



God's Special Time

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2014 Summer Conference ~ Racing Toward Ministry Excellence

Five very busy days of meetings, trainings, workshops and of course, fellowship, culminated into a very active but productive Summer Conference.

The Conference began with both the Foundation and Kairos Board meetings on Tuesday.

The Kairos International Council meeting was held on Wednesday, with the new Advisory Council Training trial run in the afternoon session. This was presented by the three ministry coordinators and was critiqued by the Council



Evelyn Lemly, Kairos Executive Director, is all set for a test drive in this vintage racecar. The Kairos Indiana Conference Committee arranged to have the car at the hotel for the Kairos volunteers to enjoy (or dream of racing it at the speedway).

members with input to help the coordinators fine tune the training. An all-day Torch Train the Trainers session also took place on Wednesday.

The State Chairs met all day Thursday and again on Friday morning. Kairos Board and International Council committee and subcommittee meetings and were also held on Thursday. Kairos held a humorous and warm tribute to retiring Women's Ministry Coordinator, JoChapman, during the evening General Session, followed by the annual Memorial Service.

The schedule was packed full of Workshops on both Friday and Saturday. There were many new Workshops presented this year with very useful content and innovative ideas for volunteers to take back to their local Advisory Councils for implementation. Kairos is grateful to all of the Workshop presenters for all of the hard work they put into preparing for the Workshops. They were very well received, many with standing room only.

Kairos was honored with the attendance of Indiana DOC Commissioner, Bruce Lemmon and several of his staff at the Friday evening banquet. The Commissioner is an enthusiastic supporter of Kairos Prison Ministry and thanked all of the volunteers for all that they do for



Bruce Lemmon, Indiana Dept. of Corrections Commissioner was the Friday evening banquet keynote speaker.

the incarcerated through Kairos. He also relayed how effective the ministry is in the State facilities and encourage the volunteers to continue doing this wonderful work. The audience also heard the uplifting testimony of Kairos Graduate, Thomas Lunay.

The Kairos International Staff would like to thank the Indiana Conference Committee for the months of planning and hard work that went into preparing for the conference. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. They not only welcomed their Kairos brothers and sisters with open arms, but also made sure we were all taken care of throughout the entire conference.

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The Mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

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Just a little better each day

Our theme at Kairos Prison Ministry for this year has been Inspiring Ministry Excellence. The basis of the theme is that we know this ministry and that all we have belongs to God. He has called us to serve Him in Kairos. In serving Him, let's make sure we give Him our best.

We know our Kairos programs (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch) work and make a great impact with the Weekends and the follow up. Kairos has 38 years of history in over 450 communities that represent that we know the programs work. We also have a heritage of historical success in other 4th day movements such as Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, and others.

In some cases, we have drifted from the core of our program and we have changed the program to what one or two desire rather than the collective wisdom of our history and known experience. In some cases, we simply have a good idea and don't realize how several little changes over time add up to a big gap. And some times, we simply do it how it was done by the previous leader/team and don't realize it is not what the program manual instructs us to do.

Either way, we drift from our core or maybe we don't make as much of an impact as we could

be making. We know each of us, individually and collectively as a ministry, make mistakes. We are thankful for grace and forgiveness each day. This is undoubtedly one of the most impactful ministries that I have ever been associated with. Over 20,000 people impacted by incarceration each year are touched in a life changing way as we practice "listen, listen, love, love" in sharing the love, hope and truth of Jesus Christ.

One of the foundations of our ministry is that no matter which correctional facility or community the program is conducted in, the same manner and format are used. The structure and riverbanks are in the program manuals and are our guidebooks for keeping us all consistent and aligned. Let's ensure we are in the program manuals and following them as we, again, know the programs work.

Please join me with the heart and mindset to 'do it a little bit better today' as we go into our next cycle of team meetings and Weekends. Let's make sure we are doing the Ministry with "Excellence" as we serve our Lord today. Each day let's strive to do just a little better than yesterday. And most of all, let's continually cover this ministry with prayer as we serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Evelyn Lemly
Executive Director

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

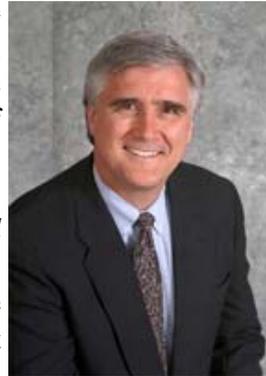
I truly count it a privilege to serve Kairos as a member of the Board of Directors. My fellow Board members are a constant source of encouragement as well as wonderful role models to emulate. I count myself blessed each time we meet, as I always come away a better person.

I have heard many of you say in the past, I receive more than I give in this ministry. I believe we should often reflect on how we have changed as a direct result of being a part of Kairos. It is always a great blessing to see God working in the lives of those we are serving, but we shouldn't be oblivious to what God changes within us along the way.

I have a very good friend who, after several invitations, joined our team at the Pine Bluff Unit in Arkansas. During one of our hour and a half rides back from the unit, he commented on what a big change, for the better, he had noticed in me since I began working with Kairos. At first I

thought, I might be offended that he ever thought I wasn't great, but then I realized that he was right on target. I have changed for the better, and the best part of it is that I can't take any of the responsibility for it.

Ezekiel 36:26: *God will give us a new heart.* Thank goodness He doesn't have to do it surgically. He has worked on my heart through all of the people that Kairos brings across my path. Whether it's my team members, the incarcerated youth at Alexander, the men at the Pine Bluff facility, the special ladies in Kairos Outside, or the members on the Board, God has used their special qualities to mold me into someone He can use. I do believe that I was pretty unuseable (I know unuseable is not a real word, but it described me pretty well) before I began with Kairos, and I know that I still have a long way to go.



**Jim Hankins,
Board Chairman**

It might be fun to look at yourself, how you look at God and how you look at others, and try to imagine what you would be like without your Kairos experience. Remember the tears, the deeply moving conversations at the table, "oh wow!" moments, the proud exclamations of faith. These blessed events can only make us better. In God's economy, He uses Kairos to change others while He is changing us.

Since Kairos has been so good for me, I can only give my best for Kairos. It is a privilege to do my best at giving, recruiting, serving, and being diligent to do all the little things that make Kairos an acceptable tool of God to gather His Community. It's a privilege we can't take for granted.



Use of Teleconference Lines

Kairos Prison Ministry International offers the use of teleconference services free of charge to the Kairos volunteers for ministry purposes. Each call is scheduled for a certain amount of time. Calls must always be scheduled in order to use the line because it may already be scheduled for another Advisory Council or group. Please do not assume that it is ok to go ahead and use the numbers that you may have used for a call in the past without first scheduling the call – this line is probably already checked out to another group. This has become a reoccurring issue recently and causes a great inconvenience for everyone on the scheduled call. They have all put aside time to be able to participate on the call.

