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“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6, quoted also in Handel's Messiah

FROM OUR CHAIR

Greetings Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and excited about celebrating Jesus' birthday on the 25th. It is hard to believe another year has gone by already.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our awesome State Committee volunteers who will role off on Dec 31st 2010 and go in glory – namely, Mary Sogan, our International Rep; Lee Kulbitski, our Financial Secretary; Wanda Sitler, our Agape Chairperson; and Pete Kufeke, our Outreach and Recruiting Chairperson. These four volunteers have served their local facilities and the SC beautifully. There are no words to properly send them off with! However, they are term-limited just like all of us serving in a leadership role. It will be a big job for the incoming nominees to fill their shoes. Please remember these outgoing SC members when you select team members for up-coming weekends and put together car pools to the facilities for the monthly reunions.

We are also losing Jean Mares, due to a medical situation. Jean served as the Kairos Outside Rep to SC for three years, took a year off, then served this past year as our Vice Chair – during all of which she did several amazing things. I would like to encourage all of you to lift Jean in your daily prayers as she has a long struggle ahead of her.

I would also like to thank Ryan Cline for his service as Website Chairperson over the last three years. He is unable to serve a second term at this time. We are very grateful for his hard work and countless hours of designing and creating from what were mere dreams and ideas into our working, helpful website.

The State Committee will meet on January 22nd to elect new officers into the roles each person will have in the next year and for some for the next three years.

It has been an awesome year with Hudson Correctional Facility getting started up, and La Vista Women's in Pueblo starting up after Colorado Women's Correctional Facility in Cañon City closed last year..

We have had several churches and individuals make donations to the State Committee Operating Fund in the last year that we need to send a special THANK YOU out to. Because these families of God and His children are making donations directly to the State Committee, we are not having to fund State Committee expenses by going back to the A/Cs for financial help as much as in the past.

If we all work together for one goal, serving God the best way we can, inside the prisons and outside in the community, we will all be able to watch God do some amazing things in 2011. A cord of one is easily broken, but three strands tied together stand strong. Let's be the Kairos Community that God planned us to be in the next year. Let's show the world how we can serve along side our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's try to encourage each person around us every step of the way, helping locally, nationally and internationally as one family the way God meant it to be.

**I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13, NIV)
In His Service, Randy Borden**

UPCOMING EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
2011		
3rd Sundays, 6:00 pm	LA VISTA WOMEN'S REUNIONS	Sara Igyarto
4th Sundays, 1:00 pm	HUDSON ALASKAN CF REUNIONS	Peter Kufeke
8-9 January	HUDSON 2-day #1	Randy Borden
27-30 January	STERLING WEST #27	Peter Kufeke
4-5 February	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING	Dwight Cook
	Family in Christ Community Church, Westminster	Jack Olafson
10-12 February	KPMI BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS	(see article on page 3)
	Orlando, FL (see KPMI website)	Mary Sogan
17-20 March	RIFLE #12	Ramon Huerta
7-10 April	TERRITORIAL #51	Tyne Bush
14-17 April	DELTA #39	Jim Carter
5-8 May	STERLING EAST #8	Rick Rieger
13-15 May	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING (KI and KO)	Bill Bennett
	American Motel & Conference Center, Wheat Ridge	Kevin Condon
27-30 May	FREMONT #49	Dwight Cook
2-5 June	DENVER #15	TBD
26-31 July	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE	Pat Mills
	Rivier College, Nashua New Hampshire (see KPMI website)	Glenda Condon
Summer or September	KAIROS OUTSIDE #5	Cindy Card
3-6 November	RIFLE #13	William Kehr
3-6 November	STERLING WEST #28	TBD
6-9 October	TERRITORIAL #52	Tom Guidera
6-9 October	DELTA #40	Bernie Schneider
1-4 December	DENVER #16	TBD
		Glenda Condon

UPCOMING STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Face-to-face Meeting: 22 January 2011, Family in Christ Community Church, Westminster
Teleconferences: TBD, usually at 7:00 pm on a second Sunday

STATE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

For Chair:	Randy Borden
For Vice Chair	Kevin Condon
For Colorado Representative to KPMI:	Jeff Holley
For Financial Secretary:	RuthMary Lyons
For Outreach/Recruiting Chair:	Kevin Condon
For Database/Website Chair:	Don Bates
For Agape Chair:	Tim Brady, assisted by Wanda Sitrler
For Training Chair (interim):	Randy Borden

In all the other positions, incumbents have at least one more year of term eligibility.
 Election is scheduled to be held at the 22 January SC meeting.

