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Kairos Alabama Thank You to Kairos Indiana

The Alabama State Kairos Chapter would like to say a big THANK YOU to Kairos Indiana, for helping another Kairos family group. For the last 15 years Alabama has had an abundance of funding with cd's and large account balances. When our current State Financial Secretary started 6 years ago (we were sad to lose him when his term expired in December, 2011) he stated that he did not feel comfortable in stockpiling funds. He felt that our Lord would want us to share our abundance - to help #1's and International Kairos families start and grow. Our State Committee agreed and voted to do just that. In 6 years we have been able to give our funds to new starts, several international groups and to the international office as a regular offering.

On April 27, 2011 our state was devastated by multiple tornados. As a Model one state with 13 Advisory Councils this hit every group in some way. The EMA announced on July 8th that Alabama had 244 fatalities. The number continued to grow. Thousands



of businesses and jobs disappeared, along with churches, schools, government offices, water works, power companies; the list goes on.

Our Bibb County AC, located in Tuscaloosa, AL, was hit hard. The Bibb Kairos trailer disappeared; council members lost everything. The ones that did still have a home standing had damage beyond belief; the rest had family members gone, stranded or homeless. Over the next several months Bibb AC worked hard to rebuild so they would be ready for their next Weekend. KPMI donated song books, the state paid for new equipment, and a church paid for a trailer.

The women's Tutwiler AC is also based out of Tuscaloosa. Their storage, which was located in another city, was untouched but members had to find new homes or start a long process of repairs. Families had to stay strong for each other and learn to keep going one day at a time. With only one woman's prison in our state, this council is state-wide and with 62 recorded tornados plus uncounted straight line winds that day- everyone in Alabama has a personal story.



Kairos Outside women's AC is also based statewide and had member's homes damaged; each member was touched. Families from biological, to church, work and schools all experienced grief.

Our northern Limestone AC was scheduled to start their Weekend the day the storms hit. This Huntsville-based group was the first area hit early in the morning as tornados started at 5:00 a.m. across north Alabama. The storms knocked out communications systems, which cut them off from the rest of the state so most did not know that the tornados continued all day long until days later. Their food for the Weekend was already delivered to the base camp church. They were all systems go when they went to bed, then they woke up to destruction.

They were in survival mode from first light. The AC received a call from the church (cell phones only worked hit and miss) asking for their help.

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Dear Kairos Family:

For the past eleven years, it has been my pleasure to share ideas and encouragement with you through "God's Special Time".

We often don't give ourselves credit for what's been accomplished in Kairos. Together, during the last eleven



John A. Thompson, Jr.

years, we have achieved much. Our communities have doubled from 209 to 422, our states have increased from 26 to 34, our Weekends have grown from 337 to 650, and our countries have tripled from 3 to 9.

Our total donations have tripled and now exceed \$6 million with about \$ 1.5 being allocated for the international office. With the recent revisions of our three program manuals, the adoption of the excellence initiative and with in excess of \$2 million in state and advisory council bank accounts, our ministry programs and finances have never been better. In 2010 we obtained our first ministry-wide unqualified audit, and this has allowed us to apply for membership in the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). We should be very proud of our state and local financial secretaries and treasurers, Brett Beemer, our CFO, Peter Wilson, our treasurer,

and Ruben Garza, chairperson of the 2011 audit committee, and everyone in Kairos whose efforts have made this audit result possible.

In the last two years we have changed our governance structure to be more inclusive. We now have leadership roles at the international level for approximately 75 persons (sixty plus on our International Council and 15 persons on our Board of Directors). There has never been a time when there was more opportunity for volunteers to participate in the programs and financial affairs of Kairos. With 75 persons on the IC and BOD, and with 16 committees, there is ample opportunity for volunteer input and discernment. As the new governance structure matures, further revisions to our structure and by-laws will inevitably be made.

As a ministry, we have every reason to be excited about the future. With the continuing support of our donors and volunteers, several promising program initiatives are within reach.

Kairos endeavors to Change Hearts, Transform Lives and thereby Impact the World. Imagine strong Christian communities within each prison, and thousands of inmates leaving prison each year with a transformed and Godly heart!

During my tenure there have also been significant changes in the various state departments of

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

correction. Budgets are tight and prisons are crowded. This has caused a reflection on how society views mandatory sentencing, non-violent criminals, inmates who are considered low risk, reduced state budgets, elimination of some chaplain positions, privatization of prisons, rehabilitation and recidivism. For our long term success, Kairos is challenged to understand these changes and adapt accordingly.

I am inspired by the prospect of future change, which could include exploration of the following core issues:

- (1) Continuing to develop partnerships with other ministries and DOC and FBOP leadership;
- (2) Increasing our own spirituality as a path toward ministry unity. Imagine a ministry-wide spiritual revival led by our advisory councils. I want so much for our advisory councils to really understand they are, after God, the heart Kairos. We cannot be suc-

cessful without the unity and enthusiasm of our parts working together.

- (3) With the unity, enthusiasm, energy, generosity, and compassion of our advisory councils we need a ministry-wide unifying vision. Many of us would agree the typical ministry vision of a volunteer, an advisory council person, state chapter person, IC or BOD person can be very different from each other. How can they work together as a team with different disconnected visions?
- (4) We need more prayer and thought about the number and integration of our programs. Our founders gave us a clear vision of Kairos as a ministry supporting Christian communities inside maximum and medium security prisons. Let's not "back into" our future – let us as a total community through prayer and discernment hear where God is leading Kairos.

During the last several years at one time or another the following topics have been discussed: evidence-based material (The Change Company), First Steps, The Kairos Peace Initiative, an impact/recidivism study, a Torch program for KO children, a re-entry program, expanded mentoring, government grants, growth and expansion in the USA and internationally, a foundation, a new office building, collaborations with various organizations. That's quite an interesting and diverse list.

The vision of these initiatives is exciting, but how do we manage and integrate these initiatives thoughtfully? What is the sequence of integration, and what are the human, spiritual and financial resources necessary to be successful? These are the challenges – the opportunities for success. Be faithful, be positive and trust in the one true God.

Life is good! God Bless,

Love,
John

FROM A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I would like to share about Kairos from the perspective of a Pastor.

Today I serve as an Evangelist, traveling and preaching across the country. For a number of years I led large churches and felt the heavy burden of pastoring congregations. I respect and admire the men and women who follow this calling. Their daily concern for their flock and the

stress and sorrow of human pain can, at times, be overwhelming. In today's spiritual landscape, the pressure is more intense than ever. Pastors are resigning at record numbers, some churches are closing their doors, and all churches are feeling the economic crunch. Church leaders are charged with growing their congregations, increasing their budgets. They continually look

for new ways to feed their flocks spiritually, and keep them inspired. I honor those who give themselves to this noble pursuit. Many are simply burning out, while others are thriving. What is the difference? I find that churches whose members are active in outreach ministries, tithe, and get involved in taking care of their community are thriving.

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WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN



Hello, all you Kairos friends. The weather so far across the nation has not been your typical late winter with its freezes and Blue Northerners. It's been rather warm, even by New York to Minnesota standards. I hope this does not portend a very hot summer. I don't think the greater Southwest (Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico) could stand another drought like we had last year. Let's all be in prayer about this.

I've got something for all of us who are involved with the Inside ministry of Kairos to take a look at. We have a new developing area of improved communication between all levels of the ministry: our Weekend Leaders, the ACs, the SCCs, certain committees of the IC, the two staff Inside Coordinators, and the Board. The Inside Excellence Initiative sub-committee of the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) has been working on improving the ministry-wide access to the Inside Excellence Initiative through an application of our Kairos website. While that may have sounded like a lot of mish-mash, let me get further into details (or the weeds).

When we started developing the E.I. two years ago, the plan was for each State chair (or his/her designee) to take charge of the interview portion of the E.I. after the completion of every Inside Weekend. As you know,

the E.I. is purposefully designed to be an objective look at the 3 phases of every Inside Weekend: Team Formation, the Weekend, and the Continuing Ministry. Its purpose is to replace the former Observer program which became subjective and somewhat annoying to our volunteers and ACs. As part of the process of the State Chair doing the interview of the Advising Leader, the Chair is to enter a "yes" or "no" for each of the 13 categories (a total of 122 questions) through a simple computer data-gathering program and then send copies of the reports to the SCC, the appropriate Inside Coordinator, members of the PEC and the responsible AC. While that seemed like a simple plan at first, it became somewhat laborious for our State Chairs.

Once we realized the computer talent that exists in volunteers within KPMI, we began to utilize those gifts; and now we have a program that will revolutionize the implementation of the E.I. and speed up the help that it will bring to us. It is still in its infancy, but it will dramatically grow and evolve in its ease of use. One feature will allow each AC across the nation (a growing 280 with 320 world-wide) to have a storage access up to 6 Weekends (3 years!) of their results related to all 13 categories. Maybe the best feature will actually save time for the State Chairs as the reports will be easily and directly

sent to the responsible AC, the SCC, etc. since it will be generated immediately by the program at the conclusion of the interview. Another benefit of the E.I. website for AC members and Weekend Leaders will be a Kairos Wisdom pop-up feature for each of the individual 122 questions. REASON: In case there are areas of non-compliance in the report, AC members may refer to this Kairos Wisdom pop-up to show Manual documentation in order to help with understanding this issue. Also, for those of us who are visual learners, this program will be able to generate progressive percentage graphs for each individual question. This will allow a great visual for State Chairs and AC members so they can track a steady improvement over their 6 Weekends as we all travel on this Path to Excellence.

The information found in the reports will be accessible at 4 levels. At the first level, an AC can keep a constant tracking of their efforts at their prison. At the second level, the same AC

will be able to compare their detailed reports to their overall state-wide average. At the third level, an individual SCC will be able to compare their state-wide average with the overall national average tallied by combining other states into one national report. Finally, at the fourth level, the Inside Ministry Coordinators will have access to all the reports so we can provide better service, information, and possible needed

changes to AKT.

So, by now you're probably thinking: Bill, this is so easy! Why haven't you done something like this earlier? Well, I *am* a computer-challenged person...I can't help it. But I *can* make a mean cup of coffee. So whenever you are in the neighborhood, drop in. I'll always have a hot, fresh pot on the stove. Until then...

motivations. So, we say these things to help everyone- knowing we all struggle.

Many are called to ministry, but not everyone is called to Kairos Prison Ministry. This is not intended to insult anyone, but it is important that our missionaries truly understand our method of ministry and remain obedient to God's specific call to Kairos. This is why our board insists on adequate training.

