



KAIROS OF COLORADO
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AVOID THE OUTER DARKNESS.
NO NEED FOR GNASHING OF TEETH.
THE DOOR TO THE BANQUET ROOM IS STILL OPEN.
YOU CAN STILL GET IN TO CELEBRATE THE

25th ANNIVERSARY OF
KAIROS IN COLORADO

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2007
RED LION - DENVER

4040 Quebec Street (just south of I-70/Quebec exit)
Guests of Honor: Bill and Joan Potter

Guest Speaker: Aristedes Zavaras, Executive Director, Colorado DOC

4:30 Register, Fellowship, Silent Auction Bidding
6:00 Doors open. Music by Delta Kairos Band
6:30 Dinner: includes Caesar Salad, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Coffee (Regular or Decaf) and Iced Tea, and Chocolate Torte Dessert; with three choices of entrée (see below)
7:30 Program (Honored Guests and Speaker);
Final Silent Auction bids (proceeds to Kairos Outside);
Personal Stories/Witnesses.

Event: \$45.00 per person, or \$50.00 after 23 September.
Rooms: \$64/room (call 303- 321-6666 ASAP).
Email or call Mary Sogan (mlsogan@comcast.net or 303-937-7675), then follow up with the form below. Print, complete, and mail to Mary at 1232 South Marshall Court, Lakewood CO 80232. Enclose check or money order payable to Kairos. If really last minute, you can bring your payment to the event - but the deadline for notifying Mary is 25 September.

NAME(s) of those attending

ADDRESS CITY/STATE

ZIP CODE PHONE (10 digit) EMAIL

DINNER ENTREES SELECTIONS (1 per person): PRIME RIB SALMON CHICKEN

VOLUNTEER YEARS OF SERVICE (On back list name & years of service for each Kairos person attending)

I WOULD LIKE TO: DONATE (#) DINNER(S) FOR KAIROS GRADS and/or DOC GUESTS
DONATE \$ ADDITIONAL TO HELP WITH COSTS OF THIS EVENT
DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM

## FROM RECENT CLOSINGS

- Yesterday I woke up – it isn't about me anymore.
- I now have the fear of God – the right kind of fear.
- I had the devil living in my mouth.
- I learned to respond, not react.
- My shoulders haven't felt so light in a long time.
- Have a glow of feeling I never knew I had inside me.
- Have learned to open up to God.
- Now understand what it means to be a brother or sister in Christ.
- It's like a big glass of water that never needs filling.
- Through Jesus Christ my heart is opening up to many I wouldn't have associated with before.
- I have been in the Word of God, but now have learned forgiveness. Was dead, am now alive.
- Today I prayed for the Lord to put on my heart what He wanted me to do and think.
- I felt your love. Thank you for the truth. In prison for 20 years and nobody ever did anything for me.
- You are the true armor of God.
- (On his knees) I have a sense of love, of belonging, that I have never had before. Am now on a new pathway in life, with Jesus Christ – thanking God all the way.
- When I was 13 years old I felt the Holy Spirit within me. Then not again until this weekend.
- This is my second time in prison. This time no family – they washed their hands of me. Now I have a new father: God. Now I know there are men here who will treat me like a fellow human being, not like a convict.
- The letters tore me up. I knew what it was – it was love. I never had love. God loved me enough to bring me here. He's the one who got me off the drugs, etc. Now I've picked my course – with God. Now I'm at peace with God.

## HIGH PLAINS EXPANSION

As most of you know, "Brush" has been a privately owned and operated women's correctional facility at Brush, Colorado. It has recently changed hands and the new owners/operators have renamed it "High Plains." Under the leadership of Warden Ron Murray, many changes have taken place. Programs are under scrutiny as to their effectiveness and outreach.

This change occurred just before the scheduled dates for "Brush # 4." The weekend was postponed until we had a chance to meet with Warden Murray and hear his concerns and visions for his facility. When we met we were able to agree that all concerned would like Kairos to grow. For openers, he agreed to accommodate our needs for a bigger conference room by knocking out walls and doing what is necessary to meet the physical challenge if we would do what we could to expand the program to reach more inmates. He also agreed to allow more community for closing. Weekend #4 is now scheduled for 31 January to 3 February 2008.

