

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is a great honor to be selected to serve you as Chairman of the Colorado State Committee for Kairos. This is an exciting, but also very challenging time to be a part of the Kairos prison ministry.

Last fall, we celebrated 20 years of ministry in Colorado -- praise God! Our expansion continues: Sterling Correctional Facility in 2001, Denver Women's in 2002, and Limon #1 is coming up in July. Thanks be to God for our dedicated and energetic volunteers and leaders. We've also worked hard to provide the needed training for our future rectors: in mid-June, Committee member Dick Evans coordinated our 4th annual Kairos Advanced Training weekend in Colorado. God is good!

But there is still much to be done. Our Colorado Committee's vision is to continue to expand into more prisons in Colorado, assist neighboring states with start-up efforts, and explore how Kairos can be a force in prison after-care. In all these areas, 'the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak..' The main obstacle is the need to recruit more volunteers. The article on the back page of this newsletter has more information about our recruiting needs and plans. I'm reminded of Acts 4:31, where the early followers of Jesus gathered: "When they had prayed, the place was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Let us pray for boldness in our recruiting efforts so that the light of Christ in the Kairos ministry can shine into prisons throughout the state.

Steve Gabriel, Chairman, Colorado State Committee of Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc.

FROM AROUND THE STATE

Limon: If you act fast, you may still be able to get into Closing #1. Contact Dick Evans (numbers on page 3).

Sterling: On May 1st Sterling North #5 was getting underway when the prison went into lockdown due to a fight elsewhere in the unit. Messages went out for prayer -- "May Day!" As God would have it, prison officials had to shut down the Kairos -- the first time that a Colorado Kairos weekend was shut down and not resumed. (Our only previous experience with such prison events was when a recent Territorial Weekend was shut down on Saturday evening due to an escape in progress, but was allowed to resume on Sunday; also, over the years, two CWCF Weekends had to be cancelled for prison-related reasons.)

NOTE: SCF #5 is now rescheduled for Jul 31-Aug 3.

Sterling: DOC Lt Mary Dischner organized a note writing campaign within the prison for Rodger Burcher's memorial service. The Kairos men submitted many, many written comments of care and love. Andrew Sisneros then read some of them at the service. NOTE: Lt Dischner's position was one of the DOC positions scheduled for elimination by June 30th. But on June 16th we have the following email from her: "The Lord is GOOD. Prayers from numerous

supporters have been answered. Last week on Wednesday I signed for a new position here at SCF; then lo and behold on Thursday personnel called and informed me that due to additional retirements DOC wide, there was enough money found to re-establish 35 positions DOC wide and my Volunteer Coordinator slot was one of the positions that was re-established. So I will be looking forward to seeing you all again at a weekend or closing. Thanks for all your support."

Cañon Women's: At one point during the recent Kairos #38 someone noticed that one of six large plastic knives was missing. Kairos had brought them in legally, for cutting fruit. As most of you know, knives in a prison require special attention, so it became very important to find the missing one -- quick, or else someone would have to decide to shut down the Weekend and lock down the whole prison for a cell-by-cell search. Quietly, while the Weekend continued, some of the inside and outside team members and prison staff scurried around looking in every conceivable place for that knife, but to no avail. Finally, the only place left to look was in the garbage Dumpster. Several inmate Angels were sent to dig in -- and sure 'nough, there it was! A great cheer went up at the news, and our champion "Dumpster Diver" was welcomed back with many hugs -- after she showered.

AS TIME GOES BY

During the past three months four of our Kairos brothers have gone home to be with Jesus.

●**RAUL B. AGUIRRE (“Chino”)** – in this world from 17 September 1944 to 27 March 2003. Born in San Angelo, Texas, served as a Ranger (TSGT) in the US Army, obtained a degree in Theology, and ministered to inmates in the Colorado DOC system, including serving on Sterling Kairos #3. Professionally, Chino was a taxi driver, driver trainer, and safety investigator. In all of this he was regarded as a “people person.”

●**RODGER BURCHER** – in this world from 25 May 1937 to 14 May 2003. He was involved in an auto accident on his way home from work. His car came to rest upside down in a ditch. He was able to crawl out of the car and make a cell phone call to his office to report the accident. It appears that he then suffered a fatal heart attack.

Rodger served on the Sterling teams since Kairos #1. He was always present at the Monthly Reunions and a superbly effective agape "lover." He served as Secretary of the Sterling Advisory Council and has been responsible for the huge database job of getting names and identification details of closing attendees (usually around 100) to DOC on time for their security checks. He has been our Kairos liaison to the new Northern Colorado Emmaus Board, on which he was the Secretary. He was a pilgrim on Emmaus of the Rockies Walk # 19 and twice a Lay Director. Some of us had the joy and privilege of working Emmaus teams with him.

Professionally, Rodger was a hydrologist. He worked for the State of Colorado in the monitoring, maintenance, etc of the stream flow gauges for the Southwestern drainage of the South Platte river.

In his church he was active in the music program. Many will miss him – especially Judy, and us!

