


# God's Special Time



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KAIROS OF COLORADO, INC.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES ---

Even though we serve an unchanging God, He leads us through many changes as we seek to follow and serve Him in the KAIROS prison ministry. As the ministry grows and develops, so do we. A good example of this is how the Lord recently led the Secretariat and the Board of Directors during two joint meetings this Fall. His Spirit was most evident as we examined the various parts of our ministry as to the actual functional jobs already being done and those needed in the future. The result of all this was a beautiful merging of operations and leadership, as you can see in the list on the back (cover) page.

The October 4 "50's Homecoming Dance" was a HUGE success. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the net proceeds raised for the ministry were \$3,654! The Board was delighted to be able to send ten percent of that profit to the national KAIROS office in Florida. Our deepest thanks go to ALL on the committee which brought about this very special event.

Work proceeds on planning for the Third Annual KAIROS International Convention in Colorado, August 5-8, 1987. Please be praying for that planning and for hearing the Lord's call for helpers as the time comes closer.

An exciting new program for KAIROS Associate Members is in the formative stages right now. You'll be hearing more about this soon.

As this newsletter is being sent out to you, the second KAIROS Weekend is being held in the Territorial Correctional Facility (Nov 20-23). This completes our 1986 schedule of six "God-blessed" Weekends - two each in Territorial (men) and Fremont (men) and Women's Facilities. But we don't stop there! In addition to the monthly Ultreya meetings in each Facility, attended by inmates and outside team members, each 3-day Weekend is followed by a 2-day Retreat to further encourage and strengthen the body of Christ behind bars. See p.5 - Schedules.

There are many ways to serve God through and with KAIROS. I call them "Prayers, Pledges, and Participation" -- PRAYERS for every Weekend and Retreat for the Lord's Grace during team formation, preparation, and action; PLEDGES for the financial support so vital in this "real world" in which we operate (see p.7); and PARTICIPATION, from serving on a team (see Application) to baking cookies and sending "Palanca". -- How can YOU help? --

In His service, Peggy Strub

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

A MESSAGE TO KAIROS TEAM MEMBERS

Paraphrased from the 3 November entry in Oswald Chambers'  
"My Utmost for His Highest"

A BOND-SLAVE OF JESUS

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,  
but Christ who lives in me..." Galatians 2:20

These words mean the breaking of my independence with my own hand and surrendering to the supremacy of the Lord Jesus. No one can do this for me, I must do it myself. God may bring me up to the point three hundred and sixty-five times a year, but He cannot put me through it. It means breaking the husk of my individual independence of God, and the emancipating of my personality into oneness with Himself, not for my own ideas, but for absolute loyalty to Jesus. There is no possibility of dispute when once I am there. Very few of us know anything about loyalty to Christ -- "For MY sake." It is that which makes the iron saint.

Has that break come? All the rest is pious fraud. The one point to decide is -- Will I give up, will I surrender to Jesus Christ, and make no conditions whatever as to how the break comes? I must be broken from my self-realization, and as soon as that point is reached, the reality of the supernatural identification takes place at once, and the witness of the Spirit of God is unmistakable -- "I have been crucified with Christ."

The passion of Christianity is that I deliberately sign away my own rights and become a bond-slave of Jesus Christ. Until I do that, I do not begin to be a saint. One team member a year who hears God's call would be sufficient for God to have called KAIROS into existence. KAIROS as an organization is not worth anything. It is not just a ministry, it is for nothing else but for God to help Himself to us, or are we taken up with our conception of what we are going to be?

--- And from 15 November ---

"Lord, what about this man?...What is that to you? Follow me!"  
John 21:21-22

Most of us live on the borders of consciousness -- consciously serving, consciously devoted to God. All this is immature, it is not the real life yet. The mature stage is the life of a child which is never conscious; we become so abandoned to God that the consciousness of being used never enters in. When we are consciously being used as broken bread and poured-out wine, there is another stage to be reached, where all consciousness of ourselves and of what God is doing through us is eliminated. A saint is never consciously a saint; a saint is consciously dependent on God.

KAIROS: GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE  
Barbara Kleinert

Whenever you've been called and asked to work on a KAIROS team, have you ever questioned in your heart and mind why you were chosen to work this particular team, what gifts of yours the Lord will want to use for others, and what specifically the Lord wants you to learn this time through this experience? Well, I do! I believe that God hand-picks each and every team to be used for His own unique purpose, and that He chooses the perfect team that will blend in a very special way with the particular candidates who will be taking part on that KAIROS; I believe this with all my heart! And yet, at times, I am impatient to see the end result, to know that all will go well. I am anxious to see the team become a community, and to know how the candidates will relate to us and respond to Christ! And I want to be reassured that God's purpose will be fulfilled for those candidates, even though previous experience has shown me that God's love never fails. And I want to know, right now, God's reasoning, God's purpose, and God's will for all of us - candidates and team! But God's ways are not our ways. Usually His purpose is gradually revealed to us, and we are all the more blessed by the precious gift of the weekend itself because we must wait trustingly on the Lord for His purpose to be fulfilled.

