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### FROM THE CHAIR

To all our Incredible, Loving, Giving brothers and sisters in Christ,

I may be new to the Chairman of the State Committee position, but I am already receiving blessing upon blessing! I know we are here first and foremost to serve God by bringing his unconditional love to the inmates in our Colorado prisons, but we are also blessed in that service, and I'm okay with that! It's okay to enjoy watching "God show up and show off" through His changing of so many lives.

My first blessing was when all the State Committee members treated me with so much love and acceptance when I was voted in as the new Chairman a couple months ago. Then Kevin Condon, our Advising (past) Chairman (whose friendship I treasure based on all our numerous spirit-filled trips to/from/into Sterling CF!), immediately volunteered to help tackle our biggest area of need – recruiting and growth. He is full of innovative ideas, and I know in my heart we will make huge gains in the next few years, with God's help. Next, Paul Osborne, a special new brother in Christ for me, stepped up to the Vice Chairman position, and immediately began bringing his dynamic recruiting ideas to the table as well. Then Wayne Park, our Kairos International representative (who recruited me 13 years ago), volunteered to join Kevin, Paul, and me in forming a new Executive Committee, which is meeting once a month to focus on developing and implementing an aspirational recruiting plan. These men, your elected State leaders, have an exciting vision of getting Kairos into all Colorado prisons, just as Texas has done! Can you imagine that! If God is with us (and he is), then who could be against us (nothing can stand in His way!)?

But that's not all! I have since been blessed to talk with your amazing State Financial Secretary, RuthMary Lyons. I can't tell you how much she has helped us in organizing our finances and controls over multiple years of selfless service. Then, last year she simultaneously endured the big floods up north, some painful back "repairs", and an unfortunate job change like so many of us have gone through recently. Yet, through it all, she never complained and was reluctant to ask for help, and even talks now about the blessings she received through those tough times. May we all be so faithful! I didn't even know all that was going on! But she's getting back in the saddle again, and we are so blessed to have her leadership in the financial arena. And thanks to Lonnie Womack, your State Treasurer, who handles all our checks and bills with a smile and a few jokes!

Then there's Pat Mills, who volunteered to help Jim Strub produce the State Kairos newsletter, which he has been lovingly crafting for so many years. I love that she's already pushing us firmly, but lovingly, to contribute to these communications, just as Jim has been doing!!!

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harvest, sometimes  
just encourage.  
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Who is calling me."

*John Tamborski*

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## FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

And on and on. John Parker, who dutifully keeps us all organized as your State Secretary. Liz and Tony Castillo, who make sure we're all trained to take on leadership roles in Kairos. Numerous facility reps and other people who help out in so many ways. Servant leaders, all. Yes, I am blessed!

I truly believe God has called all of you by name and all those people I mentioned above as His hands and feet to bring His unconditional love to all the souls in prison. We have all witnessed the Holy Spirit at work in so many dramatic ways in all of our facilities. How can any one of us doubt this is a ministry God will never let fail?

In Christ's name,

Randy

## FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIR

It was my pleasure to work for Kairos of Colorado as Chair of the State Committee. During my term, I learned so much about the high quality of the work we do in all the prisons we serve. Want some examples? My wife and I were able to attend closings at all the facilities across the state. All closings are the same. They are successful in showing the enormous transformation of troubled men and women when they get a good strong dose of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Our model is excellent. The manual and talk forms and table fellowship interactions and music and food and reunions and prayer and small group emphasis are marvelously effective. There are millions of people who would give thousands of dollars to have the experiences volunteers have routinely working in this ministry. Thank God for the grace that just pours on us as we serve.

I have also become aware of all the things we don't do well. Would you like some examples? Well first, we need to draw up job descriptions for what is expected of a new volunteer, and then train everyone to succeed, and know that our job is strengthening the church in every Colorado prison. We must train volunteers, impeccably. Training starts with Advanced Kairos Training and then the use of EZRA and DONOR fully in every activity. Next, Kairos is not about what we do on the weekend and reunions. It's about the success of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth, as we help develop it in the prisons of Colorado. Our heavenly Father selects each of us for this ministry, personally. No one gets on a Kairos Team by accident. We are there to serve His purpose, which is to deliver disciples and excite interest for Him to develop and mature.

