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**"Experience is
a doorway, not
a final goal."**

Oswald Chambers

FROM OUR CHAIR

Greetings to All,

I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and filled with the joy that only God can give us. Speaking of what God can give us, I would like to talk to everyone about how important it is to recognize the Holy Spirit talking to us and giving us direction in life. Only God can give us true Guidance and Self-Control. We all know the little voice inside that leads us to do good works and to help others. We also know that the voice of the flesh battles everything good, everything honest and everything just. When we hear the voice that tells us to do something right now and we feel we have to tell our brothers or sisters in Christ around us "to take it up with the Lord as His Spirit directed me to do that" and we have to get defensive about what ever it was, it probably was not of the Holy Spirit; but the other voice, the voice of the flesh. See everything from God and the Holy Spirit is good and no one will put us on the defensive side about what we have done or got involved in. There are no laws against doing good works, helping others, showing love to one another, being there in hard times or praying for your fellow man. These are all good things gifted to us by God. He gives them to us, with His full power, for us to act upon.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. Against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22 and 23).

These are the things we should be doing, saying and sharing when we are serving in the Kairos Communities. We need

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FROM OUR CHAIR (concluded)

to all look in the mirror and remove the plank from our own eye before we point at the spec in our brother or sister's eye. Kairos of Colorado has been one big family for over 27 years now, and I for one want to see every one working hand in hand, being able to set aside any differences we have so that we can all be a part of growing the Kingdom of God for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who already paid the ultimate price for each one of us.

For those of us who choose to follow our Lord's example of leadership, we need to learn to practice humility, as it is a key part of life. This is an ongoing process that takes diligence and attention on our part. Developing a humble spirit requires submission and obedience, first to the Lord, then to established authority. Although this is not always easy to do, it is worth the effort. As we set aside our selfish desires and our own agendas, we learn kindness and consideration toward others. It is then that we begin to realize how humility can pave the way for the greater good the Lord wants to accomplish in our lives, as well as in the lives of those around us.

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men" (Titus 3:1 and 2).

In His Service, Randy



FROM A PRISON CHAPEL WALL:
Justice is when you get what you deserve.
Mercy is when you don't get what you deserve.
Grace is when you get what you don't deserve.



14 June 1940 — KENT AUSTIN — 4 April 2010

On Resurrection Sunday Kent Austin walked into the arms of Jesus. He had been active in the Delta Kairos team for about four years, and also on the Rifle team for part of that time.

Originally from Fort Morgan, he graduated from Grand Junction High School, where he was an outstanding athlete. He earned degrees at Mesa College, CSU, and UNC — followed by his career in speech pathology and audiology in the Fort Collins public schools.

In 1969 he accepted Jesus as his Savior and began to serve Him avidly. Eventually he was called to Emporia, Kansas, to start the Victory Christian Academy for Victory Fellowship Church. While serving as administrator of the school, he was ordained as a minister. Later he served on the school board and as a speech pathologist for the public schools.

In 2005 he retired, returned to his beloved Grand Junction, and soon became active in Kairos. Members of the Delta and Rifle teams remember him very well, especially with Rifle being in start-up mode at the time..

Kent worked hard at everything he did, including his faith in God, his family, church, people in need, Right to Life, and politics. Here were many, many people who called him Dad or Grandpa. He was also well known for his great sense of humor and his loving, giving personality.

They don't come much better than this. Thank you, Lord, for Kent — and his life for You.