Question for the Executive Director: Deviation from the Manual

Q. How much discretion do we, as Leaders, have in deviating from the Manual and how exact must we be with accounting for donations to the weekend?

A. I would rather you asked how we at the International office could help you **follow** the Manual.

It is interesting that some of our volunteers who are very faithful to their particular church or pastor feel free to "do their own thing" in Kairos. We believe the Weekend is given to us by the Holy Spirit who intends the Weekend to be consistent and provide a comparable experience for each inmate. The manual is tried and true and if done correctly and consistently protects the team and the candidates. Persons in Kairos who somehow feel they know best or better frequently manipulate the manual or others to do the Weekend "their" way.

Sometimes, once started, these embellishments get institutionalized in a particular area or advisory

council. The Weekend then becomes "theirs" and the change back to the manual seems very threatening. Sometimes a volunteer will feel the Holy Spirit is calling them to a particular activity. Usually, they are the only one hearing this call.

Frequently, a team member or spiritual director will get carried away by the emotion of the Weekend, and feel this denominational pull to "save them" by initiating an altar call or have a communion or baptism. Sometimes teams will put inmates up to these things or simply allow a candidate at closing to act out thereby indirectly manipulating the Weekend dynamics to suit team needs.

We have all seen these things done in the name of Christ. It's as if we don't really trust in our Lord and God's salvation plan for the inmates. Sometimes, all of us have an inadequate insight into our own psychological needs and are unaware of these

As an answer to the second part of your question, we are called to obedience to our Board of Directors. These are the men and women who our Lord has put in leadership. The board wants our ministry to handle and account for our financial resources with integrity. This includes not only the appearance of integrity, but actual integrity. It isn't permissible for any volunteer or advisory council to "do their own thing" with donations. Any money donated to Kairos must be accounted for properly and deposited in Kairos' accounts, and not anyone's personal account. Money given to Kairos shouldn't be carried around in someone's vehicle or placed in someone's bedroom dresser just because it's inconvenient to send it to the treasurer. No one would do that with money for their church – why is God's money given to Kairos any different?

Please pray for all of us as we try to be faithful servants.

God Bless,
John

International Update

By Daniel García,
International Coordinator

2012 began with no money in the KPMI budget for the international ministry and very limited funds for staff travel. This means there is no money to start new ministries outside the US, although keen interest has come from people in Colombia and in Ghana. It also means that the international ministry coordinator does not have adequate funds to travel to those countries nor to countries wherein the ministry is already active but where continued monitoring is still required. And it further means there is nothing budgeted for support of the ministry in countries where the ministry has been established but it is not self-sustaining. But I am pleased to report that the

Kairos community did not let the reality of the budget get in the way of their commitment to the extension of the ministry.

The first two events scheduled for the year (KI – Men’s Weekend in the Dominican Republic and a KO Weekend in Costa Rica) were funded by extra gifts from individuals, churches and advisory councils. Forty-one residents at La Victoria Prison in Santo Domingo and fifteen guests (out of an anticipated thirty) were able to benefit from God’s presence through Kairos ministries in those countries because of your gifts.

There are other planned events during the year in other countries, and I have encouraged them to continue planning for those events to take place.

Kairos in the Dominican Republic will be sending two women to a Spanish language Kairos Weekend in Florida.

With the zeroing out of the budget for the international ministry, individuals, churches and other organizations may donate to KPMI, designating the gift for “International Ministry” in general or for the ministry in a specific country, *e.g.*, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru or the Dominican Republic, or for new starts. Gifts should be sent to our office at 6903 University Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792.

In the next newsletter, I will let you know what the response has been and how your gifts have been utilized. You may contact me at dgarcia@kpmi.org or 407-629-4948.

THE FINAL INSPECTION

Written by an Indiana State Prison Inmate, 11-20-2011

The soldier stood and faced God, which most all know, should come to pass.
 He hoped his shoes were shined just as brightly as his brass.
 “Step forward now, you soldier, How shall I deal with you?
 Have you always turned the other cheek? To your fellow man have you been true?”
 The soldier answered: “ I’ve had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough,
 and sometimes I’ve been violent, because the world is awfully rough.
 But I never took a penny that wasn’t mine to keep
 And I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got a little too steep;
 If you’ve a place for me here Lord, it needn’t be so grand,
 I never expected a lot or had too much to give, but if I fell short of your favor, I will surely understand.”
 There was silence all around the throne where the saints so often trod,
 as the soldier waited quietly, for judgment from his God.
 “Step forward now you soldier, you’ve born your burdens well,
 walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets, you’ve done your time in Hell.”

Maimie's Story about Kairos Outside

“When you have someone you love incarcerated, the relationship you had with them is gone, it will never be the same.”

Until you have walked in someone else's shoes you can't know what they are going through. I was in a place so dark and empty that I thought I would not survive. A place where I thought everyone thought I was worthless, including myself. I stayed in a depression for almost 3 years. I did not want to go anywhere, I did not care if I lived or died. Shame and guilt took over my whole life.

If you have never been through that kind of depression then you have been truly blessed. If you have or you are now going through that kind of depression, I pray that this will bring you hope.

I have 2 sons in the prison system, I kept that secret for a very long time. I took all the shame and guilt of that on myself, even though I know that they made the choice to do the things they did. However, that really did not matter. I am doing the time right along with them. I was their Mom. Why couldn't I have done something to save them from themselves?

My husband made it possible for me to go on a Kairos Outside Weekend #13 almost 10 years ago and it changed my life in many ways. I realized that I was not the only Mom out there that had loved ones in prison. I listened to some of the women on that Weekend, who cared enough to open their hearts to us, and tell us about their

journey, and how having a loved one incarcerated impacted their lives. They made it possible for me to open my heart to take it all in. I know that God was speaking to me throughout the Weekend through those women.

On that Weekend God spoke to me in the way He knew I would pay attention. I was amazed at all the love that I felt throughout that Weekend. The Chapel was where I felt God's love for me. I was overwhelmed when I saw my sons pictures on the altar and I heard God tell me they were grown men, “they” made the choices they made, not me.

In that Chapel I realized that no matter how hard we try to change someone, they still will make their own choices, good or bad. I felt God's love throughout the rest of the Weekend and I will never forget all the love that came from those women, whom I now call “family”. I believe they saved my life. I know that when I came into to my Weekend, I was lost and did not care anymore about anything, I had no hope, but now I have been changed from the inside out. I know I will never see my boys outside those prison walls, but I do know that God has His hands on them and they are not alone. I now have hope.



Pictured above is the author of this article, Mamie, with her husband.

I no longer feel alone in this world. I no longer feel unloved by God. I now, have an unfailing faith and I know that if I ever need them, my sister's in the Kairos Outside Community will be there. I am still, after almost 10 years, active with some of the same sister's that worked the team on my KO Weekend and many more women I have met since then.

I know now that we are all here to serve each other with love and understanding and forgiveness. Forgiveness comes as long as we ask for it. God loves us unconditionally, we are not alone. My prayer is that if you have a loved one out there that has never gone on a Kairos Outside Weekend, you will send them the brochure and ask them to go.

I believe they will be blessed beyond measure. I have worked many teams since my Weekend and I know that this is the purpose that God has for me to do. Everything good happens in God's Special Time ... Kairos Time.

Mother Teresa once said “I am but a pencil in God's eyes and it is He who continues to write my story.....”

Broken People No More

One of the elements of the ministry is to give each inmate a cross at the end of their 3-day Weekend to commemorate this special time. These crosses are wooden and have the Kairos Logo laser imprinted on the front and the words "Christ is Counting on Me" on the back. They are highly treasured by each inmate.

Our last Weekend was Kairos #14 at Lowell CI in Marion County, FL. The Team Leader had not yet received the crosses she had ordered, so she called the National office the week before, only to find that due to a manufacturing issue these crosses were on back order. This was very disappointing, as this is one of the high points of the Weekend. She was told that there were some broken crosses available if she was interested in gluing them together. Not happy about that option, but having no other, she agreed to try that.

On the Thursday morning of our Weekend we met early to tie up loose ends. The leader showed me the bag of broken crosses and I commenced to glue 24 together. As I did, the Lord began to speak to me about the broken lives that these crosses would be going to. I was praying for the inmates, as I glued each cross together. After I had finished with all 24, I looked at each one and could see that a fracture line was still obvious. I had hoped that the repair would be so precise that it would not be obvious. But, although the mend was strong, the "scar" was still visible.

From the start of the Weekend the presence of Holy Spirit was strong. Each day after that, His presence remained with us and lives were strengthened and restored. At the closing on Sunday each inmate was presented with their Cross. Nothing was said about the broken crosses.

Yesterday, the team returned to hold our 4th Day Instructional. The purpose of this is to give the inmates the tools to begin regularly meeting together to support, pray for and encourage one another in their walk with Jesus. As the inmates came in I could see that each one was wearing their Kairos Cross. I walked over to one of the inmates who had been sitting in my Table Family on the Weekend to welcome her and inquire about her week. Soon she remarked that she had noticed that her cross was broken and was it possible for her to get a replacement. I told her that there were no more and that in fact they had all been broken, but we had glued them together. She graciously accepted that.

Through out the Instructional I began to think about these precious women and what message they might have received in the getting of a broken cross. Many of these women are used to getting "leftovers and hand-me-downs" all of their lives. And often that is how they perceive themselves, as only worthy of other peoples' trash.

I began to see the message God wanted them to receive in the broken cross and when the Instructional was completed I asked the leader if I could share for a few minutes. As I looked out upon the faces of these precious women whom I had come to love in such a short time, God gave me these words: "Ladies, when you arrived on the Thursday evening of your Weekend would you say that "broken" would be a pretty good description of the state you were in?" They answered in the affirmative.

Then I shared this: "I'm sure that by now you have all noticed that your crosses have been mended." There

was much head nodding. "The reason for this is that Kairos crosses are on back order and none are available. Our only option was to fix these or to not give you a cross. I was heartbroken that you were getting a broken cross, but then through the Holy Spirit I saw the gift He was giving you. These crosses represent what you were on Thursday night and what you are now. You came to the Weekend broken, but you left "fixed". Each time you look at your cross, remind yourself that you are "broken no longer".

There were many tears now and several inmates shared. One shared that she had noticed the break and thought, "Well I guess that's all I'm worth, but when I get out I will order a new one from the National office" Then she said. "But now this is the only cross I want. I was broken and now I'm fixed."

As I drove home Holy Spirit continued to speak to me about the powerful message in "the Broken Cross". He reminded me that Jesus' broken body hung on the cross for all of our salvation and that without his brokenness we would all be lost. He also showed me once again the scars that Jesus bore in his body were still present after his resurrection in his hands and his side. So the "scar" on the Kairos Crosses were to remind the inmates of where they had been, but were no more.

