

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Kairos Community in Colorado,
Sadly, I have to report that our ministry has been suspended at Fremont Correctional Facility until January 2006 for security reasons.

We have been given a list of volunteers who have served recently at Fremont. Everyone on the list has to retake the BVT (the 8-hour Basic Volunteer Training) before being allowed back into any DOC facility. After that training they will be permitted to participate in Kairos events in any DOC facility except Fremont, where there will be no Kairos events until after 1 January 2006.

It is important to know that God's work in ministering within Fremont through the Advisory Council and volunteers is not in question. We all know how much work is involved, and we sincerely and deeply appreciate the volunteers. The Prayer and Share Groups and Monthly Reunions at Fremont are testimony to God's work in the Body of Christ at Fremont through the Kairos volunteers. I believe this situation is a gift from God and that the ministry will be blessed and better after January 2006. I ask all Kairos volunteers to pray thanksgiving for God's plan for this ministry and the revelation of His blessing to us.

Security is, of course, the first concern of the DOC, and we must heed the message we have been given. I ask all Kairos volunteers to prayerfully consider the unique mission field to which God has called us. I quote below from the 2005 edition of the Kairos Program Manual.

"The cornerstone of the ministry is the relationship between the Advisory Council and the prison institution... It is essential that the Kairos Leader recognize his/her responsibility in preserving and

nurturing this relationship. The Kairos Leader must be constantly aware of the activities of every member of their team and sensitive as to acts that might have the potential to do harm to this precious relationship. The Leader must realize and accept that the first concern of the institution is SECURITY. At all times the Kairos Leader must function with the understanding that Kairos is A GUEST IN THE WARDEN'S HOUSE and is there at the discretion of the warden... Kairos volunteers are grateful to be guests in the Institution and respect the house rules. Kairos volunteers are expected to follow the rules of the Institution, designed to achieve the top priority goal of the Warden and staff in providing security to the residents, officials, and visitors. Even when rules are in conflict with the desires of a Kairos Team member, serving in obedience ... is expected."

The state committee will try to find out how men of good will could get crosswise with a purpose we all share so strongly. We are not looking for fault. We should learn God's message to us to improve the ministry in the future at Fremont and everywhere in Colorado. And we must, of course, make changes satisfactory to the DOC if we are to be invited back in. I ask the cooperation of all volunteers involved as we ask questions.

Security is, in one sense, easy to deal with – DOC gives us rules, and we obey them without question. This is the time to show we are capable of that, especially the "without question" part. I ask all volunteers to refrain from trying to negotiate any exemption, exception, exclusion – anything – to the list we will be given. The list is a security rule – as iron

ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

The 2005 Colorado session of Advanced Kairos Training is now set for 22-24 July in Colorado Springs at the Cook Community Ministry Building. Completion of AKT is a mandatory KPMI prerequisite to serving as a Kairos Weekend Leader.. Previous training (on the "Purple Manual") is sufficient to satisfy the requirement.

Cost is \$150.00 per participant, which will include meals and the new software and printed "Manual" materials. The State Committee is depending on the

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Please consider a special donation for this purpose, with check payable to "Kairos" and memo line marked "AKT Support." You can use the enclosed envelope. Our State Treasurer will account for these donations separately from other donations, and will insure that they are used as scholarships for Colorado

NEW START AT BRUSH

When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you, says the Lord. (Jeremiah 29: 13-14)

So it was on June 2-5, 2005, as we held our first 4-day Weekend at the Brush Women's Facility. God was ready for us. He had planned our weekend since our first Monthly Reunion in October 2004. When we entered the facility, we were greeted with "Hurry inside ladies, there is a tornado warning". We took this opportunity to sing praises to God and to pray. God removed the warning and we moved into a truly spirit-filled weekend.

We were blessed with 18 candidates (30 had signed up) and 8 kitchen angels. Our team numbered 24, including 10 new members. There was a lot of excitement and anticipation as we moved into meeting our candidates for the first time on Thursday night. Friday brought more sharing. Several ladies said they "just wanted to come for a couple of meals and then leave, but 'something' changed their minds." The team talks were powerful and showed much vulnerability, which increased the candidates' trust. By Saturday morning, the table leaders heard reports of several candidates getting together for prayer and also praying for and with other residents with whom they had conflict. The table leaders were amazed that God had shown up Saturday morning, even before the forgiveness talks had begun.

The weekend was not without tension and challenges, but we saw the Holy Spirit move in dramatic ways to bring about His intent for everyone. The Holy Spirit protected the candidates as well as the table leaders from any potential distraction. This allowed Him to break down walls, release pain, soften the ladies' hearts, and transform lives right before our eyes. As a result of His Mercy and Grace, one lady gave her heart to the Lord and 5 others returned to Him. Praise the Lord!!!

As part of our contract with the Brush facility, we were able to cook the noon and dinner meals in our separate kitchen area. The kitchen team worked diligently making our meals, wonderful deserts, and tons of cookies. Their talents and endeavors brought much joy to the candidates and to our team.