2010 REMAINING EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
1st Sundays, 1:00 pm	HUDSON ALASKAN CF REUNIONS A new beginning. See page 5.	Peter Kufeke
3rd Sundays, 6:00 pm	LA VISTA WOMEN'S REUNIONS	Sara Igyarto
2nd Fridays, 7:00pm	DENVER STREET GATHERING (CRRP)	Paul Benevides
3rd Fridays, 6:30pm	COLORDAO SPRINGS STREET GATHERINGS	Jean Magnuson
25-26 June	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING Family of Christ Church, Westminster	Jack Olafson
27 July-1 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas	Mary Sogan
5-8 August	RIFLE #11	Lloyd Strobeck
30 Sept -3 October	STERLING WEST #27	Rob Bradley
7-10 October	DELTA #38	Dick Bussing
7-10 October	TERRITORIAL #50	John Parker
14-17 October	LIMON #11	Mark Raymond
2-5 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #14	Lillian Potter
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	KAIROS OUTSIDE REUNIONS	Lorraine Huard
11 September	4:00-7:00 pm, Bethel Christian Fellowship, Lakewood	
4 December	4:00-7:00 pm, Bethel Christian Fellowship, Lakewood	

KO #5

Kairos Outside #5, scheduled for November 2010, has been cancelled. As of this newsletter, a date for rescheduling #5 has not been set. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

KO FUND RAISER – 21 August 1-7 pm

Bethel Christian Fellowship, 5405 West 1st Ave., Lakewood CO 80226.
Live music by the Epiphany Mountain Boys.
Silent auction with many great items to select from.
For details or to donate items, please contact Lorraine Huard (719-598-8329)
or any member of the KO Advisory Council.
Thank you for your prayers and support.

UPCOMING STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Face-to-face Meetings: 10 July 2010 in Keystone at Kulbitski's, 8 January 2011 at place TBD.
Teleconferences: 10 October 2010, at 7:00 pm. Others as needed.

OUR COLORADO WEBSITE

Take a moment to go to our website – www.kairoscolorado.org.

You will find quite a few improvements and expansions., all intended to make the site more user friendly. These are due in large part to our Webmaster, Ryan Cline. Thank you, Ryan.

In addition, on the "Newsletter" page you can now read most of the Colorado newsletters published since day one. Most, that is. We are missing nine issues – the first eight (1983-1984) and December 1989 (#26). If you or anybody you know have any of these issues, we would appreciate your contacting the newsletter editor (Jim Strub) so he can scan them, pdf them, and get them to the webmaster for uploading.

Also, on the "History" page you will find an updated and reformatted history. If you want to add or subtract or correct any of it, please contact Jim.

MINISTERING

The Scriptures unanimously declare the self-sufficiency of God. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof." We, His creatures, can add nothing to Him or what He does. God invites us to give our lives ministering to people, not because He needs us, but rather because He wants us to accrue eternal gain while on Earth, and we do that by spending ourselves for others.

By way of illustration, say you invite me to participate with you in an investment that in six months will give me a thousand percent return. You don't need my money, but offer simply from the goodness of your heart. I make the investment and in six months receive from you the promised return. If I said, "Aren't you glad I contributed to your making this profit?" you would be incredulous, calling to my attention that I contributed nothing. I merely participated, and then only because you elected to be good to me.

This is analogous of our joining Christ in His ministry; we participate out of the goodness of His heart, but we contribute nothing. If you do not believe this, you run a risk of using some people while neglecting others as you seek to make your contribution, and as you know, using and neglecting people is antithetical to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

"Thoughts from the Diary of a Desperate Man," by Walter Henrichsen (page 128)

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

**To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Kairos Prison Ministry:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father (Colossians 1:2 NRSV)**

When I was in seminary, I wrote in a liturgics paper that something was not either/or; it was both/and. My professor teasingly asked if that meant we were mugwumps sitting on the fence on issues. In a way we often are. There is much in our journey of faith that is paradox. There are many things that are not either/or but are both/and.

On the one hand, **"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not your own doing, it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast"** (Ephesians 2:8,9 NRSV).

On the other hand, **"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"** (James 2:14-17 NRSV).

We are saved because of our faith in Jesus' redeeming work. Because we are saved, we do good works. We do them not to be saved but because we are. It certainly can seem paradoxical, especially to non-believers.