We have plenty of lines to be used, so let's be courteous to our fellow Kairos brothers and sisters and remember to schedule all conference calls. Please pass this message on to all of the volunteers in your state or advisory council. Kairos staff appreciates your cooperation.



The Kairos Mission Field

By Ken Rocks
Men's Ministries Coordinator

It's that time of the year again, our fall season of Kairos Weekends have begun. Our kids and grandkids are back in school and the rhythm of the school year has taken hold again. It means dragging out the warmer clothing for cool mornings and putting away the light summer clothing. Days are definitely shorter and the sun doesn't have near the warmth of lazy summer days.

The rhythm of our fall Weekends has taken its hold as well. Team meetings have started; we know that our agape letters will be written soon. Maybe you ask yourself this question, "Is my security clearance still good, or did it expire in the spring, sometime right after the last Weekend?" Maybe it's time for you to consider taking one off. You know the rule, work 3 take 1 off! How many Weekends have you worked in a row, really? Surely, the team will survive if you decide to do some renewal time of your own. In fact, I would suggest it can be the

healthiest thing you can do for yourself and the team.

Instead of working on the inside, how about working on the outside? How about getting together with your Pastor and asking for some face time with the congregation to present Kairos on a Sunday - maybe from the pulpit, or the ministry fair on a Sunday? How about visiting the other nearby churches and asking for their support to a "Mission Field". Yes, the Mission Field is local and you don't have to fundraise 1000's of dollars to go overseas. In fact, you you're not asking for money, but asking for their heart. You want other missionaries.

You see, the Mission Field is in their own county. It is the prison where men are longing for the love of Jesus Christ. You need more volunteers to go to that fertile field and plow it for Christ. You need more missionaries, and they won't need shots to survive the trip. No passport, no long flights, no lost baggage, no bad roads, and

no missed connections. No riding on buses with goats and chickens to get to that really faraway place.

Take one off for the team and go recruit for the 70 plus hours you would otherwise attend for 4-8 team meetings and the Weekend itself. It is time for new blood in your community and you know it. Do you really want to leave a legacy for Christ? Do you want to give more Glory to God? Go spread the word of what you have experienced in the love of Christ with the incarcerated and find others to replace you. They will appreciate the opportunity to serve just as you have. Why wouldn't you want others to experience that love? You want to share that don't you? If not, you might want to ask yourself why not? Ensure that your Kairos community is healthy and will survive after you no longer serve. It is a sure way to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Now go enjoy this beautiful fall season and find other missionaries to help bring Christ to the incarcerated.

In the Mailbox

I will forever remember Kairos and all you guys who introduced me to God. It was the moment in time that forever changed the person I am. Your group this year as well, tell them how much it has changed me and what it can do for them if they open the door. God is knocking, they just have to answer. I love you my brothers in Christ. Forever my friend.

Sean, a Kairos Graduate

Thank You For the Incredible Journey Called Kairos

By Jo Chapman,
Women's Ministries Coordinator

First of all, thank you Evelyn and the staff for the wonderful evening of celebration that was arranged for me at the Summer Conference. It was fun and tearful and I loved it. I do think someone could have told me to push my crown back, so it wasn't sitting on my glasses!!! It was such a proud moment for me to see how the Women's Ministries have grown since 1992.

Thank you to every woman that I have had the privilege to meet on Kairos teams, as well as the graduates from Kairos Inside, Kairos Torch and Kairos Outside Weekends. You have inspired me to be a better person and to not let any struggles define me, but rather be defined by how the grace of God helps me to triumph over adversity.

Thank you all the hard working Advisory Councils members who steer the program in your local areas. You give so much of your time, talents and resources in order for Kairos to be effective in your area. I appreciate all you give to your programs and will continue to pray for more volunteers to assist you in this important work.

Thank you to all the State Committees who oversee the ministry in your state. You are dedicated volunteers who put in many additional hours for the good of the Kairos ministry. You use your unique God-given gifts to

raise money, support Kairos teams and recruit more volunteers to expand the ministry.

Thank you to all the donors who have been so generous in the support of Kairos throughout the years. Your consistent gifts have been true witness to the incredible faith you have had in the mission of Kairos and have enabled that mission to turn into action.

Thank you to our international brothers and sisters who work diligently to bring the good news of Jesus Christ through the Kairos Ministry to all parts of your countries. Every hurting person inside (regardless of age) and their families need to know that God loves them and that there is a Christian community who supports them and cares about their situation.

Thank you to the International Committee and the Board of Directors for all your tireless efforts to structure Kairos as the most effective prison ministry in the world.

Finally, I want to thank the hard working Kairos staff who is dedicated to supporting the Kairos volunteers . . . the heart of the ministry. I would ask that

you remember to give the staff a simple "thank you" for all the things they do for each volunteer. Some days it can be discouraging to work so hard and feel like your time and effort is not appreciated.

Congratulations to Gina Brockmeyer who is the new Women's Ministries Coordinator. May Christ enrich her life through this ministry as much as He has enriched mine.

I also want to thank God for giving me the chance to experience so many wonderful miracles and to see Him working in women's lives in such a powerful way. I have been privileged to witness God through our Kairos volunteers, help women release incredible pain, experience amazing forgiveness, and begin reconciliation for broken families. Our God is an awesome God! I take away a heart full of wonderful memories, which will be with me for the rest of my life.

It has been a privilege to serve in this awesome ministry and I will continue to pray for you, as I hope you will continue to pray for me. The future of Kairos is in all of your hands. Treat it gently and it will produce unbelievable fruit.



Envisioning A Positive Purpose For Incarcerated Youth

“And the Lord said to me, “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come...”

Habakkuk 2:2-3 - (KJV)



A favorite exercises in the Kairos Torch team training is conducted during the second team formation meeting called “**Visioning for Mentoring**”.

One by one, each person will select from a large and diverse collection of pictures of people or things that represent the seasons and situations of life (These pictures are spread out over a large area on the floor).

The first image will best represent how they view the incarcerated youth they will be mentoring before gently moving into their life. The second picture will represent what they hope for the youth’s future after the mentoring ends. Every mentor is given the opportunity to share the reason for picking the before and after images, and is asked to write in their Mentor’s Guide their meaning of the pictures they have chosen, with a special emphases placed on the second picture (their visioning for mentoring their assigned mentee).

