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"GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"

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"I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:36

"WHOEVER WANTS TO BE GREAT..." (Matthew 20:26-28)

The Lord never ceases to amaze me when He grants me the privilege of serving Him in new ways. I was blessed to be asked to serve as the Advising Rectora for Hilltop Kairos #1 (first women's weekend) in Gatesville, Texas. What an awesome experience. Some would say that their Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, etc., was their "mountain top" experience. Although my Cursillo was special, and I've had many since my walk with Jesus began, I must say that my weekend in Texas was that #1 "mountain top" for me. God's presence and love embraced me from the time I boarded the plane to Dallas through my return trip to Denver. This came through others who shared His love with me, and then His placing others in my path to share that same love with them.

You may be wondering what this all has to do with the title of this article. As a member of the Colorado and National Boards, I am called upon at times to address difficult circumstances locally and nationally. Consequently, recently Satan seems to be working overtime to cause division and strife throughout this ministry, using those of us who have been around for awhile. I believe our focus may need some clarification.

I reflect on the greatest leader who ever was, Jesus. I do not recall at anytime when LOVE did not motivate His actions, and that He was always willing to step aside and take the servant's role. I would like to ask each of us to step back, pray, and again commit ourselves to being servants of the Lord and all those whom He brings into each of our lives.

The candidates on Hilltop #1 taught me a wonderful lesson in servanthood. Because of a Kairos volunteer not following rules, these women were forced to submit to a strip search. Throughout this humiliating experience these women not only were encouraging us, but weeping and praying for us. That, to me, is not only servanthood, but a true demonstration of God's love.

Lord Jesus, help us to stop... and come back to being servants. Remind us, in all circumstances, to pray; "What would You (Jesus) do?", before we say or do anything.

*Christ's Peace,
Mary Sogan, National Representative*

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KAIROS KALENDAR

Mark your calendars now for any and all of the following Kairos events in which you might wish to participate. *Teams* are already forming for the Fall 1994 Weekends. Please contact the specific Facility Coordinator (names and phone numbers are in this newsletter) to volunteer or for more information.

Closing visitors are a vital part of each Weekend. For some inmates, they are the final convincer that God loves them enough to send even more of His people to show their support at that special time.

Fremont 24 Closing	September 11
Delta 6 Closing	October 2
Women's 23 Closing	October 16
Territorial 18 Closing	November 20

Remember that you **MUST** contact each specific Facility Coordinator at least six weeks ahead of time to arrange for your name to be on the admission list for each specific Closing. Each facility has its own security rules and we must abide by them. Our willing cooperation is part of our Christian witness to each staff.

Team members -- remember your commitment to the **monthly Reunions** for a year after serving on a team? Please make every effort to attend when it is your turn. If you are in any doubt as to when you are expected to attend, please contact your Rector or Facility Coordinator to find out when you are needed. God will bless you for your faithfulness.

LAST FRIDAY REUNIONS...

These Reunions are held in the Denver area on the last Friday of every month, starting with a potluck at 6:30pm, followed by fellowship, sharing, witnessing and sometimes a special speaker. The Reunion location will change now and then, so please call Vice President Joe Mares for the current location and directions and *bring friends!* See you there!

INSIDE JOB

"...the WORD of GOD is not imprisoned." II Timothy 2:9

INSIDE JOB is an inspirational journal written by inmates and distributed by a dedicated outside volunteer. The following is an excerpt from the June 1994 issue:

*"Am I an overcomer??...or
Am I being overcome???"*

"In the Church there are two classes of believers: the overcomers and overcome. The overcomers are those who satisfy God's original thought. From the letters to the seven churches found in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, it is evident that the LORD is now calling for overcomers. Though He has not forsaken the overcome, His eyes are nevertheless upon that company of overcomers who will fulfill His original thought.

"What is God's original thought concerning the Church?? The original thought of God concerning the Church is that she might be the 'residue of Christ' of 'the fullness of Christ'. The CHURCH should manifest Christ in her life and testimony. The CHURCH is to display His life, His victory and His glory. In God's original thought as well as in this age, every child of God is in this true church and is to bear witness of His only begotten Son!! In order to be overcomers, we must abide in Christ and study to show ourselves approved in God's word. When things get hard, we must keep going and keep trusting in God to bring us through!!! If we look to ourselves when things get hard, we will be sure to fall. But, as we abide in Christ and in His Word, we will overcome and experience victory and peace. 'These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world ye will have tribulation; but, be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.' John 16:33"

This is only part of this inspirational teaching. If you would like to be blessed by future issues of INSIDE JOB, send a donation to help with printing and postage to: Susan Watts, INSIDE JOB, P. O. Box 9153, Colorado Springs, CO 80932.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

In May the Kairos District Board met for a spiritual retreat at my home near Elizabeth. The Lord truly blessed us with a beautiful day of fellowship, prayer, sunshine, sonshine, and Spring flowers.

The day's subject was prayer. I pray the Holy Spirit speaks to you as you read part of what we studied. You may want to use the scriptures listed for your own study and meditation.

In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus taught His disciple an example of prayer. The Master Himself has given us His model for our own prayers.