God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. Well, God is much more but for now, let's just consider these. In the Henrichsen quote above we are reminded specifically that God is self-sufficient. God can do anything; God can do everything. God does not need us to do any work here on earth. Specifically, God does not need us to do his work in the prisons. Should he desire, he could affect all the change we do and more - completely without our involvement which may at times be more a hindrance than a help.

Taking His love inside the prison walls is such important work and He lets us help with it. He doesn't need us for the changes to happen but He invites us to join him in them. He trusts that we will be obedient to Him, to the Kairos program, to KPMI, the SC, the AC, and team leaders, and to DOC. That is lots of being obedient, but He trusts that we will be! Like the investment illustration above, we are invited into doing God's work out of the goodness of God's heart. He doesn't need us and yet he includes us. How awesome is that?

As we do His work, the appropriate response from us, besides being obedient, is to be humble and thankful for the invitation to participate with God. It's a bit like when we were little and we got to help decorate cookies or mow the grass or do whatever it was our parents were doing - even though we couldn't do it nearly so well. But, oh how, good it felt to be trusted and included!

Our journeys are indeed filled with the both/and paradox that we spend our lives balancing.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
(II Corinthians 13:13 NRSV)

Amen.

Submitted by the Reverend Glenda Condon

HUDSON ALASKA CF

Hudson Correctional Facility is a privately managed facility near Hudson, Colorado, operated by the Alaska Department of Corrections for men convicted in Alaska. It has a potential population of 5000 men. It currently houses 872, about 200 of whom are graduates of the Kairos program in Alaska..

By the grace of God and the Warden, and with lots of arranging by their Chaplain, Darryl Tucker, we were able to conduct our first Monthly Reunion on Sunday, 6 June. Subsequent reunions are to be on the first Sundays, except for holidays – so the next one is on 11 July, not the 4th. If you are interested in joining this new beginning, please contact Peter Kufeke or Randy Borden ASAP.

Chaplain Darryl wrote the following shortly after the June reunion:

Good Afternoon Everyone;

I told Peter that I would report about our first Reunion from the “Chaplain’s Perspective”. With everything that we Chaplains have had to formulate, organize and finalize over the last 7 months, the details for our first Reunion were not completely together as I had wanted them to be but for the grace of God, it was a success! We had a total of 26 inmates of the 48 whom live in the TLC Pod attend and every one of them thoroughly enjoyed the event. There are a number of logistical details that need to be ironed out within the pod so that more inmates will attend and the flow of the meeting will be expedited. I so appreciated Larry’s leadership in overseeing the content of the meeting and the discussion groups are what the men are used to in the TLC Program already. The guys are very adept to setting up all that we need (tables, chairs and clean-up) and they have a very good group of musicians and singers, there will be more singing in the future. We also have the Kairos songbooks that can be used in the future. I could sense the Holy Spirit’s presence as I always do, when I have been at any of your weekends or reunions. This aspect of Ecumenical Spirit that pervades Kairos has always pleased and amazed me! **YOU ARE ALL SUCH A BLESSING TO ME AND THE GUYS!!** We are all looking forward to our next reunion on July 11, 2010. “God is truly able to do... Superabundantly above all that we could ask, think, imagine or desire!” Eph. 3:20 Amp.

Thank you all for your willingness to work within the constraints that have been given by the Warden. I will continue to pray that God’s favor surrounds us as with a shield!

Faithfully Yours, Chaplain Darryl Tucker

DENVER WOMEN'S #13 CLOSING – 6 June

From the Table Families:

Arrived excited, convicted, scared, spiritually hungry. Found peace, love, acceptance, friends. Taking away contentment, fellowship, love assurance.

Arrived overwhelmed, distant from God. Found answers. Taking away closeness to God. Holy Spirit, faith.

Arrived unsure, excited, happy, weak, broken. Found togetherness, healing. Taking away faith, friends, cleansing, release from guilt.

Arrived without hope, disconnected, in search of deeper faith. Found family, common bond, joy, hope, sisters in Christ, comfort. Taking away acceptance, desire to love and be loved, gratitude, thanksgiving.

