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**Spiritually
exhausted?**

**Fill up at the
nearest Bible
or prayer closet.**

FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Blessed volunteers of Kairos Colorado –

This year has already proven to be a year of challenges, but we have already seen God's will hand us some good fortune. As most of you know by now, Governor Ritter and the Joint Budget Committee have announced that Colorado must reduce its budget by \$1 billion, and the Department of Corrections must share part of those cuts. The DOC proposal had Cañon Women's and Rifle closing. Three of the CWCF AC went with me to a town hall meeting in Cañon City, hosted by DOC Director Ari Zavaras. We heard some very encouraging words from Ari and his staff. Ari told us that no cuts would be made to programs or staff, which is good for us. He also wanted us to stay involved and follow the women to La Vista CF in Pueblo, and we committed to do it. Work is under way to connect with the staff at La Vista and I hope to present progress at the next newsletter.

Good news also came in a Denver Post article this week that stated the Governor decided NOT to close Rifle, so our program can continue at that facility. Please join me in praying for our continued ministry, the entire DOC staff and the Governor.

I want to reiterate the issues with the new ministry, Kairos Outside. The State Committee had a discussion about the risks and problems associated with volunteers who would do both KI at the table and KO at the table. All other combinations are not of much concern, KI table and KO kitchen, or KO table and KI kitchen. However, remember that anything about a KO, like who serves on KO or which family members were at a KO, is NOT to be discussed inside the prisons. We can talk about the existence of the ministry with the residents, but who works on KO is a strictly off-limits discussion. This is to protect the volunteers from being asked questions that are a violation of DOC policy.

Since KO is a *new* ministry, we would certainly let experienced volunteers serve both for the first couple weekends, to build the community. It is the intention of the SC to *eventually* restrict serving on both Inside and Outside, with exceptions allowed on a case by case basis via the SC.

However, I have a very strong opinion that "*newbies*" should NOT serve both. Folks that need to do both to help this community building should be experienced Kairos folks with a good sense of the differences between the KI and KO model. I leave it up to the KI and KO ACs to manage this for now.

If you have a new people who want to try both KI and KO, they should do Inside first and be stringently trained NOT to enmesh. Then they can try Outside. They should then make a decision as to which one they feel drawn to and stay with it for awhile, not bouncing back and forth. The models are just too different relative to enmeshment, befriending and personal closeness, for it to be a good idea to mix between the two, in my opinion.

I pray that everyone of you has a blessed rest of this mild winter and finds your ministry to be fruitful and rewarding.

M. Jeffrey Holley

PRAY FOR CW TEAM TO BEGIN KAIROS AT LA VISTA

FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO KPMI

The Winter International Board Meeting of KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL, INC. was held 5-8 February 2009 in Orlando, Florida. The major portion of this conference was spent discerning the Lord's will as to how to proceed in restructuring the International Board of KPMI, Inc. The new KPMI Board Structure would have two separate but interrelated bodies. There would be a Board of Directors (BOD), and the International Council (IC). The BOD would be exclusively responsible for the governance of the ministry. The IC would provide feedback and advise to the BOD, interact with the KPMI, Inc. staff in implementing and presentation of the ministry, review of proposed changes to the program and policy, and present them to the BOD for approval. Each state and country would continue to have representation on the IC. The IC would also elect from its members the majority of the BOD.

Our KPMI President, Steve Gabriel, shared the following:

"Where are we headed in 2009?"

- Continued growth to 425 or more locations, including possible start-ups in Kentucky, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic.
- In the face of a likely prolonged economic recession, we will right our KPMI Office finances. The recently established "KPMI Foundation" will be key to raising funds that will enable us to meet strategic goals for the future.
- Recruiting & Outreach is our #1 priority for improvement, so we are exploring ways to provide consistency and focus by adding a Volunteer Recruiting Coordinator to the staff who will implement the recently-developed Recruiting & Outreach Best Practices Program.
- We hope to revise the By-Laws to implement our new organization structure by the end of 2009.

Our Kairos Outside will be fielding an automated "EZRA" tool for Weekend Leaders. In addition we are evaluating pilot programs and exploring collaborative projects with other ministries that will root international with other ministries that will promote international expansion and re-entry capabilities."

The 2009 Summer Conference will be held at Brock University in St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada, July 28-August 2. For more information about the event check their website @ <http://www.kairosprisonministry.ca>. A passport is required. St. Catharine's is in the heart of Ontario Wine Country, and Niagara Falls is about 15 minutes away from the university. Come, relax, learn and enjoy the hospitality of our Canadian Brothers and Sister in Christ.

Submitted with Love in Christ by Mary L. Sogan, Colorado Representative to KPMI, Inc.

RECAP and REMINDERS

INSIDE/OUTSIDE – Keep Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside as separate as possible. This is very important.