I worked on a very unusual team this past October - a team very different in nature from the two past teams I had worked on, and at first I missed the atmosphere of "joyous" dedication that characterized our usual meetings. There was a very quiet, gentle atmosphere at our team meetings this time, and it seemed to take us a long while to warm up to each other. Some of us seemed somewhat scared and unsure (as it was the first KAIROS for them); some seemed very quiet and shy and vulnerable. But God seemed to be using these qualities to create a team that was to have a very unique mission. His gentle and tender spirit was easily felt in the hushed and quiet atmosphere - it was as if He needed to pour out His love and peace to us so that we might absorb it, be made healed and whole by it, so that we would eventually bring that very gentle love and peace into the lives of the candidates who, though God only could know for sure, must be in need of His gentlest touch and His tenderest love.

Well, God sent this team of quiet, warm, and gentle women into the women's prison. And what was so very different about the candidates this time was that all but a very few of them were in their early twenties - very, very young, vulnerable, impressionable. (Even the older ones seemed just as vulnerable and impressionable as the young ones.) They needed their loving Father's arms around them, yes - but the Lord also knew they needed these loving, gentle women who were on the team. He had hand-picked us because these young girls and women needed "Mothers", too - to love them, nurture them, and encourage them! And that is what became so evident to us, and we responded sensitively to them in that way, wearing our very hearts and vulnerability on our sleeves, responding to them with empathy - with loving ears, loving words, loving hearts, and loving hugs.

How frightening and how sad to spend your twentieth birthday in prison! How much of the failure sense there was in those girls; what low self-esteem they had, hidden at first by a sort of casual bravado they displayed to us. But the Lord personally (and through us)

removed those barriers by revealing Himself and His love to them. And they responded to that love with tears, with joy, and with diligent, painful self-examination. And it was beautiful to see those young girls lower their guard little by little each day, to see them shyly share their innermost souls with us, trusting that we were Christ's representatives, "little Jesuses", trusting that each one of us was sensitive to (and personally aware of the fact) that it is difficult to share, to love, and to be vulnerable before another. How much we learned from those women about the nature of love! Their trusting in Christ's love, of which they could see glimpses in us, led to their trusting in Him, and they opened their hearts like slowly unfolding flowers, both to us and at the KAIROS Closing, touchingly revealing their thoughts and feelings and, with some of them, their dreams, desires, and new "in Christ" goals they had set for themselves.

I am more and more convinced, personally, because of this experience, that when we go forth in Christ's name, trusting in and being responsive to His will for us, that "because we believe, others will know that Christ lives!" For each specific KAIROS, wherever it may be held, God has His own very special purpose. And He hand-picks His own precious children for the experience - those who will serve and those who are to be served. And because the ministry of Christ's love is so incomparably unique and beautiful, we are, all of us, candidates and team, blessed beyond all measure by the experience.

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During KAIROS #8 in Fremont Correctional Facility, September 1986, one of our candidates wrote the following:

MY "SHANK"

A "shank" is a knife, rod, or sword,  
For those who might not know.  
I keep my shank with me  
Everywhere I go...

If a man comes to me  
And gives me any lip,  
Into my pocket my hand goes;  
My shank is what I grip...  
If the Lord moves me so,  
I'll shank him with my rod,  
But my shank draws no blood  
For it is the word of God...

Yes, I carry my little Bible,  
For it is the sharpest knife.  
It doesn't hurt or kill people;  
It shows the way to eternal Life...

My shank is much sharper  
Than any two edged sword.  
It is mighty and powerful;  
It is the Word of the Lord!

Brother Joseph Lovato

## KAIROS SCHEDULES

The basic purpose behind all of our KAIROS work is "TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES INSIDE PRISONS". The foundation of development is the KAIROS WEEKEND, two per year per Facility. Support is ongoing through the monthly ULTREYAS at each Facility, proof to the inmate Body of Christ that we do NOT forget them when we leave the Weekend, and the follow-up Retreats after each Weekend. To that end we remind all team members of their commitment before God to BE AVAILABLE for one year after team service to serve on Retreat teams and attend the monthly Ultreyas when they are so scheduled. Our follow-up commitment is VITAL to the success of the ministry.

Normal Ultreya schedule is:

Fremont - First Sundays

Women - First Sundays

Territorial - Third Sundays

The men for Fremont and Territorial will be contacted by telephone by their schedulers. The Women's schedule for the near future is as follows:

### December 7

Dan Dhonau  
Nan Dhonau  
Bea Martinez-Sloan  
Sue Martinez  
Joan Johnson  
Joan Potter  
Kathy Lucero  
Gerri Quintana  
Lloyd Quintana  
Loretta Chavez  
Ann Lopez  
Luetta Marsh  
Lyla Head  
Colleen Schaefer  
Fr Scott Frantz

### January 4

Donna Bolte  
Louise Abeyta  
Mary Stone  
Vic Urban  
Muriel Urban  
Lorraine Harding  
Collette Kiger  
Jackie Bell  
Fran Archuleta  
Patsy Tofoya  
Peggy Strub  
Kay Antonsen  
Mary Ellis  
Barbara Kleinert  
Sandy Browning

### February 1

Bernice Brito  
Jenny DeHaven  
Brenda Martinez  
Dave Jones  
Nell Jones  
Sue Brady  
Sr Laetitia Slusser  
Ana Vigil  
Linda Morris  
Janine Helms  
Dianne Bishop  
Jeannine Lloyd  
Luetta Marsh  
Susan Ferguson  
Colleen Schaefer

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS RIGHT NOW! and make every effort to attend. Call your schedulers if you need to trade dates - Ann Barton 796-7414 (Denver and beyond) or Peggy Strub 634-2821 (Colorado Springs area).

