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IN THE BEGINNING

No, that's not the story I'm thinking of. Although the royalties on that Good Book would be huge and I could retire! Actually, I continue to accrue many more lasting benefits from believing the Story of the one true Royalty in ways well beyond any financial meaning of that word. How about you?

In The Beginning of Kairos in Colorado for the next three years, we have some outstanding new SCC (State Chapter Committee) members. While we have purposeful continuity and consistency from year to year, we also have inspiring new personalities, ideas, vision, and opportunities. So, January, 2017 represents an exciting New Beginning for Kairos in Colorado! Let me give you a preview of your new SCC Officers. (All Glory to God! But I still wish to celebrate these people for stepping up!):

- **Your new State Chair** is Tim Brady from the Western Slope. Tim is a long time committed Kairos volunteer who has served in many capacities over the years. He's also the best possible roommate at the KPMI Annual Conference, as he is a chiropractor! Tim is a great delegator and has loads of experience in top leadership roles in his professional field. We're very fortunate to have him in this role!
- **Your new Vice Chair** is Lee Schafer from the Front Range. With Kevin Condon's help, Lee has strongly led our new facility start-up subcommittee. Under his unwavering guidance and hard work, we have now opened up Bent County and Buena Vista facilities. (We also opened up La Vista in Pueblo recently, thanks to Ann Weida and others!). Going forward, Lee will create and oversee three related Outreach and Recruiting subcommittees (new startups, new volunteer recruiting, and outreach to other 4th day groups, etc). Way to go, Lee!!
- **Your new State Secretary** is Russ Gorrell from the Southern part of the state. Russ and his wife, Karla, are outstanding servants for the Lord! (Please don't mistake him for Santa Claus, as he is a bit touchy about that! – Just kidding Russ, but you know all that white hair and beard...). Russ will coordinate the three related subcommittees which overlap in terms of common weekend leader and volunteer information (Newsletter, Website, Database/Messenger, and Training).
- **Your State Financial Secretary** will continue to be Sharlie Morel, who has been a big blessing to all of us. She has learned the complexities of the required financial processes and reporting.
- **Your State Treasurer** will continue to be Lonnie Womack from down in the Springs. Lonnie keeps me honest every time I accidentally violate one of the standard processes. Thanks!
- **Your International Committee (IC) Rep** will continue to be Glenda Condon, whom I thank for lending an ear and providing good ol' common sense advice when I am stuck.

FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

- **Father Tom Hall** has been a faithful and bible-oriented **Spiritual Advisor (and Clergy Recruiter)** to me for three years now and I thank him so much. Also, what a gourmet lasagna he cooks for all of us in Frisco!!
- **Carolyn Somerville** joined our team as another Spiritual Advisor and, if you haven't met her, you need to because she exudes the love of Christ and touches my heart every time she speaks!
- May I also call out **Pat Mills**, who has created the best Kairos Newsletter of any state in the nation! **Susan Despotoulos** has also created an amazing website for us, and is planning to learn and implement the new Kairos Messenger system when it comes available in the not too distant future. **Jean Yanchek** has helped every Advisory Council (AC) in the state stay out of trouble as our State Security subcommittee leader. (Please take advantage of her briefing for your AC's and weekend teams!). **Janelle Scrivner** has done a wonderful job taking over the Advanced Kairos Training for our state and any others who wish to send candidates for training. **Sandy Miller** has taken over Agape coordination responsibilities and I appreciate her service so much!

As I leave my current role as State Chair in another month or so, please know that I have seen Amazing Grace from all of you, Supernatural Impacts on all the incarcerated people we serve, and Close Fellowship with all you servants of God! I have been blessed and honored by your highest level of service to the Lord. I am so thankful to reflect back on all the teammates and friends I have been privileged to work with and serve with.

