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"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." *Matthew 25:36*

FEBRUARY 1988

KAIROS OF COLORADO, INC.

NEWSLETTER #19

As Ralph Browning so aptly put at our December board meeting, "Jesus said it wasn't going to be easy, but I didn't think it would be this hard." 1987 has been a rewarding but hard working year for Colorado Kairos. Some of the highlights of 1987 include; one CWCF week-end, two Fremont week-ends and two Territorial week-ends. The Third International Kairos Summer Conference took place in Colorado Springs in August. Jim Strub has initiated ultreyas at Skyline facility, Sandy Browning has arranged for us to go into CWCF the additional third Sunday of every month for fellowship and palanca. Perhaps the greatest disappointment of the year has been the hold put on Kairos at CWCF until the asbestos problem at the facility is remedied. Bob Sears was paramount in setting up a retreat at Territorial for the Special Management Unit (aids victims). Muriel Urban and Louise Abeyta have been responsible for holding 2 training workshops in 1987, their goal is to have all Kairos volunteers attend training sessions in the near future. A big Praise the Lord for the fact that at the Episcopal Diocesan Convention in November, Colorado Territorial Chapel was recognized as an official congregation of the Episcopal church. Congratulations to Bill Potter for his ordination in July, to Dave Jones for his ordination into the Diaconate in December, and to Bob Sears for his approval from the Bishop to seek ordination.

The Kairos board wishes to thank each and everyone who has shared in this ministry during 1987. May each of you be blessed with health and peace and love this coming year. We've come a long way in a short few years. Perhaps this is because we are learning to love our neighbors as ourselves, we are allowing our Lord to be strong in our weakness, and we are learning how to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. In 1988 pray specifically for the special needs of the Kairos movement. More workers to gather in the harvest. Especially teams to go into Ordway, spiritual directors for all week-ends, and men to serve on teams. Pray for a space at CWCF to hold week-ends. and for funds to build a chapel at Territorial. Pray daily for each other and for our brothers and sisters in prison.

Have you heard about "Operation New Guy" at Fremont? This is headed by Hugh Sullivan. Each new inmate that arrives is sent a note and receives a visit from a Christian inmate and told about the Christian movements in the institution, especially Kairos.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

I recently have been reading "Between the Testaments" by D. S. Russell, wherein he stated that about the third century B. C. the High Priest, Simon the Just, was attributed to have said: "On three things the world standeth: on the Torah, and on the (Temple) Service and on the doing of kindness." In words that all of us understand, Russell said, it means "God's word to man, man's response to God, and man's love to his fellow man." Isn't this what KAIROS is all about?

As we begin a New Year let us resolve that:

1. We would be open to God's word. The Word of God comes to us in the main, from the Bible. If we are to be "open to God's word," then let's set in motion a program to "open God's word." Some churches have lectionaries that show daily readings, others provide devotional booklets. Give yourself at least 15-20 minutes daily in a systematic approach to Bible reading. Most of us spend an hour or two watching television and even at least a half hour reading the newspaper. Don't rush the Bible reading. Read deliberately slow. Begin with a short prayer. Let the Spirit have HIS way as you read. Dwight L. Moody, Evangelist and Founder of the Moody Bible Institute, said: "It isn't how much you get into the Bible, but how much of the Bible gets into you." **BE OPEN TO GOD'S WORD.**

2. We would be responsive to God. The church has been and is today the place where we must principally respond to God. We criticize the Priest and Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan for not responding to the needs of the wounded and beaten traveler, and no doubt, rightly so. However, we fail to realize the Priest and the Levite were devoted to the Temple and their service in it. Their privilege to serve far outweighed any other considerations. The Psalmist has stated: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1. Where was Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, when he received the revelation that Elizabeth was to be with child? In the Temple, Luke 1:8. The writer of the book of Hebrews advises us: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," Hebrews 10:25a. The New Testament worshipers gathered on the first day of the week to "...lay up in store, as God hath prospered him,..." I Corinthians 16:2b. **BE RESPONSIVE TO GOD.**

3. We continue to show love to our fellow-man. Our mission to Christianize the populations of the Colorado Correctional Facilities must grow. Jesus said, "...The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest." Pray for the success of the workshop to be held in the Fort Collins area. The laborers are out there, the harvest is ready. **CONTINUE TO SHOW LOVE TO OUR FELLOW MEN (WOMEN).**

God Loves You & So Do I.

Vic Urban
Spiritual Director

ULTREYAS

Women's Ultreya is the first Sunday starting at 4:30 P.M.
Women's Fellowship is the third Sunday starting at 4:30 P.M.

Territorial Ultreya is the first Sunday starting at 6:00 P.M.
Special Management Ultreya first Sunday of Feb., May., Aug., Nov.
starting at 10:15 - 4:15. Once in, you can not leave and please
bring sack lunches for inmates as they will miss their meal.

- * Fremont Ultreya is the first Sunday starting at 3:00 P.M.
Bring sack lunches for inmates as they will miss their meal.
- * Skyline Ultreya is the first Sunday starting at 6:30 P.M.
- * If the first Sunday of the month is a holiday weekend, Fremont
and Skyline Ultreyas will change to the second Sunday of that month.
All other facilities will meet on the first Sunday.