I will never forget the message of "The Broken Crosses" and how God can use our own brokenness to heal the brokenness in others. I have learned that what we often perceive as less than perfect and unacceptable, is just what God wants from us to bring about restoration and healing. Let me be that "Broken Cross" for someone in need.

Shalom, Betty Stallings-Huber

Kairos for Me

By Brian, Alexander CI Graduate

I was saved prior to attending Kairos, but was in a severe drought spiritually and had always struggled at truly relating to Christ – or understanding what Christianity is all about or feels like.

I attended Kairos #8 at Alexander Correctional Institution which was a powerful demonstration of unconditional love. It was like a “spiritual vitamin” that I really needed at the time. Kairos provided an example of genuine Christianity – showing agape love and kindness simply because God has and because God is those things. I met volunteers who had faithfully served at each Kairos Weekend since the prison opened in 2003. Amazed at how much went into these twice-a-year Weekends, I heard that an average of \$10,000 is spent – and is worth every penny if even one person gets saved.

I not only witnessed, but also experienced a lot of forgiveness and letting go of past mistakes, regrets and old ways of thinking. For me, Kairos was about becoming fully conscious of who I am in Jesus Christ, exactly what He did for me, and why that should impact my life – for the rest of my life; until he calls me home. 1 Corinthians 2:9 reminds me of the experience and the hope that comes with Christ. “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I was very fortunate to be picked as a helper at Kairos #9 and #11 at Alexander and it was awesome to

experience the “service” aspect of the ministry. It was cool to know ahead of time what the participants were going to experience – the letters, open mic night, the forgiveness bowl, all of the things that make Kairos, “Kairos”.

At each of these Weekends, I truly enjoyed seeing some of the total transformations that took place in some inmates. I saw three men who used to practice witchcraft give their life to Christ as a result of a Kairos Weekend. I can only imagine the joy God felt watching the same thing. Luke 15:7 gives us a glimpse of this, where the Shepherd finds His lost sheep and brings it home. Verse 7 says: there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away.” And to me – THAT’S what it’s about! Kairos volunteers are vessels of God’s love who come into prisons to minister to His lost sheep. I

found the closing ceremony on Sunday to be evident of just how many had in fact returned to the Shepherd of their soul. Praise God!

All I know is that Kairos can amount to simply a “warm, fuzzy Weekend” – if you let it. Or, it can transform your life and your spirit if you let it. But we bear the responsibility of tending the seed that gets planted and cultivating it into something that produces fruit for the Kingdom of God. Read the parable of the Four Soils in Matthew 13:1 and see which on you are. Jesus explains it very clearly afterward in verses 18-22.

For me, Kairos was where God reached me through the unconditional love and service of the volunteers and by watching His Spirit work in the lives of many of the participants, including my own. I thank God for the power of this ministry.



Above: Bill Taylor and Ken Perduyn, Kairos Arizona volunteers, manning the ACA booth.

The ACA Winter Conference held in Phoenix was a success for exposure. Hundreds of people from around the country stopped by the booth to visit and learn about Kairos.

Ken Perduyn said “All of the people that we spoke with were extremely cordial and thankful for the outstanding services that the men of women of Kairos had brought to their facilities and all said that they would recommend the Kairos program to any other official that sought their guidance.”

Executive Director Transition Team Named

Ed Keefer, Chair of the Board of Directors and Lauren Wiebe, President of the International Council (IC) have jointly named the members of the Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (KPMI) Transition Team. The team will be working to recommend an Executive Director to replace John Thompson who announced his resignation on February 14th.

The Transition Team is made up of members of the Board of Directors, International

Council, Kairos volunteers and outside members. Joe McNemar, Secretary of the Board was selected to chair the team. Steve Gabriel, past President of the IC will serve as Vice-Chair and Carolyn Hebenstreit, former Board member is Secretary.

Other members of the team are IC Vice-President Bill Young and Vice-President of the KPMI Foundation David Farmer. Larry Diana, Bonnie Hambor and Ken Perduyn have expertise in executive recruiting. Vicki Spurgeon and David Ross are expected to

add special know-ledge of the Kairos program.

The Transition Team is meeting via teleconference to develop the materials needed to solicit the highest quality job applicants. While they do that, they are asking each member of the Kairos community to be in prayer for this process. The process is one of discerning God's will for the ministry and for help to discover his will with respect to the next Executive Director.

Successful #1 Weekend at Smith State Prison

I just got home from three and a half days at Kairos Prison Ministry #1 at Smith State Prison, Glennville, GA and I'm feeling totally blessed and stunned from miracles that touched all of us. Forty-two inmates were the participants and the love and power in that room is unexplainable. The praise music with almost 75 men belting out the worship over the 3 days was wonderful and the closing ceremonies went off the chart.

The warden and chaplain spoke and both are strong Christians who revved it way up. Then, on Open Mic, the men came up and their thoughts and love statements shook us a lot, telling of finding a family now, about trust,

about Jesus' presence. One man got up and said he was 45 this week, has been down in prison (meaning inside many, many years) and said, "Yesterday I did something I have not ever done, ever, as a man, I cried." He said it a few times while crying again, with his table family mates beside and behind him holding him in support.

That room with 50 visitors, over 150 former Kairos grads and the 42 of these new pilgrims went and erupted in love and praise over this man's candor and honesty. I had most of my Sunday school class there and our church van was buzzing about it all the way back home.

This was the First Kairos at this prison. It's a level 5 maximum

security place; about every one there is in for Life plus more years, and yet the Holy Spirit went through these guys and our Team in ways I'm still very shook about. There have been over 400 stabbings in this facility in the past 2 years.

I thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray that these men can now run Satan out of this place and win the yard for Christ.

Weekend #1
Smith SP
By Randy Ashurst



Shirley Ann Hartley, 68, passed away October 30, 2011, in her partner's arms at her home with Hospice at her side from advanced breast cancer. She was born in Norway, Maine and moved to Miami, FL, 43 years ago.



Known and loved by many, she spent countless years working in the printing industry with her husband Blair. She volunteered at Homeless People with AIDS, with Run Away Children, Switchboard of Miami 1973-75. Ten years active in Cursillo (a spiritual retreat community). As Cursillo Rector in the Panama Canal Zone.

In 1980, she began her 26 years as a volunteer at Broward's Women's Prison. She participated in arranging programs such as: Silence The Violence, Get A Life (GAL), also Access To Education, Leisure and Guidance. She taught printing classes, arranged for plants and landscaping, assisted in prisoners theatrical productions. Always encouraging "her ladies", and fighting for them at every turn when needed. She loved and respected "her ladies" and they called her "their angel". Many of these "ladies", when released, sought her out for continued guidance and friendship with them until her death. For many years, she administered aid and comfort to inmates at (T.C.U.) medical, mental health and hospice units, and as a death and dying consultant.

She was a member of (ADEC) Association for Death Education and Counseling. She was also a Volunteer Chaplain at BCI for 9 years and Baptist Hospital in Miami. She had a strong bond with the Kairos Prison Ministry for over ten years, serving as Secretariat/Board of Directors and Chairperson 1986-87. She was deeply honored to receive the Citizen Volunteer of the Year award at BCI in 1991.

She was responsible for bringing the Spanish Kairos Weekends into both women's and men's prisons in South Florida and formed a unit with Spanish and English communities. She loved the

Spanish enthusiasm, "Hola". Sometimes in life you find a FOREVER FRIEND . . . Knowing Shirley, that was very easy to FIND. Every "thing", every "plant" and every "person" she ever touched became beautiful, and that is her legacy. Please keep her family and her partner/caregiver, Tony Di Cicco of Miami in your prayers. Shirley request memorial contributions to: Kairos Prison Ministry - Area 7 -, c/o Orlando Rodriguez, 2351 South Douglas Road, Apt. 602, Miami, FL 33145.



Ellery B. May, Jr. of Huntsville, AL, passed away November 23, 2011. Mr. May was a veteran of World War II, having served as both pilot and flight engineer in the U.S. Army Air Forces. Following his military service he earned his BS Degree

in Aeronautical Engineering from Auburn University. His first job was with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Hampton, Virginia doing aeronautical research in the Langley wind tunnels.

He and his young family came to live in Huntsville, AL in the summer of 1951, when he accepted a job at NASA with the German rocket team under Dr. Von Braun. There he helped design the wind tunnels used to test rockets, and was later reassigned to the Systems Engineering Office. He became Chief of the Saturn Systems Engineering Office in 1970, and managed the Saturn program office for the final Saturn Launch in July of 1975. This mission, the Appollo/Soyez Test Project, sent three American Astronauts into space to shake hands with the Russians, the first international rendezvous in space. Mr. May was awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal for his work on the project.

During his retirement, Mr. May was instrumental in establishing Kairos Prison Ministry in Alabama, serving as its director. He started the first Kairos weekend for HIV inmates at Limestone and was a member of the Kairos Prison Ministry

National Board of Directors. He was a great mentor and friend to many of his fellow Kairos volunteers and was a wonderful leader. Please keep his wife of 67 years, Gilda Martin May and his family in your prayers.

Dorothy Gorrell, Arvada, CO, died Saturday, November 26, 2011. She is survived by husband, Gordon, daughter Diane (Chuck) Vigil of Arvada and son Russell (Karla) of Cibolo, TX. Russell has been an active Kairos volunteer for over 14 years. He has served on Teams in Texas, Virginia and the U.K. Please keep Dorothy and her family in your prayers.

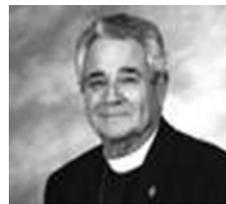
Emily Trust, 88, of Huntsville passed away on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Prior to becoming ill, Emily was active in her church and volunteered for causes near to her heart. She worked Kairos Inside at Tutwiler, & Kairos Outside and Kairos at Limestone. Emily started working Kairos at Tutwiler starting with KO #1, worked most the Limestone Weekends in the kitchen. She switched over to Kairos Outside starting with number 1 and worked many Weekends on the Team. She was born in New Jersey but loved Alabama and worked as a legal secretary in Huntsville for many years until her retirement 20 years ago.

Emily was a very spiritual woman and worked with many organizations within her church. Before coming to work at Kairos, she was a part of many teams in Beginning Experiences (weekend retreat for newly divorced and widowed men and women). Please remember Emily's family in your prayers.