Often I will ask those that have cameras on their cell phones to take pictures of the two images and use the second images a “wall paper” on their phones. Each time they look at their phones, it will remind them of their part of the vision in helping their mentee develop for a positive future.

In my youth I was drawn to the scripture above. Not just for its poetic structure, but its attention to detail is underlined when God tells Habakkuk to

write in meticulous simplicity what he has **seen** so that the **runners** (those entrusted with sharing the vision) will share or **tell** the correct message to others. Why is that important? Because the vision will not come to realization right away (“...*though it tarry...*”), God wanted Habakkuk to be encouraged that a positive future awaited those hurting people that strived to live well.

Kairos Torch Mentors are called to see, write, run and share the vision of a positive future to those hurting youth that choose to turn and live a purposeful life. It all starts with understanding that God has a positive future in mind for each of them.

Hanging on the interior cafeteria wall of a large youth prison in Florida is written the following:

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Watch your Thoughts → They become your Words
 Watch your Words → They become your Feelings
 Watch your Feelings → They become your Actions
 Watch your Actions → They become your Habits
 Watch your Habits → They become your Lifestyle
 Watch your Lifestyle → They become your Destiny

How we view the life of those youth we are called to mentor often becomes our style on mentoring.

HOW’S YOUR VISION?

Kevin Resnover,
 Youth Ministries Coordinator



Kairos Welcomes Two New Staff Members to the International Office



**Gina Brockmeyer,
Women's Ministries
Coordinator**

Gina was born in Annapolis, Maryland, but was raised all over the country as the daughter of a United States Marine. She attended college in North Carolina where she received a Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science and has an additional graduate certificate in Adoption from the Rutgers University School of Social Work. She has worked as an International Programs Director and Domestic Adoption Coordinator for an adoption agency in Pennsylvania for the past 23 years.

Gina and her husband, Joe, have six grown children, all adopted from Russia, and two granddaughters. She has been a Kairos volunteer for the past seven years. She served on both Kairos Inside and Outside Weekends, was a member of the Advisory Council for the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women and most recently served as the State Committee Chairman for Maryland Kairos.

**Julie Collins,
Controller**



Julie was born and raised in New Hampshire. She attended the Salvation Army College for Officer Training in Suffern, NY. Upon graduating and commissioning, she was appointed to Northwest Ohio where she served as pastor to a small church in North Baltimore, planted a coffeehouse ministry in Bowling Green, and administered the Adopt-A-Family program in Toledo, OH. She moved to Clinton, SC and became a Family Teacher (houseparent) at Thornwell Home for Children. She resided with eight teenage girls and later worked with at-risk boys in Simpsonville.

Julie has been employed as a business administrator in churches and as an accountant for private creative agencies. Her passion for administration, integrity, and excellence directed her to complete her B.S. in Business Administration concentrating in Accounting. She resides in Central Florida with her husband and two daughters and enjoys laughter and music with her family and visiting relatives.

Please remember Kairos Prison Ministry in your Charitable Bequests

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. As you are planning, please remember the Kairos Prison Ministry you have served for years by giving a portion of your estate. In general, a charitable bequest works for anyone who would like to support Kairos Prison Ministry in the future. Because you can change your mind at any time and make your gift in relative proportion to bequests to family and friends, this type of gift has universal appeal.

A charitable bequest could be right for you if:

- You want to support Kairos after your lifetime.
- You have a will or living trust, or are ready to create one.
- You are young or old, wealthy or middle class.
- You want to make a charitable gift while ensuring family is taken care of first.
- You want to maintain the flexibility to change your mind at any time.
- You want estate tax relief.

If you need help with correct language or opportunities for giving, please contact Kairos: 1-407-629-4948.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The one and a half day State Chairs meeting was well attended by all of the State Chairs or a designated representative.



Coraine Sopru, Australia, is pictured above with the quilt that she won through her bid in the silent auction. The quilt was made by the men at Wabash Correctional Facility, a maximum penitentiary in Carlisle, IN.



Above: Ministry Coordinators Ken Rocks, Jo Chapman and Kevin Reslover, take a break after presenting the updated Advisory Council Training to the International Council below. The training will be available for Advisory Councils beginning January 2015.



A variety of workshops and very knowledgeable speakers were offered at the conference. Above, Paul Herman, Marketing Manager for Christian Copyright Licensing International and Christian Video Licensing International presented the CCLI Licensing workshop. Below: Calvin Roberson, Vice President of Planning and Program Development, Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc. presented: Torch—the Purposeful Program. These were just two of the eighteen great workshops offered.



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Left: Kairois volunteers were in good hands with the staff of the Crowne Plaza—so helpful and patient with all of our needs and always with a smile.

Right: Kairois Graduate, Thomas Lunay gave his inspiring testimony during the Friday evening General Session.



Above: A very special thank you to the Indiana Conference Committee for an outstanding job throughout the conference. Front Row: Steering Committee Chairman Roger Bough, JoEllen Rowe, Ruby Burris, Susan Dyer, Sue Miller. Back Row: Barrie McHugh, Al Ammons, Frank Rowe, John Miller, Dave Olson. Not Pictured: Michael Dyer and Terry Crockett.

The Memorial Service held Thursday evening, was well attended. Below, Marilyn Elkins, Barbara Williams and Cindy-Lou Hammer, all Kairois California volunteers, light candles in memory of loved ones.



Thanks for the Memories.....



Above: Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator, serenaded Jo with "Grace Alone."

Right: Jo Chapman was crowned 'Miss Women's Ministries' in a special celebration honoring Jo for all of the years of dedicated service she has given the ministry.



Below: Jo takes a moment to relax with husband Tom.



.....**We Will Miss You, Jo**



Mary Margaret Griffin, passed away May 23, 2014, with her family by her side in Lewisville, TX.

She was born on January 6, 1944 in Texarkana, TX and graduated in 1965 from the University of North Texas, where she met and fell in love with Steve Griffin. They married in Texarkana on February 27, 1965 and moved to Lewisville in 1971.

Margaret was a charter member of Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church in Flower Mound, and a member of the Lewisville Area Girls Assn. for more than 40 years, where she shared time with precious friends and built lifelong friendships. She worked alongside her husband, Steve, with the Kairos Prison Ministry, sharing the love of Christ with prisoners from all walks of life.

Margaret enjoyed traveling, antique collecting and yoga. She will be remembered for her smile, poise and devotion to her husband, her daughters and their families. Margaret lived life with a quiet strength and unwavering faith in God, and she always put others first. She is survived by her husband Steve Griffin and their two daughters.