Arrived wondering where to fit in with God, not practicing, looking for a deeper sense of being. Found that there is really forgiveness, found God again, that others care. Taking away new levels of respect, strength to get thru, free, open heart and mind.

From Open Mike:

- I’m leaving lighter and unable to stop smiling.
- People still love us even though we’ve messed up.
- Thank you, Jesus, for love. I feel I can’t wait to continue.
- God is so good. Felt hopeless and unloved – and I don’t even know you. It has been such a privilege.
- I came hopeless and am leaving more filled with gratitude than I have ever been in my entire life.
- God has never ceased to amaze me. God is real and has never left us.
- I’ve just recently begun discovering the Lord. I didn’t have a higher power.
- Now I know how to respond rather than react.

From 4th-day Speaker:

I was having lots of doubts about whether God was there. A friend sat down next to me and said: “God’s really here.” Then she said, “I don’t know why I sat here and why I said that.”

Submitted by Glenda Condon

DELTA #37 CLOSING COMMENTS — 18 April

- If we have hope in Christ, how can we call the situation hopeless.
- I learned agape and what being a true disciple meant; before, if I hurt, you hurt.
- The spiritual joy I found blew me away.
- Before coming to prison I was really bothered by all of the divisions and lack of love in the churches. But this weekend I saw all of these different churches represented, here at Kairos, and the unity and love they all represented. I had to come to prison to find and see the answer to my question.
- I am going to be a better dad because of this Kairos weekend.
- I hated some of these guys before coming to Kairos, now they are my brothers.
- This is the first time I have ever felt loved in my life.
- Many expressed appreciation for the outside team and the 86 visitors who came to the closing, because to them it was an expression that they had not been totally cast off by society. There is the possibility of forgiveness for them in the outside world.
- Many expressed thanks for the unity of love they felt between each other and the outside and inside team members.
- I learned so much about Jesus and myself this weekend.
- I did not know there was anything this good that did not cost me something.
- People really do care.
- What a wonderful journey.
- This weekend tells us we do matter.
- The power of God brought us here today.
- You guys showed us love and I want to show it back.
- Let's take these examples to those in the yard.
- Those who only came for the food, God tricked you! Boom!!!

Submitted by Ken DeForest

STERLING EAST #7 — 29 April-2 May

Sterling East #7 was a wonderful experience for 42 starter participants (one sick and one cookie slip removed) and 40 finisher participants. The same 40 who attended the instructional the following week, with one absentee who had his first visit from a family member in a long time. As usual, the Holy Spirit took over the weekend and we were able to keep from taking it back. The posters, talk summaries, and closing were all inspiring to us all. Two new clergy members joined us for East #7, making a total of seven new-to-Kairos team members. Father Seth Richmond from St. Bart's in Estes Park and Father Art Latta of Christ Episcopal in Denver were effective and inspired in their participation, and we hope to see them on future teams. An excellent music team of three new team members lent a great sound to the strong singing of the men: Jorge Darr, Arjay Rhoads (both of the Epiphany Mountain Boys, who have played for every Kairos Outside), and John Tamborski from Monument UMC did a great job with talk songs and chapel music.

Father Latta related an inspiring anecdote from a chapel prayer circle on Sunday. In one sentence prayers of gratitude, one of the men offered a soft, humble prayer of thanksgiving: "Lord, thank you for being somebody." I can't think of a more fervent, poignant prayer. I tear up thinking about it.

Kairos is a blessing to all participants — and also to the staff, one of whom was exceptionally cooperative throughout the weekend, and later confided to us by email of being deeply moved by the emotion and sincerity of the closing ceremony.

I can understand now why there is a rule that we only get to lead one weekend. The experience is too beautiful not to share with others called to it by the Holy Spirit. All Praise to our God and King, Jesus.

Kevin Condon,
Leader, Sterling East #7

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliott

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. The course materials are available in English and Spanish. The ministry includes about 30,000 volunteers worldwide.

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