God bless you always with His Peace, Love and Joy!
Randy Weldon, State Chair
Kairos of Colorado

Excerpt from Kairos E-News #65

December: A month to regroup and refresh

As we have journeyed through the 2016 year of Kairos, it has been an exciting and wonderful year of serving our Lord while sharing His love and forgiveness with those impacted by incarceration. Now is the time to finalize elections and transition to the new leaders in the Advisory Councils and State Chapter Committees. If you are transitioning from a position, thank you for your service and please help your replacement transition well to their position. The way we hand off the work so it can carry forward positively can make a huge difference in how the person and the body operates in 2017. Please exit and transition well and be available for advice in the future. If you are elected into a new position or continuing in a position, you are selected by your peers to serve and represent the body and Kairos. I pray you see this as an honor to serve in Kairos. Thanks to all those who serve at Kairos. We are blessed with wonderful volunteers.

For all of the leaders and all volunteers I pray Colossians 1: 9-12 for you: *"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."* Amen

At the same time, December is a time to refresh and renew as we focus the end of the year, family time, and Christmas coming soon. As you prepare for Christmas, may you know the peace, love, and joy of our Lord as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Merry Christmas.

Kairos Impact (Evelyn Lemly, CEO of Kairos Prison Ministry International)

"There's no business like soul business."

(Paraphrase of a Broadway musical)

A REFLECTION

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

This is the dark time of the year. Over the centuries people have used candles, lanterns, torches, bonfires to mitigate this darkness. Now we use mostly some form of electric lights. But no amount of man-made light can mitigate the real darkness – the overwhelming state of sinfulness that so deeply permeates the world around us.

The only Light that can mitigate Satan's darkness is Jesus Himself. "I AM the Light of the world" (John 8:12a). And more: "Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life" (John 8:12b).

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16) – giving all the glory to Him alone.

May you and your life reflect the Light of Christ into the dark world around you, especially during this time of the year which so desperately needs that Light.

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Entering Heaven's Gates

We all have, in our minds' eye, a vision of what Heaven's Gates look like...

...pearly?

...golden?

...majestic?

...sigh...

But I'd like to give you an altogether different view of Heaven's Gates:

whenever you step inside of this, or any prison, and those large, ominous mechanical doors close behind you —

BANG! SLAM! ...consider this: you are entering Heaven's Gates.

Prison is the least likely place to think of as Heaven – but, maybe, just maybe, look at those large slamming doors as Heaven's Gates and you'll get a small insight into the discipleship you bring to us each time you enter...

Thanks be to God for each of you!

Submitted by Lisa Miles,
DWCF resident

Soli Deo Gloria

"...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

In the Scriptures, the great miracle of the incarnation slips into the ordinary life of a child; the great miracle of the transfiguration fades into the demon-possessed valley below; the glory of the resurrection descends into a breakfast on the seashore. This is not an anticlimax, but a great revelation of God.

We have a tendency to look for wonder in our experience, and we mistake heroic action for real heroes. It's one thing to go through a crisis grandly, yet quite another to go through every day glorifying God when there is no witness, no limelight, and no one paying even the remotest attention to us. If we are not looking for halos, we at least want something that will make people say, "What a wonderful man of prayer he is!" or, "What a great woman of devotion she is!" If you are properly devoted to the Lord Jesus, you have reached the lofty height where no one would ever notice you personally. All that is noticed is the power of God coming through you all the time.

Oswald Chambers, *"My Utmost for His Highest,"* reading for 16 November

LOOKING FORWARD TO AKT

This is the time of year to be looking ahead to the planning of our 4-Day weekends and ensuring our leaders have been well prepared. As part of that preparation, the Advance Kairos Training (AKT) schedule can be found on myKairos.org and there is a Denver site open for applicants to download the information and print off the registration form.

Here are the details for AKT Denver, Colorado:

DATE: May 12-14, 2017

TYPE: Kairos Inside

LOCATION: Training at Burns United Methodist Church, 1095 Newark Street, Aurora, Colorado, 80010.

AIRPORT: Denver International Airport (DEN), Colorado

ARRIVAL SPECIFICS: Plan flight to arrive between 1pm & 3pm.