SPIRITUAL ADVISORS TRAINING – Next session 24/25 April. Contact is Chaplain Jack. See page 3.

SECURITY – Avoid enmeshment.

REPORTING TO DOC – Be sure to inform the DOC Volunteer office (719-226-4481) immediately of any changes in your "police record." This is a DOC regulation. See Jeff's message in August edition.

PASS IT ON – Please share this newsletter with your friends – just forward it, or print it.

GREEN AGAPE – is always appreciated for this wholly volunteer ministry in Colorado. You can designate it for a particular team, or for the State program at large. Our USPS address is P.O.Box 25004, Colorado Springs CO 80936. Kairos is a 501(c)3 ministry, so your donations are tax deductible.

"Half the misery in the world comes because one person demands of another a complete understanding, which is absolutely impossible.

The only Being Who understands us is the Being Who made us."

Oswald Chambers

FROM OUR CLERGY

James E. White, in his book, *Serious Times*, tells this story about Bill Hybels, pastor of Willow Creek Church outside of Chicago. Bill had been out of the country for a while, and was returning home through the airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. While waiting for his flight, he was reading the newspaper, when he heard two brothers starting to squabble at each other. Soon, he heard a loud whack. The older boy had slapped his younger brother across the face. Bill looked for a parent, but none seemed to be around. Soon there was a sound that those around would not forget for some time. While the younger brother was crying from being slapped, the older one hauled off and belted the younger one, knocking the little guy off his feet.

Seeing no parent, Bill rushed over as the older one had grabbed the little guy by the hair and was pounding his face. Bill pulled the older one away from the younger one, still wondering where were the parents. Then Bill heard the call for boarding for his plane. With one arm extended to a kid with a bloody face, and the other arm straining to stop a boy with murder in his eyes, Bill knew he was holding a human tragedy. Just then the ticket agent came up and told Bill he had to board his plane immediately. Loosening his grip on the boys, he yelled at the ticket agent to keep those boys apart, as he boarded the plane.

On the plane he could think of nothing else but what he had just witnessed. He wondered about the older boy, what kind of life did he have at home? What about his parents? Where will he end up - in a nice home with a good job, or in a jail cell, or an early grave? What could change the situation? What government agencies, or wise educators?

Then it came to him. There is only one power that exists on this planet that can really change a heart. It is the power of the love of Jesus Christ that conquers sin, wipes out shame, heals wounds, reconciles enemies, patches broken dreams, and that ultimately changes the world, one life at a time. Bill thought, "There is nothing like the church, when it is working right." Through the power of the Holy Spirit, it comforts the grieving, heals the broken, builds bridges to seekers and offers truth to the confused. It reaches out to the forgotten, the downtrodden, the disillusioned, with the love of Christ that is able to break the chains of addiction, to free the oppressed, offer forgiveness and hope to those in prison.

In Kairos, as we go into the prisons, we have the opportunity to bring the loving grace of God there to change lives, give the prisoners hope, and strength to face a hostile world. We have no power in ourselves, but with God's help we do have the power to see lives changed and made whole. What a wonderful opportunity we have and what an awesome God we serve who sets the prisoner free from bondage to evil! May we be energized to serve such a great God, whether in prison or out in the world.

Submitted by Elwyn Tedford

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

As many of you know, we are required to have a minimum of three ordained clergy on each 4-day weekend. Ideally, there is to be a clergy member at each table family. We are to recruit toward that objective. The KPMI required minimum for a 4-day is three qualified clergy. All of this is in the blue Manual, page II-22. We are allowed to fill out the clergy complement with Spiritual Advisors (aka "lay clergy"), the requirements for whom are given on page II-23.

There is also a requirement that all teams be unisex (except for outside support, kitchen, etc). This applies to clergy as well as lay. This makes it especially difficult for the women's teams to satisfy the 3-clergy minimum. Some of the women's teams have had to cancel or postpone Kairos weekends for lack of three ordained female clergy.

To ameliorate this situation, KPMI has undertaken a pilot program here in Colorado for certifying lay "Spiritual Advisors." This program was initiated last year by our own Chaplain Jack Olafson. He has already conducted two sessions of this "Spiritual Advisor Training" pilot course, using a training manual he developed and then modified using feedback from the first graduates.

Jack will conduct the course again on 24/25 April at the Pine Creek Community Church in Colorado Springs. From the I-25 Briargate exit go east to first light, turn left, then right at next light, then quick left to the right-hand church of the two churches.

If you have been a "lay clergy" and want to continue to function in this capacity, or if you want to get started, please call Jack soon at 719-590-9639. He will provide you with the manual prior to the course dates. At the conclusion of the course, you will be commissioned as a "Certified Spiritual Advisor." The eight lay team members who have completed the program are now functioning as certified spiritual advisors on Colorado teams.

