

### HERE I AM, LORD?

In the song "Here I am, Lord" we sing, "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.....". And so He did and does. But in the Kairos Prison Ministry we so love, He also needs us to be His hands and feet.

Kairos of Colorado Prison Ministry is facing possible cut backs in the number of facilities in which we serve. Our volunteer base has decreased per facility to the point where we have had to cancel weekends. Almost every facility has cut back on the number of tables/participants on weekends. In addition, many facility Advisory Councils are having trouble finding volunteers who will step up to the plate and serve in the leadership positions – on weekends, and on the Facility Advisory Councils. Finally, those who participate on the Kairos Weekends are not honoring the one-year commitment to participate in the Continuing Ministry of Kairos (Instructional Reunions, Monthly Reunions, and Retreats).

If Kairos is to continue in all the present facilities for very much longer, we who are passionate about this ministry need to make some difficult decisions. This will be by means of diligent prayer. We need to discern how the Lord is calling each of us to "step up" to help the ministry not just survive, but to thrive in the future. It is His ministry, yes, but we are His hands and feet in this place and time.

Please don't read this, set it down and say to yourself, "Someone else will do it". PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! I know the Lord will make clear what part He wants you to play in this "Story of Kairos of Colorado" Here I am, Lord?

How can we be more "here?" One area is recruiting. It is each volunteer's responsibility to recruit new volunteers for the facility/facilities in which he/she serves. If even half of the team members brought one new team member into the team each time, we would have more than enough, and seasoned team members could "sit out" a Kairos weekend now and then and refresh, as called for in the Manual.

Another area is leadership. It is each volunteer's responsibility to take a turn in the various leadership roles – on team, on the Advisory Council, and yes, if called, on the State Chapter Committee and National Board. It is not necessary to have the experience, skills, or even the desire to serve. If the Lord calls, we need to

follow. He will give us what we need to succeed. We are each to have a part in "God's Story." When we step out in faith when He calls, we are fulfilling the "plan" He drafted for each of our lives before we were even born. Personally, I believe, His plan for my life is the best and perfect plan, and I don't want to miss it.

I would guess that almost every Kairos volunteer throughout the world has sung:

"Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart."

At some time, some other person who loved this ministry was God's instrument to call you to serve Him in that "holy ground" we call prison. Is He calling you again, now? Here I am, Lord?

Here are the areas in which we need immediate help: (See page 3 for the contact details.)

**State Chapter Committees:** (Contact Mary Sogan, Chairperson, or Steve Gabriel, International Representative)

♦ **Outreach/Recruiting/Fundraising:** Chairperson, committee volunteers, speakers for the Speakers Bureau (churches, community groups).

♦ **Observers' Program:** Chairperson to maintain volunteer list and assign observers. Also need volunteers to observe weekends at other facilities – one per weekend.

♦ **Programs:** Chairperson to intercoordinate Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside issues, and keep State Committee informed.

**Advisory Councils:** (Contact Facility Advisory Council Representative) There are positions open on most ACs.

**Kairos Outside:** Contact Jean Mares, Ad Hoc Chairperson.

**Special Events:** Help plan, and participate!

Kairos Monthly "Street" Reunions (begin 13 April).

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (1 September)

**Recruiting:** This is the most important of all. Pray that God will lead you to someone whom He is calling into this ministry.

Meanwhile, love in Christ!

Mary Sogan, State Chairperson

## BLESSED LEADERSHIP

I have just completed the most difficult assignment that the Lord has ever asked me to do – lead a Kairos weekend. Of course, when asked, I thought that I was about the least likely candidate for leadership. Besides, at the time of acceptance, I was physically unable. But the Lord knew the outcome before hand.

Obedience was all that the Lord wanted. When we obey, we also receive the blessings. He gave me a team that was extremely gifted. He chose the participants carefully. All four of the alternates were allowed in by the many changes that came up with DOC movement. The facility asked us to increase to 24 women, and while we were uncertain at first, we had no doubt that God's hand was indeed in control of and lifting the whole weekend through from start to finish. We had five new team members and more that would have served, but with our severe winter weather, we had a few that missed training. They are looking forward to Brush #4 on 2-5 August 2007.

My life will forever be changed because of this assignment, and I would encourage anyone who has felt they might have heard the Lord call them, to go to AKT (Advanced Kairos Training). The training in itself does not obligate you to lead a team, but it will prepare you to be ready and in line when the Lord says "Whom shall I send?" In Colorado we usually have one AKT per year; this year it is on 20-22 July in Colorado Springs.

The sequence of leadership is Observing Leader, Leader, Advising Leader. Be ready to serve by having experience in other areas before you step up as a leader. Try to have experience in the Agape room, or Kitchen Team, or organize your prayer vigil. Don't always want to be a Table Assistant or Table Leader. Unless you let someone else step into another area, by always serving in the same areas you hoard the blessings of that position and rob yourself of knowing what other position you can perform with Christ's help. Get out of the box.

God has enabled me every time I have needed Him. He got me to join Toastmasters, an organization devoted to help others learn how to speak in public – three months before my father died and I would be the one that would have to give his eulogy. He had us change churches after eighteen years at the same church because we were stagnant in our growth and walk. It was the best spiritual move my husband and I have ever made. He put Kairos in our lives; and as we have helped set the captives free, we ourselves have been set free.

Glory to God, Freedom for Men!