HOTEL: Doubletree by Hilton, Denver- Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec St., Denver 80216. Check-in will be available starting at 2:00pm on Friday. The hotel has free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Distance from the airport to the hotel: 17 miles, 25 minutes travel time.

Distance from the hotel to the training site: 11 miles, 14 minutes.

OTHER LODGING: (reservations made by Denver Kairos Team)

PROGRAM INFO: The AKT will be held at the Burns United Methodist Church. Our Denver team will provide transportation from the hotel to the church and back.

Check-in starts at 5:30 pm Mountain Time. Dinner is served at 6:00pm. Training will begin at 7:00pm.

COST: Cost for double room with 2 participants = \$210. Cost for Single Room = \$285. Fee includes: 2 nights lodging, Friday evening meal, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Program concludes Sunday at noon.

COMMUTER (no need for lodging): \$85.

CONTACT: For additional information contact: Janelle Scrivner at 303-204-6475 or janellelouise@yahoo.com

Mail registration form with check to: Janelle Scrivner, 3480 Molly Circle, Broomfield, CO 80023.

All registration forms can be found by going to www.mykairos.org ~ Downloads ~ Training). AKT registration forms must be received no later than April 27th @ noon, no exceptions! Fee must be attached to Application Form and be paid with Kairos Funds (talk to your Kairos AC Treasurer).

Make checks payable to: Kairos of Colorado. No personal checks. Application will not be processed if Kairos check is not attached.

This location fills up fast so register early.

Let me know if you have questions.

God's Love and Blessings to you,
Janelle Scrivner

JUST A CLOSER WALK

People tend to multiply duties in their observance of religion. This practice enables them to give Me money, time, and work without yielding up to Me what I desire the most — their hearts. Rules can be observed mechanically. Once they become habitual, they can be followed with minimal effort and almost no thought. These habit-forming rules provide a false sense of security, lulling the soul into a comatose condition. What I search for in My children is an awakened soul that thrills to the Joy of My Presence! I created mankind to glorify Me and enjoy Me forever. I provide the Joy; your part is to glorify Me by living close to Me.

Excerpted from the 6 December "Jesus Calling," by Sarah Young

HELP WANTED: Newsletter Editor

NEW FACILITY START-UPS

The vast majority of Kairos volunteers have joined a Kairos Team that has been operating for some time. Even if their first Kairos weekend is a #1, they have little idea of what goes into starting a new Kairos program in a new facility.

Kairos of Colorado is in an expansion phase. This started back in 2014. At the time, Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI) was operating in five prisons in Colorado. It was known that State Prison officials would like for KPMI to start up programs in a number of other facilities. Since May of 2014, three new Kairos programs have been started in Colorado. Bent County was the first and held its #1 weekend in the fall of 2015. Buena Vista also held their #1 weekend at the end of September. Then in October of 2016, the Women's prison in La Vista held their first weekend.

So how did this all come about? Did 30 or so Kairos volunteers get together and say, "Let's do a Kairos weekend at La Vista in the fall of 2016"? Did the same thing happen at Bent County and Buena Vista? You can bet your life savings that it did not happen that way.

The driving force behind the La Vista start-up were three ladies with a desire to bring Christ to the ladies incarcerated at La Vista. These three ladies are, Ann Weida, Jean Magnuson, and Jean Yanchek. They started their work on bringing a #1 weekend to La Vista in the late spring of 2015. These ladies attended a volunteer appreciation dinner at the prison. The Warden made an announcement that Kairos would be coming to La Vista in the future. So our three ladies went to work to make this happen. Nineteen months later, Ann Weida led the first Kairos weekend at La Vista. They did not over reach and hosted 24 participants on the first weekend. Ann and the two Jeans were able to recruit an additional 22 recruits for the initial weekend. La Vista has a working Advisory Council and are starting Prayer and Share and monthly reunions as well. Nineteen months is a long time to work on a project. It takes stamina and lots of faith in our Lord. Thank you ladies for having a vision and the willingness and faith to carry it out.