1. ***Recognition*** "Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name."
Recognize God for who He truly is and honor Him.
2. ***Submission*** "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Jesus said, "I came to do the will of the Father." His life was the perfect example of submission.
3. ***Petition*** "Give us this day our daily bread."
Matthew 6:25-34 -- He promises to take care of our needs.
Proverbs 30:8-9
4. ***Confession*** "Forgive us our sins,"
Unforgiven sin keeps our prayers from being answered.
Psalm 139:23-24
Psalm 66:18
Isaiah 59:2
Psalm 34:15
Psalm 6:8-9
5. ***Releasing*** "As we forgive those who sin against us."
We must release others from their wrongs to us so that God can release us from our wrongs to Him.
Matthew 5:23-24
Matthew 6:14-15
Matthew 18:21-35
6. ***Direction*** "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
I Corinthians 10:13-14. All of us are tempted, but we are not left without hope.
Luke 4:1-13. Jesus was tempted; surely we will be, too.
7. ***Recognition*** "For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen."
In this traditional conclusion of our prayer, as at the beginning, we recognize again that all things belong to God. All dominion, power, and glory belong to Him.
Revelation 4:8-11

The Rev. Dee Pomerinke, Spiritual Director

FREMONT REPORT

The Fremont Advisory Council met in Elizabeth on Saturday, April 16th. They nominated six Fremont team members for addition to the Observing Rectors pool: Norm Fritzler, Darek Johnson, Lynn Kirschner, Terry Kruse, Curtis McAllister, and Abram Sandoval. The Board of Directors approved all six at their June 2nd meeting, so the AC can call upon any of these men to be Observing Rector at future Kairos weekends, depending on their availabilities at the time.

For Fremont #24 in September, Dan Halperin is serving as OR, with Dave Tillack as Rector and Denny Shea as Advising Rector. The AC decided to ask the Board for permission for each AC to set its own team fee amounts. On June 2nd, the Board approved that, too.

As for storage facilities, the AC is in the process of arranging for a separate "shed" in Cañon City. It should be ready for use sometime this Fall. Fremont will gradually build up its own equipment, but still use some of the common equipment until all Fremont items are in place.

A two-day Retreat was held on June 11 and 12 with excellent participation by residents and team members.

As this newsletter goes to press, team meetings have already started for Fremont #24. We cannot overemphasize the importance of attendance at the team meetings. That is how we become the obviously loving, bonded, and unified Body of Christ for the inmates we serve on each Kairos.

Jim Waters, Facility Coordinator

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WOMEN'S REPORT

Our two-day Retreat was held July 15-16 and we ask for your prayers for all of the participants. "Walking the walk" is so difficult "inside", and those women need all the support we can give them.

Team formation is under way for Kairos #23, October 13-16, with Lorraine Lovato as the Rectora. The Board has approved the Advisory Council's recommendation to have two Observing Rectoras this time: Susan Garcia and Laurie Wells.

The Closing will be on October 16 and all attendees must complete and turn in new Temporary Volunteer forms by late August. Please contact me or a current team member to get a form. Please be praying for the team leaders and all of the team members and candidates that the Lord is calling for this particular "God's Special Time".

Gerry Lam, Facility Coordinator

+++++ **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!** +++++

THANK YOU sounds so inadequate, especially in response to the generous support coming to Kairos from so many different persons and churches. Over the years, we have had many ups and downs in our bank balance, but, somehow, we've always come out 'in the black'.

Due to constraints of time and postage expense, it is not our practice to send separate 'Thank you' notes or Receipts except for single donations of \$250 or more, as required by current IRS rules. We pray you will accept this general '**THANK YOU**' which we extend to all of our supporters. Our current estimated annual budget is \$40,000, so you can see how valuable every donation of any size is to us.

Please remember that we now keep track of income and expenditures for each prison ministry group and the District Board separately. So, if you want your donation credited to our ministry in one specific prison, please write the name of that prison in the 'memo' space on your check. Undesignated donations are automatically credited to the District Board.

My favorite scripture relating to financial support for God's work in this world is in 2 Corinthians 9:5-15. I really don't believe I can express the gratitude of the Kairos prison ministry any better than St. Paul does in this passage, portions of which I will quote here:

"..... and it will show that you give because you want to, not because you have to. Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God. And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. And so with deep affection they will pray for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you. Let us thank God for his priceless gift." (Good News Bible, also known as Today's English Version)

Again, **THANK YOU!**
Peggy Strub, Treasurer

+++++ **CLOSING COMMENTS** +++++

TERRITORIAL KAIROS #17

We came nervous as a long-tailed dog in a room full of rocking chairs.

We were prisoners before we got to prison, but we didn't know it.

I was given a key to my cell when I got here. Another key was given me here at Kairos -- and we know what this one will open up.

There are 500 people in this prison but it can be a lonely place. Now it don't feel so lonely. Thank God for letting us have this weekend.

This experience can release us from our own prisons. We shed tears of joy, thanksgiving, washing away the wreckage of the past.

I just lost my wife and haven't been able to let her rest. I have 2 daughters, 4 and 10. It's been hard to deal with all this. This weekend, I let her come to rest. I know she is in our Lord's hands, and soon I'll be there to see the beautiful smile she had.

I came to Kairos for the word. I learned to forgive as Jesus forgives us. I'm leaving with renewed faith in Jesus.

If this is what heaven is about, we all want one-way tickets.

DELTA KAIROS #5

We came very wounded spiritually. You had an outpouring of love to give us.

I was so far under the ground I was about clear to China. I found kindness and love here.

I was touched by the people that shared with us their hurts out there.

Jesus is spreading through me. We don't have to be prisoners in our hearts.

I don't have to look behind me because all of you are walking beside me.

It ain't cool to have feelings. Now we got tears of joy.

Three months ago I was a Satan worshipper -- I found Jesus.

This isn't jail house religion. It's a stepping stone for my life.

Showing your love to us took that shield off me.

We know now we can go to the Kairos Brothers and pray with them.

Now we can get out and not return, as we have found Jesus Christ.