

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

NEW OPPORTUNITY #1

WANTED: TEAM MEMBERS

You may have friends who consider themselves not eligible to be on a Kairos team but have expressed interest – or you might even be such a person. Until this month there were three ways one could become eligible for team membership:

- ♦ Four-day “street Kairos” (Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Koinonia, Via de Cristo, etc),
- ♦ Qualifying Table (“8th- table” on a Kairos Weekend),
- ♦ Qualifying Weekend (our most recent one was in February 2004).

These two latter methods have already brought many really great team members on board, especially people from church organizations that do not have one of the “four-day” street Kairoses.

Now, beginning this month, there is an additional way into team membership: **The 20% Rule**. At its Summer Board Meeting, the Kairos International Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

“Effective 1 September 2004, Kairos leaders, after exhausting all other sources and training methods, may invite up to 20% of their team from persons who do not have fourth-day experience, but who have the support and recommendation of their pastor/minister.

“It is required that the advisory council or term leadership thoroughly discuss the concepts of the Kairos Program and Kairos Organizational Manuals with the new non-fourth day volunteers to assist them in becoming Kairos team members, and requiring the team to assign an experienced volunteer to serve as a mentor using structured guidelines for the team formation and weekend process.

“This policy will be instituted as a two-year program with a report in one year.”

SO, now is the time to contact the Facility Liaison person (page 3) for the prison of interest! Ask them how your friend or you should apply to be on team.

What a grand **opportunity** to answer God’s call!

PRAY FOR

God’s hand in the arrangements for Monthly Reunion #1 at Brush Women’s, 17 October.
God’s hand in the arrangements for Kairos in Sterling T-North.
God’s hand in your pocket for donations directly to the State Committee of Colorado Kairos.

NEW OPPORTUNITY #2

WANTED: WEBMASTERS

You may be noticing that some organizations that do newsletters are offering you options such as:

- ♦ receiving the newsletter in the mail,
- ♦ receiving the newsletter by email,
- ♦ reading the newsletter on the organization website, or
- ♦ any combination of the above.

We are considering doing likewise. We would, of course, continue to publish and mail the printed version, since we know that many of our “subscribers” do not have access to the internet. But we could also offer to transmit the same newsletter by email, perhaps in .jpg or .pdf or .doc. We would also consider establishing a Colorado Kairos website. Besides displaying the quarterly newsletter, it could also have a page for the State Committee and a page for each Advisory Council – each maintained by someone from that particular organization. and updated whenever they please.

What we need right now is your input on how you would like to go about this. If there is to be a website, we will need one or more webmasters. **Any volunteers?** Please respond by email to pjstrub@juno.com.

DOC APPRECIATION

The Colorado Department of Corrections is constantly expressing appreciation to Kairos for sustained high quality and quantity of ministry to its inmates. This appreciation comes in various ways – from facility staff, Volunteer Coordinators, and Wardens; from Community Resource Regional Coordinators; from staff and the DOC Chief of Community Resources at DOC; and from the Director of DOC.

At this summer’s DOC Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (with free tickets to the Sky Sox game!) one of our own was named “**DOC Statewide Most Security-Conscious Volunteer of the Year.**” **Congratulations, Dick Evans!**

KAIROS TRAINING

Our Colorado session of **Advanced Kairos Training** was a great success! There were 39 attendees – Kairos volunteers, mostly from Colorado, but also from Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. For this large a group, National sent two trainers – John Thompson (National Executive Director) and Bob Astalos. Both were open to questions, honest in their answers, and thorough in their explanations of the changes coming our way. including new Manual and leaders' materials.

The setting was the John Wesley Ranch, next to the Mueller State Park just south of Divide. The Ranch's facilities, the scenery, and the late August weather helped make it one of the best training sessions ever.

Plans are to continue conducting AKT in Colorado at least once a year. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Training Coordinator, Dick Evans. He will need a crew for registration, cooking, setup, etc.

AKT is very valuable for all Kairos volunteers and is mandatory for all Rectors prior to their Weekend. Cost this year was \$130, of which the State Committee paid \$100 for Colorado team members.

Thank you, Dick and your crew, for doing this so well!

FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Note from your Kairos P.O.Box clerk: letters written to you must include both your first and your last name. The clerk is not clairvoyant.

Notes from the DOC "Guidelines for Volunteers" issued in the 8-hour DOC training program:

- ◆ Inform your program coordinator of a family relationship or a friendship that you have with an inmate.
- ◆ Do not allow an offender to persuade you to mail letters, carry correspondence between offenders in different facilities, bring a package into the facility from an offender's family, or take a package out of a facility to an offender's family.
- ◆ Do not give offenders your phone number, address, or personal information about another volunteer or staff member. [Editor's note: the inmates can address letters to you: First and Last Name, % Kairos, P.O.Box 25004, Colorado Springs CO 80936.]
- ◆ Do not make a phone call for an offender, or perform any similar service.
- ◆ Do not give anything to an offender.
- ◆ Do not accept anything from an offender.
- ◆ Do not enter into a business venture with an offender.
- ◆ Never agree to bend the rules; you can become a prime target for a con game.