We need the help of our brothers and sisters to do this, because we will be attacked spiritually by the Enemy. I walked into more than a little of this. No one is exempt. This is the reason we have to build a community around us that supports each of us in prayer, in finances and in agape. If any part of our ministry gets difficult, it is the work of the devil. It must be covered with prayer, love and forgiveness.

The new leadership team, led by Randy Weldon and Wayne Park and Paul Osborne, will be a wonderful improvement for Kairos in Colorado. Unlike me, they will be organized. But, as good as they can be, all of us need to cover them in prayer and include Kairos in our prayers, did I mention DAILY. Without His blessings and grace exhibited fully in our works, our Advisory Councils will founder. Without Him, as you know, we can do nothing. With Him, we can strengthen and restore all Advisory Councils and expand Kairos to serve ALL of the prisons in Colorado that need it and are asking for it.

May God continue to richly bless our wonderful ministry.

Kevin Condon

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and LIKE it.  
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**"The Law is like an X-ray machine or an MRI. It can expose the cancer called sin, but it cannot cure."**

*Walter Henrichsen*

## VISITING PRISONERS

People shrink away from the menacing, windowless building, glancing fearfully at the soldiers guarding the door. Then they hurry along. That's the first thing I notice as I approach the prison. Next the stench grows stronger. My step slows. The fear grows. But I remember my Lord's statement, "I was in prison, and you visited me." Girding myself in His love and the Spirit's strength, I approach the guards, who ask,

"Why are you here?"

"I'm here to visit a friend for whom I've brought some food, water and bedding."

Christians are well known for the care of the imprisoned but I worry that they'll think I might be associated with the alleged crime of my fellow Christian since he hasn't been tried yet. But they just check the supplies I've brought and open the door. I step into the dim interior of the infamous Mamertine prison.

I'm told that my friend is in the lower Tullian dungeon, so I'll have to be lowered by rope. One of the guards leads me to a hole in the floor and the foul, stifling air becomes almost overwhelming, enough to gag. I ask the guard how long I have to care for my friend and am told until midday, which gives me about an hour.

I'm lowered into the darkness. As I descend, I pray that the guard will allow me to leave. My oil lamp barely cuts the darkness. Moans become cries for help when I'm noticed. I call out my friend's name.

"Marcus. Where are you?"

Heading toward his reply I see an iron door in the wall beyond which is the main sewer. It is said that the dead are thrown through that door. The room looks to be quite small for the number of prisoners -- only about thirty by twenty feet.

Finally seeing my friend, I'm struck by his appearance. Filthy and weak from hunger and thirst; no bedding. He's only been here for a week. We talk and pray together as I clean him and feed him. Thankfully his manacle is long enough to allow him to move around a bit. Some close by are in ankle stocks or short chains which don't allow them to lay down.

After taking some time to pray with Marcus, I become aware that my fear and anxiety are gone. Thanks be to God! I'm at peace and have a sense of joy.

This is a scenario many early Christians faced when they visited a prisoner in the first centuries.

Offenders weren't imprisoned as we understand now, since imprisonment was not on the list of legal penalties. Prisons were either holding cells for those awaiting trial -- however long that wait might be -- or for the condemned awaiting punishment. Punishment ranged from slavery to working in the quarries and mines, to being an oarsman on a galley, to execution.

The conditions were appalling, food was half of that given to slaves, no sanitation, little or no light, and inadequate ventilation. Some prisoners had family and friends who brought clothing, blankets, food, and water. They would also change the bedding straw and clean away the human waste. Under Roman law the guard was executed if a prisoner escaped. Needless to say this made the guards extremely cautious.

It was very dangerous to visit a prisoner. Visitors were no longer considered part of the anonymous crowd but might be considered an associate to the alleged crimes of the accused. If the suspect was charged with seditious acts or words, the visitor might be interrogated about what the accused had said or done. And if the visitor was a slave, the questioning was only legally admissible if it was given under torture. Early Christians did more than perform an inconvenient or unpleasant act when they obeyed Christ and visited prisoners.

