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FROM THE CHAIR

Lively communities and lively churches do things to help Our Lord grow and sustain His kingdom. Their liveliness allows them to enjoy each other, so they create opportunities for this to happen. Church consultant Lyle Shaller long ago claimed that there was no such thing as a successful adult class or group that did not eat together! Why? Because eating together is excellent interacting time where the spirit of God is shared and moves among body of Christ.

A state-wide organization like Kairos, whose programs are lively with the Holy Spirit, needs to be similarly lively because our energy and joy attracts the new volunteers we need. But, how can we do that? We don't inhabit the same building! We live all over the state. We work hard, but we don't get together to generate the liveliness that feeds our enthusiasm and attracts our volunteers.

Here's an idea! Why don't we try "gathering" and interacting and sharing and complimenting and praying ONLINE! How? Some of us are working on that now. We will be creating and rolling out a number of ways for us to enliven the community. They will include Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and blogging (an interactive newsletter) so that we can talk more, share photos, videos, news and use these tools as an interaction space to draw volunteers to get familiar with what we do and join us!

So, here's your assignment. Please set up a Facebook account, or use the one you already have that you use for family photos and grandchildren interaction. Use your Facebook account to join the Kairos of Colorado group! You may also wish to explore the Kairos Prison Ministry national group used by over a thousand volunteers across the country with other state organizations. Then use Kairos of Colorado to tell your friends about the good work we do and the wonderful experience of being in our community.

That's it! Easy, huh. If you need help, please ask your family members who already use Facebook to help you. It will be a great opportunity to tell them about the enthusiasm you have for Kairos.

Kevin Condon

"God's life in us expresses itself as God's life, not as human life trying to be godly."

Oswald Chambers

BROKENNESS AND NEED FOR JESUS

"I'd like to tell you about a time in my life when, spiritually, I was far, far away from God. I chose to be baptized into the Christian church when I was 25, but really didn't know what I was doing. I got married not long after that and soon we had two healthy, smart children. We had a very good life for those days, but somehow it just wasn't enough. Gradually I became disillusioned, discontented, and depressed. I felt my life lacked real meaning or purpose and I became desperate. One of my escapes during that time was painting. One day, when things seemed really, really bad, I grabbed some brushes and quickly sketched something on a canvass board. Later, I realized that, without really planning to, I had painted a self-portrait of how I felt deep, deep inside. [This is the painting you see here.]

My search for meaning intensified. When I was baptized I had unknowingly started to respond to God's invitation into a relationship with Jesus, but I hadn't followed up on it. I was in 'my Father's house' on Sundays, but spiritually I was far, far away. So, two years later, when I was offered a special opportunity, I surrendered my life to Jesus. He surrounded me with His indescribable love, like the father in Jesus' parable about the prodigal, and I knew I had come home. Then I began to learn God's purpose for my life — to equip me to go forth like the Samaritan woman and share the Good News of Jesus Christ for all people."

Peggy Strub shared this witness and painting in Kairos talks. Both were also shared at her Memorial Service.



Silent Scream of Despair

TERRITORIAL #53 CLOSING 14 October

Family of Matthew

- We arrived in broken spirit, excited, open, timid, nervous, stagnated, anxious, curious to what was expected, hopeful.
- We found new hope, new spark, ideas on how to help others, people to relate to, understanding, more knowledge, inspiration, encouragement, nourishment (spiritual and physical).
- We are taking away new attitude and outlook, open-mindedness about accepting the Lord, faith (not blind faith), willingness to change, more knowledge, newfound friendship with Jesus and fellow inmates.

Family of Mark

- We arrived excited, anxious, curious to hear about Jesus, fortunate for being selected, zealous, open-minded.
- We found forgiveness, discipline, courage, fellowship, guidance, message in the songs from God.
- We are taking away message to our peers, perspective and lessons learned, new tools and renewed understanding, higher standards.

Family of Luke

- We arrived seeking a relationship, a project in the works, to learn, spiritually 3/4 full, lost and seeking.
- We found joy, happiness, a way to build a better relationship with Christ, how to make better choices and think before reacting, peace, God, to seek more spiritual growth, fellowship.
- We are taking away a smaller wall because of leaving the brick and anger here, love and patience, God back with me, knowledge about Christ and able to talk to others about it, joy, happiness.

