others.

A river is victoriously persistent, overcoming all barriers. For a while it goes steadily on its course, but then comes to an obstacle. And for a while it is blocked, yet it soon makes a pathway around the obstacle. Or a river will drop out of sight for miles, only later to emerge again even broader and greater than ever. Do you see God using the lives of others, but an obstacle has come into your life and you do not seem to be of any use to God? Then keep paying attention to the Source, and God will either take you around the obstacle or remove it. The river of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles. Never focus your eyes on the obstacle or the difficulty. The obstacle will be a matter of total indifference to the river that will flow steadily through you if will simply remember to stay focused on the Source. Never allow anything to come between you and Jesus Christ – not emotion nor experience – nothing must keep you from the one great sovereign Source.

Think of the healing and far-reaching rivers developing and nourishing themselves in our souls! God has been opening up wonderful truths to our minds, and every point He has opened up is another indication of the wider power of the river that He will flow through us. If you believe in Jesus, you will find that God has developed and nourished in you mighty, rushing rivers of blessing for others.

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, meditation for 6 September

As I fade into the background*, I mull over the past thirty years of Kairos in Colorado.

It started in November 1982 with Kairos #1 in Cañon City. Sandy Browning was the Rectora. Fremont #1 followed in April 1983, Territorial #1 in April 1986, and Delta #1 in January 1992.

During the first few years Colorado Kairos was similar to Cursillo, led by Secretariats composed primarily of couples and with emphasis on the ministry, not on finances. The national office consisted of an Executive Director (John Caldwell) and one assistant. There were no manuals, only Xeroxed papers and loose-leaf notebooks. We were focused on “the Source.”

Eventually, our Colorado leaders (primarily Bill Potter and John Barney) realized that we needed to be better organized and pay more attention to fund raising, so in 1985 the Colorado Secretariat agreed to the forming of Kairos of Colorado, a Colorado corporation with a Board of Directors. The Secretariat was eventually morphed into the Board. Bill was the Executive Director. I was the Treasurer. You can read more about this on our web site at the “History” page. From then on we were always well funded but were sometimes short-handed (except for a “Kairos #1” start up). In Colorado the tables had turned, and to this day recruiting is much more difficult than fund raising.

As for the national (and then international) ministry, the financial side was becoming a growing problem -- in two ways: lack of accountability in some states (not ours) and simply not enough funds coming into Orlando to support all that our leaders felt God leading them to do. One particular issue was lack of a uniform accounting system, which made a ministry-wide audit virtually impossible, which became a roadblock to the securing of major block grants. Another was that some of the state organizations were separate corporations (as was ours). To remedy all this, the overall organization, by this time known as KPMI, demanded that the separate corporations be dissolved and each state organization become a “Chapter” of KPMI – which we did in February 2003. At about the same time, KPMI instituted a common ministry-wide accounting system, using QuickBooks software and a standard set of account names. This has produced good results as far as accounting and big-time fund-raising are concerned, but it has become an ever increasing burden on anybody at our level who has to deal with accounting and with procurement of ministry materials. I have known team members who left the ministry because of frustration with this.

Why am I writing this? Because, looking back over the past thirty years, it looks like the ministry's emphasis gradually shifted from the spiritual toward the financial. Granted, along the way, KPMI attempted to address this by splitting the governance into two parts - a Board of Directors for the business end and an International Council for the programs. Our own Steve Gabriel was the founding President of the latter. This helps, but it does not reduce the frustrations our people have to put up with in dealing with the dollars and supplies. We would like to keep it simple, but it seems that KPMI keeps making it more and more tedious.

Which brings me back to where we started - "the Source." As Oswald Chambers says above, "A river is victoriously persistent, overcoming all barriers." I like the word "victoriously" -- victoriously persistent - in spite of obstacles, such as Kairos having to be a business as well as a ministry. Yes, there will always be a few of our team members who will have to attend to the business end of the ministry, and for them it will take more focus to stay focused on the Source. But for most of us, whether in the ministry or elsewhere, our focus can be exclusively on the program - on Jesus and His living water, letting that victorious water flow through us to those around us, in and out of the prisons. The Living Water will easily overcome all obstacles - if we let It.

Jim Strub

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* Footnote: Pat Mills is graciously and gradually assuming responsibility for our Colorado Kairos Newsletter, for which I am very grateful. I believe her intent is to establish a broadly based communications and recruiting base for our Colorado community, of which the newsletter will be one part. Please help her with this in any way you can think of, whether she asks directly or not - especially in the area of recruiting. Not only do we need to replace geezers like myself, but as Randy emphasizes in his letter, we need to be increasing the overall number of team members in order to have a strong Kairos program in as many Colorado's prisons as possible.