We could look at this challenge as a mountain:

- Over half the team were new, excited team members.
- When we heard #4 was postponed, 14 of 22 members chose to work the next Denver Women's team.
- We lost enthusiasm.
- We lost team members.
- We have to hold team meetings during the Thanksgiving / Christmas / New Years holiday times.

Or we can say, God, help! You are bigger than any of this. Help us figure a way to get around this mountain. I am asking for prayers for women volunteers and clergy to help us for High Plains CF Weekend #4. We need to get them DOC- trained, and with a heart to serve wherever needed. We are asking to double the size of our team, Lord. Would you please stand in agreement with us as we prepare an even bigger, better team for Brush #4?

In His love, Karen Salzman

Going to a Kairos closing was so much more than I had anticipated. I was apprehensive at the prospect of going inside a prison which increased when I was told that at the end we would be mingling with the inmates who had just gone through the Kairos weekend. HOWEVER what an experience it was! As these men shared with us their journey from anger, from rejection to the unconditional love they experienced during the weekend from the team. How healing was their experience as they discovered the forgiveness of Jesus! One inmate who had been through a Kairos weekend previously told the new group that it really was possible to live as a Christian even in the negative (and often evil) environment of the prison yard. There was tremendous support and encouragement for the new members from inmates who had previously experienced Kairos. It was wonderful to hear these "cons" singing praises to our Lord and afterwards when talking to them, they expressed such a desire to witness to their families when they are released from prison.

It opened my eyes not only to see a little of what life must be like behind bars, but to see God's love at work in such a place. To God be the glory! – Marion Wilton, Colorado Springs

## 2007/8 WEEKENDS & LEADERS

DELTA #32	11-14 Oct	Danny Tyler
CAÑON WOMEN'S #46	18-21 Oct	Sara Igyarto
LIMON #7	18-21 Oct	Jimmie Lazanis
STERLING NORTH #12	1-4 Nov	Bill Hollis
TERRITORIAL #44	8-11 Nov	Larry Bauers
DENVER WOMEN'S #8	29 Nov-2 Dec	Sandy Miller
FREMONT #46 (tentative)	15-18 Feb	Bruce Carlson
HIGH PLAINS* #4	28 Feb-2 Mar	Patty Morrison
STERLING EAST #5	28 Feb-2 Mar	Doug McCulloh
RIFLE #6	6-9 Mar	Kent Austin
CAÑON WOMEN'S #47	17-20 Apr	Cecilia Lobato
DELTA #33	17-20 Apr	Stan Hutchinson
TERRITORIAL #45	24-27 Apr	Rusty Siefner
STERLING SOUTH #11	1-4 May	Al Behaeghe
DENVER WOMEN'S #9	29 May-1 Jun	Shirley Brown
LIMON #8	TBD	

\* formerly known as BRUSH

## AFTERCARE TRAINING

Last November the Colorado DOC instituted the Community Alliance Network (CAN) – “a collaborative effort to build safer, stronger, healthier communities by communicating and drawing on each other’s strengths and respecting each other’s human dignity that reconciles the formerly incarcerated person with the community, resulting in successful reentry.” You can read more about it in the current issue of the DOC newsletter, “The Voice.”

Related to this is a new version of DOC’s aftercare training (VAT) – a 4-hour course being offered in Colorado Springs 22 September (9:00 am), Loveland 13 October (9:00 am), and Denver 8 November (6:00 pm).

To register, call DOC’s Mary Bailey at 719.226.4482.

## STREET REUNIONS

“Street Reunions”, similar to those we do inside, are a great way for us to minister to Kairos graduates when they come outside. Colorado DOC is supportive of this program, since it fits in with their efforts for more outside community involvement with ex-inmates. Kairos volunteers are strongly encouraged to participate. Remember, our intentional contact with ex-inmates is limited to seeing them at group functions such as this.

We are doing this on the second Friday of each month, 7:00 pm, Warren United Methodist Church, 14th and Gilpin, Denver. There is handicap access from 14th and through the courtyard on Gilpin.

Please join us – with your spouse, friend, potluck dish, grouping card, and musical instrument. For further information call Glenda Condon at 303.377.3580.

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## JANUARY 2008 ELECTIONS

Kairos Operating Procedures call for the State Committee to elect its members (including officers and committee chairpersons) at the first meeting of each year. The Nominating Committee for the 2008 election consists of Steve Gabriel (Chair), Bruce Carlson, Jim Strub, Glenda Condon, and Peter Kufeke.

