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The beauty of Kairos is what happens in the prison both while we are there and through the Christian community we establish that works in our absence.

Serving on the AC and at the State level helps the program to flow smoothly and meet the requirements of being a 501-C3 giving us our non-profit status.

KPMI oversees the whole shebang and sets and enforces guidelines so we can all do our job at the prison and keep the program going.

Sometimes the details in working with KPMI seem overwhelming but we are working to make the entire process clearer and more straight forward.

This is all about the process of being good stewards for this fantastic ministry that we are all blessed to serve in. Some of us are even aware that we are serving a calling and feel privileged to do so.

At our last State Chapter Committee (SCC) meeting in Frisco, Colorado on June 10, the SCC handed out a check list of all the reports and forms necessary to fill out each year and send in to KPMI. This was given to or intended to be passed on to the AC representatives for each facility. We hope this helps.

We have just sent Donor Training dates to all the Kairos Donor Coordinators/ Financial Secretaries of each AC for attending webinars put on by George Brown who is the KPMI Kairos Donor Field Representative. He is great to work with and very informative.

As a State, we are getting closer to becoming fully compliant with KPMI. To accomplish this end, a huge challenge we have Statewide that must be corrected is recruiting and maintaining volunteers. At the last meeting, we spent three hours in training for recruitment. These ideas must be carried out at the local level for them to become effective.

Please plug in to some recruiting strategies with your team and your AC recruiting/outreach person. Through prayer and hard work, our recruiting goals can be met. If every current active volunteer in Colorado recruited one person per year, Kairos of Colorado would not have a recruiting problem. Final recruitment of all new volunteers is always a result of a one-on-one relationship and conversation with an existing or former Kairos volunteer.

Tim Brady, Kairos of Colorado State Chairman

Remember how you felt as you departed the prison after your first Kairos Weekend? Once you'd experienced it? Yes, you wanted to go and "pass it on" — as in the song.

IS "RECRUITING" REALLY THE RIGHT WORD?

June 14th at the Buena Vista weekly Prayer and Share, as everyone was leaving, one of the previous Kairos graduates stopped and asked the four volunteers present, myself, Mike Reynolds, David Hearn, and Aaron Copeland if we would pray for another inmate standing beside him. The Kairos graduate explained that the young man had asked for help to accept Christ. So with the Kairos graduate leading the young man in the sinner's prayer, we all prayed as he was making a commitment to follow Christ.

Some of you may be asking, what does this have to do with recruiting? The answer is EVERYTHING.

Saturday June 10th at the quarterly State Committee meeting, I had the pleasure to present and discuss our 2017 Year of Recruiting plan to recruit 1100 new volunteers over the next 5 years. Hopefully that is not snickering I hear, I don't think so, I know too many Kairos volunteers in Colorado who are first and foremost committed Christians and committed Kairos volunteers. You don't drive hours every week or month, spend your Saturdays, Sundays, or Wednesday nights inside prison walls worshipping and fellowshiping with a bunch of onetime undesirables who have been transformed by Christ's love, if you are not committed to this ministry. With this kind of commitment, I know that it is possible for Kairos of Colorado to add 1100 new volunteers over the next 5 years.

So what is the plan that is going to enable us to recruit those 1100 new volunteers? It is so simple, that everyone reading this will say; "Huh!! That's a plan?" Yep, that's the plan. It is a plan that has been working for Christians for several thousand years. There are only two elements in the plan:

1. Prayer
2. Hard work.

If you have read this far, you are probably asking; "How does all this scatter shooting fit together and make sense?" I will attempt to bring it all together for you.

The title asks; Is recruiting really the right word? I don't think so, recruiting is what you do in college sports or in the business world. In the spiritual realm, of which Kairos is a part, we build relationships and community with those we want to lead to Christ or invite to be a part of our Christian community. But how does the opening paragraph fit into "recruiting?" Excuse me, I mean fit into building relationships and community. The back story on the young man that accepted Christ on June 14 fits right into building relationships and community.

The young man that prayed the sinner's prayer, did not come to his decision on the spur of the moment. He first began coming to Kairos Prayer and Share over a year ago. He was selected to be a participant in BV #1, but at the last minute decided not to attend. He was not selected for BV #2, but he continued to attend weekly prayer and share. Other Kairos graduates and Christian inmates have been praying for this man for a year. They have been building a relationship with him. They have stayed in contact, never pressuring him, but continually holding him up in prayer. Their **prayers** were answered and their **hard work** was rewarded when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. The process that brought this young man to Christ parallels our plans to bring 1100 new volunteers to Kairos over the next 5 years.