HELP WANTED: Bent County and Buena Vista Prisons

Kairos of Colorado is working on two new facilities: Bent County CF and Buena Vista CF. Both facilities are a hike from where many of us live, but they have indicated that they want Kairos in their facilities. Volunteers from Trinidad and Castle Rock are working hard on involving the Emmaus communities and local churches near Las Animas for Bent County, and having great success. Buena Vista at this point only has a Thursday night bible study teacher who has recently contacted us. Buena Vista CF has a new chapel in their facility and now has the space for a Kairos program.

Who can we find to help him? Who do you know who might help us establish Kairos at either of these facilities? Our community is large and together we know people all over the state whose help we can solicit. Send them the link to this video: <http://vimeo.com/6935281>, or this one <http://vimeo.com/84715011>, or this one <http://vimeo.com/6918825>. Then send their names and contact information to me and we'll help them get 'r dun.

Kevin Condon

"Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ.
The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for Him.
It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for Him.
The goal of the call of God is His satisfaction,
not simply that we should do something *for* Him.
We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in His battles.
Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ Himself?"

Oswald Chambers, "My Utmost for His Highest" 18 January

GREAT FOOD TO NOURISH BODY AND SOUL

No all-day meeting is complete without having an abundance of food for lunch and the State Committee meeting on Aug. 16, 2014 was no exception. SC members gathered at the Cross Creek Resort and Conference Center in Frisco, CO with lunch being a potluck. All the food was delicious, but here are some recipes for a few of the stand-out dishes.

Al Behaeghe's Kielbasa

- 4 lbs. Kielbasa, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 18 oz. jar of apple jelly
- Yellow mustard

Put the jelly into a bowl. Fill the jar up with the mustard and add to the jelly. Mix well.

Put the kielbasa in a crock-pot and pour the mustard/jelly mixture over the top. Heat on low for about 4 hours.

Joan Borden's Strawberry Fluff

- 1 - 16 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries
- 1 - 6 oz. pkg. Strawberry JELL-O (or 3 oz. Strawberry & 3oz Wild Strawberry) You can use sugar free if you prefer!
- 4 cups COOL WHIP (12 oz.)
- ½ - ¾ angel food cake (9 oz.)

Dissolve Jell-O in 2 cups boiling water. Add 1 cup cold water and the strawberries thawed just enough to slide easily out of the box. Stir and let set 20-30 minutes. While setting, tear the angel food cake into bite size pieces in a 9 x 13 Pyrex cake pan. Add Cool Whip to Jell-O and stir to mix. Pour Jell-O over cake pieces and chill until set.

Father Tom's Apricot Bars

- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup flour

First, make shortbread base. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream sugar with butter. Add the flour and mix. (It will be dry.) Press into 9x9 or 8x8 pan. Bake 15 minutes.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. water
- 1 stick butter
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 cup diced dried apricots
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- Pinch of salt

Make caramel by melting sugar. Mix sugar and water. Heat until it turns brown. Add butter, and cream. Incorporate well. Then, add apricots, almonds, and salt. Mix well. Put on the shortbread. Refrigerate. When cool, cut into bars.

2014 EVENTS

LEADER

OBSERVING LEADER

2-5 October	RIFLE #19	Chuck Vande Veegaete	Ken Ooley
9-12 October	TERRITORIAL #57	Rusty Siefner	Dick Wilson
16-19 October	DELTA #46	John Triebwasser	Gene Jolley
30 Oct – 2 Nov	STERLING WEST #32	Michael Carey	Dave Caikowski
8 November *	CELEBRATION EVENT	Randy Weldon	
	Cross Creek Resort and Conference Center , Frisco		
4-7 December	DENVER #22	Kris Briggs	Edna Robinson

* Note: Sometime before or after the Celebration Event, the State Committee will have a brief business meeting.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

[Kairos Prison Ministry](#) is a lay-led Christian ministry which conducts a highly structured program designed for use in male and female correctional institutions. The Kairos program starts with a weekend event which allows participants to receive Christ's love through the servitude of Christian Kairos volunteers. During this event participants are given the opportunity to experience a spiritual renewal, accepting God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another during their stay in the institution, and beyond. Participants are encouraged to establish small, two-to-five-person "Fourth Day" Prayer and Share groups within the institution. The groups meet regularly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another, other residents, and staff in the institution.

Kairos is currently in 36 states and nine other countries – Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. The course materials are available in English and Spanish. The international ministry now includes some 30,000 volunteers in 444 different Kairos communities.

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