Robert Dale Turpen, age 78, of Albuquerque, NM, passed away on March 7, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. Robert was born March 21, 1935 in Plevna, Kansas. He had retired as a Conductor after 42 years of service with the AT&SF Railroad and had been a 50 year member of the Chapman Masonic Lodge, No. 2.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Twila Faye; a son, two daughters and 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Dale served with the Southern New Mexico Kairos and was involved with them for a number of years and participated in all capacities, including serving as a Weekend Leader. He was very passionate about Kairos and never missed a Weekend. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to Kairos Prison Ministry, c/o Rev. Bonnie Hardesty, 11204 Canyonlands Rd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.



William Park Lemmond, Retired Circuit Court Judge, 81, Prince George, VA passed away on Monday, July 7th, 2014. He was born

in Roanoke, VA and is survived by his wife, Beryl Mitchell Lemmond; four children, and eight grandchildren.

He attended Virginia Tech and lived the Cadet Corps life in A Company and his graduation began a life-long affection for his alma mater. Whitey was a fighter pilot for nearly twenty-three years, flying with the USAF, the USMC and the VaANG. He was both a gifted flier and flight leader. Park's law career began after graduating from T.C. Williams Law School, and consisted of fifty years in the Virginia Bar, sixteen years as a Circuit Court Judge for the 6th Circuit and fifteen years serving as a mentor to inmates through Kairos Prison Ministry.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to either Kairos Prison Ministry International (memo line: Greenville Correctional Center) 100 DeBary Plantation Blvd., DeBary, FL 32713 or the Virginia Tech Foundation and mail to VA Tech Development 0336, 902 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.



Reverend Dr. Frank Lewis passed on to be with the Lord on August 5, 2014. Frank Lewis was born in Millen in Jenkins County,

Georgia. He received his early education at Herndon Birdsville Elementary School and is a graduate of Burgess Landrum High School. After high school Frank was employed by Rich's Department Stores, Inc. and later became a where he enjoyed a successful 19 year career.

God chose Frank Lewis as a teenager to preach His gospel. Frank displayed his obedience to Gods call by preaching his initial sermon on the third Sunday in January 1969. Frank walked the academic pathway of preparation and achieved a BA degree in 1973 from Carver Bible College and a Masters degree in Christian Education from Emanuel Baptist Seminary, Atlanta. A Doctorate of Theology was accomplished at Gwinnett Hall Baptist College, Lawrenceville, GA, where he served as a faculty member and shared God's gift of teaching.

Zion Missionary Baptist Church extended the pastoral call in the spring of 1983. Prior to becoming Zion's spiritual leader, Frank's initial pastorate was at Friendship Baptist Church, Duluth, Georgia, from August 1975 to February 1983 and served as Interim Pastor at Greater Sialome Baptist Church, Harris City, GA.

Frank and Mamie united in holy matrimony on May 13, 1972. They are the loving parents of one son, Aubrey. Reverend Dr. Frank Lewis is active in the Grove Way Community Group, North Fulton Community Charities and North Fulton Child Development Association. He is

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a pastor, teacher, administrator, planner, trainer, counsellor and friend. Pastor Frank also served on the Hays State Prison teams for Kairos Prison Ministry for over 30 years.

Robert E. Clark of Twining Village in Holland, PA died peacefully Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 at his residence. He was 86. He was the beloved husband of 59 years to Rosalie Welker Clark.

Mr. Clark was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army who served during World War II in the Japan occupation forces. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Villanova University and later went on to receive a Master's Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from Drexel University. Robert was an accomplished metallurgical engineer and received numerous

U.S. patents for his achievements during his tenure at Westinghouse Steam Turbine Division. He enjoyed reading and coin collecting and was an avid sports fan.

Bob, to his family and friends, delighted in telling jokes. Robert had been very involved in the Cursillo Movement and Kairos Prison Ministry. He had served as an Extraordinary Minister for the parishioners of St. Andrew Catholic Church and the residents of Crestview Center Nursing Home.

In addition to his beloved wife, Rosalie, he is survived by children and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to Kairos Prison Ministry International: <http://kpmifoundation.org/donate/cash-gifts/>

James A. Coughlin, 67 of Earleville, MD, passed away on August 30, 2014 in Laurelwood Care Center, Elkton. James was born on March 30, 1947 in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Keely Coughlin; and one son James Hall Coughlin;

Jim was the President and CEO of Consolidated Imaging Systems. He has been a full time resident of Cecil County since 2001. He and his wife enjoyed traveling in their motor home and boating. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish, the Cursillo Movement and Kairos Prison Ministry and was a volunteer for hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to The Cursillo Movement, PO Box 799, Jarrell, TX, 76537 or Kairos Prison Ministry, 100 DeBary Boulevard, DeBary, FL 32713.

New Excellence Initiative Update

The Program Excellence Committee announced that there was a new and condensed Excellence Initiative effective August 1, 2014. There was some concern regarding those states that still had the old questionnaires and had not had the opportunity to enter them. That problem has now been resolved with the change to the "My Kairos" website where the old questionnaires were to be entered under the "Old System" until September 30, 2014. New questionnaires are to be entered under the "New System" as of August 1, 2014. Due to problems with the host website beyond Kairos control, we have extended the "Old System" until further notice. The new "Interview Survey and Questions" are available.

How does this work? On the "MyKairos.org" website, go to "Downloads" then look for "Excellence Initiative." You will now see a "New System" heading and an "Old System" heading. Under the "Old System" heading you will find the information there you have always found. You will be able to continue to go to the website you currently use to enter the questionnaire data for the "Old System" or use the "[Interview Survey and Questions for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch](#)" under the "New System" once the problems are resolved.

Under the "New System", there is a new heading: "[Interview Survey and Questions for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch](#)." By going to the "Interview Survey and Questions", you will be able to download or send the new questions for all programs to whoever needs them and they will be able to be sent well in advance of a Weekend once the problems are resolved.

We hope this addresses the needs and enables a smooth transition to the new Excellence Initiative Survey. We would like to thank Les Keeler for the many hours of effort that he has put in getting the programming completed so that we could bring you this new Excellence Initiative.

