

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the Kairos Board of Director's Meeting in August the National Board changed the name of our ministry from "Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc." to "Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc." The Executive Director of the ministry has put out a challenge:

"...we need a vision of Kairos that is so large it can not be accomplished without God's help. That's a dream worth having!"

At the Kairos Summer Conference in August we saw the breadth of the Kairos vision -- international expansion, fiscal stability, new songbooks and manuals, and Qualifying Weekends to boost the number of volunteers. Really exciting!

So at our Colorado State Committee meeting on 13 September we spent a day in prayer and visioning, using a combination of the strategic planning process and the "Prayer of Jabez" to develop a strategic plan. We asked ourselves the questions:

"Where do we want to be on our 25th anniversary in 2007? How will we get there?"

Here is an outline of the answers your Committee came up with.

1. We plan to facilitate the recruiting of more volunteers -- more in numbers and more diverse.

Expect to see an Outreach Coordinator appointed to train each facility on the Kairos recruiting film and database. Also, we are planning a Qualifying Weekend for 2004.

2. We will prepare for expansion into new facilities and new states starting with policy guidelines and a systematic analysis of expansion opportunities.

3. We need to provide guidance and training to foster effective leadership at the State level and at the facility level. Look for by-laws, job descriptions, guidelines for Advisory Councils, seminars and training sessions, and a program self-assessment.

4. We will pioneer an aftercare extension for Kairos. This will include assisting ex-offenders in their return to society through integration programs, mentoring, and funding.

With this vision of the future, we invite each Kairos volunteer to join us in proclaiming:

"Come and see what God has done in Kairos. His deeds are awesome!"
(Psalm 66:5 adapted)

Steve Gabriel, Chairman,
Colorado Chapter of Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc.

STATE COMMITTEE ITEMS

Kairos International has come out with a new songbook. The Colorado State Committee decided to retain the license to the current songbook for at least a year to allow for an orderly transition and alleviate the financial pressures of purchasing new books.

The State Committee is looking for nominations to the Committee for the elections to be held in January. There will be three open positions. Interested individuals can contact Steve Gabriel or Joseph Mares (or attend the Committee meeting).

At the next State Committee meeting in November we will be reviewing the draft strategic plan and meeting with the DWCF Advisory Council.

Our own Wayne Park and three other Kairos men from around the country went to San José, Costa Rica, in mid September to help work through the details of getting a team started for the first men's weekend in Costa Rica. Wayne plans to go down again in November to help on the Weekend and would love to carry general agape from all of our Kairos communities here in Colorado.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

CAÑON WOMEN'S:

Jean Yanchek, Chair; **Ann Weida**, Coordinator; **Pat Romero**, Vice Chair; **Peggy Strub**, Treasurer; **Nita Rosengarten**, Secretary; **Jean Magnuson**, Advising Rector; **Kathy Woodring**, Rector; **Marilyn Fuqua**, Observing Rector.

FREMONT:

Jim Waters, Chairman; **Terry Kruse**, Coordinator; **Dan Halperin**, Treasurer; **Drew Machmuller**, Current Rector; **Jerry Stoneberger**, Advising Rector; **Joseph Mares**, Observing Rector.

TERRITORIAL:

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STERLING:

Wayne Park, Coordinator and Acting Chairman; **Andrew Sisneros**, Assistant Coordinator; **Brian Beattie**, **Tom Leyba**, and **Pat Keziah**, Rectors North; **Randy Weldon**, **Mike Braden**, and **Bill Katzenmeyer**, Rectors South; **Bernie DeVault**, Coordinator training; **Jeff Caruso**, **Rick Stewart**, and **Elton Teruya**, At Large.

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Jean Mares, Chair; **Gabriella Ramirez**, Coordinator; **Joy Maly**, Vice-chair and Rector; **Elaine Wise**, Secretary; **Christina Pierce**, Treasurer; **Deacon Frances Mutolo**, Clergy; **Susan Garcia**, Outreach; **Kathy Jones**; and **Lorraine Lovato**.

LIMON:

Ad Hoc Committee: **Dick Evans**, Chairman; **Jack Burson**, **Robert Jennings**, **Jim Richardson**, and **Jim Fitzpatrick**.

GEMS FROM RECENT CLOSINGS

I asked my judge to give me two additional months so I could be on this Kairos. I can now say "In Jesus' name" without being hypocritical.

Now I know exactly who I am: a child of God. I have no doubt that God loves me.

When I grow up I want to be just like all of you ladies.

In here there are all these rules — you know: do this, do that. Now I know the biggest rule is to love each other.

It's not so much what we're taking with us as what we're leaving behind.

I came in with a little candle of light; now I have a big campfire of light in Christ.

We found people who care, and they don't care what we did to get here.

I'm no longer just an individual; I have brothers here who care.

I found the individual strength to witness.

Walls came down.

Don't need a gang homey anymore. God is my homey.

There's a lot of men here projecting strength in violent, arrogant ways. In Kairos I found men of real strength.

I never experienced such deep love. I am a converted Christian Muslim. I am on a quest. I need your prayer support for my family in [Africa], since they are still Muslim, in darkness — for their safety.

I've come away a different man; I used to say "Been there, done that," but I've never "been there and done that!" I accepted Christ.

Kairos is a family of men and Christ, come together for fellowship. I have been looking for the right kind of family, failed until now. This is it!

The Lord has put an unbelievable peace in me. For seven long years my heart was in pain and anger, then last night I gave it all to the Lord — and I have peace.

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

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STATE COMMITTEE

ELECTED MEMBERS:

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Recruiting	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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REMAINING 2003 WEEKENDS

Delta	#24	Roger Quarry	Oct 2-5
Sterling South	#4	Mike Braden	Oct 2-5
Cañon Women	#39	Kathy Woodring	Oct 16-19
Sterling North	#6	Tom Leyba	Oct 30-Nov 2
Territorial	#36	Bill Durfee	Nov 13-16
Denver Women	#3	Joy Maly	Dec 4-7

LIMON #2

Dick Evans requests that if anyone wants to work the team for Limon Kairos #2 in January 2004, please call him at 719-597-3426.

Team meetings and sites are pending. The prison is located a couple of miles south of the town of Limon.

"I was in prison and you came to me."

Next State Committee meeting:



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LORD

Forgive me, Lord, for I have sinned.
Relinquish this pain I have deep within.
I have my faults and I have made some mistakes,
But I've always been one who gives more than he takes.
For I know what I've done, Lord, and you see a wrong.
And now I pray that you'll make me strong.

As I sit in this cold dark prison cell
there's no one that cares, no one to tell.
Cement floors.
Hard steel doors.
My own private hell.
A cold dark cell.
I clasp my hands as I kneel down to pray

That you help me live this out day by day.
I offer you Lord this poor worn-out heart
In exchange for a brand new start.
For you are my Lord, judge of all judges –
A forgiving God who holds no grudges.

And now I am content,
'cause for every door closed God opens a window.
Thank you Lord for making me see
That even in prison we can be free!

Presented by a Fremont resident at a monthly reunion.

**MAKE A FRIEND. BE A FRIEND.
INTRODUCE YOUR FRIEND TO TEAM MEMBERSHIP.**