Our simple plan of prayer and hard work is one that every single current Kairos volunteer will be responsible for carrying out. Every Kairos volunteer is expected to "recruit" (build a relationship and community) with at least one new volunteer every year over the next 5 years. It is the responsibility of each Advisory Council to encourage and support each volunteer to accomplish this responsibility. It is the responsibility of the State recruiting committee to monitor and encourage the Advisory Councils to stay on point in leading their recruiting efforts.

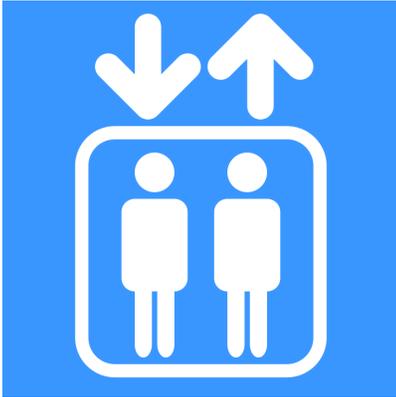
Paraphrased, Matthew 7:7 reads, "Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you." As a group and individually we must work fervently to build relationships and invite those to become a part of the Kairos community.

We must Pray as if everything depended upon God, and work as if everything depended upon us.

Lee Schafer, Vice Chair, KAIROS of Colorado State Chapter Committee

Remember the person who invited you to have the Kairos experience?
"Then you must go and do likewise" — as God told the man in "The Wall" meditation.

Another Elevator Speech to Try on Your Friends



As I stood in line at a local fast food restaurant, I saw another customer check-out my KAIROS cross. He then pointed to the cross he was wearing, he mouthed the words, "God is good!" As I showed him my cross a little closer, he was a little unsure about the fish and KAIROS wording. I thought, "Here's a great opportunity to try out a new elevator speech." I asked him, "Have you ever been present when someone passed away? I mean right there in the room?" He thought and solemnly nodded in the affirmative. Then I smiled, raised my spirit and asked, "Have you ever been present when somebody is brought back to life after being dead?" He said, "No, but I would have loved to have been there!" Trying not to pounce too quickly, I said, "Let me tell you about KAIROS Prison Ministry where we get to see that up close and personal!" The rest came easily. Unfortunately, the guy was from out of state, but he promised me he'd contact the KAIROS folks in his home state because he really wanted to be a part of what KAIROS does! It is amazing how a KAIROS cross or a KAIROS shirt can help you find witness opportunities...give it a try!

**ARE YOU UP
TO THE
CHALLENGE(S)?**



The State Chapter Committee (SCC) met on June 10th at the Summit County Community Center in Frisco, Colorado, pictured above. At this meeting, each Advisory Council (AC) Representative stood to accept two challenges for their AC and the volunteers supporting their AC. You've probably read about them in other sections of this newsletter and heard about them from your State Rep, but in case you haven't, here they are:

Challenge #1 - Each one, bring one, each year, for five years

Each Colorado KAIROS Volunteer is challenged to bring one new volunteer to join their group. This is a five-year challenge and if each current Colorado KAIROS volunteer succeeds, by 2021 we'll have about 1100 new Colorado volunteers ready to support our current Kairos programs, as well being able to support KAIROS in many more facilities in Colorado. Only 192 days left to get your first new volunteer committed for 2017!

Challenge #2 - Each AC visit 20 churches within 75 miles of the facility the AC serves

Each Colorado KAIROS AC has committed to visit 20 churches within 75 miles of the facility they serve to tell the story of KAIROS and gather new volunteers. To complete this, each AC Rep committed to forming a prayer team that will support the ones doing the visits with prayer and a team of visitors/speakers to take the message into these 20 places of worship. With just over six months left in 2017, that means 3 visits per month to meet the challenge. How will you help?

Remember what Jesus told His disciples before He ascended?
"Go and make disciples" — as in Matthew 28:19.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

When you hear this exhortation, is your response similar to mine the first time I heard it?
How can I do that? What does it mean? When would I have time to do anything else?

Looking at the verse in context gives us a better understanding of what Paul is telling us to do.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Th. 5:17-19 (NIV)

He is not giving us a blueprint of how to live but the manner in which we are to live —
joyfully, prayerfully, and thankfully.

He's talking about our source of living as a Christian—Christ Jesus.
He's talking about our heart attitude.

When we are Christ centered, we are living a way of life where everything we do and experience
is done in a deep awareness of and surrender to Him.

We are always conscious that we are God's ambassadors in the world.
We are going about our daily lives intentionally—
expressing to the world the love of God that is in our hearts.

We live a life as an expression of prayer to God,
Rejoicing in the love that God has given us
and therefore being thankful in all circumstances—not just during the 'good times.'

