

God's

Special



Time

"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." *Matthew 25:36*

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WHY PRISON MINISTRY?

On the Sunday morning of Women's Kairos #17, one of our team members received a letter from one of the candidates. Read it and see if it helps you with "WHY PRISON MINISTRY?"

"My dear new friend, you cannot even begin to imagine what your presence here at Kairos #17 has meant to me. You are a warm, loving, and wonderful woman, and I am amazed to see God working His miracles in you, even in the 2 short days I have known you. Your love has warmed me, your faith has moved me, and watching the Holy Spirit move through you has made me want what you have. I have been born again, thanks to you and your Brothers & Sisters in Christ, and as you leave us, know that you will take a part of me with you. I am a miracle to behold and have been lifted into the loving arms of Our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ! For this, I thank you! In your journey for self through Christ, know that it was all worthwhile, your dedication to Kairos #17. God working through you, made it possible for someone like me to believe in the power of love and a better way of life! Our paths will cross again soon, my friend, of this you may be assured. I will keep you in my prayers and ask God to lead your way and light your path. Such courage you have, and He will reward you, I know.

I wish you peace and fulfilment.

Your Sister in Christ
& A Friend"

The team member who received the above letter commented: "I never would have imagined that God would use me to touch someone like this -- I am in total awe of our wonderful God!"

AND FROM WOMEN'S #17 CLOSING --

Thursday, I was a non-believer. Friday, I was curious. By Saturday, I was willing to listen. Today (Sunday), I believe!

I found peace with myself -- also, that to get forgiveness, I have to forgive.

We found Jesus --- Awesome Dude!

FROM FREMONT #18 CLOSING ---

When people give you their food, they give you their hearts.

What I received in these three days, I didn't get in 26 years. And what I got, I didn't stick it in my pocket, or my sock. I put it into my heart.

I didn't know much about love. I learned that it's so precious that it has no value unless you give it away.

I came with a wrong concept of the nature of God. I thought He was strict, like my father -- a disciplinarian. I found, thru these men who spent the weekend with us, that He is a God of love, of forgiveness. I have accepted His forgiveness for me.

I was tired just of being tired. I knew after a few hours up here that there was something more. I knew I needed something. I know now for sure that Jesus loves me. This Kairos has filled my hunger.

Kairos is all things working for good. Kairos proves nothing can separate us from God's love. The brothers on this side of the mike have definitely known condemnation. Now we know love.

We Christians here needed a jump start. I was holding on with one hand. You gave me the tools -- and your love. Now I've got to get back and get started.

I've spent a lot of my life studying about God.... Now I know God...

Last night I forgave someone who really hurt me long ago, and the peace, freedom, and healing that's bringing me is awesome.

I accepted God's forgiveness this weekend. The world may think convicts are worthless, but I know now God loves us and there's hope.

I was a hardened egg, but these guys broke me down. Through the love of these guys, now I'm starting to cook!

MAKE A FRIEND -- BE A FRIEND -- BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST

from inside...

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

THE AGE OF ROCKS-OR-THE ROCK OF AGES?
By Jerry --- (Ordway)

I hear so many things about
the age of God's creation,
Of how old someone thinks it is
in their mind of speculation.
Someone found a piece of wood,
petrified by time,
And though it's just a rock to me,
it's now a scientific find!
Thus it makes the headlines
of some paper in the land
And people flock to see it
and touch it with their hand.
People actually pay to see
some fossil that's been found
And listen to a lecture
on how long it's been around.
Though I have no knowledge
of how old something may be,
I find myself much more concerned
with Who created all we see.
Tis' God who fills my very life
and in Who grace I stand.
Tis' He created everything
we find upon this land.
No, it's not the "age of rocks"
I ponder in my mind,
Tis' in the Rock of Ages,
where true happiness I find.

SHAPE UP PROGRAM

A new Colorado Department of Corrections program isn't meant to be a pleasant experience for the youthful female offenders it targets. And it isn't.

The program started in March 1991 and is patterned after a program for male juvenile offenders. The youthful offenders, from all over the state, are taught lessons by older convicts who learned them the hard way.