OLD AND NEW ADVENTS

It's a love affair of long standing. I think it began the fall I turned eight. Mother, my two younger sisters, and I spent many evenings after supper painting the plaster of Paris figures she had so carefully made -- figures for Nativity scenes for each family in our family and for the families of close friends. They were substantial sets of about twenty people and animals. Mother let us use the colors we wanted for the clothing, but she was the only one to paint faces. We had white sheep and black sheep. I think all the cattle were Holsteins. We signed the bottoms. She shellacked them and mixed and matched to make colorful and yet harmonious sets. Then we packaged them and sent them off.

It was also the year I was Mary in the Sunday school Christmas pageant in a newly dyed costume that was formerly a white sheet. I knew I was playing the most important role any girl could ever play and my favorite doll was Baby Jesus. My love affair with nativity scenes, whether live or not, had begun.

I inherited an uncle's nativity scene we'd made so many years ago as a young married woman and it has held a place of honor all these years. And I began collecting sets -- wooden ones, straw ones, fabric ones, clay ones, stone ones, formal ones, folk ones, big ones and little. I have wall hangings and pillows and pins. My congregation learned of my collection and sets would appear on my desk. We now have a large iron one in our yard spot-lit in front of our blue spruce.

Then several years ago a dear friend who had given me a new set for each year gave me a cross with the nativity in the center. I didn't like it at all. I wanted just the joy of a new baby in my nativity sets. And then the next year she sent another. And I began to think and to remember. My preaching professor always said if we didn't preach Christ crucified, we hadn't preached -- and he meant even those sermons leading up to Christmas during Advent. Finally the truth sank in. Even as we celebrate the glorious gift of Jesus' birth, we know that the cross is looming. We know that in a few short months it will be Good Friday and we will be in darkest despair as the disciples were so long ago.

But my learning has not stopped there (actually I like to think I knew and just had not acknowledged what comes next). The evening of the first Sunday in Advent we went to a concert by Canto Deo. It was really a lessons and carols worship service with readings beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. We were instructed after the opening prayer to sing lustily AND to listen to the words, especially those of the last carol, "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending". When really listening to the words, I was challenged to reconcile not only the cradle and the cross but also the Second Coming. As if there is not enough to do during Advent, I thought!

Our perspective on everything is so "human.". Holding the joy of the cradle with the sorrow of the cross with the ultimate joy of the second coming seems a bit paradoxical. Yet it is something God expects of us. Jesus comes each year at Christmas and will come again at a time only His Father knows. Thankfully, I have found this challenging Advent exercise to be a most comforting one. I pray that you will too. Come, Lord Jesus; come.

Submitted by the Reverend Glenda Condon

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

The next session of the **Spiritual Advisor Training** course will be held on 4 and 5 February 2011 at the Family in Christ Community Church in Westminster (11355 N. Sheridan Blvd, 303-466-7770). Chaplain Jack Olafson will lead it. There is a new textbook. It and the training have now been officially approved by KPMI. This will be the first session open to all Kairos states and countries.

If this is for you, please contact Jack as soon as possible so he can send you the course requirements and syllabus, and then you can get started on the "completed textbook requirement" (75% minimum completion).

Be ready, be prepared, and be willing to follow God's call for your future ministry in KAIROS!

The nominal times for the course are Friday 6:00 pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, although these could be shorter, depending on the size of class and issues raised.