●**EDWARD K. JUNGHANS II** – in this world from 19 February 1920 to 29 May 2003. After 83 wonderful years Ed simply went home. Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, an Air Force officer for 21 years, an administrator at the University of Colorado - Boulder, Treasurer of Rainbow Life Ministry for inner healing and family renewal, and a devoted Kairos team member ever since Fremont Kairos #4 in 1984.

Above all, his heart was full of God’s agape love for everyone in sight – especially Esther, his wife of 56 years, and his extended family, which included the Kairos team members and inmates. His favorite song must have been “Pass It On” because that is what he was always doing. He was working teams and Monthly Reunions right up to the end.

In his physical life Ed was an all-Pennsylvania champion in the 100-yard dash and in the Lancaster High School Hall of Fame. In his spiritual life Ed was a marathoner in his devotion to Jesus, pressing on all the way to the finish line in God’s Hall of Fame.

●**The Reverend VIC URBAN** – in this world a long time, having departed on 12 June 2003. Vic and Muriel had lived in Florida where Vic was part of the first “Cursillo in the Prison” at the Federal prison in Miami. They were part of the Koinonia community and then helped establish Kairos in Colorado. Vic served as the Spiritual Director on the original Secretariat (predecessor of the current State Committee). For many years he served as clergy on teams at Women’s, Fremont, and Territorial. His favorite song was “How Great Thou Art,” the “greaaaaaat” of which he could

ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

Twenty five Kairos team members attended the AKT hosted by Kairos of Colorado at St Michael’s Episcopal Church over the weekend of June 14th. One of the attendees was from Texas, one from Florida, the rest from Colorado. “Hosting” included all that goes with providing the five meals, and for that we are thankful to Dick and Linda Evans, Steve and Jane Gabriel, and Kathy Woodring.

One participant commented that the weekend was awesome, like going on another Walk to Emmaus. Besides the rector training, he discovered how rectors are called and what Advisory Councils are all about. He strongly recommends this training for all team members, especially all AC members. Yes, we all need some Cross training.

+ The Reverend Bill Potter +
DOC Chaplain of the

+ Kairos +
The Cavalry from

+ Sterling Kairos +
Volunteer Group of the

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

COLORADO CHAPTER OF KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY, INC

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Our mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to the incarcerated, and to assist them in building up the body of Christ in each prison. We are volunteers. There is no paid staff. We depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. We encourage you to use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries. Please make checks payable to

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REMAINING 2003 WEEKENDS

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|----------------|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| Limon | #1 | Jim Richardson | Jul 17-20 |
| Sterling North | #5 | Brian Beattie | Jul 31-Aug 3 |
| Fremont | #42 | Drew Machmuller | Sep 18-21 |
| Delta | #24 | Roger Quarry | Oct 2-5 |
| Sterling South | #4 | Mike Braden | Oct 2-5 Cañon |
| Women | #39 | Kathy Woodring | Oct 16-19 |
| Sterling North | #6 | Tom Leyba | Oct 30-Nov 2 |
| Territorial | #36 | Robb McCafferty | Nov 13-16 |
| Denver Women | #3 | Lucy Lopez | Dec 4-7 |
| Limon | #2 | Kim Merritt | ??? |

WE LET GEORGE DO IT

Kairos of Colorado expresses hearty thanks to George Wieder for quietly and faithfully serving as our volunteer auditor over the past fifteen years. In the infinite wisdom of God's timing, George is retiring from this service at exactly the same time as our local Kairos corporation is being merged into Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc, which has its own auditor in Orlando.

George served on early Kairos teams at Fremont, one of the many Saint Patrick's Cursillistas to have done so. He was for many years the Comptroller of Brookhart's Building Centers until its merger into Foxworth Galbraith. We have been blessed with the application of his business expertise to the auditing of our books.

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RECRUITING NEW TEAM MEMBERS — PART II

In the last Newsletter in this space we talked about recruiting. Now we publish Recruiting Part II, especially since Steve Gabriel underscores the importance of recruiting in his front-page article.

Steve wants us to pray for boldness. Indeed, we have been blessed with some bold recruiters, such as Bill Potter, Louise Abeyta, and Frank Martinez in the old days; and more recently Wayne Park, Rodger Burcher, and Andrew Sisneros for Sterling; Jean Mares for Denver Women's; and Dick Evans for Limon. For the most part, these and many others focused on friends in their "street Kairos" movements (see last issue for list of these) and in their churches.

Steve asked us to pray on this. There is no doubt that

we need to be continually asking the Boss for discernment on who to approach, who to ask to a Closing, who to ask to be on a team, who to encourage to go on a "street Kairos," who to invite to be on an "eighth table."

Once having the discernment, then we have to have the boldness to act — to act in faith that the discernment is actually from God. If it is from God, then God will do the real asking, we will just be the instruments. Yes, we may get a "no" or a "not now" or a "maybe next year" for the initial response. But we are to persist. Sometimes this takes four or five years! Perseverance reigns. There will be results, in God's time — Kairos.

**MAKE A FRIEND. BE A FRIEND.
INTRODUCE YOUR FRIEND TO TEAM MEMBERSHIP.**