Kairos Weekends through December 2014

10/13/14	AUS	Cessnock CC	21	Bill Nicolle	Men's Inside
10/14/14	VA	Pocahontas CC	7	Jeff Martin	Men's Inside
10/15/14	U K	Maghaberry Prison	11	Mark Wilkinson	Men's Inside
10/16/14	AL	Donaldson CF	60	Ray Newton	Men's Inside
10/16/14	AL	Limestone CF	58	Paul Dove	Men's Inside
10/16/14	CO	Delta CC	46	John Triebwasser	Men's Inside
10/16/14	FL	Avon Park CI	43	Steven Clere	Men's Inside
10/16/14	FL	Martin CI	41	Rick Hole	Men's Inside
10/16/14	FL	Zephyrhills CI	67	William Stephens	Men's Inside
10/16/14	GA	Emanuel CF	5	Betsy Newton	Women's Inside
10/16/14	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	17	Octavia Everett	Women's Inside
10/16/14	GA	Phillips SP	17	Frank Edwards	Men's Inside
10/16/14	IL	Stateville CC	17	Joe Raducka	Men's Inside
10/16/14	IN	Pendleton CIF	15	Jim Laidlaw	Men's Inside
10/16/14	IN	Plainfield CF	15	Bob Collins	Men's Inside
10/16/14	NC	Pender CI	28	Joe Dixon	Men's Inside
10/16/14	OH	Chillicothe CI	3	Fred Thomas	Men's Inside
10/16/14	OH	Southern CF	19	John Roberts	Men's Inside
10/16/14	OK	Mabel Bassett CC	39	Janet McClure	Women's Inside
10/16/14	PA	SCI Allenwood	5	Steve Portzline	Men's Inside
10/16/14	TX	Coffield	38	John Bodiford	Men's Inside
10/16/14	TX	Hightower	13	Hardie Davis	Men's Inside
10/16/14	TX	Lockhart Prison	16	Connie Hare	Women's Inside
10/16/14	TX	Mountain View	25	Martha Montgomery	Women's Inside
10/16/14	TX	Stiles	32	Rex D. Morris	Men's Inside
10/16/14	VA	Greensville CC S-3	51	Bill Iwig	Men's Inside
10/16/14	VA	River North CC	1	Paul Walker	Men's Inside
10/16/14	WA	Washington State Reformatory	55	Dick Walker	Men's Inside
10/17/14	AUS	Melbourne	10	Ineke De Graaf	Kairos Outside
10/17/14	CA	NA Chaderjian - Youth CF	1	Tom Chapman	Torch
10/17/14	FL	Daytona Juv. Residential Fac.	1	Brian & Lynne Seeber	Torch
10/17/14	IN	Logansport	1	John VanCleve	Torch
10/17/14	NC	CA Dillon YDC	10	Earl Barber & Jeanne DeWard	Kairos Outside
10/17/14	MD	Maryland	17	Carla Canady	Kairos Outside
10/17/14	NC	Western NC	11	Faye Gentry	Kairos Outside
10/17/14	NY	Finger Lakes	18	Pamala Thomas	Kairos Outside
10/17/14	TN	Northeast Tennessee	11	Deborah Prevette	Kairos Outside
10/20/14	AUS	Arthur Gorrie	8	John Agnew	Men's Inside
10/22/14	ID	Idaho State CI	15	Steve Herzog	Men's Inside
10/22/14	TX	Hobby	32	Gwen Van Cleave	Women's Inside

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10/22/14	U K	Hydebank	3	Marlene Ritchie	Women's Inside
10/23/14	AL	St. Clair CF	59	Rush Sedberry	Men's Inside
10/23/14	CA	RJ Donovan Yard C	100	Ron Farnsworth	Men's Inside
10/23/14	CA	RJ Donovan Yard D	103	Tom Mahoney	Men's Inside
10/23/14	FL	Desoto CI	63	Kenneth Butts	Men's Inside
10/23/14	FL	Gadsden Correctional Facility	3	Holly Aldridge	Women's Inside
10/23/14	FL	Lowell CI	20	Charlene Hubbard	Women's Inside
10/23/14	GA	Lee SP	41	Randall L. Culberson	Men's Inside
10/23/14	IL	Menard CC	8	Jim Clindaniel	Men's Inside
10/23/14	IL	Pontiac CC	2	Blu Pickering	Men's Inside
10/23/14	IN	Putnamville CF	9	Jim Soots	Men's Inside
10/23/14	KS	Hutchinson CF	24	Criss York	Men's Inside
10/23/14	LA	Winn CC	40	Craig Williams	Men's Inside
10/23/14	MD	Maryland Correctional Institution	13	Inez Uhl	Women's Inside
10/23/14	MD	Western CC	5	Ernest Baxter	Men's Inside
10/23/14	NY	Greene CF	4	Bill Murray	Men's Inside
10/23/14	OH	Allen Oakwood CI	1	Sam Anderson	Men's Inside
10/23/14	OH	Marion CI	36	Bob Willey	Men's Inside
10/23/14	SC	Broad River CI	36	Tom McCants	Men's Inside
10/23/14	SC	Leath CI	25	Brigitte Pressley	Women's Inside
10/23/14	SC	Ridgeland CI	9	George Pipas	Men's Inside
10/23/14	So Afr	Johannesburg Medium B Prison	2	Malcolm Povey	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TN	Mark Luttrell CC	28	Jane Downs	Women's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Bartlett Jail	21	Dennis Sundbeck	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Boyd	24	Don Christie	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Briscoe SP	13	Jimmy Narramore	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Darrington Prison	54	Jamie Vasquez	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Eastham	28	Kingsley Asare	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Lynaugh Prison	32	Kyle Brookshire	Men's Inside
10/23/14	TX	Michael	45	Dennis Groat	Men's Inside
10/23/14	VA	Augusta CC	33	Rodney Pless	Men's Inside
10/23/14	VA	Greensville CC - S-2 Unit	50	Bob Goodwin	Men's Inside
10/23/14	WV	St. Mary's CC	18	Mike Turrill	Men's Inside
10/24/14	AUS	New England	3	Dale Flanagan	Kairos Outside
10/24/14	IN	Central Indiana	8	Barb Van Gorp	Kairos Outside
10/24/14	MO	Eastern MO	25	Taffy Hoos	Kairos Outside
10/24/14	OH	Circleville Juvenile CF	12	Joe Forte	Torch
10/24/14	OH	Ohio Community	15	Karen Burks	Kairos Outside
10/24/14	OR	Kairos of Oregon	2	Sue Meyer	Kairos Outside