Jim O'Keefe, Long Beach, MS Our brother in Christ, Jim O'Keefe, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly December 2, 2011. Jim was an important part of our Kairos community. Those that have heard Jim speak know that he was a very spiritual man. So now we have one more Kairos advocate in heaven. Please keep his family in your prayers as they are trying to come to grips with their loss.

Richard W. Carter, age 62, of Orient, OH, passed away on Dec. 27, 2011 at the Ross Heart Hospital at The Ohio State University following a sudden and tragic heart attack. Richard obtained a bachelor of science in agriculture and a master of science in plant pathology from The Ohio State University and a PhD in botany and plant pathology from Purdue University in 1977. He served his country in the Air National Guard. Richard also worked for the Ohio Department of Agriculture until 1985, at which time he chose to become a full-time farm manager and at-home father. He was an avid gardener and conservationist and active 4-H volunteer. He enjoyed experimenting with new plant varieties and growing techniques and sharing his knowledge with others.

Richard's hobbies included religious studies, music, model railroading, carpentry and stamp-collecting. He was an active member of the Derby United Methodist Church in Derby, where he sang in the choir and enjoyed teaching and fellowship. He was also involved in and supported the Kairos Christian prison ministry, with whom gifts in his memory can be made. Please keep his wife Linda and his family in your prayers.



Jay Lauer, Gainesville, FL was born in NYC November 8, 1923. He died January 7, 2012. Jay served in the Army Air Corps and the U. S. Air Force for 23 years and retired in 1965 as a Lieutenant Colonel. In 1965 he was employed by the University of Florida and retired in 1989.

Jay was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church June 29, 1986. He served in prisons and hospitals and at Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church for 25 years. He was one of the early giants of Kairos at Union CI in the early 80's.

He and his wife Barbara graduated from the first Episcopal Cursillo Weekend in the Episcopal Diocese (the Diocese of FL). Please remember his widow Barbara and family in your prayers.

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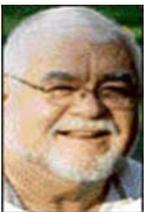


Robert Boerner Sr. was truly a man of God. Over the last 20 years he worked with Kairos Prison Ministry to share the love of Christ and address the spiritual needs of incarcerated men. He died January 19, 2012 at the age of 81 after a long battle with kidney disease.

Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University. After graduation, Bob served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force, then moved to Atlanta, GA with Westinghouse, and then to Florence, AL with Reynolds Metals Co. Later, Bob and his wife, Dot, traveled the world extensively. Bob's greatest legacy is the family that he loved and mentored through his walk with Christ.

Please remember his wife, Dorothy, of 58 years and his children and grandchildren in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Reaching Indians Ministries International, or Kairos Prison Ministry International, P.O. Box 26586, Birmingham, AL 35260 and designate for Limestone Correctional Facility.

Anthony "Tony" T. Lenox, Jr., born on Shelter Island, NY on July 27, 1943, passed away on March 19, 2012 at his home.



After a 30 year career with IBM as a Customer Engineer in the NY area, Tony and his wife Beverly retired to Ormond Beach, FL. Tony had a true servant's heart and gave freely of his

time and talents serving in his beloved church as Sr. Warden, as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and as a prayer warrior in the Order of St. Luke. He was a genuine missionary who led and participated in numerous Kairos Outreach (prison ministry) and Cursillo weekends and traveling with mission teams making a real difference in Ormond Beach, New Orleans and Honduras for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please remember Tony's wife, Beverly and his family in your prayers.



On March 26, 2012 **Arlen Frederick Janke** took his last breath on earth and his first breath in heaven. He was born January 4th, 1934 in El Paso, Texas.

As a teenager Arlen worked in his father's sheet metal shop and for fun he raced stock cars. He spent many weekends racing the Unser boys in Albuquerque. After graduation from high school he joined the U.S. Navy. In 1957 and returned to his home in El Paso, where in 1958 he married Dixie Watkin, from Michigan, who had been his pen pal for 2 years. They moved from El Paso to Albuquerque in 1962 and raised their 4 children. In 1970 Arlen attended school and became a pilot and received commercial pilot's license.

He attended Central United Methodist Church where he served in many roles and was a member of the United Methodist Men. He spent 10 years with the Kairos Prison Ministry, taking the message of the Lord to the inmates by working with the Teams that ministered in the prison in Santa Fe and the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility in Santa Rosa Arlen was loved by his wife, family and many friends. He leaves behind his wife Dixie of 53 years, 4 children and 5 grandchildren.



In Loving Memory

**Kairos Prison
Ministry International**

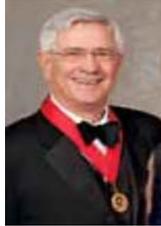
Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers. A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one. Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

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.

Kairos Past Executive Director receives SMU Distinguished Alumni Award

James (Ike) Griffin, III has devoted the past two decades to faith and character-based rehabilitation efforts with inmates in the nation's prisons. He currently is president of Horizon Communities in Prison, a multi-faith rehabilitation and education program.



Griffin served as an SMU cheerleader while working on his B.B. A. degree, which he received from the Cox School of Business I in 1957. After spending three years in the U.S. Air Force, he operated an international produce company in the Rio Grande Valley that was influential in devel-

oping new trade practices between the U.S. and Mexico. He also engaged in real estate and community development in the Dallas area.

Griffin moved to Florida in 1990 to become Executive Director of Kairos Prison Ministry, an international program that addresses spiritual needs of prisoners and their families, primarily through retreats led by volunteer teams. He led expansion of Kairos from 50 to more than 240 prisons in 31 states and 4 foreign countries, while also finding time to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree. Since stepping down as Executive Director of Kairos in 2001, Griffin has focused on Horizon Commu-

nities in Prison, an organization he developed to provide intensive rehabilitative programming for one-year periods in specialized dorm settings. In recognition of his prison work, Griffin received the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award from SMU's Perkins School of Theology and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services named Horizon Communities "A Model for the Future."

As part of SMU's centennial commemoration, the Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented on campus November 3, 2011. Ike was one of three to receive this award as part of SMU's Second Century of Achievement.

Kairos Outside Held Special Event Day

Kairos Outside Houston held a "Special Event Day" on October 1, 2011. Our desire was to offer a time of encouragement and support for the women in our community. The topic of the day was "Choices". Our discussions focused on the choices we have made since our Kairos Outside weekend. The day encompassed worship, fellowship, speakers and table discussions. As facilitators we tried to create an atmosphere of understanding, compassion, support and most importantly unconditional love. Our Special Event Day was held at a local church where we were blessed to have the facility, meals and child-care donated by the Mission Team. They served us with love, gentleness and even sent us home with a lovely invitation to return again along with a goodie bag with a vari-

ety of non-perishable items.

Feedback survey responses we received from participants demonstrated the longing of the women in our community to feel connected to Kairos Outside beyond their Weekend. Here are some examples of feedback from some of the women regarding our Special Event Day on Choices:

"This event met my expectations." "It was great to see everyone and be blessed by Kairos all over again", I will take with me, " Continued Hope, Renewed Strength and Empowerment," "I would love to see more events like today," and "Thank you for caring enough to continue this great work".

The participants seem willing to

develop meaningful relationships and we are hearing the call to deeper commitment as we help facilitate future special events.



My enthusiasm to become involved with Kairos Outside was the motivating force behind me joining Cindy Serio to put this event together. I wanted the relationships built at our Weekend to move beyond Camp Allen. It is great to have a sense of belonging and unity in Kairos Outside, but there is also a desire to carry this sense of community out into the society we live in day in and day out.

Crystal Martinez, KO Houston #24 & Special Event Day Leader
Cindy Serio, Outreach Team

AKT is for Kairos Inside, Outside and 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 Inside ministry. Kairos policy requires that all weekend leaders must have attended AKT-Inside prior to leading a Weekend.

Principle Statements Concerning AKT Expenses

1. All AKTs are essentially free to any and all attendees.
2. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for AKT should be borne by the sponsoring Advisory Council (or State Chapter Committee in certain hardship cases), just as it is done in meeting other Weekend expenses.
3. This means that all Advisory Councils should be budgeting, not only for the expense of conducting Weekends, but also for any AKT expenses deemed necessary for future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council wants to attend.
4. If an attendee wishes to make a personal gift to help defray the costs of attending an AKT, he/she should make their donation directly to his/her sponsoring Advisory Council, and NOT to the State hosting the AKT.

The Advisory Council will make the payment to the hosting State, as in 2. above. Since an attendee's gift to the Advisory Council is a donation, it is subject to an affiliation fee due from the Advisory Council or State.

Be sure to bring your Kairos Manual. If you do not have one yet, extra copies will be available for purchase at the training.

Musicians: Please feel free to bring your instruments with you.

April 13-15, 2012 AUBURN, WA

Kairos Inside

Location: Lakeview Christian Conference & Retreat Center, 4005 South 360th Street, Auburn, WA 98001 <http://lakeviewretreat.org/>

Cost: \$164 per person, which includes two nights lodging, five meals (Friday supper through Sunday Breakfast), training materials, and Instructors. Commuter price is \$154 per person; no lodging is provided for commuters. Make checks payable to Kairos of Washington.

Contact: Kay Glass; KayGlass41@hotmail.com or 253-350-8805 8 AM – 8 PM Pacific Time for application and additional information. Snail mail address is: AKT % Kay Glass, 3716 Hampton Way, Kent, WA 98032-7061.

Notes: Dorm style housing with four bedrooms having 8 to 10 bunk beds per room. Separate bedrooms for males and females. Bunk beds and mattresses are provided but you must bring your own pillows and bedding. Supper will be served at 6:00 PM Friday evening, and class will start immediately at 7:00 PM. Classes will typically end at 11 to 11:45 AM Sunday morning. If you desire airport transportation to and from SeaTac Airport, you must contact Kay Glass at least three weeks before the AKT. **Additional late fee of \$25 if you register after March 31, 2010.**

Location: Lakeview Christian Conference and Retreat Center, 4005 South 360th Street, Auburn, WA 98001.

Contact: Kay Glass

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON – check the mykairos.org website.

April 27-29, 2012 WAVERLY, GA

(40 miles north of Jacksonville, FL.)

Kairos Inside

Location: Honeycreek Episcopal Conference Center 299 Georgia Episcopal Conference Center Rd.

Cost: \$220 for double, \$305 for single, \$145 for commuters. Please have AC or State make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.

Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896 for additional information including mailing address and application.

Note: Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

April 27 – 29, 2012 AMARILLO, TX

Kairos Inside

Location: Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring, Amarillo, TX 79107, 806-383-1811. Arrive by 6:00 pm and start at 7:00 Pm.