REMINDER: The Denver and Colorado Springs area Ultreyas are continuing but Denver location has changed and dates may be different during the Holidays. These fellowships are especially valuable in encouraging former inmates to "hang in there" walking with the Lord. ALL KAIROSIANS are welcome! For DATE, PLACE, and TIME be sure to call the Bartons or Strubs (see numbers above).

We have a busy 1987 ahead - SIX weekends. WOMEN: Apr and Oct. MEN: Mar, May, Sep, and Nov. The first one of these is:

Fremont #9

March 12 - 15

Rector - Mort Munroe

Now is not to soon to offer to serve on a team and to invite friends to apply. Please USE the application form on the next page. New team members are the life blood of KAIROS and any former team member will certainly testify as to how spiritually rewarding it is to serve on a KAIROS team. See Barbara Kleinert's article in this newsletter. The Lord truly ministers to US, too!

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APPLICATION FOR KAIROS TEAM

Thank you for your interest in the KAIROS MINISTRY. This application will allow us to do better selection of teams members. The section marked VOLUNTARY INFORMATION is very important in helping us have a denominationally balanced team. It is important that you be active in your FOURTH DAY. We appreciate your willingness to commit yourself to this special ministry.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE #: (303)-\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE #: (303)-\_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION

WEEKEND ATTENDED:(CURSILLO, KOINONIA, ETC.): \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET TEAMS WORKED: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

KAIROS OR OTHER PRISON TEAMS WORKED: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell the level activity in your FOURTH DAY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to make a one (1) year commitment to attend bi-monthly ULTREYAS at the correctional facility? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to attend eight (8) pre-weekend team meetings? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

We realize sickness and other emergencies can prevent attendance at some meetings.

Do you play a musical instrument? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

please return to:

Philip & Luetta Marsh  
6929 Boysenberry Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

STEWARDSHIP

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship of whatever Outreach, Missions, Social Concerns, etc., funds the Lord has put into your care, we pray that you will include KAIROS OF COLORADO prison ministry in your giving. We currently reach about 200 inmates per year. See description and costs below. More information will gladly be sent on request. PLEASE HELP - GENEROUSLY!

WHY KAIROS?

KAIROS (Greek for "God's Special Time") is a trans-denominational Christian prison ministry which has proven to be uniquely successful in truly changing lives behind bars and "on the street". Starting with a 3-day encounter with Jesus Christ through the loving community of team members, it continues with Christian peer group support within the facility, and loving support by the outside community through retreats and monthly gatherings of inmates and outside team members. The weekend itself is a short course in Christianity consisting of talks, meditations, small group sharing, worship, music, home-cooked meals and LOVE -- lots of AGAPE LOVE. The team doesn't just talk about God's love, they LIVE it throughout the weekend.

All this comes about by God's grace through the willing sacrifices of Time, Talent, and Treasure by many dedicated team members. Vital to the ministry is the support of many who cannot serve on teams but who bake cookies, prepare meals, attend the Closings, send "love gifts"(Palanca), donate, and PRAY. The depth of inmate response to KAIROS is difficult to convey but here are some samples: "I was lost... without hope... no guide, no friend... I have found the path to freedom, hope with vision... I found Jesus Christ!"

A KAIROS COSTS ABOUT \$100 PER INMATE PER WEEKEND: housing teams near Canon City, food for all, supplies, backup overhead such as postage, phone, travel, newsletters, etc. We currently reach about 200 inmates per year with 6 weekends in 3 state facilities, meaning a rather sizable annual outlay! Team members are asked to give, besides Time and Talent, \$50 Treasure each time they serve. God provides the rest, of course, but He provides it through US - His people. A handful of faithful supporters have pledged a regular monthly amount, whether on a current team or not. Those steady gifts, of whatever size, do accumulate and are most helpful. We have even had some recent donations from inmates! What a precious expression of generosity and God's love THAT is!. Please pray about how YOU can be God's agent in meeting our needs. KAIROS welcomes all support by: Prayers, Pledges, and Participation -- from you, your Pastors, church boards, outreach and social concerns committees, women's and men's and youth groups, civic groups, employers, businesses.... All gifts are tax deductible, receipts sent annually.

PLEASE HELP KAIROS FULFILL ITS CALLING:

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KAIROS PLEDGE

I/we want to help KAIROS by becoming a CANDIDATE SPONSOR, understanding that the cost is about \$100 per inmate/candidate per weekend.

Please print: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEDGE AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ FREQUENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me/us the KAIROS Newsletter.

Return this Pledge to:

KAIROS of Colorado, Inc, P.O.Box 25004, Colorado Springs, CO 80936