Submitted by Chuck Weida

RIFLE #15 CLOSING 4 November 2012

Family of St. Matthew

- Arrived spiritually empty, spiritually curious, sad, pretty good & wondering how Christ could affect others spiritually
- Found companionship, fellowship, love & the Holy Spirit
- Taking love, happiness, & companionship

Family of St Mark

- Arrived heavy hearted, feeling no one cares, searching, & open to Christ
- Found people do care, blessings, forgiveness, forgiveness of others, a father's blessing, a different view of friendship
- Taking truth, accountability, emboldened, growth, a desire to give back the investment made in us

Family of St. Luke

- Arrived feeling beaten, unforgiven, & lost
- Found forgiveness, truth, encouragement, & freedom
- Taking love of Christ, forgiveness, & confidence in Christ

Individual Comments

- I'm hoping to end my term soon and I appreciate what this weekend has done for me.
- I came for answers about Christ after making many wrong choices now I'm feeling strong.
- I have been indecisive through life and often gave up to easily, but I have found new encouragement and have found people do care.
- I was weighed down by self condemnation but I have found forgiveness for myself as well as others and now I see Christ not as dead but alive.
- This weekend has been overwhelming; I have found what real friendship is because the people I thought were friends have left.
- I have prayed more in three days than I have in the last three years. I won't forget this weekend.
- I came empty and hungry but I didn't know for what. I broke down and cried and it felt good to let it out.
- I didn't know God or what Kairos was about but when they met me at the door singing I knew I was in the right place. My family serves the lord and now I will as well.
- The volunteers could relate to us and treated us as equals. They taught me how to live a better life.
- I had been hiding behind a big wall but I have learned a lot about fellowship.
- I didn't know God until the inmates in the Chapel encouraged me to come to Kairos. Now I know that God is good.

Submitted by Tyne Bush

DELTA #42 COMMENTS 27,28 October

Saturday Comments

- In a place of such negativity, Kairos was great to bring such great positivity.
- I am impressed by the program and helped me to see that the Lord has a purpose for our lives and that I am worth something.
- I can go home and share this with my family and I love you guys.
- I have found that there are more doors that need to be opened.
- It is amazing to see how much people care for us. I woke up and was I dreaming. Were these angels all the cookies and everything?

Sunday Comments

- We found out who we are in Christ.
- We are not alone.
- I found out that it was Jesus that was missing from my life.
- A lot of us have never received love until this weekend.
- God gave me a birthday present as a new life as a Christian.
- There is light at the end of the tunnel.
- I have had a hard time with religion and Christianity but I felt God this weekend.
- A lot of the questions I had were answered.

Submitted by Dick Bussing

HUDSON #2 COMMENTARY

On a sunny Sunday, 4 November 2012, men and women of Christ from the outside world gathered at Hudson Correctional Facility on the eastern plains of Colorado for Hudson's first closing. Yes, it was Hudson Kairos #2, but the first ever closing.

The 41 Kairos graduates had many of the usual answers to the questions – in what condition did you arrive at Kairos, what did you find here, and what are you taking with you. They came angry, alone, questioning, and unbelieving. They found food, acceptance, answers, and love. They are taking with them understanding, acceptance, and, brothers-in-Christ with them.

One young man shared he was the oldest of seven in a home that settled everything by fighting. He ran away young and continued to fight. He fought in prison, but not liking the results, he came to Kairos where he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Another man said that he didn't remember ever being in touch with his feelings before. Another marveled that Christian people on the outside would even talk to him, a murderer.

Another man came without respect for Christians and no real knowledge of the Bible. He testified that he is beginning to understand the stories - especially one. He said he was Saul but now is Paul. Turning to a fellow Kairos grad he confessed that he had ridiculed the other man for his Christian beliefs. Now he calls him brother. The man who had been ridiculed gave him a thumbs up.

Sometimes the telling was hard and other residents came forward to support the speaker. Tears were shed by graduates, team and guests. One guest observed that the residents "looked no different than us" and that the residents "have similar feelings as we do."

The Holy Spirit was present powerfully. The guests left the gym under a colorful Colorado sunset, thankful to have made the trek to closing at Hudson Correctional Facility Kairos #2.

Submitted by Glenda Condon and Diane Kufeke

An Inspiring Kairos for Alaskans – the Team Experience

Hudson #2 was a wonderful experience for those of us on the team. At this writing we have not yet attended the instructional reunion, but we look forward to interacting with our brothers there and renewing our friendships. I served on the Table Family of St. Paul with Tony Castillo and Jace Thiesen. The Alaska Department of Corrections contracts with GEO, an international corporation with 80 prisons around the world, to run the Hudson facility. The prisoners wear orange at Hudson, not green. They call "the hole" the SHU (their Ad Seg).