You can contact Jack at lolafson7@msn.com, (home) 719-590-9639, (cell) 719-232-9639. The cost of the program will be determined by mid-December. There are several hotels nearby, as follows:

Comfort Suites	12085 Delaware St, Westminster CO 80234 telephone 303-429-5500
Sleep Inn	12101 Grant St, Thornton CO 80241 telephone 303-280-9818
Comfort Inn Northwest	8500 Turn Pike Dr, Westminster CO 80030 telephone 303-428-3333
Hampton Inn Northwest	5030 West 88th Place, Westminster CO 80030 telephone 303-427-0700
Ramada Inn	10 East 120th Ave, Northglenn CO 80233 telephone 303-452-4100

AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A dozen or so of us from the Sterling community had the opportunity this weekend to celebrate one of the most joyous of occasions that we as a prison ministry can. One of our own graduates has been out of prison for one year. Now that may seem like a small amount of time, particularly when dealing with the long sentences that we see at a Level 5 facility, but it's remarkable for two reasons. That first year is the most critical time for re-adjustment to the outside by the institutionalized residents. Second, it's what Craig Redd has done with that one year. He managed to move quickly from a halfway house to parole. He then participated with his pastor in the founding of a ministry called Strong Tower Ministries, reaching out to men like him just getting out of prison. He also met the woman of his dreams and married her. Additionally, he has been blessed with a parole officer who has worked the details allowing him to have contact with the recently released, in order to run his ministry. He is already working with ten men helping them find resources, jobs and spiritual guidance.

The celebration was done as a part of the regular weekly service at Providence Bible Church pastored by Jason Jantz in downtown Denver. Pastor Jantz has been instrumental in the founding of this ministry, providing direction and spiritual guidance to Craig as he moves forward. The church is a very friendly and open place with both English and Spanish being spoken and sung. The congregation is one of the most diverse that I have seen in the state. A large amount of time is allotted for fellowship, (coffee and donuts) before the service. Next a set of music is played and then a time of sharing where the congregation comes up to an "open mike" with praises and needs. It was at this point that Chaplain Kelly of Sterling CF, a long time friend of Pastor Jantz, went up to congratulate Pastor Jantz and Craig for the founding of the ministry. Many know that Chaplain Kelly is a skeptic, as he called himself, but he said he was, "a skeptic that loves to be pleasantly surprised", as he was with Craig's success.

Next, Craig got up and gave a timeline of his year of freedom, giving heartfelt thanks to each and every one who helped him stay on the path God had wrought for him. He kept asking folks that had been part of his success to go up to the front, and before he was done half of the church was up there, including us Kairos volunteers. When he got finished, he turned around and looked at the full stage and told the church, "This is what it takes to help a man coming out of prison." No simple task, daunting even, but instructive that none of us can do anything without God's help and the combined will of a church community.

His last words were to describe the fateful day that he walked into that church a year ago, and how the first song was the new Chris Tomlin version of "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone". The pastor then asked the music leader to improvise and play that song. As the whole church sang in unison the first two verses of the old hymnal, when the music reached that first chorus of, "My chains are gone, I've been set free", you could not find a dry eye in the place and the Holy Spirit was abundantly present.

I humbly ask that we pray for Craig, his new wife, his and Pastor Jantz's new ministry, and men and women like them who are facing the new challenges of being free after a long sentence of incarceration.

I also need to add a word about CDOC volunteers attending events such as this. It was our understanding that it is OK to encounter ex-offenders in a public, group setting, like in a church. In checking on this afterwards we find that yes, it is OK, if the ex-offender happens to come to our church, but that it is not OK for us to go to theirs.

Submitted by Jeff Holley and reviewed by Sterling Chaplain Kelly

A REMINDER REGARDING CONTACT WITH EX-OFFENDERS

When we become a CDOC volunteer to serve inside Colorado prison facilities, we agree not to have any **planned** contact with an ex-offender until they have been off paper (parole, probation, or any required classes) for three years. This is to protect each volunteer because of how high the recidivism rate is in the first three years. You do not want to become the next victim. Remember your Shield of Professionalism.

