

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

KAIROS TRAINING

What: Advanced Kairos Training (AKT)
When: 20-22 August (Fri evening thru Sun morning)
Where: In the Colorado Springs area

A trainer from Kairos National will conduct this training for Kairos team members who are scheduled to be rectors anytime before September 2005, or who aspire to be rectors eventually, or who just want to go through the training. AKT is mandatory for all Rectors prior to their Weekend, preferably prior to beginning their team formation. The Colorado State Committee has been offering AKT locally once each year. Other State Committees offer AKT at other times and locations, but that involves additional travel expense. So, best to do it in Colorado in August. For more info, contact Dick

SUMMER CONFERENCE

The annual Kairos Summer Conference this year is scheduled for 28-31 July in Oklahoma City, on the campus of Oklahoma City University. The organizers say, "Along with an intense educational experience, the opportunity for getting acquainted with other Kairos volunteers is well worth the trip!....Friday and Saturday promises to be filled with informative sessions and workshops to strengthen your [Weekend] skills."

The Conference includes emphasis on Aftercare, a subject dear to the heart of Joseph Mares, our National Representative; and an event at the site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that was bombed in 1995.

More info and registration at National Headquarters:

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QUALIFYING WEEKEND

Colorado Kairos conducted a "Qualifying Weekend" on 20-21 February at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. The purpose was to provide "Kairos Weekend" experience for potential team members, and qualification in lieu of the requirement for attending a "street weekend" – as per National Kairos directives. There were twelve "candidates" – nine men and three women. Some commuted, some stayed with local Kairos families, some in hotels.

Most of the twelve are now involved with Colorado Kairos teams – four at Sterling, three at Fremont, three at Territorial, one at Denver. The twelfth is leaning toward the Epiphany team at YOS in Pueblo.

Colorado Kairos plans to conduct at least one Qualifying Weekend per year. For the next one there will be more notice so we will have more lead time for team formation and recruiting. It is not too early to be thinking about whom you might invite. Think especially about Christians you know whose church denomination does not have "street Kairos" (Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Koinonia, etc). The QW may be their only gateway into Kairos – other than the "8th table" (Qualifying Table) – or becoming a prisoner?

SUMMIT MEETING

During the past year the State Committee has invited the Advisory Councils, one by one, to attend the SC meetings as a group for two-way sharing of thoughts and concerns. Fremont, Denver Women's, Cañon Women's, and Territorial have now done so. Next up is Delta, on Saturday, 10 July. To lessen the driving, their meeting with the SC will be a summit meeting – in Summit County, that is. Lee and Gary Kulbitski have graciously offered their Keystone condo as the site of the meeting. Lee serves on the Cañon Women's team and Gary is the upcoming Rector at Territorial.

We will gather at 11:00, have the Delta discussions first, stop for lunch, then continue till about 4:00. All are welcome, but especially all the members of the Delta AC. The condo is on the frontage road of US 6, just east of the 6-story Keystone Inn, which is close to the main base of the ski area (not the gondola base). One turns off US 6 at Milemarker 215 onto Razor Drive to get on the frontage road. The address is:

Cinnamon Ridge I, Unit 112

23058 US HWY 6

Condo phone: 970-468-6628

**Next State Committee meeting:
Wednesday 12 May, 6:00pm, Denver**

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

ITEMS

- ◆ The State Committee has elected Deacon Ernie Romero to fill Rev George Tewksbury's position as one of the two State Spiritual Directors. Thank you, George, for a job well done! And welcome aboard, Ernie!
- ◆ Three Colorado State Committee members attended the National Kairos Winter Conference (30 Jan - 1 Feb) in Orlando: Steve Gabriel (Chairman), Joseph Mares (National Representative), and Dick Evans (Training Coordinator and Limon Ad Hoc Chairman).
- ◆ There is increasing possibility for starting a full Kairos program in the Sterling "East" units. Inmates in the North and South units can not intermix, but those in the two lesser-security East units can, so a single Kairos program can serve both units together. If you are interested in "Sterling East," contact Wayne Park.
- ◆ Longtime Colorado Kairos team member and leader, Ken Grosse, has moved to Fremont, Nebraska. As he works at getting Kairos started in that state, he needs all the help we can provide in terms of prayer and personal resources, especially team members. His email is: ken_ritagrosse@msn.com
- ◆ Former Delta Kairos team member Pastor Tom Ross is now on board as Associate Chaplain at Delta along with Colorado Kairos founder, Rev Bill Potter.
- ◆ Recently completed Fremont Kairos #43 had seven new team members – a record (they hope to top?).
- ◆ Several of our teams have experienced lockdowns in the recent past (e.g, Sterling, Territorial, Limon, Fremont). Sometimes this causes loss of program time, or even total cancellation and rescheduling. When this happens we pray a lot, and we are reminded of where we are.
- ◆ A reminder that the DOC clearance of each team member is subject to a formal update every year. A month before yours is due, DOC sends the Form 900 directly to you, and then you send the completed form to your facility liaison person or coordinator. Neglecting to do so can result in losing your clearance and/or having to retake the 8-hour DOC Volunteer Training course – a situation that does really happen.
- ◆ Finally: while in a prison recently, our team members spotted a handyman golf cart equipped with various tool sets, a large vise, etc. On the front window was an ID sticker that said "Vise Squad."