There were 80 people in attendance for the closing. What a gift everyone gave to the ladies as they entered the gym to singing, smiling faces. One resident exclaimed, "I have a new family now", as she gestured to the audience. Many at the gathering were moved to tears and astonished by the testimonies which were shared. Only one lady mentioned the food!! Rather, they were quick to give God the glory and praise Him for the changes in their lives. Captain Werner, Program Administrator, expressed appreciation to those present and encouraged the participants to share their

CLERGY CORNER

Spiritual Insight from a Rabbit

As I came into the Fremont Correctional Facility, I observed about a dozen rabbits on the grass. In spite of the fact that they were surrounded by a fence with barbed wire, they were free! Why were they free? Because they were safe! They were experiencing protection! They were also attentive to our presence.

Later reflection on this experience revealed an important spiritual principal: True freedom is always unfinished business! To be truly free, we must always be attentive to God's presence! We must believe in and live out the following promises from God's Word:

Psalm.46: God is our ever-present refuge, strength, and help - no matter what.

Proverbs 3:5,6: Trust in God - Receive guidance.

Proverbs 29:25: Trust and find safety in God's unfailing love!

Isaiah.40:28-31: Go ahead, fly like an eagle, renew your strength, as you place your hope in God.

John 8:36: Experience true freedom indeed!

In His Service ,

ONLY THE NOSE KNOWS

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

This verse is all too often quoted glibly to other Christians who have had a bad experience/tragedy happen in their lives. However, if one reflects on the wisdom of this verse, one will begin to grasp the greatness of God's unfailing love!

The recent Kairos #39 at Territorial was going along well – a great 4-day retreat. God, as always, was being faithful in touching and changing men's lives! Then on Saturday evening, on my way out of the prison, I unexpectedly stepped into a drop-off in the sidewalk, fell, and broke my nose (ouch!). Consequently, my return to the hotel was by way of a clinic and an emergency room. It was quite late, I was put on a very strong pain-killer, and I wasn't expected to show up until The Closing the next afternoon. Little did I know that the whole team and all the Kairos participants were praying for my nose. God answered prayer! On Sunday He woke me up in time to arrive at CTCF at 10 AM. Everyone was surprised to see me. Jim Strub commented on the power of prayer! I want to share with you that all the Kairos participants witnessed the power of prayer that day, and my nose knows the power

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Our mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to the incarcerated, and to assist them in building up the body of Christ in each prison. We are volunteers. There is no paid staff. We depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. We encourage you to use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries. Please make checks payable to "Kairos."

"God's Special Time" is published quarterly, at the times of God's heavenly events – the equinoxes and solstices.

REMAINING 2005 WEEKENDS & LEADERS

RIFLE #1	4 - 7 Aug	Scott Graham
STERLING EAST #2	8 -11 Sept	Randy Beal
STERLING SOUTH #8	29 Sep-2 Oct	Bert Morrison
CAÑON WOMEN'S#43	13-16 Oct	Kathy Awtrey
LIMON #5	20-23 Oct	Bob Reilman
DELTA #28	27-30 Oct	Alan King
STERLING NORTH #10	3 - 6 Nov	Ted Leber
TERRITORIAL #40	17-20 Nov	John Benge
BRUSH WOMEN'S #2	1 - 4 Dec	Chris Bauer
DENVER WOMEN'S #6	1 - 4 Dec	Liz Castillo

CLOSING CONTACTS

Roger Quarry, by 4 July
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Ann Weida, by 1 Oct
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BRUSH #1 CLOSING

- ◆ I thank God for getting my attention through my incarceration in Hawaii, and then bringing me to Brush so I could find God through this Kairos weekend.
- ◆ What did I find this weekend? I found ME!!
- ◆ This is the most mail I have received in three years!
- ◆ What was my spiritual condition when I arrived at Kairos? I didn't have one. I didn't know God at all.
- ◆ I have a new family!! [pointing to the gathering]
- ◆ I have never experienced the Unconditional Love of God like I did this weekend.
- ◆ I had been looking for a way back to God for a long

CTCF #39 CLOSING

- ◆ I found who I am, and a new relationship with Jesus.
- ◆ I found how to let go of unwanted baggage.
- ◆ I am now able to pray for others outside there walls.
- ◆ I found that harder than lifting weights is change.
- ◆ I found that Christ can bring all of us together – first time I've seen this.
- ◆ Before I got here I heard that Territorial is where they put all the crazy and crippled people. So, I must be crazy and crippled to be here with all these men who love Jesus Christ.
- ◆ I found a deeper sense of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ If I'm going to be in prison for the rest of my life, I'm going to do it with God.

If anyone reading this newsletter would like to start serving on a Kairos team, please contact any one of the State Committee persons listed on page 3. If you have not made an outside Weekend (Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo, Koinonia, etc), you can become qualified for team membership by participating at a Qualifying Table on