Cost: \$260.00 - single, (limited number of available) \$225.00 - double, (each) and \$175.00 - commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Sandwiches Friday evening; Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, 817-247-5403 (cell) or mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net or , 526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information. Checks should be made payable to KPMI – Texas

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items only YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEKEND LEADER

MAY 4 – 6, 2012 BUFFALO, NY

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Harvest House Retreat Center, 1782 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14210, 716-823-1210

Accommodations: Sleeping conditions are as you would have on a Weekend. There are some sofas, but mostly carpeted floor with small mattresses; if driving, bring sleeping bag, air mattress or cot. If flying, we will be glad to pick up and return to airport; bedding will be provided. Please advise of needs.

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items & Red Manuals. Musicians, bring your music makers!

Cost: \$140.00 per person. Fee includes two nights lodging/conference fee , all training materials and meals: Friday - light dinner, Saturday - breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday - breakfast. Plan to arrive by 5pm; training starts at 7pm.

Contact: Please send your application (found at www.mykairos.org, downloads, under AKT-Universal Application) with payment made payable to KPMI of New York from your Ad Council or State Chapter to: Linda Gonzalez, lrgscq@roadrunner.com, 716-773-2251 for mailing address.

May 18 – 20, 2012 DENVER, CO

Kairos Inside

Location: American Motel and Conference Center.

Located at 10101 I-70 Service Road North Wheat Ridge, Co 80033. (Please bring your KI Manual) Price includes all training materials. 5 meals, which are as follows, Friday night dinner through Sunday breakfast.

Cost: Commuters: \$155.00, Double Occupancy Rooms \$209.00 or Private Room \$259.00 a late fee of \$25.00 will be charged for anyone registering after May 1st. Please go to kairosprisonministry.org and click on Advanced Kairos Training, then click on AKT Universal Registration Form, print it out, fill it out and mail in. Please make checks payable to: Kairos of Colorado then US Mail the Completed Registration Form and check to: Randy Borden C/O Kairos AKT 1805 W. 6th Ave. Broomfield CO 80020-1712.

Contact: Randy Borden; rjborden@comcast.net or 303-469-7540.

June 1-3, 2012 JACKSONVILLE, FL

Kairos Inside

Location: Marywood Retreat Center, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns, Fl. (on the beautiful St. John's River).

Cost: \$225 for double, \$280 for single, \$150 for commuters. Please have AC or state make checks payable to Kairos of Florida. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.

Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896 for additional information including mailing address and application.

Note: Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

June 1-3, 2012 CANTON, MS

Kairos Inside, Torch and Outside

Location: Duncan M. Gray Episcopal Camp & Conference Center, 1530 Way Road, Canton, MS 39046, www.graycenter.dioms.org Arrival: 3:00-5:00 PM Friday June 1

Cost: \$250 per person. Includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals (Fri. dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch, dinner & Sunday breakfast) all snacks and all training materials (except for manuals). \$100 per person for commuters. Please send registration forms found at www.mykairos.org under Downloads and checks payable to Kairos of Mississippi

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to: Danny Brunt, 222 Moore Road, Vaughan MS 39179

Contact: Danny Brunt, 662-289-0233 (office) or 601-942-0652 (cell) dan-ny.brunt@iveymechanical.com.

Notes: Transportation to and from airport will be provided. Registration Forms can be found at www.kairosprisonministry.org/templates/System/details.asp KI should bring Program Manuals. KT should bring Program Manual and Mentoring Guide (these can be provided at an extra charge). KO should bring Program Manuals (these can also be provided at an extra charge). Registration deadline is Monday May 14, 2012.

June 8-10,2012 CHARLESTON, WV

Kairos Inside

Location: St Marks United Methodist Church, 900 Washington St. E., Charleston, WV 25301

Cost: \$135.00 per person plus lodging if required. Hotels within walking distance: Fairfield Inn Charleston – (304) 343-4661 – Washington St and Leon Sullivan Way – Rate \$119.00 per night (\$103.00 per night AAA or \$93.00 per night AARP). Best Western Charleston Plaza – (304) 345-9779 – 1010 Washington St E – Rate \$99.95 per night (\$5.46 per night AAA or AARP). Please bring a current Red Manual or be prepared to purchase one at the training.

Contact: Ralph Sevy – (304) 345-8779 or ralphsevy@suddenlink.net or for additional information and application.

June 29 – July 1, 2012 HUNTSVILLE, TX

Kairos Inside

Location: Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University. Housing in Hotel operated by Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Arrive by 6:00 pm and start at 7:00 pm.

Cost: \$315.00 for single (limited number available). \$245.00 for double (each). \$175.00 for commuters. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Sandwiches Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net or 817-247-5403 (cell), 526 Westview Terrace,

Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information. Checks should be made payable to KPMI – Texas

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items only. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEKEND LEADER

July 13-15, 2012, ELLENTON/BRADENTON, FL

Kairos Inside and Outside: Closest Airport is Tampa International

Location: DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, Ellenton, Florida. Driving Directions: Take 75 South, Exit #24, Ellenton Exit. Go left onto 301 N. Drive 2 miles, turn right on 80th Avenue East, BP Gas Station on right as you turn. Turn left onto 25th St. East and make an immediate right into DaySpring Conference Center.

Cost: Double occupancy, \$200 per person. Fee covers two nights, meals for Friday night through Sunday lunch (or a box lunch to take home Sunday). All linens and towels provided. All materials provided, except current manual. For Kairos inside the Red Manual will be covered fully so bring your copy. For Kairos Outside check with your Kairos Outside Leader. If you play a guitar or sing or both, bring it and join us in the singing sessions. We will have song books with words only.

Contact: For applications go to www.Kairosfl.org and click on application. Make checks payable to Kairos of Florida and mail to: Nora Ramirez, P. O. Box 93070, Lakeland, Fl., 33804. Send application at same time, telephone cell #, 863-640-0039, home: 863-868-5346, e-mail: sar-ner@juno.com

July 13-15, 2012 RALEIGH, NC

Kairos Inside

Location: Peace College – 15 East Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27604

Meals: Friday evening, July 13: NO meals; Saturday, July 14: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sunday, July 15: Breakfast only

Lodging: 2 nights – Friday and Saturday, linens provided

Cost: Room and meals – double occupancy - \$185 per person; single occupancy - \$225; commuter – meals and conference costs - \$135.00; spouse accompanying, but not attending conference \$95; late fee \$25 after July 1. Price includes training material.

Notes: Make checks payable to Kairos of NC. Out of NC attendees should provide a check from their Ad Council or State Chapter, not a personal check. NC attendees will be paid by their Ad Council. Check in after 2:00 pm. Plan to arrive by 5:00 pm.
Contact: Ted Cashion – phone 919-859-1709; email – tedcashion@nc.rr.com or Bob Clinkscales – phone – 252-426-7720; email – mmbros02@gmail.com

August 17-19, 2012 FORSYTH, GA
Kairos Inside and Torch

Location: Ramada Inn Convention Center, 480 Holiday Cir. I75 exit #186
Cost: \$205 for double, \$275 For single, \$150 for commuter. Please have AC or State make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 4meals and training materials.
Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896 for additional information, including mailing address and application.
Note: Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

August 24-26, 2012 ST. LOUIS, MO
Kairos Outside

Location: All Saints Catholic Church, 7 McMenamy; Saint Peters, MO 63376 (Saint Peters is suburb of St. Louis and is approximately 15 to 20 minute drive from St. Louis Lambert Airport)
Lodging: Local KO Volunteer’s homes
Cost: \$120 includes all meals (Friday evening – Sunday lunch); lodging/training materials
 Mail your AKT Training Registration Form (found at www.mykairos.org) and check for payment to: Kairos of Missouri, Attn: Joann Brown, P O Box 191214, St. Louis, MO 63119
 PLEASE SEND CHECK FROM YOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL OR STATE. NO PERSONAL CHECKS PLEASE.
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION AND CHECK IS JULY 13, 2012
Contact: Any questions and/or to coordinate transportation, please contact Joann Brown at 618-372-8137 or fmlybrwn4@yahoo.com
Note: Attendees need bring personal items only and Kairos Outside (Oct. 2011 purple) manual. Musicians, please bring your instrument.

September 7-9, 2012 WOODWORTH, LA
Kairos Inside

Location: The Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth, LA 71485
Cost: \$240.00, single; \$205, double (each), and \$75.00, for commuters. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and meals (Light meal Friday evening; Saturday – breakfast, lunch and dinner – Sunday, breakfast.) All bedding and towels are provided. Bring personal items with you, including your current Kairos Manual. Check in between 3:00-5:30 p.m. on Friday, 9/7. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the first training session. Nearest recommended airport: Alexandria International Airport, Alexandria, LA. Please plan your travel time to arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. *If you desire airport transportation, you must notify AKT contact Carol Spisak three weeks prior to the Training.* Please plan your travel time to arrive promptly and depart after the training is concluded. *Participants must be present for all 15 hours of AKT to be certified for Weekend leadership.*
To register: Universal AKT Registration Forms are found at www.mykairos.org under “Downloads”. Mail the completed form, and check made payable to Kairos of Louisiana, to Carol Spisak, 235 Eugenie Drive, Duson, LA 70529. Registration deadline is August 25, 2012.
Contact: Carol Spisak, csings4him@aol.com or at 337-962-2056

September 14-16, 2012 ADAMSTOWN, MD
Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Bishop Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeyestown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710 (Recommended Airport – Thurgood Marshall – BWI)
Cost: Room and meals –\$245 per person; Commuter – meals and conference costs - \$195.00; Spouse accompanying, but not attending conference \$185; late fee \$25 after September 1. Price includes training material.
Meals: Friday evening, September 14 dinner; Saturday, September 15: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sunday, September 16: Breakfast only
Lodging: 2 nights – Friday and Saturday, linens provided
Notes: Make checks payable to Kairos in MD. Out of MD attendees should provide a check from their Ad Council or State Chapter, not a personal check.

MD attendees will be paid by their Ad Council.
Maryland Kairos, PO Box 401, Burtonsville, MD
20866 Check in after 2:00 pm. Plan to arrive by
5:00 pm.

Contact: Anne Koether – phone 410-987-3885;
email – akoether@yahoo.com

September 14 – 16, 2012 MIDLAND, TX
Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp –
Stanton, TX. Arrive by 6:00pm / start at 7:00 pm.