Let us pray: Dear God, who forgives us when we deserve punishment, and remembers mercy, we humbly pray that you aid all those who are in prison. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of your love and promises; that they may neither lose their confidence in you, nor place it anywhere but in you. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty; and as you alone bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which these your servants endure, through their bodily confinement, may lead to setting free their souls from the chains of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Tom Hall

The blood of Jesus saves us.  
The blood of new team members saves the ministry.

In Genesis 5:24 we read that “Enoch walked with God.”  
In Kairos of Colorado we knew a man who walked with God — Father Scott Frantz.

He was a man of the Bible, living it out, especially three particular verses:  
Matthew 25:35 “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”  
Matthew 25:36 “I was in prison and you came to visit me.”  
John 21:15-17: “Feed my sheep.”

Scott was born in La Junta, graduated from High School in Colorado Springs, attended the Colorado School of Mines for two years, and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. In the latter years of the war he was a B-29 gunner based on Tinian Island and flying bombing missions over Japan — a time of deep contemplation and spiritual growth for him and, as it turned out, a time for realizing God might be calling him to the ministry. After the war he completed a BA at Colorado College and then entered the Episcopal Seminary in Cambridge, MA. After ordination he served as Chaplain to Colorado College and was instrumental in establishing two Episcopal churches in the Springs. His next place of service was as Rector of Christ Church in Lima, OH, where he began living out **Matthew 25:35** as he ministered to inmates in the local jail.

Back here in Colorado, as a Cursillista, he became one of the founding members of Kairos in Colorado, beginning with his service as a clergy team member in November 1982 on Kairos #1 at the Women’s Prison in Cañon City. He continued to serve on all three of the Cañon City teams — for many, many years.



In 1985 he helped organize a Colorado corporation (now dissolved) known as “Kairos of Colorado, Inc.” for the purpose of raising and managing the funds for this new local ministry. He was an at-large member of its Board of Directors.

Later, as Rector of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church in Manitou, he initiated Sunday night suppers for “the street people,” thus living out **Matthew 25:35**. Eventually, this “Lord’s Supper” outgrew the church basement and was moved to a larger facility in West Colorado Springs.

He was an engaging raconteur and, in effect, a walking encyclopedia of the history of the region around Colorado Springs. He was an avid hiker and camper. No one will ever know how many lost souls, in the woods or otherwise, were helped by TLC offered by Father Scott. In the woods, in the prisons, on the street, in the churches — he fed a LOT of sheep. [Just look at that sheepish grin.] **John 21:15-17**.

In the Memorial Service brochure, the Frantz family wrote:  
“Pop, your selfless love, unlimited patience, bottomless mercy, heartfelt thankfulness, wonderful humor, and ceaseless good spirits will be missed by your family and friends. You have run the race with perseverance, kept your eyes fixed on Jesus, and have truly finished well. You are now in that ‘great cloud of witnesses’ (Hebrews 12:1), and we look forward to joining you in Heaven as we each finish the race marked out for us.” Amen to that.

Father Scott was truly a man of God — full of grace, compassion, agape love. At the last day, in the New Jerusalem, he will be singing “Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place” And the King will say: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me” (Matthew 25:40).

Soli Deo Gloria.

“Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”  
*Jesus, in Luke 10:20*

## FROM THE TERRITORIAL #55 CLOSING — 13 October 2013

### SOLDIER ON

Soldier On. Only you can do what needs to be done.  
There's a bright light inside you that could be as bright as the sun.  
Let that light shine to glorify His name.  
'Cause you have been washed in Jesus' blood.  
Now there's not one stain.

So turn from your sins, and go back more  
so you can receive all the blessings  
that our Father has in store for you.  
They are blessings for you to prosper here on earth.  
He made plans for your life long before your birth.

Seek the Kingdom of God, whatever you do.  
And the desires of your heart will be added on to you.  
Put on the full armor of God. And fight the good fight.  
Always be ready to stand before the throne, cause it could happen tonight.  
Live Life to the Fullest from Dusk to Dawn.  
But remember, you are a part of God's Army. So Soldier On.