Bent County, the first Colorado start-up in several years, was also an eighteen month process. Our first trip to Las Animas was in May 2014. Kevin Condon and myself made the 3-hour drive to meet with the Bent County prison officials. We were met in Las Animas by Russ and Karla Gorrell, who had expressed an interest in starting Kairos at Bent County. We were invited by the prison chaplain, David Hestand, to come down. He set up the meetings with the prison officials.

The Gorrells came aboard and we started our journey to bring Kairos to Bent County. Seventeen months later we held our #1 weekend. We had seven full tables of 42 participants, 15 stewards, and 34 team members. Bent County operated during the start-up period with an ad hoc Advisory Council. After the first weekend a new Advisory Council was elected. Bent County has completed three weekends now and Kairos has grown significantly within the facility. Recent reports of having 90+ inmates for monthly reunions and having 60+ in attendance for weekly Prayer and Share is a testament of what God does when we are obedient to his call.

The Buena Vista start-up came about in response to a request from the Deputy Superintendent of Colorado Department of Corrections. Again, Kevin Condon and myself made our initial contact with the Buena Vista prison officials in May of 2015. It was late January and early February 2016 before the train began to move forward at Buena Vista. We met with a man (Roger Hilbig) that had ties to the area and had served on several Kairos teams in Texas. Similar to the ladies experience at La Vista, Roger Hilbig found himself with a desire to get involved with Kairos again through attending a volunteer and guest reception at Buena Vista when their renovated Chapel was dedicated. At our first organizational meeting, Roger brought a number of other men with him that were interested in getting Kairos into Buena Vista. Their work came to fruition the first weekend in October when Buena Vista #1 was held at that facility. There were seven tables with 42 participants and 11 stewards. There were 34 inside team members and another 7 outside team members for a total of 41 team members. Buena Vista has been having weekly Prayer and Share meetings since last April. They have continued the weekly Prayer and Share meetings since the weekend. They already have a date set for their first 2-Day Retreat in January. They have a new Advisory Council in place that will start in January.

What does the future hold for new start-ups? Right now, we do not have any new start-ups on the horizon, but that can change tomorrow. When God opens the door and shows the way, we will be ready for #4. Want to be a part of helping start a new Kairos in a new facility? It is hard work and takes commitment beyond doing a weekend. God never calls his people to sit on their hands and do nothing, He always calls us to action. Kairos of Colorado has an opportunity to start another six to seven Kairos programs in the prisons in the state of Colorado.

Submitted by Lee Schafer
New Facilities Subcommittee Chairperson

SERVANT LEADER'S REPORT

This past October was the 25th anniversary of Kairos at Delta Correctional Center. What a blessing it was to see the very first servant leader at Delta Correctional Center (DCC), Andrew Kaminski, present for the weekend! His years of service in Kairos and his other ministries are commendable. As Servant Leader, I was impressed with the participation of all our Kairos team of men, including our resident members, our wonderful kitchen angels, and the support of the church community, who once again gave of themselves completely to share the love of Christ. I was blessed to serve as Servant Leader for this Kairos and also blessed to serve as a former inside leader during 2004 at DCC. I could not have done it without the support of my team, who held up my arms when I grew weary and loved me even when I became impatient with them.

I want to take a moment to talk about my experience as Servant Leader, not to draw attention to myself, but to give all the honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. I was an inmate at Delta Correctional Center from 2003 to 2006. I attended Delta Kairos #23, then served on other Kairos weekends as a member of the team of Kairos graduates. Some of the same brothers on the Outside Team of Kairos #23, served with me on this Kairos. What a blessing! Many tears of joy were shed with my band of brothers. God has taken me a long way since my release in 2006. I graduated Bible College with a degree in Ministry in 2015. Isn't it amazing how God brought me back to the beginning? I remember driving into the facility as Servant Leader the first day with all the emotions flooding my soul and a bit nervous about being the leader of such a wonderful group of Christian men. I can't imagine what my life would have been like without the love of Christ they shared with me during my first Kairos and then during all the team formation meetings. I never forgot our motto: "Listen, listen, love, love." Those four words have stayed with me all these years. It was my time to give back to the candidates what was given to me many years ago - "Agape love".