Cost: \$225.00 per person. \$175.00 for commu-
ters Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and
Saturday), all training materials and the follow-
ing meals: Light Supper on Friday night, Satur-
day breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday
breakfast. RV hookups available at reduced
price. Arrive by 6:00 pm and training will start at
7:00 pm. Checks should be made payable to
KPMI - Texas

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, [mstum-
baugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mstum-
baugh@sbcglobal.net) or 817-247-5403 (cell),
526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for
application and additional information. Checks
should be made payable to KPMI – Texas

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items
only.

**YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE
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END LEADER**

Oct. 5-7, 2012 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL
Kairos Inside

Housing: Marriott Hotel, 4000 RCA Blvd. PB
Gardens, 33410

Training: St. Marks Church, 3395 Burns Rd. PB
Gardens.

Cost: \$210 for double, \$310 for single, \$110 for
commuter. Please have AC or State make checks
payable to Kairos of Florida. Fee includes 2
nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.

Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or
352-473-7896 for additional information includ-
ing mailing address and application.

Note: Participants need to bring only personal
items. All linens are provided.

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER SEPTEMBER 25, 2012.**

October 5-7, 2012 SPOKANE, WA

Kairos Outside

Location: Clearwater Lodge Spokane Retreat
Center, 8513 Hwy 211, Newport WA 99156
www.clearwaterLodge

Cost: \$216 for quad occupancy, \$235 for double,
or \$257 for single which includes two nights
lodging, five meals (Friday dinner through Sun-
day breakfast), snacks, training materials and In-
structors. There are a limited number of quad and
single rooms, so first come first served. Make
checks payable to Kairos of Washington.

Contact: Please send your application (found at
www.mykairos.org, downloads, KPMI, under
AKT- Universal Application) and payment to
Kathy Walker, 950 Vineland Dr #46, Clarkston
WA 99403. Additional info can be received at
jkdwalk01@cablone.net or 509-254-4554.

Notes: Beds are twin size with bedding and linens
provided as well as private baths for each room.
Transportation from and to Spokane International
Airport will be provide if you let Kathy Walker
know at least three weeks (September 14) before
the AKT KO. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM
Friday evening, and training begins at 6:30 PM.
Training will end at 12 noon on Sunday. **There is
an additional late fee of \$25 if you register af-
ter September 20.**

November 9 – 11, 2012 GRANBURY, TX
Kairos Inside and Torch

Location: Camp Crucis, 2875 Camp Crucis Ct.,
Granbury, TX 76048. Arrive by 6:00pm and start
at 7:00 pm.

Cost: \$245.00 per person. Commuter \$175.00.
Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Sat-
urday), all training materials and the following
meals: Sandwiches Friday evening, Saturday
breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, [mstum-
baugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mstum-
baugh@sbcglobal.net) or 817-247-5403 (cell), 526
Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for ap-
plication and additional information. Checks
should be made payable to KPMI – Texas

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items on-
ly. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE
COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEKEND
LEADER**

Prison Inmates Donate to Albemarle Hopeline

By **Reggie Ponder**,
The Daily Advance
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A group of inmates at Pasquotank Correctional Institute spearheaded a project that raised \$360 to buy Christmas presents for children served by Albemarle Hopeline.

Last Christmas, inmates contributed money to assist Midway Auto Group with its toy drive. This year, several inmates suggested contributing to Albemarle Hopeline and the idea took off. Some 25 inmates contributed \$1, \$2, \$5, whatever they could, and the total came to \$180. Members of Kairos International, a Christian ministry of volunteers who meet, study the Bible and pray with prisoners, heard about the funds inmates were raising for Albemarle Hopeline.

Inspired by the inmates efforts on behalf of the battered women and their children, Kairos volunteers such as Jack Atwell made a commitment to match whatever the prisoners raised. The inmate contributions and volunteer matching contributions together totaled \$360 for the children of Albemarle Hopeline.

Carol Patterson, director of direct services for Albemarle Hopeline, was in the midst of the Christmas rush last week when representatives of Kairos brought a \$360 gift card to her office. "We're in the process of

finishing our Christmas list, so this is right on time," Patterson said last week after receiving the contribution.

Patterson explained the card would be used to buy Christmas presents for the children of Albemarle Hopeline, including 12 kids who live in the shelter with their mother and about 300 others that Hopeline serves in the community.

David Williamson, 57, was one of the inmates who helped organize the fund drive. He said people outside the prison give a lot to him and other inmates, so some of the leaders of the Christian community among the inmates decided they needed to give back. "We just wanted to give something back to the people. They're always giving to us, let us give. Around the end of October, inmates started talking about the Christmas project. Organizers of the fund drive encouraged other inmates to donate whatever you feel like you have in your heart to give," Williamson said.

Most of the inmates who contributed to the Christmas gift fund are men who have completed the Kairos Weekend, an intensive four-day exploration

of Christianity and how it can be lived out inside the prison environment.

After completing the Weekend, the men form prayer groups with other inmates and meet regularly with Kairos volunteers.

Williamson, who has been incarcerated at PCI since 2007, completed the Kairos weekend at Central Prison in 1995, making him a veteran of the movement. The first Kairos Weekend was held at PCI in 1999.

Gary DeCastillia, a liaison for Kairos at PCI, noted that some inmates make as little as 35 cents a day at their prison jobs, so the money they raised represents a huge commitment in terms of time. Viewed another way, the money in inmates accounts is what they use to buy snacks at the prison canteen, so every contribution is a decision to forgo a hard-to-come-by snack, he said.

DeCastillia, who used to work at PCI through College of The Albemarle as a construction trades instructor, said the prison staff did a great job of facilitating the project. Joe Harrell, assistant superintendent for programs, does a great job coordinating the efforts of volunteers. Also, Linda Chambers of the PCI staff worked out



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Men's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
4/5	FL	Columbia CI	21		4/19	NM	Lea County CF	19	Dean Wall
4/5	So Afr	Krugersdorp	26	Werner Cloete	4/19	SC	Broad River CI	31	Henry Wall
4/12	AL	Fountain CF	54	Ashley Freeman	4/19	TN	Morgan County CC	19	Jack Garchie
4/12	CA	CA Inst. Main Yard	7	E.L. 'Doc' Hales	4/19	TN	Northeast CC	24	Neal Francisco
4/12	CA	Calipatria SP	15	Ruben Vandiviez	4/19	TX	Allred SP	22	Bruce Chrystie
4/12	CA	Ironwood SP	26	Don Minnick	4/19	TX	Boyd SP	19	Glen Cliett
4/12	CO	Delta CC	41	Ron Smith	4/19	TX	Coffield SP	33	Jim Hughes
4/12	CO	Territorial CF	53	Don Ferguson	4/19	TX	Darrinton SP	49	Michael Gnoinski
4/12	FL	Charlotte CI	36	Lewis Edwards	4/19	TX	Smith SP	30	Glen Lowrance
4/12	FL	Columbia CI	21	John Chambers	4/19	TX	Stevenson	20	Richard Van Wormer
4/12	FL	Hardee CI	24	John Dahl	4/19	TX	Torres SP	26	George hampton
4/12	FL	Okeechobee CI Spanish	50		4/19	WA	WA State Ref.	50	Paul Wentland
4/12	FL	Tomoka CI	70	Billy Rhodes	4/24	Peru	Establecimiento	5	Vladimir San Martin
4/12	GA	Central SP	8	Steve Thomas	4/26	FL	New River CI	6	Mike Goldwire
4/12	GA	Lee SP	36	Mike Albright	4/26	FL	Union CI	72	
4/12	IL	Stateville	13	Bruce Alesi	4/26	FL	Zephyrhills CI	62	Fred Coogle
4/12	IL	Tamms Supermax CC	1	Fran Butler	4/26	GA	Georgia SP	21	Robert Brown
4/12	IN	Miami CF	9	Tony Brzezinski	8/30	GA	Walker SP	21	
4/12	IN	Pendleton CI	10	Derryl Pitts	4/26	IL	Menard CC	3	Larry Choate
4/12	IN	Plainfield CF	10	Denny Huron	4/26	IN	Branchville CF	12	K. Von Parkman
4/12	NC	Pender CI	23	Craig King	4/26	IN	Putnamville CF	4	Steve Pottorff
4/12	NY	Coxsackie CF	23	John Fritz	4/26	KS	Hutchinson CF	20	Mike Warford
4/12	SC	Perry CI	29		4/26	LA	Winn CC	35	Ronnie Langley
4/12	TX	Bartlett State Jail	26		4/26	OH	Marion CI	31	Dennis Grose
4/12	TX	Briscoe SP	8	Paul Newsome	4/26	SC	Allendale	11	Dave Post
4/12	TX	Eastham SP	23	Nick Ortega	4/26	TX	Lynaugh	27	Greg Jackson
4/12	TX	Michael SP	40	David Powell	4/26	VA	Sussex 2 SP	3	Tom McCarty
4/12	TX	Neal SP	28	Rick Reece	4/28	MS	MS SP Unit 29	30	Steve Loden
4/12	TX	Roach SP	25	Stan Vandivere	5/1	CA	Connally	19	Robert Deming
4/13	AL	Holeman Death Row	3		5/3	CA	CA Inst. West Yard	1	Van Fairfax
4/18	TX	Hughes SP	30	Doug Moss	5/3	CO	Sterling CF East	9	John Roehl
4/18	TX	Torres SP	26	George Hampton	5/3	DE	Sussex CI	1	Bill Young
4/19	AL	Donaldson CF	55	Tim O'Shell	5/3	GA	Smith SP	2	Ralph Roellig
4/19	AL	Staton CF	29	Dennis Endicott	5/3	GA	Washington SP	9	Joe Cheeks
4/19	FL	Avon Park	38	Steve Toalster	5/3	IN	Westville CF	16	Gary Myers
4/19	FL	Desoto CI	58	David Palanzi	5/3	KS	El Dorado CF	13	Jim Liss
4/19	FL	Florida SP	12	Ed Washburn	5/3	MO	Crossroads CC	11	Clayton Mooney
4/19	FL	Marion CI	5		5/3	NY	Clinton CF	13	Gordon Kelley
4/19	FL	Moore Haven	22	Read Samples	5/3	OH	London CI	2	Gerard Tracy
4/19	FL	New River CI	6		5/3	SC	Lee CI	34	George Williams
4/19	FL	Polk CI	33	Miles Watson	5/3	SC	Tyger River CI	15	Gus Walker
4/19	GA	Hays SP Annex	6	Joe Johnson	5/3	TX	Clemens SP	14	
4/19	GA	Phillips SP	12		5/3	TX	Dalhart SP	26	Greg Brown
4/19	IN	Indiana SP	11	John Kaufmann	5/3	TX	McConnell SP	33	Joey Wright
4/19	NC	Foothills CI	6	Chris Rasmussen	5/10	FL	Northwest FRC	16	Lee Eyer

Men's Inside Weekends cont.