The SC consists of 6 officers, 6 committee chairs, 2 clergy, and a representative from each Advisory Council. In January, due to term limits, we will need replacements for Chairperson, International Representative, and one Clergy. We also need to fill two committee chairmanships and a vacancy in the Vice Chair position.

As of this writing two people have stepped up to the challenge. If interested, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

## INMATES INITIATE NEW PROGRAM

**Pat Styer, a senior-citizen team member from Washington State, attended our AKT in July. Here is a shortened account of what she wrote to our Training Chairman, Peter Kufeke, after the AKT:**

I began my association with Kairos in 1990 as part of Kairos #1 at Washington Correction Center for Women (WCCW) in western Washington. In 2005, Pine Lodge Correction Center for Women (PLCCW) was opened in Medical Lake, approximately 350 miles from WCCW. It soon received several hundred women from WCCW. Some of these were Kairos graduates who soon went to the Chaplain to ask permission to continue the Kairos Prayer and Share times they had experienced at WCCW. Not being familiar with Kairos, he contacted the Kairos State Committee, which then asked me, my husband, and others to go explain the program to the Chaplain. Eventually it was agreed that this part of Kairos would be permitted. We trained some eager volunteers in eastern Washington to be sponsors for these Kairos times. At that point there was no expectation of a full Kairos 4-Day weekend.

More Kairos alumni kept coming over from WCCW and asking for more of the Kairos program — such as a 2-day retreat. KPMI recommended starting with a regular 4-day weekend. PLCCW agreed to a time frame, arrangements were made for sharing supplies from other Washington Kairos programs, etc.. Then began the search for a Leader — one who had already been a 4-day leader and who would be willing to retake the AKT.

In June 2007 I received that special phone call asking me to be that Leader. **I was touched by this being a remarkable story of Kairos success: a new Kairos program is being initiated by a group of alumni who are still incarcerated.** After some phone calls on my part, and serious praying, I did accept the call — and arranged to attend AKT.

Now begins the daunting task of team formation and training. Washington is about 500 miles across and divided by a north-south range of high mountains. Only two highways across this range are “open” all year, and in winter they are often closed by blizzards and avalanches. The east side of the state is largely agricultural, the west urban — an east-west cultural difference. Our existing Kairos programs are in the west, as are nearly all the active volunteers. The goal will be to have experienced volunteers from the west train new volunteers from the east so as to form a new PLCCW Advisory Council and provide a fully trained nucleus of volunteers for Kairos on that side of the mountains. Our team meetings will have to take seasonal highway conditions and driving times into consideration.

God willing, we will hold Washington PLCCW #1 in late April 2008.

## FRUIT THAT REMAINS

**"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you" ( John 15:12-16).**

I have been meditating on this scripture as what it means for us in Kairos. This is a scripture we often use in our team formation. What does it mean, that our fruit should remain?

We all tend to think in numbers — that if we can reach the full capacity of our facility in our weekends, that we are gonna bear fruit that will remain. We bust our butts to get team members to say "yes" to the weekend. Oftentimes, we are running short to fill out those tables. I know that several teams "borrow" from other teams in other facilities.

**But what is our fruit from this "borrowing"?** We may get the weekend accomplished, but do we see any of these team members come back on the rest of the year? No, not always. Do they make it to the allotted team meetings to develop relationships and a family, before we go into the facility? No, not always. Sometimes these last few members are added right at the end, and it reaches the goal of getting that last table filled.

I think that maybe God looks at it a whole different way. Take the vinedresser, and how he nurtures the vine. If he were only interested in the new growth, he would run the risk of infection and sickness in the old growth. He needs to prune and nurture the older vine, so that the new growth will produce good and strong fruit. The whole vine needs nurturing, watering, fertilizing and seasons of rest as well as fruitfulness. For our fruit to be strong, we need to cultivate a healthy team.

There are members among us who border on **burn-out**. I think that if it seems that the coming weekend, there appears that we cannot meet the highest number of tables, then let's not beat the bushes, ie, the other weaker members who are needing rest; but rather be content with those who are able to be there, not only on the weekend, but the Instructional, and the continuing ministry through out the year. If we nurture our team mates to give them times of rest, as well as opportunities to be useful in the needs of the team, I believe we will have fruit that remains both in team members and in our outreach to the prison population. We will bear fruit in what God does in the weekends, as well as every day thereafter as the continuing ministry impacts their lives.

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