*Part of an inmate's closing comments*

## FROM THE STERLING WEST #30 CLOSING — 3 November 2013

Lou sat at my table during the weekend. He didn't say much about himself, but the tattoo under his eye told at least a part of his story. He was pleasant, contemplative, but didn't offer much of his own feelings. He did appear interested.

During lunch on Sunday I looked around the table and thought about the men I had encountered over the past few days. I remember looking at those around the table and thinking about the way a number of them had expressed some kind of spiritual renewal. When I came to Lou I thought that the message didn't really get through.

As servants of Jesus, we are called to spread the word. We are called to plant, fertilize and harvest, but not necessarily all at once. Yeah, we love the harvest part, but in a ministry like Kairos, in prisons around the world, the soil is tough. We are not going to hit 100%. Still, I think all of us feel blessed to be involved in the work and are certainly not easily discouraged.

The closing was wonderful. So many men talked about experiencing Christian love in a new way. As the speakers were finishing, everyone looked around to see if there was one more person who wanted to share. Lou stood up and walked to the podium.

Lou said he had come to Christ in prison. He was an ardent student of the Bible to the point where he had various translations so he could study and compare. About five years ago he had an experience which caused him to lose faith. He gave away all of his study materials, quit going to services and quit talking with God. Lou testified that the Kairos experience had rejuvenated him and renewed his desire to know Jesus better and live the life He wants for us. Praise God.

Plant, fertilize, harvest, sometimes just encourage. I am not certain which I am called to do, but I know Who is calling me.

John Tamborski

### FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

"When you have a right-standing relationship with God you have a life of freedom, liberty, and delight; you are God's will. And all of your commonsense decisions are actually His will for you, unless you sense a feeling of restraint brought on by a check in your spirit. You are free to make decisions in the light of a perfect and delightful friendship with God, knowing that if your decisions are wrong He will lovingly produce that sense of restraint. Once He does, you must stop immediately."

*Oswald Chambers*

## BEING USED BY GOD

### FROM OREGON

Hi, dear Colorado Kairos folks!

I miss you!

I'm now living in Portland (I moved here to be close to my kids and grand-kids), and I'm gratefully involved with Kairos of Oregon. The chapter has been forming itself over the last three years, and we held our first-ever event last November, a KO Weekend. The Weekend was very good, and we're having monthly reunions. We hope to hold a second KO Weekend this fall.

We would be very grateful for your prayers for us. First, that God will clearly and quickly call forth a leadership team for a fall KO Weekend, and secondly that He will bless our efforts to gain entry into one or more prisons for KI Weekends. We have important meetings with DOC leadership coming up in April. Please ask God to open doors for us to take His awesome ministry to men and women inside Oregon prisons.

Thanks so much. May God continue to bless each one of you as you serve Him through Kairos.

Karen Rayer,  
former member of the DWCF team  
and former State Treasurer

### PARTAKERS OF HIS SUFFERINGS

“. . . but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings . . ." (1 Peter 4:13).

If you are going to be used by God, He will take you through a number of experiences that are not meant for you personally at all. They are designed to make you useful in His hands, and to enable you to understand what takes place in the lives of others. Because of this process, you will never be surprised by what comes your way. You say, "Oh, I can't deal with that person." Why can't you? God gave you sufficient opportunities to learn from Him about that problem; but you turned away, not heeding the lesson, because it seemed foolish to spend your time that way.

The sufferings of Christ were not those of ordinary people. He suffered "according to the will of God" (1 Peter 4:19), having a different point of view of suffering from ours. It is only through our relationship with Jesus Christ that we can understand what God is after in His dealings with us. When it comes to suffering, it is part of our Christian culture to want to know God's purpose beforehand. In the history of the Christian church, the tendency has been to avoid being identified with the sufferings of Jesus Christ. People have sought to carry out God's orders through a shortcut of their own. God's way is always the way of suffering—the way of the "long road home."

Are we partakers of Christ's sufferings? Are we prepared for God to stamp out our personal ambitions? Are we prepared for God to destroy our individual decisions by supernaturally transforming them? It will mean not knowing why God is taking us that way, because knowing would make us spiritually proud. We never realize at the time what God is putting us through—we go through it more or less without understanding. Then suddenly we come to a place of enlightenment, and realize—"God has strengthened me and I didn't even know it!"