Prisoners from Alaska have more disposable income per capita than Colorado prisoners due to distributed oil and gas revenue checks to all citizens. 50% of the prison is composed of Alaska Native American tribesmen (Yupik, Tlingit, Haida, etc.). 20% is African American, and the rest is white and "other." As usual, we found a wonderful openness to Kairos with their three fantastic chaplains, all of whom served on table with us during the weekend, and there was a supportive administration. The warden reported to the head chaplain that he considered Kairos to be the Gold Standard of prison programs.

Alaska inmates in Colorado don't get family visits often. The entire group will move back to Alaska in the spring of 2013 to inhabit a newly built prison. This was our second weekend at Hudson. Of the 1200 inmates there, we now have about 77 Colorado Kairos graduates. I can safely say that they are every bit as enthusiastic in their love of the Lord Jesus as any participants in our Colorado prisons.

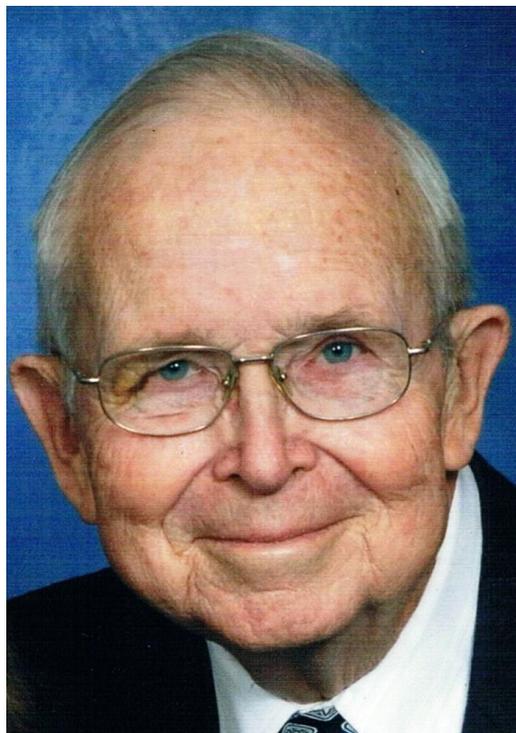
One of the participant's stories touched me deeply. His crimes and the guilt they caused him had burdened him with an experience of "falling apart" socially and emotionally, so he went to see the chaplain. The chaplain ministered to him, but also suggested that he attend the upcoming Kairos weekend, two weeks hence. He was raised with little or no church, had not read the bible, didn't know what the good news was, but had been drawn to Christianity to salve his conscience and to find forgiveness. His quest was successful. As he mentioned to me, Kairos seemed to be entirely aimed at him and his needs. Our God restored his soul and brought him into a fast-developing hotbed of Christian love at Hudson prison, and he has leapt into the possibility of forgiveness and action with enthusiasm. His first prayer was in the first family prayer circle and it was sweetly innocent and humble. I'm confident it was greeted in heaven with angel song.

Kairos is said to be the nation's largest prison ministry, due to the number of volunteers who follow our method in 38 states and across the world. Go to www.mykairos.org for more. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Delicious!

Submitted by Kevin Condon

26 October 1928 — GEORGE TEWKSBURY — 15 October 2012

Rev. George Tewksbury had been a devoted servant of the Lord for many years before any of us in the Kairos of Colorado community had ever even met him. For example, he had served in Pakistan as a missionary with the Presbyterian church for 24 years, beginning in 1958. After “retiring” to Clifton, Colorado in 1991, George became an enthusiastic participant in Promise Keepers and the Kairos Prison Ministry. He began his Kairos experience at Delta #9 in 1995 and never missed a Kairos event if he was in the area. One of our early Kairos volunteers gave him the nickname “Papa George” and that was how most of us addressed him from then on.



“Papa George” was not content to serve only on the Delta Kairos team. When we started Kairos at the Rifle Correctional Center, George became one of the pillars of that team, as well as the Delta team. Then, many will remember Rev. Tewksbury’s service on Territorial weekends for several years. Others will remember George’s service on the Colorado State Chapter Committee for several years as one of the spiritual advisors. All of us on the Delta and Rifle Kairos teams will always remember our “Papa George” as the ultimate servant of our Lord.