Inmates Michelle Sykes and Mary Fernandez, (Kairos participants), warned the girls who visited recently about some of the harsh realities they would face in CWCF.

Mary pointed to the cells reserved for new arrivals and said, "Your home is in that cage where you are in a double-bunked room and locked up for 23 hours a day until they place you in a living unit."

The girls were warned that other prisoners will try to sneak cigarettes or pop to the newcomers, making them think they are friends. But, "What they really are doing is checking you out... You will have to pay up for getting those smokes or that pop..." in ways the girls may find devastating.

The program works, according to volunteers from Colorado Springs who run it.

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WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST -- Romans 12:5

Christians are divided into many different denominations. In heaven, however, such distinctions will be unknown. We'll agree on everything, and we will be there not because we belong to a particular group but because of our faith in Christ.

John Wesley, it has been said, had a dream in which he appeared at the gate of hell. He cried out, "Are there any Presbyterians in there?" "Yes," came the answer, "a great many." "Any Church of England members?" "Yes, lots of them." "Any Baptists?" "A large number." "Any Catholics?" "Yes, quite a lot." "And, are there any Wesleyans?" Again the answer came, "Yes, many of them."

Disappointed, especially at that last reply, Wesley next dreamed he was standing at the gate of heaven. He repeated the same questions. Each time he received the same troubling answer: "No, not one!" No Baptists, no Church of England members, no Catholics, no Presbyterians, and no Wesleyans!

"Who, then, is in heaven?" Wesley exclaimed. "We know nothing here about the names you mentioned," came the reply. "The only name that matters here is CHRISTIAN. We are all Christians here."

"There is no other name on earth by whom salvation's given
Save Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, God's precious gift from heaven."
(source unknown)

KAIROS SPRING WEEKENDS ---

Teams are already forming for Kairos Spring Weekends. If you feel God leading you to serve in any way, please contact someone below:

WHERE:	WHEN:	CONTACTS:
Fremont (men)	12-15 Mar	Frank Martinez, Rector, 303-693-3726 Bob Reilman, Coordinator, 719-472-6923
Women's	23-26 Apr	Georgia Duncan, Rectora, 303-278-2281 Lorraine Harding, Coordinator, 303-428-3143
Territorial (men)	14-17 May	Gene Wilkowski, Coordinator, 303-939-8171

AND OUTSIDE WEEKENDS ---

The blessings offered by a 3-day Kairos Short Course are also available outside and go by various names. We strongly recommend this unique "Encounter with Christ" for all Christians. Such a spiritual experience is a prerequisite for Kairos team members. Here are contact persons and some dates:

Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs, Men-Fall, Women-Spring:

Gary & Maggie Love 719-594-9532 Colorado Springs

Catholic Cursillo, Air Force Academy:

Bob & Sunni Reilman 719-472-6923 Colorado Springs

Catholic Cursillo, Denver area, and

Catholic Spanish Cursillo, Denver area:

Sue & Frank Martinez 303-693-3726 Aurora

Episcopal Cursillo, Men & Women, 1992:

Feb 13-16, Trinity Ranch, Wetmore

Jun 4-7, Bethlehem Center, Westminster

Sep 24-27, Cedaredge, Western Slope

Greg Green 303-939-4290 Arvada

Sue Morley 719-495-3135 Colorado Springs

Daphna Russell 303-856-7005 Cedaredge

Koinonia (2-day, Ecumenical), Denver area, Men & Women:

Al Lowrie 303-794-7308 Littleton

Koinonia (2-day), Northern Colorado, Men & Women:

Sallie Youngman 303-484-6329 Ft Collins

Walk to Emmaus (Ecumenical) 1992:

Men: Apr 2-5, Horn Creek Ranch, Westcliffe

Women: Apr 9-12, Horn Creek Ranch, Westcliffe

Also Fall, near Denver

Registrar: Sharon Matthew 303-799-3658 Littleton

Colorado Springs info: Jim & Peggy Strub 719-634-2821

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