CLOSING GEMS

- ◆ We arrived with a very broken spirit, a weak spirit, not close to God at all – just going thru the motions.
- ◆ We found God and peace of mind.
- ◆ We found that the free world cares for us. [Note: there were lots and lots of agape letters from all over.]
- ◆ I found Christ – and what he did for us is amazing!
- ◆ I found tears.
- ◆ This is the most church that I've ever had. I went back to the pod and couldn't stop smiling – and I wasn't smokin' it.
- ◆ From my heart [with some tears] – you peel away armor that we build up for self protection. This weekend has peeled away a lot of my armor.
- ◆ My Mom told me that the Lord reaches out and shakes up the lives of those he loves. He must love me a lot.
- ◆ If you see me on the street, you won't have to worry about what's in that sack, 'cause it will be Bibles.
- ◆ Now I am proud to be a Christian, to be who I'm going to be, a stronger spirit to share the Lord with everybody, whether I get shot down or not.
- ◆ Prison is a life changing experience. First it was "God, what have you done to me?" Now it's "God, what can I do for you?"
- ◆ I knew my Mom was praying for me. "Hey, Mom, the Resurrection was great. It woke me back up!" "Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways" (Psalm 25:7). I was a Muslim coming in.
- ◆ I have 16 brothers and sisters. None have written to me. I came in here broken hearted. The love woke me back up.
- ◆ I have become so much more aware of the problems of others – that God puts the people he wants to use thru a lot, just as he did with David.
- ◆ Last night I was the last one to drop my [forgiveness list] in to the water, but I did it! I finally forgave the man who molested my son while I was in here.
- ◆ Last year on this date I was sentenced to prison. This year on this date I was sentenced to life with Jesus.
- ◆ [One man, in tears, read all of 1 Corinthians 13. No one had the heart to tell him he wasn't supposed to.]
- ◆ It isn't what I'm taking with me. It's the wall I'm leaving behind.
- ◆ As men we always want to do something. This weekend I just wanted to crawl up on Jesus' lap and let him love me.
- ◆ This is the Weekend that the Lord has made. Let us

Include an 8th Table (Qualifying Table) in your next Kairos Weekend.

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ELECTED MEMBERS:

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Recruiting Crew	Kairos Community	all area codes	all Christians

Our mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to the incarcerated, and to assist them in building up the body of Christ in each prison. We are volunteers. There is no paid staff. We depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. We encourage you to use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries. Please make checks payable to "Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc" or "Kairos."

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2004	SPRING WEEKENDS & RECTORS	FACILITY	FALL WEEKENDS
	#43 18-21 March Jim Richardson	FREMONT	#44 16-19 September
	#5 1 - 4 April William Katzenmeyer	STERLING SOUTH	#6 30 Sep - 3 October
	#40 15-18 April Marilyn Fuqua	CAÑON WOMEN'S	#41 14-17 October
	#25 15-18 April Mike Schell	DELTA	#26 21-24 October
	#2 22-25 April Dick Evans	LIMON	#3
	#7 29 Apr - 2 May Patrick Keziah	STERLING NORTH	#8 4 - 7 November
	#37 20-23 May Gary Kulbitski	TERRITORIAL	#38 18-21 November
#4 3 - 6 June Cindy Swindell	DENVER WOMEN'S	#5 2 - 5 December	

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SPIRITUAL SPECIAL FORCES

Before the final sessions of a Kairos Weekend, the table families are given about 15 or 20 minutes to put together their answers to three questions:

In what spiritual condition did we arrive at Kairos?

What did we find here?

What are we taking away from here?

Then their spokesman presents the results at the Closing. At the Fremont #43 Closing, one of the spokesman took off like a rocket with the following, in rapid fire:

We arrived here like soldiers without a leader, miss-guided intercontinental ballistic missiles that didn't know where they were going – arrows without a target.

We found that what it takes the Navy nine weeks to do, God can do in three days. We found Spiritual DI's, Spiritual Drill Instructors to encourage us, edify us, exhort us to be Spiritual Special Forces.

We found a bottomless well of God's Agape Wisdom in bringing each one of us here. He wrapped us up in the

safety of His wings in sanction. We found salvation. We found a desire to live. We found purpose. What we found is that our Commander-in-Chief, Jesus, has called us into His army as Jedi Knights, Baby. We're freedom fighters. We found discipline. We found Christ within. We found our marching orders. We found battle ammo (prayer, study, fellowship).

We, as new-found soldiers, are taking away from Kairos a new-found Brother, Christ. Proverbs says we have One who sticks closer than a brother. Christ is going with us, thus all His abilities, dreams are going with us, too. We are Agape for a dying world we were long part of, but now have been endowed with the most powerful force in the Universe, love. 1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 4. We are Jedi Knights for Christ, chosen by Him to share His love with a dying world. We're earth shaking bondage breakers. WE ARE THE CHURCH!

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