Karen Salzman, Blessed Leader, Brush #3

## MEANWHILE —

- ◆ **STATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.** At its meeting on 20 January the SC elected Jean Magnuson as Secretary and Elwyn Tedford as a Clergy member. It also re-elected all the current officers. See complete list of SC members and contact info on page 3.
- ◆ **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** Just a reminder that our State Committee meetings are always open to anyone who wants to attend. The next one is set for 9:30 am, Saturday, 28 April 2007, at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Castle Rock. Usually there are people there who are not members of the Committee. It is a good way to understand some of the issues that have to be dealt with, and to appreciate the broader aspects of the ministry. Two other meetings are scheduled for 2007 – 9:30 am on 28 July and 27 October. In between there are teleconferences for taking care of more routine matters – 7:00 pm on 24 May, 23 August, and 15 November. You are welcome to dial in. Just call Mary Sogan or Steve Gabriel for the dialing info.
- ◆ **KAIROS OUTSIDE.** One of the current SC topics is the inauguration of Kairos Outside in Colorado – the Kairos ministry to the female loved ones of male prisoners. To this end the SC has appointed Jean Mares as Chair of the Kairos Outside Ad Hoc Committee. She needs your help, especially if you are a woman – and most especially if you have a loved one in jail or prison. Please call her at 303-518-0550 or email her at jamares46@msn.com.
- ◆ **ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING.** The Colorado State Committee is hosting an Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) on 20-22 July 2007 at St Michael's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. This training is open to everyone. It is a mandatory prerequisite for all Weekend Leaders (formerly known as Rectors). Contact for the AKT is Pete Kufeke.
- ◆ **KAIROS OF COLORADO 25th ANNIVERSARY.** We plan to celebrate this on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, 1 September 2007, at the Denver Doubletree Hotel. Banquet in the evening, following other events in the afternoon. Want to help plan it? Call Mary.
- ◆ **ADVISORY COUNCILS.** In the early years of Kairos the State Committee (then called "the Board") was the sole administrative entity for our teams – CWCF, FCF, CTCF and then Delta). By the time Sterling got started we had decentralized most of the administration to the Advisory Councils – one for each facility – with the SC focusing mainly on policy matters, oversight, and KPMI interactions. At this point, the ACs are where most of the action really is, where the rubber hits the road. If you are on an AC, thank God for it. If you are not on an AC, volunteer.

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### 2007 WEEKENDS & LEADERS

RIFLE #4	8-11 Mar	Ryan Pritchett
DELTA #31	19-22 Apr	Steve Parish
STERLING SOUTH #10	19-22 Apr	Tom Salzman
TERRITORIAL #43	17-20 May	Glen Wiersch
DENVER WOMEN'S #7	31 May-3 Jun	Diane Kufeke
BRUSH #4	2-5 Aug	Patty Morrison
RIFLE #5	2-5 Aug	Tyne Bush
FREMONT #46 (tentative)	20-23 Sep	Bruce Carlson
DELTA #32	11-14 Oct	Daniel Tyler
CAÑON WOMEN'S #46	18-21 Oct	Sara Igyarto
LIMON #7	18-21 Oct	Jimmie Lazanis
STERLING NORTH #12	1-4 Nov	Bill Hollis
TERRITORIAL #44	8-11 Nov	Larry Bauers
DENVER WOMEN'S #8	29 Nov-2 Dec	TBD

### SUPPLIES

For many years Joy Maly has been our central point for ordering, inventorying, and redistributing the Manuals, Freedom Guides, Grouping Cards, etc. Except for a few items still in her inventory, it is now turning out to be more practical for each Advisory Council to order its supplies directly from KPMI. This simplifies accountability and billing. We thank and commend Joy for her behind-the-scenes service given for so long!

Some of you did not receive your last Newsletter because of a change of address. We have obtained your new address from the newsletters the Postal Service returned to us. Enjoy this one.



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### GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

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## MONTHLY STREET REUNIONS

**Once again Kairos of Colorado will be able to minister to Kairos graduates when they come home.**

This was a monthly event when I first came to Kairos twenty years ago. It was a blessing to all then, and I believe it will be again. The "Kairos Monthly Street Reunions" will begin again on Friday 13 April at 7:00 pm at the Grant Avenue Methodist Church (in Denver, corner of Cedar and Grant Street).

These reunions will be similar to those we do on the inside. They will be held the second Friday every month at the same place and at the same time. The Colorado Department of Corrections is very supportive of our decision, as it fits in with what they are trying to accomplish with their new Community Alliance Network (C.A.N.) steering committee – that is, to get the outside community more involved in the lives of those released from DOC. In doing this, there is one very important rule to follow: the two with one rule, which

says that any meeting of released individuals and DOC volunteers must always include at least two DOC volunteers. So, for example, if a Kairos Volunteer gives a released individual a ride to or from the event, he must be accompanied by at least one other volunteer. The DOC Administrative Regulation regarding Volunteers having contact with those who have been released has been explained to me. The Administrative Regulation says that there will be no one-on-one contact between volunteers and released inmates. We can invite them into our prayer and share groups, street reunions, churches, etc; but there must be more than one volunteer or free world person present at all times.

Please come! Bring your spouse, a potluck dish, your musical instrument (if you play), and your grouping card. And then enjoy, as God's love takes over.

Mary Sogan

**KAIROS SUMMER CONFERENCE.** 4-8 July 2007. Erie, Pennsylvania  
An inspiring annual event. Mark your calendar. Watch KPMI Newsletter for details and forms.