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10/24/14	TX	Wichita Falls	15		Kairos Outside
10/24/14	VA	Sussex II SP	8	Dan MacEachern	Men's Inside
10/27/14	MO	Crossroads AdSeg CC	3	Corbin Bushong	Men's Inside
10/29/14	D R	Najayo Prison	5	Felicita Dinzey	Women's Inside
10/29/14	TX	McConnell	38	Brian Bray	Men's Inside
10/29/14	TX	Murray	18	Mary Ann Gardner	Women's Inside
10/30/14	CA	Centinela SP - Yard B	16	Doyle Godwin	Men's Inside
10/30/14	CA	Valley SP	1	Curtis Fries	Men's Inside
10/30/14	CO	Sterling West	32	Michael Carey	Men's Inside
10/30/14	DE	Sussex CI	5	Larry Green	Men's Inside
10/30/14	FL	Moore Haven	31	Michael Koester	Men's Inside
10/30/14	GA	Valdosta SP Annex	19	David Newbern	Men's Inside
10/30/14	GA	Washington SP	14	Timothy Ash Garrison	Men's Inside
10/30/14	IN	Pendleton CIF	15	Jerry Gill	Men's Inside
10/30/14	IN	Rockville CF	21	Madonna Kukman	Women's Inside
10/30/14	KS	El Dorado CF	18	Nick Dondlinger	Men's Inside
10/30/14	LA	Louisiana CI For Women	39	Gwen Keller	Women's Inside
10/30/14	MD	Maryland CI	4	Mike Kirchner	Men's Inside
10/30/14	MO	Crossroads CC	16	Randy Myers	Men's Inside
10/30/14	MO	Potosi CC	9	Dave Bailey	Men's Inside
10/30/14	OK	Cimarron CF	21	Laurence Mansur	Men's Inside
10/30/14	SC	Tyger River	20		Men's Inside
10/30/14	TN	Riverbend Maximum Security Inst.	2	Karel Snoek	Men's Inside
10/30/14	VA	VA CC for Women	38	Connie Beekman	Women's Inside
10/30/14	VA	Wallens Ridge	15	Robert (Steve) Norris	Men's Inside
10/31/14	FL	Orange Youth Academy	5	Laurell Bailey	Torch
10/31/14	IN	Pendleton Juvenile CF (Boys)	15	Dave Swietzer	Torch
10/31/14	PA	Western PA	5	Jackie McKee	Kairos Outside
10/31/14	So Afr	Westrand	24	Deidre Strydom	Kairos Outside
10/31/14	TX	Central Texas	3	Maren Raines	Kairos Outside
10/31/14	TX	North Texas	35	Carol Porter	Kairos Outside
10/31/14	TX	Wichita Falls	15	Sherry Janes	Kairos Outside
11/2/14	PA	SCI Muncy	4	Linda Harris	Women's Inside
11/5/14	SC	Allendale CI	16	Dick Guter	Men's Inside
11/5/14	TX	Torres	31	Jim Armstrong	Men's Inside
11/6/14	AL	Fountain CC	58	Tom Aiken	Men's Inside
11/6/14	AL	Hiland Mountain CC	14	Robin Bumgardner	Women's Inside
11/6/14	CA	Calipatria Yard A	21	Forrest Funk	Men's Inside

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11/6/14	CA	Calipatria Yard B	22	Joe Obrien	Men's Inside
11/6/14	FL	Okeechobee CI	61		Men's Inside
11/6/14	FL	Putnam CI	27	David K. Boyer	Men's Inside
11/6/14	FL	South Bay CI	27	Paul Turk	Men's Inside
11/6/14	FL	Sumter CI	22	Robert Yurkovich	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Calhoun SP	19	Alvin Pettit	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Central SP	11	Tom Synder	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Coastal SP	10	David Warren	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Dooly SP	31	Jack Warren	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Hancock SP	43	Jimmy Beeland	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Valdosta SP	29	Juim Sineath	Men's Inside
11/6/14	GA	Wilcox SP	29	Greg Edenfield	Men's Inside
11/6/14	IL	Western Illinois CC	5	William Jarrett	Men's Inside
11/6/14	IN	Branchville CF	17	Jerry Mills	Men's Inside
11/6/14	IN	Westville CF	21	Bruce Best	Men's Inside
11/6/14	MD	Maryland CI - Hagerstown	21	Milt Tipperman	Men's Inside
11/6/14	NC	Marion CI	13		Men's Inside
11/6/14	NM	Lea County CF	22	Richard Flores	Men's Inside
11/6/14	NM	Southern NM CF	22	Victor Jacko	Men's Inside
11/6/14	OH	Belmont CI	4	Blaine Valentine	Men's Inside
11/6/14	OH	Ohio Reformatory for Women	41	Linda Abraham	Women's Inside
11/6/14	So. Afr.	Brandvlei CC	2	Jacques Basson	Men's Inside
11/6/14	TX	Beto	51	Andy Stern	Men's Inside
11/6/14	TX	Connally	24	Daryl Watson	Men's Inside
11/6/14	TX	Dalhart	30	Wesley Jarvis	Men's Inside
11/6/14	TX	Wynne Unit	1	Michael Gary	Men's Inside
11/6/14	WV	Lakin CF	23	Sharon Morgan	Women's Inside
11/7/14	CA	CMF Vacaville	43	Ron Stefani	Men's Inside
11/7/14	CA	Pomona	57	Cherly Moore	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	FL	North Central FL	15	Mary Macko	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	GA	North GA	33	Susan Orndoff	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	LA	Bridge City Cen for Youth	1	John Messenheimer	Torch
11/7/14	MS	South Mississippi	8	June Bourne	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	OK	Eastern Oklahoma	14	Shirlene Johnson	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	OK	Western Oklahoma	28	Carmen Ortiz	Kairos Outside
11/7/14	TN	Mountain View YDC	28	Bryan Moazen	Torch