STERLING NORTH #13 CLOSING

Sterling North # 13 was another awesome Closing. The **table families** shared:

- ◆ that they arrived very chaotic, drained, starved, lonely, judgmental, confused and hungry - physically and spiritually. — didn't know what to expect, really didn't want to come, but so glad they did.
- ◆ that they received, love, acceptance, forgiveness and 10 pounds.
- ◆ that they are taking fellowship, newfound friendship & God's unconditional love.

Personal Testimony:

I had not been able to forgive my father for over 45 years and was able to yesterday. What a difference that's made in me already!

Got a lot of love here; some of it came in a brown paper bag I'll treasure forever — all those letters, unconditional love.

I'll be honest, I came for the food, but I received spiritual food. Kairos gave me the tools to live a better life.

Walls came down. I mean I would never even have considered shaking this brother's hand before this weekend.

I've never had a visitor in 12 years and now look at all of you here to see me!

My heart that was like a rock is now like a soft sponge, soaking it all in.

My family has been so judgmental all of my life. I admit that I have been difficult and ornery. But you people didn't judge me; you just accepted me and loved me.

The first time I went to church, I talked to the pastor; I fainted, threw up and never went back. I needed this weekend more than I ever knew.

How blessed we are to have people from the outside world come to hear us.

This is a community of "real" people; and it's hard to believe they can love us!

I was given 2 life sentences, but have found Jesus, & I can still smile and have Joy in Christ!

Submitted by Randy Borden

DWCF #10 CLOSING

The family of Mary arrived lonely, full of fear, feeling rejected, wanting a connection with God & community. They found a sense of connection, comfort, hope faith, & peacefulness.

The family of Sarah arrived broken, unsure, sad, lost & confused; found acceptance, love, forgiveness, learned to pray. They found the missing piece of the puzzle, and discovered that God is their best friend & that We Are The Church.

The family of Ruth arrived lost & confused, one was contemplating ending her life.

The family of Martha arrived scattered, alone, unsettled, hungry, anticipating & searching. They found love, God, friendship, a family, confirmation, guidance, hope, faith and sisters in Christ.

They are all taking with them new sisters, wisdom, freedom, forgiveness, contentment, acceptance, five pounds, confirmation, light that will forever burn, faith, hope, and love — and we are all taking God with us!

Personal Testimony:

I have been a Muslim, and am now a Christian & have accepted Jesus & his unconditional love that will be forever embedded in my heart. I found out I am not alone and God is Good.

I have never ever felt loved. I found real love & the church.

I never trusted anyone, not even my mother. I was able to trust everyone in the room & felt loved. I want to pass that love and Jesus on to my children.

I always knew God was there but never had an intimate relationship with him. I do now! Please keep praying for me.

This was the best experience I've ever had. I am coming out of this a better person. I learned the difference between tolerance & acceptance. I have never felt so unique & loved. I know I have choices, & I choose to live and I choose God.

Fourth-Day Speaker (from DW #9): abused as a child & in many abusive relationships as an adult, which turned her to drug addiction. Drove away everyone & was totally isolated. "Kairos made me feel safe, loved & pointed no fingers. Kairos sisters are always there for me - a family, a support system. I have learned to trust again. Take with you what you are feeling today. Prayer & Share groups and Reunions are a wonderful support system. Use them to continue the bonding. Let us claim victories and a commitment to Christ in our lives!"

Submitted by Joan Borden

FREMONT #47 CLOSING

The family of **St John** found passion, what it's like to come together as a family; and took away tools for their walk with Christ, a revelation of God's power, and the love poured out on them.

The family of **St Luke** came close-minded, dormant, and thinking they had it all figured out; found open-mindedness; took away a renewed spiritual commitment, and knowing that Kairos is not about food. *[Food was from prison kitchen.]* They also gave thanks for the lack of judgment, and that so many denominations were bonded together into one team.

The family of **St Mark** arrived curious, open-minded, excited, not sure what to expect; found friends, ourselves, that they could love each other regardless of national background, race, etc. *[Present were a Peruvian and a Guatemalan.]*

The family of **St Matthew** arrived not knowing themselves, not knowing Christ; found peace, and love through others; took away this love and peace – which they did not have before.

Open Mike Time:

God's hand is here. The spirit of the Lord is here. I'm going to start evangelizing!

I learned a lot this weekend. The fake wall between divisions *[Messianic and "other Christians"]* was broken. I realized that I had a hardening of heart toward the "others."

I came in thinking I was "spiritual" but my growth this weekend has been exponential – the agape letters blew me away – yes, it was an exponential weekend.

Was spiritually on the dry side, am now rejuvenated, had a revival that will last forever, bringing great joy into my life I wanted to help everybody. Now I have learned to let others help me – in God's love.

I learned to share my testimony (my heart) and to listen – you know: two ears, one mouth.