Since God loves us enough to have given us Christ Jesus as our Redeemer and empowered us with the Holy Spirit,
let us live:

**Rejoicing always,
Praying continually,
Giving thanks in all circumstances;
For this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.**

Father Tom Hall

PRAY FOR KEVIN CONDON

Dear Kairos Community,

In January 2016, Kevin Condon, a former State Chair, was diagnosed with congestive heart disease and got a pace maker. He then began having serious difficulty breathing. Eventually early this year, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and began chemotherapy in March. Last week's PET scan showed no new tumors and a reduction (small, but a reduction) in the existing cancerous one and a slight reduction in the fluid buildup in the other. This is encouraging news.

Please continue to pray for Kevin and his medical team.

Glenda Condon

PRAY FOR OUR EVENTS

For the dates and leaders of the Colorado 4-day weekends, please go to:

<http://kairoscolorado.org/calendar.html>

An Open Letter to the Enemy of My Soul

Dear enemy of my soul,

The Bible says you are the god of this world. You were certainly the god of my life. I worshipped you and adored you and didn't even know it. For years I was entangled in your web of lies and deceit. I stole things, I lied, I neglected my family and I hurt people. But to what gain, to what purpose except to please you. I wasted so much time pursuing vain attempts to please my flesh ultimately only finding humiliation and degradation. I spent my whole life in total darkness following you and letting you lead me into a path of destruction. I lived selfishly without regard or care for myself and others. You made me believe I couldn't live without you, without your fear and anger. You had me believing all life had to offer was some dead end job, the title of thief, alcoholic, and drug addict and that would be as good as it got. Every time I tried to rise higher or strive for better you would fill my mind with thoughts of doubt, failure, fear and uselessness. Thoughts of "You'll never make it, might as well give up, screw it!" Oh, how you tormented me.

I was lost and had no value, nor purpose, no belief in myself or that things would ever get better. How much did I hurt and not know it? How much was I in pain but could not feel it? I was in prison long before I came to this place (BCCF), you made sure of that. I was your slave. The chains were so heavy and the shackles so tight. I thought they could never be broken. I was so afraid and so angry and so blind.

Then finally in front of my family, my wife, my daughter, in the middle of the night I was handcuffed and taken out of our home. To wonder...did you look on with pride or did you laugh and mock me? It was the worst night of my life!

You tried to destroy me but what looked like the worst night of my life turned out to be the start of a new life. You see, oh enemy of my soul, I was not arrested, I was rescued. You are the destroyer; God is the Creator. What you meant for evil, God took and is turning it into something great! What you thought was my greatest downfall turned out to be my resurrection and something like a beautiful rising. This has to sound familiar to you, doesn't it? It should because over 2,000 years ago, you tried the same thing with the very One who saved me, my Lord, Jesus and I'm pretty sure you remember how that worked out.

Anyways, in case you haven't figured it out yet, **it's over**. So, no more, no more will you use me to do your dirty work. No more will I be tricked and deceived by you. No more will others suffer through me because of your hate and pride. No more will I be defeated and pushed down or stumble in the darkness you create. No more will I wander aimlessly searching for meaning and purpose. No more will fear and anger block my path. No more will I fall into your schemes and evil ways. No more will I be your slave.

You see, oh enemy of my soul, your time is short. My Master has defeated you and because of HIM, my chains are broken and my shackles are gone. Because of HIM, I can rise up and say to you, "No More!" Because of HIM, I'm free, I'm free, I'm free. Praise God Almighty, I'm free!

Sincerely, once yours,
Anthony, son of God

Submitted by Anthony, Bent County Correctional Facility Kairos Graduate

LA VISTA KAIROS #2 – 27-30 April 2017

Changing Hearts...Transforming Lives...Impacting the World.

Kairos #2 La Vista Women's Inside Weekend in Pueblo, Colorado joined together servants of God called to share the love of God with those incarcerated. The dedicated servant team called to this weekend faced many obstacles not only during the weekend (CDOC last minute policy changes, overcrowding tension in the unit, a huge spring snow storm causing staffing issues) but also during training (illnesses and team unable to continue the weekend, rescheduling two team meetings due to extreme snows and unsafe road conditions, and scheduling conflicts due to Emmaus weekends the same weekend as Kairos). Our Lord prevailed throughout all these challenges and the Holy Spirit gave each woman serving and attending the weekend a front row seat to exciting miracles and the participant's lives were transformed. There was a hunger for God and the encouraging team planted seeds of love that will continue to grow with an active prayer and share community. The first Prayer and Share after the instructional saw an inspiring increase in new attendees. Praying for each of the impacted participants and the twelve servants along with the faithful servant team members...the best is yet to come. Help us all to listen, listen and love, love in the journey ahead with God.