*Oswald Chambers*

## KAIROS OUTSIDE

At their meeting on 25 January, Angie Heid brought the State Committee up to date on the Kairos Outside program in Colorado. She said she had served on two weekends and was a guest on one. She advised that Colorado needs to "mothball" our Kairos Outside program until we can properly support it. We need to find a way to close the ministry. She asked for a place to store the few items of equipment. Kevin Condon offered his church as a place to use.

Prayers for Kairos Outside were requested.

Kairos Outside will be inactive in Colorado until it is formally resumed.

**Absorption of Scripture is an Essential Counter-balance  
to the Background noise of the world.**

**Study the Bible.**

*Walter Henrichsen*

## 2014 EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>OBSERVING LEADER</u>
3-6 April	<b>RIFLE #18</b>	Danny Brown	Chuck Vande Veegaete
3-6 April	<b>TERRITORIAL #56</b>	Gary Kulbitski	Rusty Siefner
24-27 April	<b>DELTA #45</b>	Abe Marinelli	John Triebwasser
1-4 May	<b>STERLING EAST #12</b>	John Tamborski	Glen Altemose
16-18 May	<b>ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING</b>	Liz Costello	
	<b>Denver:</b> Epiphany Episcopal Church and La Quinta Motel Includes "Donor" training Saturday afternoon		
5-8 June	<b>DENVER #21</b>	Debbie Womack	Kris Briggs
TBD Oct/Nov	<b>RIFLE #19</b>	Chuck Vande Veegaete	TBD
9-12 October	<b>TERRITORIAL #57</b>	<i>Rusty Siefner</i>	TBD
16-19 October	<b>DELTA #46</b>	John Triebwasser	TBD
30 Oct – 2 Nov	<b>STERLING WEST #32</b>	Dave Caikowski	TBD
4-7 December	<b>DENVER #22</b>	Kris Briggs	TBD

## How to Raise Money and Prayer Friends to Support Your Kairos Habit

- ◆ Send an email, Facebook post, letter, or directly talk to the friends and relatives in your network. Tell them the following:
  - 1) You have volunteered to serve on a Kairos weekend (mention the date and facility) to bring the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to the residents in that particular prison.
  - 2) You will attend five six hour team formation meetings using your Saturdays to do so.
  - 3) You and your fellow team members will cover expenses of the weekend including rooms in a motel near the prison where the team will sleep, and bring in catered meals, snacks, and drinks for all prisoners attending the weekend and the entire Kairos team for the three and a half days.
  - 4) You and your team members have committed to attend monthly "reunions" with inmate graduates after the weekend to encourage them to continue their faith walk through the church inside.
- ◆ Each team member has agreed to raise funds to cover their portion of the cost of bringing Kairos to that particular correctional facility. You are soliciting from your church, friends and family and extended networks.
- ◆ Then say, "I'd like to invite you to support Kairos directly with prayers and money. You can pray by taking a slot on the prayer chain. I'll give you directions how. Please also contribute money to my Kairos weekend at (name of facility). Any amount will do."
- ◆ Make checks payable to Kairos of Colorado, putting the name of the particular facility in the memo line.
- ◆ Kairos is a 501c(3) tax deductible entity. Make sure they know that they will receive a receipt from our DONOR program for tax purposes.
- ◆ They can use Kairos of Colorado Facebook group to follow the team's training and real-time details throughout the weekend. The link to the prayer chain is posted there to make it easy to claim a slot online.
- ◆ Finally, ask your friend to become a Kairos volunteer with you, since they now know how it works. Tell them that we are only at five state prisons in Colorado and we want to be in all 14 of them. We just need more volunteers to serve the other facilities. Tell them how important this work has been to your faith. Give them the Matthew 25:31 - 46 verses look up and ponder.
- ◆ If they commit immediately, just follow up and help them through the process. If not, tell them you will talk to them in a week to see what they intend (prayer, money or both).

Kevin Condon

## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

[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 34 states and nine other countries – Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. The course materials are available in English and Spanish. The international ministry now includes about 30,000 volunteers in 444 different Kairos communities.

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