A lot of us are prayer warriors. We see Kairos as the Body of Christ, without walls or denominations.

I learned that I am not alone. I've been a loner all my life. Now I'm not a loner.

I opened my eyes – and now I can see. A great cloud has been lifted.

Most of us read the Bible. We're "knowledgeable" – but it doesn't matter if you don't apply it to your life. My door is open to all of you. Let's build up the church.

I never had a father figure. When I became a Christian, I found what it is to have a father. And now I have that special gift – eternal life.

I kept running into all these doors with no handles. Now Christ has opened it for me.

I had constantly encountered arguments over scripture, so I was leery of coming to Kairos. But I found a common message here – through God's love.

Fourth Day Speaker (from Fremont # 45):

Whenever Kairos gets together, there's a pouring out of love and fellowship. Yes, we're friends during the times in between, but we really look forward to the Kairos events – one of the few things that bring East and West together. *[With 1700 inmates and space limitations, events are generally done twice – once for the East cell houses, and once for the West cell houses.]* So we cherish Kairos. We are not non-denominational, we are multi-denominational. So it's just "The Church." Kairos is about sharing with our community the love of Christ. As we look at one another, we are looking at Jesus Christ. If you spend even a glimmer of time with Jesus Christ, you are part of this church. As for WWJD, it is not a question of What Would Jesus Do. What really matters is What Jesus Did. These Kairos men came to you. Now go and do likewise.

Submitted by Jim Strub

PLAN NOW FOR 2009 AKT

As most of you know, all upcoming team leaders are required to take the Advanced Kairos Training course prior to functioning as a Leader for a Kairos Weekend. Team Advisory Councils ensure that their upcoming leaders get this training. In addition, the course is open to any other team members who wish to partake.

Randy Borden has set up the 2009 Colorado AKT for 27-29 March at the American Motel and Conference Center in Wheat Ridge. (Denver Metro Area) – same place as last time.

Check-in and supper will be Friday night at 5:00 pm. Check-out will be on Sunday the 29th at 1:00 pm.

Cost for commuters, \$130. This covers all training materials, Friday night supper, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Cost for travelers, \$200 for double occupancy, or \$255 for single. This covers all training materials, Friday night supper, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Please bring your blue Kairos Manual with you. **Contact Randy soon at 303-469-7540.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
2009			
5-8 March	RIFLE #8	Fred Sommerlot	Tyne Bush
27-29 March	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING		Randy Borden
28 March	AC Training, by Jo Chapman of KPMI		Randy Borden
	Both at Wheat Ridge (American Motel & Conf Center)		
16-19 April	DELTA #35	Glenn Kimbrough	Bill Bennett
16-19 April	LIMON #9	Jay Sims	Jim Richardson
16-19 April	TERRITORIAL #47	Mike Zwissler	Bill Durfee
24-25 April	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING		Jack Olafson
	Pine Creek Community Church, Colorado Springs		
30 April-3 May	STERLING SOUTH #12	Greg Oliver	Thomas Sonntag
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2	Mary Sogan	Jean Mares
	Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur/Monument		
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11	Ruthmary Lyons	Glenda Condon
28 July-2 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE		
	St Catharines, Ontario (near Niagra Falls)		
6-9 August	RIFLE #9	Ace Chapman	Tyne Bush
1-4 October	DELTA #36	Rex Stucker	Bill Bennett
early October	STERLING EAST #6	Paul Benevides	Thomas Sonntag
8-11 October	TERRITORIAL #48	Terry Fitzgerald	Bill Durfee
5-8 November	STERLING NORTH #14	Scott Glahn	Thomas Sonntag
12-15 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #3	Linda Lauper	Jean Mares
3-6 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #12	TBA	Glenda Condon

STREET GATHERINGS

These gatherings are similar to the Monthly Reunions we do inside and a great way for us to minister to Kairos graduates when they come outside. Our intentional contact with ex-inmates is limited to seeing them at group functions such as this. We now have two venues:

Denver, 2nd Fridays, 7:00pm, Warren United Methodist Church, 14th and Gilpin . Bring spouse, friend, grouping card, and/or musical instrument. Volunteers also bring potluck dish. Contact is Glenda Condon.

Colorado Springs, 3rd Fridays, 6:30pm (note change in time), Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hancock & Boulder, Bus lines #5 and #19. Volunteers bring potluck dish. Contact is Jean Magnuson.

Jesus is Lord, whether you admit it or not.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL (KPMI)

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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 33 states and eight other countries – Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. The course materials are available in English and Spanish.

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2009 STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Face-to-face Meetings (all on Saturdays):

- 10 January – including annual elections
- 4 April
- 27 June
- 19 September

Teleconferences (timely, agenda items only):

In the months between the face-to-face meetings, on third Sundays at 7:00 pm, with one and a half hour time limit.