Karla Gorrell, LVWDF #2 Servant Leader

MOTHERS' DAY AT TERRITORIAL

The Kairos Prison Ministry Men's team for Territorial Prison in Canon City held their Monthly Reunion on Mother's Day afternoon, May 14. Each year this Reunion falls on Mother's Day and is well attended. There were 12 outside team members and 42 residents (inmates) at the Reunion. There were 6 hearing impaired residents present, with the prison providing 2 professional interpreters to make sure they are fully included in the reunion. Residents host the monthly Reunions, and the Prison Chaplain selects a Resident Facilitator for each 6-month period to facilitate the meetings. The reunion was opened in prayer. The large assembly formed 6 table groups, and shared in table discussions based on a "Kairos Prayer and Share" format. During the afternoon, the group sang songs from the Kairos Songbook, accompanied by the Praise Band of outside team members. During the meeting there were two personal testimonies by residents, stressing how faith in Christ has made a difference in their life. This monthly meeting is open to Kairos graduates and their resident guests. It fosters building Christ centered community in the prison. Contact one of the representatives on the last page of this newsletter for information on how to become directly involved in the Men's Kairos Prison Ministry at any of the facilities Kairos supports here in Colorado or to inquire about other ways you may be able to help.

John Parker, Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility Volunteer

2017 AKT REPORT

Colorado held its Annual Advance Kairos Training (AKT) for future 4-day weekend leaders at Burns United Methodist Church in Aurora on May 12-14th. 32 people from Colorado, Alaska, Florida, Tennessee, Washington, and Arizona completed the training, which was led by Mary Ketter and Edith Carney.

As a volunteer in serving these folks, it creates an opportunity to meet other Kairos volunteers from all over the United States, hearing their stories about amazing experiences they have had within their programs and to see their beautiful servant hearts. It is so inspiring to hear how other Kairos teams are doing with various common activities like promoting new volunteers for the weekend, running team formation meetings and the response of their 4-day weekend to their communities. Their enthusiasm is contagious!

Several local Denver area Kairos volunteers helped with food preparation and driving to and from the airport. This has been such a blessing and their help was greatly appreciated!!!

***We are looking for a new coordinator for 2018 and some support people for the kitchen team and transportation.
Please call Janelle Scrivner at 303-204-6475 with interest or questions!***

Janelle Scrivner, Kairos of Colorado Training Leader

KAIROS DONOR TRAINING

ATTENTION ALL AC CHAIRS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Below is the KairosDonor Webinar Training Schedule for **June/July 2017**. Please note that there are two sessions each scheduled day, one at 6 PM EDT and one at 9 PM EDT.

[Note: 6 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDT) is 5 PM Central Daylight Savings Time (CDT), 4 PM Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDT) and 3 PM Pacific Daylight Savings Time (PDT). 9 PM EDT is 8 CDT, 7 MDT and 6 PDT.]

All **Basic** sessions will be the same and will cover Adding a Weekend Event, entering donors and donations, recording a deposit, creating the QuickBooks Out Report and File, Financial Reports, Utilities, and entering a check (Model 2 only).

All **Advanced** sessions will be the same and will cover Donor Feedback Letters, IRS Acknowledgement Letters, Fund Raising, more Utilities, and Reconciling Bank Statements and Advances (Model 2 only).

Please forward this notice to all the KairosDonor Coordinators/Financial Secretaries in your State for their planning purposes.

Approximately one week before each session I will send an invitation for each session to the State Financial Secretaries. You will be asked to forward these invitations to the KairosDonor Coordinators/Financial Secretaries in your State/Area. I cannot register attendees. Anyone wanting to attend a session must register through the invitation that will be sent out for each session.

KairosDonor Webinar Training Schedule for June/July 2017:

June 29 – Basic

July 7 – Basic

July 10 – Advanced

July 12 – Basic

July 15 – Basic

July 20 – Advanced

July 21 - Advanced

George Brown, KPMI KairosDonor Field Representative

How does your AC stack up against the rest of the AC's in KPMI?

At the most recent KAIROS of Colorado State Chapter Committee meeting in Frisco, Colorado, on June 10th, the following snapshot of information was shared. This gives us all the opportunity to compare ourselves to the rest of KPMI. Take a look at the figures below and discuss the implications for your specific AC. As always, we join KPMI in the goal of constant improvement, recognizing that we rely fully on the power of God's Holy Spirit to cover our weaknesses. Remember, our number one task is to be present and willing to be used by God!

<u>KAIROS Inside (587 Weekends)</u>	<u>% YES</u>	<u>% NO</u>
All Advisory Council Positions Filled	64	35
One-Third New Team Members For The Weekend	20	79
Team Members Have Observed "Three On, One Off" Recommendation	38	61
Each Team Member Has Attended At Least 75% Of Team Meetings	56	43
Participants Have Stayed The Entire Weekend	62	37
One-On-One Hosting Occurs	38	61

**God is much less interested in right circumstances
than in right responses to whatever comes our way.**

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.

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