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"GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"

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"I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:36

++++ **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING** +++++

The leaders of our Kairos weekends serve at God's pleasure and under His authority. Individual leaders bring to us their own talents, their own temperaments, their own way of leading. It is all from God. The leaders are offering these attributes back to Him as living sacrifice, to be used for His purpose. The author of Hebrews (13:7) exhorts us to "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Let the rest of us who work on Kairos teams respect the leaders of the team, the Kairos coordinators, and the prison staff. Let us submit to their authority — not just outwardly but sincerely, in the spirit of love. Remember that they are charged to love us and to account for us, as in Hebrews 3:17: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. **Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden.**"

Based on an exhortation by our District Spiritual Director, the Rev Dave Buckingham.

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KAIROS NEEDS FINANCIAL SPONSORS

We currently reach over 300 new inmates each year at a cost of over \$100 per inmate. Please back our "front line" team members with your help. To designate your gift for ministry in a specific prison, write that prison's name after "FOR:" on form below. Enclose form and mark TREASURER on envelope.

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM A PARTICIPANT IN FREMONT KAIROS #22

Mark 10:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Dear sisters in Christ and children who live in Christ,

The Kingdom of Heaven is yours.

As I sat down to eat a meal that was prepared for me by people I don't even know, I noticed the dinner mats that were made by children, children that made joy of happiness sink in my heart. As I looked at the mats, my heart was overcome by the Holy Spirit as the colors and drawings brought tears to my eyes. I sat there and cried, a criminal who felt unloved and unwanted. And the mats made me feel the spirit of yours, the spirit of love, the spirit of forgiveness, the Spirit of Christ. How He worked through little artists such as you, to touch a criminal like me. As I read the scriptures, my tears rolled down my cheeks, like a waterfall that wouldn't dry up. I have accepted the love of Jesus and was able to forgive myself. As a person who made a mistake in life, I can now have a new beginning with the love of Christ in my heart. I thank each and every one of you for your kindness, love, and compassion. The family of Christ is surely real. This is one time in my life I will always remember and cherish. The blessing that was given me has also touched the life of others through the beautiful works of your little hands.

Praise be to Jesus Christ our Lord and King forever and ever. Keep up the good work as you grow in life.

And to the teacher, God has blessed you with a beautiful gift of teaching. Thanks again,

Sincerely,
Your brother in Christ Jesus, our King.

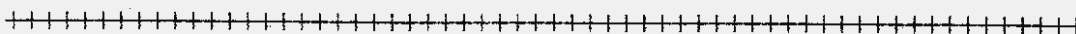
**FROM THE DELTA CORRECTIONAL CENTER
OCTOBER 1993 NEWS LETTER**

"Congratulations to Reverend [Bill] Potter for being picked by the Colorado Correctional Association as the "Outstanding Correctional Support Services Employee" during their convention in Vail during September."

The letter nominating Chaplain Potter included very warm accolades, including: "Rev Potter not only spends his time and effort towards meeting the spiritual needs of the inmate population, but is always available and eager to lend his spiritual guidance to staff as well!!"

In a speech after the award, Bill said, "The inmates recognize it is not programs which change a man's life; it is the impact of a person, Jesus Christ, through the volunteers and staff who are involved in the chapel activities." Bill also cited the considerable support he receives regularly from his wife, Joan, and from many in the surrounding communities.

For our more recent readers, we should mention that layman Bill Potter was the human instrument God used for getting Kairos started in Colorado in the early 1980's.



GLEANINGS FROM DELTA KAIROS #3 CLOSING

Thank God for the day He called me by name. Without Him I would be dead. God led me through the wilderness and has given me a hunger I will carry on after you leave.

God gave me a vision when I came in the door: "This is what heaven will be like."

Praise God for the angels who got me into this!

This is the turning point in my life that I've waited for.

It is so wonderful to know the Lord, to be blessed by the Lord. Somebody cares for me -- for the first time. If I tell Mom and people on the outside that I'm more free than family outside, they probably won't believe me.. I'm free!!

I go to church wondering what I'm going to do when I leave church. This weekend has at least helped me take the first step. What makes you people do this -- why? Why are they having such a good time? If this is a great power, if this is the power of the Lord, then I want to find it!

Jesus answered my prayers. I asked Jesus for a long time how to love. This weekend showed me that.

True love was shared. These guys don't want something back. They just want to give love.

Kairos showed me the importance of fellowship. You can't do it alone. Anyone who needs prayer and fellowship, find a brother. Rely on the Holy Spirit. A lonely Christian is a dead Christian.

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TREASURY NOTES

A team member recently asked: "Is it all right to give money to Kairos anytime -- I mean, not necessarily for my team donation or for a meal for this weekend?" The answer is a resounding "YES!" And thank God, many people do just that. Donations are very much needed and gratefully received any time. That's the main reason we put a return envelope in our newsletters.

We are now keeping track of income and expense actions by **prison** to foster a sense of fairness among the teams, who are conscientious about raising enough funds to cover their weekend and retreat expenses. So if your donation is intended for a particular Kairos function or purpose, please **WRITE** that **designation** in the lower left corner of your check or attach a **NOTE** to your money order or cash. Otherwise, we will use your gift wherever it is most needed.

!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

YOU DO YOUR PART, GOD DOES HIS

A quote from the Goals Talk on Fremont #22

Two frogs fell into a can of cream
Or so I've heard it told.
The sides of the can were shiny and steep,
The cream was deep and cold.
"Oh, what's the use!" croaked number one,
"Tis fate, no help's around.
Good-bye, my friend,
Good-bye, sad world!"
And weeping still, he drowned.

But number two, of sterner stuff,
Dog-paddled in surprise.
And as he swam, he wiped his face
And dried his creamy eyes.
"I'll swim awhile at least," he said,
Or so I've heard he said;
It really would not help the world,
If one more frog were dead."
An hour or two he kicked and swam.
Not once he stopped to mutter,
But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked,
Then hopped out, via butter!

LAST FRIDAY REUNIONS

- o 6:30 PM, last Friday of every month
(If five Fridays, then it's the fifth Friday.)
- o Hosanna Christian Center
2nd & Lincoln, Denver
- o Family potluck supper
- o Prayer, fellowship,
sharing, praising God

These "last Friday" Reunions are a real blessing to many -- team workers, ex-inmates, Kairos supporters... All are welcome to come for an evening filled with love and the presence of the Lord. For information contact:

Ed Junghans (303) 466-9224

KAIROS MEN NEEDED FOR LIMON

Kairos has started at the Limon Correctional Facility with Monthly Reunions on each third Sunday from 1:30 to 4:00 (team meets at gate at 1:00). Limon Kairos #1 can be organized only when some 30 men have stepped forward and committed to it and to the monthly reunions that will follow. To date, fourteen men have volunteered (Thank you, Lord!) and about six attend each reunion. **We also need someone to volunteer to be the Limon Coordinator.** Please pray for God's leading as we move at His pace into this new prison. Temporary contact: **Jim Strub (719) 634-2821.**

BOARD ELECTIONS IN JANUARY

The Board (aka the District Committee) currently has ten positions. Six of these are elected positions. From them the Board elects its President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Representative, and Spiritual Director. The other positions are the facility coordinators, of which there are currently four. They are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. In January four of the six elected positions will be vacant. Only the Spiritual Director and National Representative will be carrying over. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please make your interest known to one of the current members soon. List is on page two.

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