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11/12/14	AR	McPherson Unit (KI)	32	Leila McCloud	Women's Inside
11/12/14	VA	Nottoway	33	Steve Roe	Men's Inside
11/13/14	FL	Central Florida Reception Ctr	3	Jerry Close	Men's Inside
11/13/14	FL	Northwest Florida RC	21	Jerry D. Rexford	Men's Inside
11/13/14	GA	Macon SP	1	Kirk Kukshel	Men's Inside
11/13/14	MS	Marshall County CF	1	Woody Welch	Men's Inside
11/13/14	NC	Hoke CI	1	Greg Thompson	Men's Inside
11/13/14	NY	Albion Woman CF	69	Hope Cooper	Women's Inside
11/13/14	OK	Davis CF	15	Greg Straughn	Men's Inside
11/13/14	PA	SCI-Greene	18	Jay Newport	Men's Inside
11/13/14	So. Afr	Kairos Groenpunt	17	Jacob Masilo	Men's Inside
11/13/14	TX	Montford	32	Donald Lawler	Men's Inside
11/14/14	AUS	Riverina	8	Jeni Bedding	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	AUS	Sydney	32	Wilma Prountzos	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	IL	IL Youth Center Saint Charles	4	Dave Hummel	Torch
11/14/14	MO	Western Missouri	8	Char Daugherty	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	NY	New York City	10	Rose Richards	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	PA	Eastern PA	2	Julienne Mbuy	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	SC	South Carolina	11	Erin Wagner	Kairos Outside
11/14/14	SC	South Carolina	11		Kairos Outside
11/20/14	D R	La Victoria	6	Ercilio Acosta	Men's Inside
11/20/14	GA	Rogers SP	31	Adam Durden	Men's Inside
11/21/14	C R	San Jose	10	Elizabeth Rojas	Kairos Outside
11/21/14	CAN	Beavercreek	2	Reg Cole	Men's Inside
11/21/14	FL	Gold Coast	12	Ann Maki	Kairos Outside
11/21/14	TX	San Antonio	28	Cathy Flint	Kairos Outside
11/30/14	TN	Northeast CC	29	Brent Tennant	Men's Inside
12/1/14	NIC	La Modelo	15	Pablo Tellez Montenegro	Men's Inside
12/4/14	CO	Denver CF	22	Kris Briggs	Women's Inside
12/4/14	LA	Dixon CI	1	Rich Jeppesen	Men's Inside
12/4/14	OK	Dick Conner CC	22	Kent Mitchell	Men's Inside
12/5/14	CA	Victor Valley	10	Therese Noah	Kairos Outside
12/11/14	NY	Wende CF	55	Ernest Curto	Men's Inside
12/18/14	TX	Estes SP	9	Roger Forrester	Men's Inside
12/29/14	AUS	Wolston CC	5	Paul Bryden	Men's Inside
12/31/14	TX	Ferguson	58	John Schureman	Men's Inside
12/31/14	TX	Hobby Unit	32	Gwen Van Cleave	Women's Inside

For more future Weekend dates and information, please visit the www.mykairos.org website and click on Kairos Kalendar.

The Volunteer—Lesson from the Garden

by Shirley Hammond
Kairos Volunteer

As many of you know, I love gardening! Yes, it is hard work, but the rewards are bountiful. It never ceases to amaze me how one single bean, cucumber, or tomato seed can produce such a big harvest. This morning, while in the garden, my amazement kicked into gear (again) and I started daydreaming, comparing and marveling at the similarities of our mission/passion for the past 20 years....KAIROS!

We have two mini gardens and we rotate the vegetables each year. Where we had the peas planted last year, is the spot for tomatoes this year. A neighbor plowed it for us this spring, tilled it several times, and then we planted. A few weeks later I noticed two single pea plants were coming up where the tomatoes are planted....one perfectly aligned just a few feet from the tomato plant, but the other one was not in the row and I knew the next time John tilled the garden, it would be plowed over (as the city boy, John, does not really know a pea from a weed!).

I started to let it go, but just couldn't bring myself to sacrifice that little fellow....so I carefully dug it up and transplanted it into the row with the other plant. Well, you would not believe these two little plants! They have spread about three to six feet in length and are loaded with peas!

Already, we have picked enough peas for 2 meals with the promise of at least that many more in the making. Tell me you are not amazed also at such productivity!

Now, for the object lesson! I started thinking about those little "volunteers"...they didn't just appear in the ground, along with many and various weeds. The original seeds were deliberately planted there last year, the peas came up and produced, and these two were the product of the original seeds. They lasted through the winter, through numerous plowings, and one even started to grow in the 'wrong' place...but look at them now - Not only surviving many obstacles, but now producing 100 fold.

Many Kairos Volunteers are the product of someone planting a seed, telling their story, sharing their passion of the joy of serving where the harvest is bountiful, but the laborers are few. Some of us even perhaps started out in the 'wrong' place, trying to go on our own, doing good works, but still not passionately bringing others along to enjoy the harvest. What if I had not 'transplanted' that little lone plant? We would have missed out on a lot of good eating!!

Our message to you today is "don't miss out on bringing someone else along on this wondrous journey.... and watching the results multiply before your very eyes!" Have you told someone about Kairos lately?



Kairos Prison Ministry International

In Loving Memory

Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one.

Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

A memorial letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, along with the name (s) of the donors.

The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.

Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.

Advanced Kairos Training is for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos program. Advanced Kairos Training gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. **Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have completed the entire training course 12 to 24 months prior to leading a Weekend.**

**PRINCIPLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING
ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING EXPENSES**

1. All Advanced Kairos Trainings are essentially free to any and all attendees. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for training is borne by the state sending its volunteers to a training in or out of its local state. This means that all Advisory Councils or State Chapter Committees should be budgeting for any training expenses deemed necessary for their future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council or State Chapter Committee wants to attend.
2. AC or SCCs should encourage its volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to its local AC instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings like the AKT training.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PROGRAM MANUAL WITH YOU TO THE TRAINING.

2014 and 2015 Advanced Kairos Training Schedule

October 17-19, 2014	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
November 15-17, 2014	WAXAHACHIE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
January 23, 2015	COLUMBUS, OH	Kairos Inside
January 30, 2015	ORLANDO, FL	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
January 30, 2015	RICHMOND, VA	Kairos Inside
February 20, 2015	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside and Outside
February 27, 2015	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
March 6, 2015	AMARILLO, TX	Kairos Inside
March 20, 2015	POMONA, CA	Kairos Inside and Outside
April 10, 2015	KANSAS CITY, MO	Kairos Inside
May 15, 2015	DENVER, CO	Kairos Inside
May 15, 2015	HARTFORD, CT	Kairos Inside and Outside
June 5, 2015	HUNTSVILLE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
June 19, 2015	JACKSONVILL, FL	Kairos Inside and Outside
July 17, 2015	RALEIGH, NC	Kairos Inside
August 7, 2015	COLUMBUS, OH	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
September 11, 2015	BIRMINGHAM, AL	Kairos Inside
October 23, 2015	GREENVILLE, SC	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
November 13, 2015	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
November 13, 2015	WAXAHACHIE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch

Detailed information for each training, including costs, facility and registration can be found on the mykairos.org website on the Kairos Kalendar.

Wewoka, Oklahoma Volunteer Cares for Those Inside and Outside

Karen Anson, Senior Editor
Seminole Producer News

They see their husbands, sons and grandsons through bars or on computer screens and ache with the need to touch them. They hear the stories of their loved ones: hunger, cold or hot, no chance to see the sun. And these families of the incarcerated feel the pain and ostracism as much as those inside sleeping on hard cots for years at a time.

A Wewoka volunteer has spent the last 15 years helping the families and those on the other side of the bars. Patsy Law got involved in Kairos in 1999. The Kairos Prison Ministry movement began in 1976, at Union Correctional Institution in Raiford, FL.