To put it a little more plainly, if we visit a church that we were invited to by a friend to hear a special message and an ex-offender happens to attend that church or service and we did not know they were going to be there, we are required to send a note to the volunteer coordinator at the facility that we serve in. You must include who, where and when so it can be put in our file.

If we attend a church service knowing ahead of time that someone we knew from inside a facility that is not off paper for three years is being honored or is speaking, we are in direct violation of CDOC Volunteer rules. Let's not put Kairos or our own safety in jeopardy.

Submitted by Randy Borden

DENVER #14 2-5 December 2010

Dear supporters of Kairos #14 at Denver Women's Correctional Facility,

I got home last night, very tired, but very full of joy and gratitude after our four day weekend at Denver Women's Correctional Facility.

Of all the Kairos teams I have been on (something like 18), this was the best experience. All the team members seemed to be there with what is sometimes called 'servant hearts.' No one dropped off the team (often things happen between the original 'yes' and the weekend, months later). None of the participants dropped out, and as far as I could tell, all of them had a very good experience. (Often at least one or two don't finish the weekend, for a variety of reasons.)

Participants have an opportunity to speak at the end of the weekend about what it meant to them. One woman, whom I'll call Tony (and whose real name begins with "T"), called herself "Transformed Tony" in her self-introduction. Their faces looked transformed from what they had been the first evening, and body language was even more powerfully changed.

The food was a blessing to all -- and those of you who sent money helped make the feast possible. The prayers too -- we put up a chart with first names, times of praying, and locations of the pray-ers on the wall, and later in the weekend bring in a chain of huge, blue and white snowflakes, one for each person praying for the weekend -- it surrounds the entire space in which the 30 women and 26 team members sit. In their responses at the end, many referred to the Body of Christ praying for them outside, and committed to being part of that for future Kairos weekends.

The children in two of your groups made placemats, and the 'oohs' and 'aahs' as the women thought and talked about how wonderful it is that even children cared enough to take time to send such evidence that they are not forgotten and hated, but that the church community really loves them and wants them to be part of Christ's family -- well, it's pretty powerful.

I am convinced that all of the participants benefited, and that for several (including one young, beautiful woman with a recent life sentence) will take this experience as a commissioning for ministry of their own, to pass on the love to others in the facility. When they leave at the end of the weekend, we sing "Go make a difference, you can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world." You all have made a difference, too.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Your sister in Christ, Lynn Huber

WYOMING STARTUP

There is a strong possibility that Kairos may get started soon in Wyoming. This has been an ongoing objective of KPMI. To this end, the KPMI Executive Director, John Thompson, has asked Colorado to assist in making this happen, probably in the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution at Torrington.

Early this month Randy Borden and Jeff Holley met with the Chaplain at Torrington, Joel Banham. Prior to that meeting, Jeff and John Thompson had laid some groundwork with the Wyoming Criminal Justice Association, and Jeff had met with the Wyoming Emmaus community in Laramie.

The meeting with Chaplain Banham was very encouraging -- a Godsend. The Chaplain is very ready for Kairos to come into the prison with a full program, and he himself is going to actively help us recruit in Torrington from among his volunteers. He fully understands our grace-oriented approach, knows about Cursillo, and supports the whole idea of our ministry. Thank you, Jesus!

Our part, now, is to provide all the support we can from Colorado. So we are hoping and praying that some of you out there, particularly in Northern Colorado, will pray for God's will regarding your own personal involvement in this new start. We will need six to eight Colorado Kairos men on Torrington #1 to be servants in the various roles you are already familiar with -- team leaders, table leaders, clergy, support, etc. Most of the team meetings will likely be in Cheyenne, which is about half-way to Torrington. The facility is roughly a three-hour drive from Denver.

Pray about it. Is God calling you to be part of Torrington #1?

**"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect
before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."
John Quincy Adams**

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL (KPMI)

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 31 states and eight other countries – Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. We start in the Dominican Republic in 2011. Course materials are available in English and Spanish. The ministry includes about 35,000 volunteers worldwide.

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