Many of the candidates were uneasy and uncomfortable on the first night of Kairos #50, but as we know, things begin to change on Friday and then by Saturday most of the residents begin to blend with their table families. The effect of the Agape letters was amazing and many of the residents began to break at receiving grace into their hearts. Some of the other men still held out, but even the walls of Jericho came tumbling down when God showed up.

Saturday night the hard work of forgiveness was evident with the presence of the Holy Spirit doing His work. It was time to let go of pain, heartache, unforgiveness, and hate. The men began to understand the ramifications of the Cross and the love that was shed for them through the forgiveness of their sins. They began to realize that you must forgive in order to be healed from unforgiveness. Finally, Sunday arrived and all of us on the Team knew what was in store for the candidates. There is always a sense of sadness, too, that comes with the closing, because we have all grown close to each other. However, the purpose of Kairos is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the prison through the continuing ministry of Kairos through the Inside team members, who will start fulfilling their calling. I never forgot when I came down the stairs singing "Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place" for my Kairos in 2003 and now as I led the graduates back into the community room, I could not hold back the tears that filled my eyes then and now. I could not speak. I cannot describe with any accuracy what it meant to me. Love filled the room. When I turned to look at the men as they joined their families on the platform, I saw what we all hold dear to our hearts - the evidence of the love of Jesus through Kairos. I saw 40 men who were changed in some way by that love. Even though there were still a few hard hearts, seeds had been planted into their lives and many joined us as new members of the body of Christ.

Many expressed their feelings during the open microphone part of the graduation ceremony. Some talked about the cookies and food. However, what I heard the most was that they thought they were unlovable, but upon seeing the support of the church community from outside the walls, they were forever changed. I did not tell the participants until the last day at the graduation ceremonies that I was a former inmate in the same prison they are in and that I had completed my Kairos there as well. My heart broke in a good way as some of the men expressed hope at knowing that since I had made it, they could too. No words could describe that moment and I give all the glory to Jesus Christ. Tears, hope, unconditional love, new friends, and forgiveness were all found and can never be replaced. Delta Kairos #50 was a great success and, as a former inmate, I know that God is in the ministry of Kairos. I am thankful that I was called to be the Servant Leader for Delta Kairos #50 because I grew during the whole experience.

Submitted by Rob Carney, formerly CDOC # 107094
Delta Kairos volunteer

LA VISTA #1 — 20-23 October

Our Kairos #1 was so perfect! We had just four tables, because we wanted to get our feet wet at LaVista October 20th to 23rd. God was with us all the way! Each of our team members really came together to be a team. Every one stepped up to each task whenever asked and, more frequently than not, they volunteered to do whatever needed to be done.

The staff were so open and wanted us to have a great weekend — and that we did! When we first met the Warden, she said she wanted Kairos in LaVista before she retired and that she, the Associate Warden, Kirk Machin of the Department of Corrections' Faith and Citizen Programs, the Program Manager, the officers in charge and even the Volunteer Coordinator could not have been any more helpful and encouraging. Two of the officers commented what we do is wonderful with one saying he has been thinking about looking for a Church and now is convinced he will be doing that. God is good!!!!

Our closing went well and I do not think it could have been any better in any way. I have been involved with Kairos for 20 years now and, by far, this weekend was the best I have experienced.

For our Instructional we had 23 participants show instead of 24, because the 24th had a visit from her children. That is understandable. We are now in the process of getting the Prayer and Share groups going and are working out the different little stumbles we need to overcome.

We had 8 new volunteers and 4 volunteers from the DWCF that stepped up to assist us so we had a full team all full of love and wisdom. As I said, it was evident God was definitely in charge and with us.