“Kairos is a Greek word meaning ‘in God’s time,’” Law explained. “It was born out of Cursillo, a Catholic movement that encourages Christians to live out their faith in community.” In 1978, six states were presenting Cursillo programs in prison. The program was designed in Florida and the first Kairos Inside was formed as Christian nondenominational Weekend with ongoing discipleship inside the prisons. It’s mission: “To share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.”

In Oklahoma, Kairos Inside is active in several institutions. “Kairos Outside has been one of the many life changing events in my life,” Law said.

She was an invited guest at the first Kairos Outside held in Oklahoma, and had already seen prison life through Kairos Inside. Now she was going to look at the havoc wreaked on the lives of loved ones when a family member is incarcerated.

“I didn’t know I would be sleeping in a room full of women on foam mattresses on the floor and sharing a bathroom.” Law said. “Not my idea of a weekend get away!”

The first night they had dinner all together and then went to chapel for talks that brought back sad memories for Law, who has had family members incarcerated.

“For the next day and a half I heard team members, women I had never seen before, giving talks and meditations that I could relate to,” Law said. “They were baring their hearts to a group of strange women. “I thought I had been the only one who felt this way or been through these things.”

Law admitted she had hidden from some events in her life, some happy and some not so happy.

Throughout the Weekend,

despite the strong emotions that surfaced, the women sang, laughed, ate, and came to care about each other. “By the time the Weekend was over, I had made friends that I have been in constant contact with for the next 15 years.” Law said.

Law joined a Kairos Outside team and has conducted similar sessions, making a similar difference for women affected by incarceration all over Oklahoma.

Kairos Outside, a support network for female family members of incarcerated individuals, began in 1990 in Northern California.

Kairos Torch for incarcerated youthful offenders was developed in 1997 at a youth facility in Oklahoma. With the help of volunteers trained in mentoring, Torch encourages the youthful offenders to recognize their God-given potential and helps them develop the skills necessary for a productive live, giving them hope for the future.

Chaplains at the correctional facilities can provide applications for any of those interested in attending a weekend inside or for having their loved one attend an outside session. Volunteers serve in over 420 institutions and 55 Kairos Outside communities.

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With an international staff of nine and a volunteer force of over 35,000, Kairos donates three million hours of service each year.

After Law joined the Kairos Outside team, she was surprised to learn that she had to participate in 36 hours of training before her first Weekend.

“The “40-plus team members come from all walks of life,” Law said. “We are all Christians, but different branches and races. We all respect each other and do not try to change anyone.”

During the team’s formation, each member is assigned a prayer partner, someone they don’t know. They pray for each other and can contact their partner when a situation arises that requires extra prayers.

Law said she stays active with Kairos because she receives as much support as she provides for others. “The saying that it is more blessed to give than to receive is so true,” she said.

Since joining in 1999, Law has served on several teams and helped to start the Kairos Outside program in the eastern part of Oklahoma.

When Oklahoma hosted the Kairos National Conference in 2004, Law was Chair. She has served as treasurer for the State Committee for six years.

Below is a letter of support to Kairos Prison Ministry International from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Kairos is an accredited member of ECFA, and the words of encouragement from such a recognized and established organization really validate the work of Kairos. We thought it important to share this letter with all of the ministry volunteers and our supporters to let you know that His work is not only accomplished correctly, but also correctly accomplished.



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July 18, 2014

Ms. Evelyn Lemly
Kairos Prison Ministry International
100 Debary Plantation Blvd
Debary, FL 32713

Dear Evelyn,

During our staff devotional time today, we specifically prayed for the ministry of Kairos Prison Ministry International. Believing the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (James 5:15), we focused on your organization’s mission and prayed for God to continue providing His blessings in helping you fulfill the Great Commission.

We consider it an honor to prayerfully intercede on behalf of your ministry and we trust it will be an encouragement to you and your staff.

Blessings!

Serving Him joyfully,

Dan Busby

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Christ' Love Requires No Spoken Words

Powhatan Correctional Center #2 Reunion
August 18, 2014

Powhatan is the only Correctional Center in the State of Virginia that houses deaf residents. How appropriate, then, that Larry More, a deaf Kairos graduate, stepped to the podium on this Monday evening to lead the Kairos reunion introductions, prayer, song, and scripture. When he was just six months old, Larry contracted chicken pox that remained untreated long enough to do permanent damage. It did not damage his courage and leadership.

Larry related his story to 34 of his fellow residents, the largest gathering to date for any Powhatan reunion. With them were Chaplain Bernie Morris and several members of the PCC# 1 and 2 Outside Teams.

Sarah Holberg provided interpretation with skilled hands and incredible compassion. Through her, Larry communicated his earliest awareness of his handicap, its effect on his life and his personal growth, and how it has brought him to coping, acceptance and redemption through his Love of Christ.

Larry delivered his talk with self-awareness and unexpected humor. If anything, Larry's handicap only helped us to hear his story and its underlying wisdom. The residents listened in total silence, offering a measure of respect that spoke of their spiritual maturity. And Larry made us all grateful for the gift of sound. For applause we raised our arms, spread our fingers wide, and shook them as if they were tambourines. If they were instruments, they would have been loud.

The reunion offered other gifts, too. Paul Moore delivered a great talk for the Inside Team, basing his thoughts on scripture. Sarah signed a song called *Redeemed by Big Daddy Weave*, probably the most difficult task for an interpreter using sign language. One listener called it "One of the most

beautiful expressions of faith I have ever seen." Dennis Fargo delivered the talk for the Outside Team on the importance of 'prayer and share groups' from his perspective. All-in-all, this was a joyful gathering.



Tom Verbeke, *Sarah Holberg demonstrates sign language to the PCC team.*

Outside Team members, noted "This was the most powerful reunion I've seen in 11 years of doing Kairos." All Praise and Glory be to God.

The poem below was written by the Table Family of Martha during East Louisiana Kairos Outside Weekend #12 held Sept 26 - 28, 2014 to express their feelings about the Talks and Meditations they had heard on Saturday. They began it by asking:

The Prodigal Daughter, is that you?

*Maybe the loving parent suits you too,
either way, we have a Choice.
God's gift of free will, in that, we rejoice!
There is no bondage, our chains are set free!
We have a Savior — He died for you and me.
As a Church, we come together...
to love, forgive & respect each other.
"I Am Worthy!" This we know,
for the Almighty tells us so!
No more Anger or feeling Rejected,
talk to Jesus! My Lord resurrected!
Because He lives we can have a chat
with a loving Father who has our back!
Thank you, Lord, for all these "Kairos Women"
Let's all start tomorrow with a new beginning.*