George was very well educated -- a 1949 Yale graduate, plus seminaries in New York City, Ithaca, and Louisville -- yet always absolutely the humble servant that we all strive to be in our beloved ministry. He spoke clearly in terms that all understood perfectly. During three-day weekends, Rev. Tewksbury was kept incredibly busy doing spiritual counseling and his wise counsel changed lives, as witnessed by many Kairos graduates.

We on the Delta and Rifle teams really miss “Papa George’s ” gentle spirit with us on Kairos events. But we also feel confident that our beloved friend and brother George was greeted by Jesus with the words “Well done, good and faithful servant” as he joined his beloved wife Ann in heaven.

Submitted by Bill Bennett

2013 EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
3rd Sundays, 6:00 pm	LA VISTA WOMEN’S REUNIONS	Sara Igyarto
12 January	STATE COMMITTEE MEETING (Castle Rock)	Kevin Condon
5-7 February	KPMI Winter Conference	Wayne Park
4-7 April	RIFLE #16	Rocky Baker
11-14 April	TERRITORIAL #54	Phil Peloquin
21 April	State Committee Teleconference	Kevin Condon
17-19 May	AKT (Kairos Inside) – Denver	Tony & Liz Castillo
13 July	STATE COMMITTEE MEETING (Keystone)	Kevin Condon
10-13 October	TERRITORIAL #55	Jim Carter
20 October	State Committee Teleconference	Kevin Condon
31 Oct – 3 Nov	RIFLE #17	Don Haynes
		Tyne Bush

27 October 1930 — PEGGY STRUB — 16 October 2012

“Rejoice with me. On 16 October I celebrated my Graduation Day!”

This is the message Peggy wanted to share with her family and friends. She had been suffering various ailments and pain for many months and was eager to let Jesus take her to Himself.

Peggy lived most of her life in Colorado. Born in Hancock MI, she grew up in Houston TX, graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, married Jim, moved with him to Air Force assignments and eventually back to Colorado in 1980.

In 1974 Peggy began a deep personal relationship with Jesus. (See separate story on page 3.) Bible studies, prayer groups, then Cursillo in 1981. Through Cursillo she was asked to participate in Kairos. Her first 4-day was CWCF #4 in the Fall of 1984 — a life-changing event for her. Then, over the years she worked on most of the CWCF teams, in just about every conceivable role, including as a Lay Spiritual Advisor and as a musician, having taught herself to play the guitar just so she could accompany Christian singing. By 1988 the prison became so crowded that there was no longer a room for the Kairos program. Peggy “just happened” to spot a double-wide mobile building for sale in Colorado Springs and before long set up a special fund to raise the \$30,000 needed to purchase it and get it moved to Cañon City. The building then became the CWCF Chapel.

At one point, to strengthen her ability to serve as a Lay Spiritual Advisor, Peggy went to the Benedictine monastery in Pecos NM for six weeks of residential immersion in their course in “Charismatic Spiritual Direction.”

Peggy served on the CWCF Advisory Council and, at times, as Secretary and Treasurer for the State Committee. For many years she was editor of the State newsletter. And, while spending the hundreds of hours in prison, she also served for years as a volunteer Chaplain in the El Paso County jails.

In 1989 she helped found the Walk to Emmaus program in Colorado and was very active in that for many years. During the nineties she co-administered eight sessions of the Alpha Course at her church, where she was also a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Stephen Minister. In 2004 she was one of the founding members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Colorado Springs.

In John 15:16 Jesus charges his disciples “to go forth and bear fruit -- fruit that will last.” And that is what Peggy did, allowing God's agape love to flow through her abundantly. It is said that in this life one is not to know how ones' fruit bearing turns out. But the testimonies at her Memorial Service gave a strong hint that something might just have happened to at least a few folks, including the writer of this tribute.

Peggy will be missed very deeply.



LA VISTA WOMEN'S — PUEBLO

Monthly reunions continue at La Vista — 3rd Sundays, 6:00 pm.

Meanwhile, the Advisory Council is working with the La Vista administration to formalize a Kairos program in that facility. A 4-day in 2013 is possible, but there are details yet to negotiate.

Please keep in prayer the La Vista inmates, as well as all parties involved in the arrangements. Whatever happens will be in God's way and time — which is Kairos..

You can serve God and have mammon, but you cannot serve mammon and have God.

Walter Henrichsen

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 36 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 ministry includes about 30,000 volunteers worldwide.

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