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
5/10	FL	Putnam CI	22	Steve Bradfield	9/13	OH	North Central CI	8	Bob Rogers
5/10	NH	NH State Prison	51	Tom Sipe	9/13	SC	Lieber CI	48	Archie Russell
5/16	TX	Beto SP	46	Ken Davis	9/13	TN	West TN SP	30	Gary Lesley
5/17	CA	Fed. CI Terminal Island	39	Efrain Gutierrez	9/20	AL	Draper CF	13	Tom Walker
5/17	CA	U. S. P. Atwater	6	Ron Degiuli	9/20	FL	Polk CI	34	James Sampson
5/17	FL	Avon Park	38	Steve Toalster	9/20	SC	Kershaw CI	26	Sidney Fields
5/17	FL	Sumter CI	17	Jim Charleton	9/26	MS	South MS CI	14	
5/17	GA	Hancock SP	38	Bobby Thomas	9/27	FL	Okeechobee CI Spanish	52	
5/17	IN	Wabash Valley CF	8	John Hodge	9/27	PA	Lake Erie CI	24	Jay Dumbeck
5/17	MD	Maryland CI	16	Mark Bevington	9/27	WA	Clallam Bay CC	14	Jan Bergink
5/17	MO	Potosi CC	4	Kip Connor	10/4	FL	Madison CI	29	Robert Butler
5/17	NC	Marion	8	Gene Gordon	10/4	GA	Phillips SP	13	Gary Rodgers
5/17	PA	SCI Albion	34	Richard Estes	10/4	LA	Rayburn CC	14	
5/17	PA	SCI Chester	12	Frank Brennan	10/4	SC	Lee CI	35	John Vergere
5/17	PA	SCI Greene	13	Mark Stakor	10/11	CO	Territorial CF	65	Phil Peloquin
5/17	SC	Scotland CI	3		10/11	MO	Potoci CC	5	Vern Walters
5/17	TX	Montford SP	27	Sheldon Staggs	10/11	NC	Bertie CI	10	Fred Irvin
5/17	VA	Greensville S3	36	Mike McLean	10/11	SC	Evans CI	38	Todd Lowe
5/17	WV	St Mary's CC	14	Bill Beebe	10/11	SC	Perry CI	30	Charles Henderson
5/25	CA	CA Med Fac. Vacaville	38	Edgar Martinez	10/11	TX	Stiles Prison	28	Sam Fazio
5/31	ME	Maine SP	25	Dick Marchi	10/18	FL	Sumter CI	18	Marty Purvis
5/31	NM	Guadalupe County CF	15		10/18	SC	Broad River	32	Mark FitzMaurice
6/7	FL	Baker CI	22		10/18	SC	Ridgeland CI	5	Bob Jackson
6/7	FL	Okeechobee CI	51	Phil Connel	10/18	WA	WA State Ref.	51	Mark Grumbine
6/7	LA	Angola	54	Duane Denham	10/19	AL	Donaldson CF	56	Butch Williams
6/8	NY	Wende NY SP	50	James Brown	10/25	CO	Delta CC	42	Terry Hastings
6/8	TX	Vance SP	47	Tom Dummer	10/25	FL	Zephyrhills CI	63	David McNamee
6/14	AL	Limestone CF	55	Jason Glasgow	10/25	ID	Idaho SCI	13	Larry Merk
6/21	FL	Everglades CI (Spanish)	20	Bert Leon	10/25	LA	Winn CC	36	Steve Jackson
7/2	NIC	La Modelo	10		10/25	OK	Davis CF	11	Mike O'Grady
7/4	TX	Ferguson SP	53	Don Smith	11/12	CA	CA SP At Centinela	12	Jose L Perez Grovas
7/12	TX	Estes Prison	4	Mike Hebrank	11/1	CO	Rifle CF	15	
7/28	MS	Parchman Unit 29	31	Pete Grace	11/1	CO	Sterling CF West	29	George Holling
8/1	NC	Central Prison	36	Micky Brown	11/1	FL	Northwest FRC	17	Steven Standley
8/2	TX	Wallace Unit	27	Don Blake	11/1	SC	Allendale CI	12	Larry Knox
8/31	CA	San Quentin SP	40	Sheril Strock	11/7	TX	Briscoe SP	9	Roger Harbert
9/6	AL	Hamilton A&I	8	Ben Cashion	11/8	CA	Calipatria SP	16	
9/6	GA	Walker SP	7	Sean Hachem	11/8	CA	FCI Terminal Island	40	Don Hunsberger
9/6	FL	Century	33	Cliff Leavenworth	11/8	FL	Okeechobee CI	53	
9/6	GA	Ware SP	39	Robbie King	11/8	LA	Angola	55	Rusty Chastant
9/13	LA	Forcht Wade CC	33	Dale Linton	11/8	PA	SCI Greene	14	Mike McGraw
9/13	NC	Alexander CI	15	Todd Rhodes	11/14	CA	Ironwood SP	27	
					11/15	CA	U. S. P. Atwater	7	Curt Fries
					12/3	NIC	La Modelo	11	

Women's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
4/11	MS	Central MS CF	30	Julia Bryan	5/25	CA	Valley SP for Women	13	Krystal Solis
4/12	VA	Fluvanna CC	24	Nancy Daugherty	6/7	CO	Denver Womens CF	17	Karen Rayer
4/13	VA	Central Virginia CU	29	Suzy Speare	6/21	AR	McPherson Unit	25	Pam VanVickle
4/19	FL	Homestead CI	24	Dorrene Cook	6/21	NC	Southern CI	4	Natasha Shackelford
4/19	FL	Lowell CI	15	Jennifer Davis	7/12	FL	Gadsden CF	1	
4/19	IN	IN Womens Prison	13	Tammy Patterson	8/23	GA	Pulaski SP	33	Vicki Douberly
4/19	MO	Chillicothe CC	1	Mary Farnham	8/31	CA	CA Inst. for Women	4	Kristin Cook
4/19	NC	NC CI for Women	36	Dulce Garrido	8/31	CA	Cen CA Women's Fac.	9	Helen Batten
4/19	WV	Mt. Olive CC		Kelly Hanson	9/27	AL	Tutwiler Prison	50	Evelyn Muskett
4/26	KS	Topeka CF	7	Karlisa Brewer	10/4	FL	Hernando CI	31	Nicole Baker
4/26	LA	LA CI for Women	34	Susie Blanchard	10/4	TX	Murray SP	14	Cindy Lester
4/26	MD	MD CI for Women	8	Cheryl Hollar	10/5	CA	Valley SP for Women	14	Reda Myers
4/26	NY	Beacon CF	31	Lourdes Cruz	10/11	FL	Lowell CI	16	Brenda Peterson
4/26	SC	Leath CI	20	Becky Lynch	10/11	SC	C Griffin Graham CI	47	Nora Mahn
4/26	TX	Murray SP	13	Ann Lesmeister	10/20	VA	Central Virginia CU	30	
5/3	WV	Mt. Olive CC		Barb Williams	10/25	MD	MD CI for Women	9	Cheryl Hollar
5/17	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	12	Helga Ramirez	10/25	SC	Leath CI	21	Sandra Sanders
7/30	IN	Rockville	16	Ruth Boldt	11/1	LA	LA CI for Women	35	Flory Reynolds
5/17	NY	Albion Women's CF	65	Pat Morse	11/4	PA	SCI Muncy	2	Audey Hibbs
5/25	CA	Cal Institute for Women	3	Ari Ochoa	11/29	CO	Denver Womens CF	18	

Kairos Outside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
4/13	CA	North CA	55	Sylvia Arceo	5/4	FL	Southwest FL	9	Debbie Barone
4/13	KS	Kansas KO	9	Ann Zadina	5/4	LA	West LA	24	Carla Bellamy
4/13/	MD	Maryland	12	Joanne Spiller	5/4	NY	New York City	5	E. Bravo-Santiago
4/13	NY	Mid-Hudson	26	Fran Kwak	5/4	So Afr	Krugersdorp	19	Glenda James
4/20	AZ	Phoenix	12	Kathy Cabraja	5/4	TN	East Tennessee	18	Marsha Miller
4/20	CA	San Diego	29	Tracy Dixon	5/4	TN	North East TN	7	Kathy Leonard
4/20	IN	Central Indiana	3	Aleta Reeder	5/4	TX	Wichita Falls	12	Cynthia Nieto
4/20	IN	Northern Indiana	12	Linda Taulman	5/4	WA	Washington State	31	Molly Cady
4/20	NC	Eastern NC	15	Gerry Horan	5/18	FL	N Central FL	13	Niki Joens
4/20	NH	New Hampshire	25	Annette Griffis	5/18	TX	San Antonio	23	Joy Drady
4/20	TN	West Tennessee	12	Charlotte Sides	5/18/	VA	Southwest VA	10	Linda Cheek
4/20	TX	Midland	25	Kristi Pritchett	5/25	CA	Desert	19	Jo Jo McRobert
4/20	WA	Eastern WA	1	Jan Turney	6/1	MO	Eastern MO	20	Mary Allen
4/20	GA	North Georgia	29	Becky Green	6/22	PA	Western PA	3	Carla Rizzi
4/27	ID	Idaho	1	Kathy Merk	6/29	CA	South Ca	52	Sara Bonilla
4/27	MO	Western MO	5	Lisa McCartney	8/3	CA	Victor Valley	8	Terri Lee
4/27	MS	South MS	3	Tammy Hillman	8/10	CA	Northern CA Spanish	56	
4/27	NM	New Mexico	24	Caroline Carrillo	9/1	NY	Mid-Hudson	28	Peggy Mallard
4/27	TX	North Texas	30	Paulette Booth	9/7	CA	Northern CA English	57	Mary Scanlan
5/4	AL	Alabama	29	Debbie Timmons	9/7	NY	Mid-Hudson	27	Robin Decker
5/4	CA	Southern CA	51	Ramon Villegas	9/7	TN	West Tennessee	13	Sharron Higgins
5/4	CR	Costa Rica	7		9/14	WA	West Washington	32	Cindy Compton

Kairos Outside Weekends cont.