We on the team and each of the participants would like to say thank you to all for your prayers and encouragement.

Am I excited about LaVista? You bet!!!!

Submitted by Ann Weida,
LaVista Kairos volunteer

RIFLE #23 — 29 Sept-2 October

Rifle #23 was a blessed weekend, even with the pall of it being the last Kairos weekend at Rifle Correctional Center. Twenty-four men completed the weekend and offered a variety of answers to the closing questions. The family comments were the normal responses. Some of the individual comments are included here:

- I am lucky to be in prison now. I let go of so much anger yesterday. I had mixed a lot of religions together and I was confused and bitter.
- It has taken 40 years for me to do what I should have done a long time ago. Now I am blessed to be part of a royal family.
- I was kind of on the fence. I didn't want to act like thug but I thought I needed to just to survive. But, now I have found that I can just be myself with the Kairos community, I don't need the tough persona.
- This weekend has opened my eyes to a lot of possibilities that are much different and much better than the way I was living.
- I had built up a wall against Christianity. I was homeless and living on the streets. There were Christians who helped me and told me about Jesus. I wondered who is this Jesus guy. But I saw the fruit of spirit in these people and that is what drew me to the church.
- I was involved in drugs using and selling. I drug a lot of people down with me, and I felt a lot of guilt and anger. I am really inspired by these brothers.
- I only came because my celly kept telling me I should go to Kairos. I got this funny feeling that something was happening inside and I didn't like it. It was like a little spark at first, but now it is a flame and I need to keep it going.
- I came from a Christian family and there was no reason for me to stray. But I went from DUI to burglary to murder. I haven't been a lovable person, but these people have loved me without even knowing me. God has been pulling me and I have been able to fellowship with other believers. I believe God will use me for a greater purpose.

Submitted by Tyne Bush,
Rifle Kairos volunteer

BUENA VISTA #1 — 29 Sept-2 October

I served on the Buena Vista Correctional Facility (BVCF) Kairos #1 team under unusual circumstances. In my case, I was sick. Not badly and I had nothing that was contagious, but I was weak and unable to walk well. However, I enjoyed the whole experience enormously... and you will, too. I'm much better now and have agreed to serve on the new Advisory Council. BVCF is the most beautiful facility in the CDOC system. I'm looking to serving on the next weekend there, if they'll have me.

We did what some of us know as a "Texas style" weekend at BVCF Kairos #1. We used the new silver manual and followed the Riverbanks closely, but the facility and the enormous number of "newby" volunteers posed challenges. Since Kairos had never been done at BV, we had to buy new chairs, new eating tables, and new round tables. Start-ups can be expensive. We did seven tables, though. We also had solid clergy and volunteer attendance from community churches with a few imports from other Colorado facilities, of course. BVCF draws from the mountain communities. We drew this team from all over.

Kairos volunteering is enormous fun and as inspiring and transformative for the volunteers as it is for the inmates. We were able to get servants from population who had attended Kairos at Sterling, Bent County, Territorial, and even some out-of-state prisons. The inmate servants did an awesome job. The church in BVCF is very strongly improved by the enormous effects of a #1.

Don't wonder if being a Kairos volunteer will be too taxing, too tiring, too expensive, or too challenging for you. If you are called, just get off your butt and come. Our incarcerated brothers want to meet you and cherish the time you have together as a "visit from the fathers," as one inmate put it. Feel the love and experience the flow of the Holy Spirit. Kick it up a notch. There's nothing like serving the Lord...and you know it. Applying is as easy as pie. Just go to <http://www.kairoscolorado.org/> and then to "Get Involved."

Submitted by Kevin Condon,
Longtime Kairos Volunteer and Past State Committee Chair

DENVER WOMEN'S #26 — 8-11 September

The Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF) hosted Kairos #26 September 8-11th, 2016. Although the team was pushing for six tables, in retrospect it was a blessing to have just four. A smaller group allowed team members to not only get to know their own family members, but also residents from other family tables as they mingled during breaks and music.