Any violation of these guidelines may result in the termination of your volunteer service!

CLOSING GEMS

DENVER WOMEN'S #4:

- ◆ My life is forever changed from my experience at Kairos.
- ◆ I was so overwhelmed by all the love of Christ here!
- ◆ Now God has given me a sense of freedom in prison..
- ◆ Before I came to Kairos I thought we should love people under conditions, meaning if they were Christians or not. Kairos has shown me to love myself and others, regardless of color, shape, size, or with whatever sins or not. I want to give to others what Kairos has given to me, and that's God's unconditional love.
- ◆ Now I want to be the planter of seeds.
- ◆ [Later] My Kairos experience has made my life a lot busier because, after my testimony at Closing, more people have found it easier to come seek me out, so now my ministry work is already starting.

FREMONT #44:

- ◆ I've known about Kairos since 1988; I finally pulled myself out of myself to get to this Kairos.
- ◆ I'm about ready to explode – you can't get much fuller.
- ◆ I found extraordinary quantities of love.
- ◆ I was looking for a friend; I found Jesus.
- ◆ I found a new way of life.
- ◆ I am now much better prepared for Heaven.
- ◆ I came here like a car with no gas; worse – I couldn't even find the gas cap.
- ◆ Came with our spiritual tubes clogged; found the stent (Jesus) that opened them up.
- ◆ For us the question "What did you find here?" became "What found you here?"
- ◆ We had a sense of presence, of really being here.
- ◆ We had an opportunity to speak our hearts, express ourselves freely.
- ◆ We found family (which for many of us is lacking).
- ◆ We found real love – receiving it and giving it.
- ◆ We found new ways to live His walk (without offending others) in integrity, with forgiveness.
- ◆ We found the sacrifice of agape love, especially by the team (who probably didn't even realize they were bringing it in).
- ◆ We are taking away a piece of Christ and an understanding of love, not just a thought of love.
- ◆ [Referring to a team member who is wheelchair-bound] We saw Lee walking – a confirmation to step forward, knowing (maybe for the first time) that

**Include a Qualifying Table ("8th Table") in your next Kairos Weekend.
Result: new team members!**

COLORADO CHAPTER OF KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL, INC

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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 FALL WEEKENDS & RECTORS

#44	16-19 September	Dave Brown
#6	30 Sep - 3 October	Terry Bessler
#41	14-17 October	Roxene Ballard
#26	21-24 October	Scott Graham
#3	21-24 October	Ron Barton
#8	4 - 7 November	David Peverley
#38	18-21 November	Frank Merrill
#5	2 - 5 December	Christine Sturges

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DENVER WOMEN'S

2005 SPRING WEEKENDS

#45	17-20 March
#1	March
#7	31 Mar - 3 Apr
#42	14-17 April
#27	14-17 April
#4	
#9	5 - 8 May
#39	19-22 May
#6	2 - 5 June

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

COLORADO AGAPE BEARS FRUIT

Thought you might be interested in this letter recently received by our Agape Lady, Wanda Sitler:

[Note: "palanca" is another word for "agape letters"]

"Dear Wanda.

"My name is Mark and I was pilgrim on Vineyard Via de Cristo Men's weekend #13 in May. My mountain top experience changed my life as it has for so many other people. I never knew the wondrous feelings of such love, friendship and brotherhood as developed during those three short days.

"The Palanca letter that was sent to us from my Brothers and Sisters in the Colorado Kairos Community had a **major impact on my weekend and on my life!** God was truly opening my heart throughout Friday, and hearing the Kairos letter completed the task for Him. I completely lost control of my emotions when I heard that these men and women were praying for me and were welcoming me into 'this family that is "free in Jesus."' Wow! It was a good 5 minutes before I knew anything else was going on around me. I haven't been the same since and I have my Brothers and Sisters of Kairos to thank for this transformation. The power of the Lord truly works in wondrous ways!....This letter had such an impact on my life that I asked for and received the original at the end of the weekend and I value it very much....I don't know how to express my love and thanks to everyone in Colorado. I would love to provide Palanca letters for your upcoming weekends. Please let me know how I can be of service to my Brothers and Sisters there and I'll do everything that I can.

"In Christ's love, Mark"

Make a friend. Be a friend. Introduce your friend to team membership.