

The **Right. Rev. Furman C. Stough**, former Episcopal Bishop of Alabama, published an article after serving on that state's first Kairos weekend, and wrote:

I have never seen the Gospel impact a group of people with such power and so quickly in such a short period of time. I do not think that I have ever laughed as much or cried as much or prayed as much as I did during those four days.

What we saw in these 42 inmates and in ourselves as well, was the real person that God made, slowly beginning to emerge from behind all kinds of barriers erected over the years. Real human beings, your brothers and mine, beginning to once again trust God and to trust themselves to love once again.

Albert W. Holmes, former Regional Chaplaincy Coordinator of Texas Department of Criminal Justice:

Kairos is the most consistent and effective ministry I experienced in the Texas Criminal Justice System. The format of Kairos aids in a practical presentation of the gospel message which reaches "residents" where they are.

It impacts every facet of their lives: emotional, physical, social and spiritual.

The philosophy of this program focuses on residents of all races and personalities in an intense setting and lays a foundation for them to begin communicating, relating and working with each other harmoniously in an environment that usually breeds hostility, prejudice and racism. This ministry permeates both residents and staff.

How You Can Participate...

Be a team member.

Kairos volunteers come from all walks of life. They all share a desire to follow Christ's admonition of Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison and you visited me." If you feel God's call to minister to the incarcerated as a part of a Kairos team, contact the Kairos national office to find out about qualification and training and to be put in touch with the local Kairos community.

Be a Prayer Partner.

All Kairos activities are covered with prayer. You can be a part of that prayer effort. Contact us!

Be a Support Volunteer.

Each Kairos retreat weekend has opportunities for outside support, such as baking cookies, writing letters of support, or preparing meals.

Be a Ministry Financial Booster.

All Kairos activities are funded by donations. If you would like to support this ministry by your donation, make your check payable (any amount is appreciated!) to Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. and send it to the address below.

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God's Special Time

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Christian

Kairos volunteers represent the Christian faith and present a Christian perspective...

Ecumenical

Kairos volunteers come from many Christian denominations, but present only those principles that all share in common...

Lay-led

Kairos leadership is drawn from lay persons, although clergy play a vital role...

Volunteer

Kairos is an overwhelmingly volunteer organization, with over 30,000 volunteers worldwide...

Ministry

Kairos ministers to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them...

KAIROS MINISTRIES

Kairos Programs for Incarcerated Men and Women



"I was in prison and you visited me..."
Matt. 25:36

Well-organized and well-trained volunteer teams of men and women from the communities surrounding an institution present an introductory 3-day weekend, described as a short course in Christianity. This inter-denominational team of volunteers — both clergy and laypersons — works in cooperation with the Chaplain who carefully selects up to 42 inmate leaders to attend. A well-organized follow up program is part of this ministry.

An inmate from North Carolina, after attending a Kairos weekend retreat, writes:

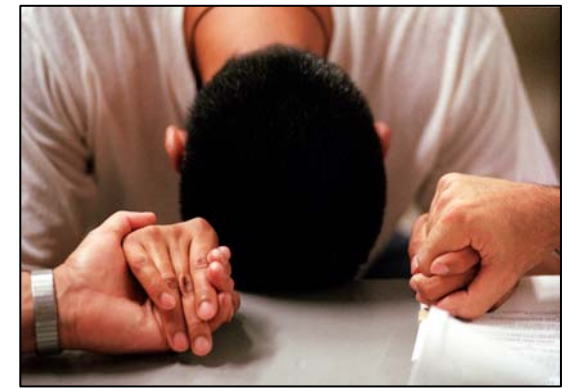
"What has Kairos done for me? Kairos gave me a reason to live. I believe that, had I not come to know God's love, I probably would not be here today. How else could a person with two life sentences survive the horrors of prison life? All things are possible with God. Without Him, many of us don't make it. It was because of Kairos that I got to know God, and ultimately, I was given the chance to live."

Kairos Torch for Youthful Offenders



"...So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."
Psalm 103:5

Kairos Torch offers unconditional love and acceptance, encouraging young men and women to share their life journey through participation in a long term mentoring process. The program begins with a weekend retreat inside the prison. Torch team members commit to a weekly mentoring process with the youthful offenders for six months after the weekend.



Kairos Outside for Female Family and Friends



"Relieve the trouble of my heart and bring me out of my distress."
Psalm 25:17

Kairos Outside is designed for women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. Families of the incarcerated "do time" right along with their loved ones. Kairos Outside is presented in a safe environment with loving Christian volunteers, so our guests may interact with other women in a similar situation. The weekend gives the guests an opportunity to form small support groups, which give them strength for the challenges they face.

The mission of Kairos ministries is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.