Two residents came in Thursday evening begging to be together for the weekend because they were best friends. The hostess for them just smiled and said, "We will try." Of course, they were separated into different family tables. By Sunday, they both said they were happy because now their circle of friendship had expanded.

On open-mic night, every single resident got up and spoke, which was a first for DWCF! The residents came in scared and shy Thursday evening. By Sunday, they were confident, joyful, thankful, and open to the good news of Jesus...Amen! One resident summed it up during the closing ceremony: "Before this weekend, I was continually falling backwards on my butt, which is a really hard place to get up from. Now I know to fall forward on my knees, towards Jesus, and He will help me up!" The closing ceremony took place on September 11th. It was a blessing to see walls come down, tears flow, healing begin, and laughter from the residents as Christ began to penetrate broken hearts over the weekend.

Submitted by Nancy Alberts,
DWCF Kairos volunteer

HELP WANTED: Newsletter Editor

FAREWELL

Since this is the last issue of the Kairos of Colorado newsletter that I will be editor of, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people. First, I want to thank the Kairos State Committee for trusting me enough to give me the responsibility of collecting, proofreading, and editing articles that reflect what takes place among the various Kairos teams, the power of God in this (His) ministry, and the hope for the future of Kairos in Colorado. Next, I would like to thank Jim Strub, longtime past editor, for his guidance and the continued role he has had in distributing the newsletter.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of you - the readers of the newsletter for your support of the publication. By and large, the newsletter is sent out by email and receiving it may have seemed at times like - "Oh no, not another email to read!" But the importance of this quarterly publication is in its ability to provide communication among the teams, Kairos supporters, and potential volunteers about upcoming events as well as what took place at 4-day weekends and other activities throughout the state. It also provides information regarding various facets of Kairos (upcoming trainings, security reminders, website and accounting updates, spiritual and leadership guidance, manual changes, etc.). Additionally, it is a format by which those in the ministry are able to use to talk about the impact that God has had on them through Kairos and/or the changes they have the privilege witnessing among the participants at Kairos events as God does the real work that we can not.

This being said, I would like to vocalize a very true statement and that is that the newsletter (or any other platform for exchanging information) is only as good as the people who contribute to its success. It takes a variety of individuals writing and sending articles for each issue to keep the ministry of Kairos in Colorado informed and encouraged. So, in the future, if you are asked to be responsible for the submission of an article for an upcoming newsletter, please remember its importance and how much that article (or an unsolicited article) is appreciated.

Submitted by Pat Mills,
Newsletter Subcommittee Chairperson

2017 EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
2-5 March	DENVER #27	Nancy Alberts	Glenda Condon
30 March - 2 April	TERRITORIAL #62	Rod Sato	Dick Wilson
20-23 April	DELTA #51	David Le Master	Bill Bennett
27-30 April*	LA VISTA #2	Karla Gorrell	Ann Weida
4-7 May	BUENA VISTA #2	Jeff Mills	Lisa Hilbig
4-7 May	STERLING EAST #14	Jim Johnson	Mark Cook
12-14 May	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING (Denver — see article on page 4)		Janelle Scrivner
7-10 September*	DENVER #28	Susan Despotopulos	Glenda Condon
28 Sep - 1 October	BUENA VISTA #3	Pat Dolan	Lisa Hilbig
12-15 October	TERRITORIAL #63	(open)	Dick Wilson
19-22 October	DELTA #52	Greg Parish	Bill Bennett
19-22 October*	LA VISTA #3	(open)	Ann Weida
2-5 November*	BENT COUNTY #4	Ron McLeod	Rick Rodriguez
2-5 November	STERLING WEST #34	Carl Bronson	Mark Cook

* Pending facility approval

"Quietness is the classroom where you learn to hear My voice." *Jesus is Calling (30 October)*, by Sarah Young

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 thirty-five 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 international ministry now includes some 30,000 volunteers.

**"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses."
Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)**

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