Reminder - these are the starting times inside the facilities.
Remember to arrive earlier to get from the parking areas to
the meeting areas.

APRIL ONLY ALL MEN'S ULTREYAS WILL BE HELD ON THE 10th:
Territorial, Fremont, Skyline.

DENVER REUNION

Last Friday of the month at St. Pauls Episcopal Church, 10th
& Garrison, Lakewood. Potluck dinner starts at 7:00 P.M.

DATES TO PLAN FOR

March 13-16 Fremont #11 Jack Scott, rector.
May 12-15 Territorial #5 Gene Wilkowski, rector.
Sept. 15-18 Fremont #12
Nov. 17-20 Territorial #6
CWCI #10 had to be postponed because of the asbestos work,
but pray for the weekend to happen this summer, maybe even
a tent meeting.

ITEMS NEEDED

We need to get another podium and some more room dividers so
that we can eliminate costs and associated scheduling problems
of moving these items between facilities.
If you know of anyone that has a podium or dividers that they
are no longer using, find out if they would like to donate, or
sell for a reasonable price, those items to Kairos. Or suggest
this as a project for any groups that you know of that need a
very worthy cause.

KAIROS OF COLORADO

APPLICATION FOR KAIROS TEAM

Thank you for your interest in the KAIROS MINISTRY. This application will allow us to do better selection of team members. The section marked VOLUNTARY INFORMATION is very important in helping us have a denominationally balanced team. It is important that you be active in your FOURTH DAY. We appreciate your willingness to commit yourself to this special ministry.

NAME: _____ F: ___ M: ___ HOME PHONE: (303) _____

ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

_____ ZIP _____

WEEKEND ATTENDED: (CURSILLO, KOINONIA, ETC.): _____

PLACE: _____ DATE: _____

CHURCH ATTENDING: _____ DENOMINATION: _____

STREET TEAMS WORKED TEAM
DATE: _____ POSITION: _____

KAIROS OR OTHER PRISON TEAMS WORKED: TEAM
DATE: _____ POSITION: _____

Please tell the level of activity in your FOURTH DAY: _____

Are you prepared to make a one (1) year commitment to attend bi-monthly ULTREYAS at the correctional facility? YES: _____ NO: _____

Will you be able to attend eight (8) pre-weekend team meetings? YES: _____
We realize sickness and other emergencies can prevent attendance NO: _____
at some meetings.

Do you play a musical instrument? YES: _____ NO: _____ TYPE: _____

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We have some discouraging news to share with all who care about Christian community in the Colorado Womens Correctional Facility in Canon City. Christian activities and fellowship are being greatly hampered by the following: Last Spring, 1987, asbestos was discovered in their auditorium ceiling and some other areas, so that whole section was closed down for cleanup and remodeling. Due to rapidly increasing population, other remodeling is also slowly underway.

Worship services are currently (March 1988) held in a cramped law library. Kairos Ultreyas and various Bible study groups are held in the Visiting room or, if preempted by another activity, pushed into that cramped law library or the dining room. Both of the latter are noisy places, disturbed often by loud music, shouting in the hall, etc. But worse yet is that NO KAIROS WEEKENDS OR RETREATS or PRISON FELLOWSHIP SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE SPRING 1987, because there simply is no available space anywhere in CWCF for such programs. The auditorium will reopen eventually, but there may no longer be any conference room such as KAIROS used before. That room is now the Infirmary.

ALL THIS HAS MADE US ACUTELY AWARE OF HOW BADLY CWCF NEEDS ITS OWN CHAPEL!

The Colorado Department of Corrections pays Chaplains' salaries, but provides NO funds for building or equipping any chapels. We know that we can worship God anywhere, but most of us find our corporate worship activities are enhanced by having a special place set apart for that purpose. Any Colorado prison which has a chapel has acquired it only by concerned Christians donating it. WE are now spurred into action to do just that for our sisters in CWCF.

The KAIROS Board of Directors will be financially accountable for collecting, managing, and disbursing the money needed for this project, and is opening a separate bank account for this purpose. Our goal is to acquire an appropriate modular building, construct the foundations, etc., and have an equipped Chapel functioning on the CWCF grounds by September 1988 or SOONER. All estimates are not yet in, but we believe that about \$40,000 can do the job.

YOU CAN HELP! -- and spread the word of this one-time fund-raising campaign! Please copy and take this funding request to your own church boards, employers, ALL you can think of as possible donors. We ask every church which receives this appeal to invite other churches nearby to join with you in this project. A group of 2 to 4 churches should easily be able to give \$1,000 or more. Of course individuals are invited to contribute as the Lord leads, too!

All donations are tax deductible according to IRS code 501(c)(3). Please make checks payable to "KAIROS OF COLORADO, INC.", and be sure to DESIGNATE them for: "PRISON CHAPEL FUND". Mailing address for this fund is:

KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND
c/o Peggy Strub
2821 N Chelton Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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