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/21	IN	Southern IN	6	Denise Dart	10/21	TX	Texas	9	Kathy Anderson
9/21	MS	Mississippi	16	Patsy McCarty	10/19	So Afr	Krugersdorp	20	Lee Potgieter
9/28	LA	East Louisiana	9	Susan May	10/19	TN	North East TN	8	Margo Beeman
10/5	NM	New Mexico	25	Mariana Archuleta	10/19	VA	North VA	2	Sylvia Porter
10/5	SC	South Carolina	10	Angie Hudson	11/2	CR	Costa Rica	8	Lina Brenes
10/5	TX	Lubbock	4	Crystal Roach	11/2	FL	N Central FL	14	Jeanine Kelly
10/5	TX	Texas	9	Kathy Anderson	11/2	MO	Eastern MO	21	Kathy Wiles
10/19	AL	Alabama	30	M Lyons Jackson	11/16	GA	North Georgia	30	Vanessa Velez-Cruz
10/19	CA	Victor Valley	9	Jerri Reed	11/16	MO	Western MO	6	Judy Bauer
10/19	LA	West LA	25	Sherry Duffy	11/9	CA	Southern CA	53	Nancy Baker
10/19	NH	New Hampshire	26	J. Collins-Riddick	12/7	PA	Western PA	4	Lynda Miller

Torch Youth Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
4/13	NC	C.A. Dillon YDC	7	Micky Brown	5/18	FL	Orange Youth Academy	2	David/Marelin Olivieri
4/14	KS	KS Juvenile CC (Girls)	1	Joni Leonard	5/18	TN	Mountain View TDC	24	Stewart Evans
4/20	OK	Central Oklahoma JC	15	Hank Luce	6/1	OK	Tulsa Boys Home	2	David Patterson
4/27	KS	KS Juvenile CC (Boys)	18	Eric Unrein			Seabeck Conf Center		
4/27	MS	Walnut Grove YCF	6	Ron Holdiness	6/18	WA	Torch Outside	3	Alythya Newell
5/4	IL	IYC St. Charles	1	Don Martens	6/21	TX	YC of the High Plains	2	Rusty Williams
5/4	IN	Pendleton Juvenile CF		Gwen Hartdige/	8/10	GA	Eastman YDC	1	Beth Maycumber
5/4	IN	South Bend JC	2	Pat O'Keefe	10/19	NC	C J Dillion YDC	8	
					11/2	IN	Pendleton Juvenile CF		

Kairos for Me

By Brian,
Alexander CI Graduate

I was saved prior to attending Kairos, but was in a severe drought spiritually and had always struggled at truly relating to Christ – or understanding what Christianity is all about or feels like.

I attended Kairos #8 at Alexander Correctional Institution which was a powerful demonstration of unconditional love. It was like a “spiritual vitamin” that I really needed at the time. Kairos provided an example of genuine Christianity – showing agape love and kindness simply because God has and because God is those

things. I met volunteers who had faithfully served at each Kairos Weekend since the prison opened in 2003. Amazed at how much went into these twice-a-year Weekends, I heard that an average of \$10,000 is spent – and is worth every penny if even one person gets saved.

I not only witnessed, but also experienced a lot of forgiveness and letting go of past mistakes, regrets and old ways of thinking. For me, Kairos was about becoming fully conscious of who I am in Jesus Christ, exactly what He did for me, and why that should impact my life – for the rest of my life; until he calls me home. 1 Corinthians 2:9 reminds me of the experience and the hope that comes

with Christ. “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I was very fortunate to be picked as a helper at Kairos #9 and #11 at Alexander and it was awesome to experience the “service” aspect of the ministry. It was cool to know ahead of time what the participants were going to experience – the letters, open mic night, the forgiveness bowl, all of the things that make Kairos, “Kairos”.

At each of these Weekends, I truly enjoyed seeing some of the total transformations that took place in some inmates. I saw three men who used to practice

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the logistics of combining all the inmate contributions into a single check,” DeCastillia said.

Kairos representatives received the check and then converted it to a gift card to present to Albemarle Hopeline. Williamson said being involved in Kairos has changed the way he and other inmates think. In their discussions, they began to talk about how they need to focus less on their own problems and remember that there are people outside the prison who are in need.

“Why not give back to other people that are in need? Times out there are hard,” Williamson said.

Some of the inmates who helped start the Christmas giving drive said they are trying to set an example for other inmates of having a heart to give.

“The whole point of the project, they said, is to stand up and do something positive. Kairos does so much for us,” Williamson said. “It made a big difference in my life.”

Inmates hope next year’s Christmas project will surpass this year’s effort.

“If it’s God’s will, we hope next year will be even more,” Williamson said.

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By noon the church had victims flooding in. This was a Disaster Relief church. Our Kairos council did what we as Christians are trained to do - they helped. All their food, paper products and supplies were offered to the church to be used as needed. Later we were told that the bottled water and food was all some victims and emergency workers had to eat and drink the first couple of days. Kairos supplies were placed where GOD knew they would be needed the most.

Again, every person in Alabama has a story from that day – family, friend, co-worker, church members, neighbors - all Alabamian lives were touched that day.

Following the first day, first week, first month since the disaster, our Kairos family was able to start regrouping around the state. Some council members did not have communications for weeks; cell phones worked in spurts. Text messaging was about the only reliable communication available for days, although it may take hours for the text to connect.

Churches that had previously sent funds monthly to Kairos were now buying food for their members so they could have a meal. Businesses that had sponsored Kairos were now helping their employees find places to sleep and clothes to wear. Donations to Kairos stopped overnight. Fundraisers scheduled

for spring and summer were turned into fundraisers for victims.

Limestone held their April Weekend in late June. This time the food and supplies were not an issue; they did not have to ask for support - it just happened. People were trying to get back to normal, needing to do something that felt normal. Kairos weekends were ready to proceed. Kairos was ready to get back on track. Alabama needed to keep moving forward.

By July our State Financial Secretary started receiving requests for advances to hold Weekends and our check book had dried up. We did not have enough to cover one Weekend’s advances. We had to ask leaders to cut their budgets, to see if they could not get by with less, to ask them to use the bare minimum and to take it one week at a time. But still, our state checkbook did not have enough monies in it to cover one fall Weekend advance. An emergency State meeting was held; our Kairos family started working hard to help each other - we were not going to let anyone miss a Weekend.

Thanks to the generosity of Kairos Indiana, for their donation to Alabama, which was received and used for advances so that the fall Weekends could proceed. NO Weekends had to be cancelled!

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Today, we are but a fraction of where we would like to be in restoring our reserve. We are only about ¼ of the way to being able to follow the KPMI financial suggestion to have enough money in reserve to hold one set of Weekends (1/2 of a year). Alabama has always wanted to have one year in reserve but now we are struggling to get anything. Donations are still low and we expect them to be for a while. Complete businesses are gone, which means jobs are gone. Some companies are not rebuilding. Others are still waiting on insurance claims. It will take us some time to be comfortable in feeling that we can continue to hold Weekends if a disaster strikes. We know that our God will show us how and will provide for our needs. This year Alabama saw it first-hand.

The Alabama Kairos family has pulled together to help each other and we will continue to work to keep Kairos alive and active. Our state meetings are now held with the spirit that we are a family. Councils are letting each other know that they are there to help each other.

Our last State meeting of the year was more about how we can learn from this experience; to communicate with each other as a family does, rather than be independent As Coucils. Not to think we are an independent state, but to remember that we

are a family and that Kairos is worldwide. **WE ARE KAIROS.** Who is the Church? We are the Church. Who is Kairos? We are Kairos.

Thank you to our **Indiana Kairos** brothers and sisters from the bottom of our hearts. You kept Kairos of Alabama going when we needed it the most. You gave all of us **FAITH** that we are **ALL ONE KAIROS FAMILY!!!** You gave us the means to rebuild and to continue, the Spirit, the Faith that

there is a reason to continue in our mission of going inside walls where others are not willing to go. Without your help we would have had to postpone or cancel Weekends. Thank You!

Alabama was devastated in April but in December we are **UNITED!**

Blessings from
Alabama State Kairos Chapter
Teann Yeager
State Chair

Remembering the First Spanish Kairos Weekend



Left: Mr. Antonio Galindo is giving Daniel Garcia, Kairos International Coordinator, a painting done by residents during the Kairos #6 Weekend and signed by Team members and Participants. Mr. Galindo was Leader of Kairos #6 at the federal prison in Miami, which was the first Kairos Weekend to be held in Spanish.

Right: Kairos volunteers Rey Bonachea and Rafael Vigil visit with Mr. Antonio Galindo regarding the first Spanish Kairos Weekend.



MY STORY

By Alicia Cook Brown
Alabama Emmaus Walk 393
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“Chaplain Brown,” she said, “I want to sponsor you on an Emmaus Walk.” This was the voice of a lady I had met just a couple of years ago, only knowing her by being one of the ladies who came to the prison where I serve as Chaplain to work the Kairos Weekend. They were at the prison; this was the last day of a fabulous Weekend that they had given our ladies and really the first time I had ever stayed to witness what it was all about and understand why the ladies were so emotional when they left on that 4th day.

This lady has since become a dear friend, almost like a sister. We’ve laughed about some things, and become emotional about other things – kind of old souls that know a little bit about life.

When she said those words to me, I was a bit overwhelmed. Here was someone that I hadn’t known very long; yet she was offering me a little bit of rest and a lot of love. We talked a lot about what a stressful and draining position I held being a prison chaplain over almost a thousand women. And because it was a maximum security prison, there are extremely strict rules that must be kept – even if it confines and restricts how I minister – compared to the outside world. Being the protective person I am, not wanting to tell too much of

my life, I wanted to keep this moment all to myself. However, during the closing of the Kairos Weekend, they had asked me to come up and give final remarks, and I excitedly blurted out that someone had offered to sponsor me on a Weekend. So much for keeping it to myself!

She told me a little about Emmaus, and that the experience mirrored the Kairos experience. From what I had seen in Kairos, I knew that this was something I wanted, something I desper-

ately needed! I work hard, minister hard, play hard, and the greatest of all, love hard. But just because one does these things does not mean that one receives that in return. I thought, “Now it’s my turn; I’ll have a bunch of people lovin’ on me, myself, and I! Wow!”

The days and weeks went by. I didn’t think about it much, only when she would call to say the application was on the way, or everything was done, or other little tidbits that she felt I needed to know. But one thing she said each time we spoke was “This is your time to be loved.” I’m thinking, “Okay, that’s fine, but do I really have to go down the hall to take a shower?”

Well, the day finally came. Truthfully, I was at the end of my rope. The Warden had been on a tirade, and I was tired and worn out. I welcomed the upcoming four days, if nothing else, just to be out-of-town completely.

The first night was Meet and Greet. I said to her, “I hope I don’t run into anyone I know.” She said, “Oh Chaplain Brown, what is the likelihood of that?” Well, to love a duck! One of the first people I see is the doctor from the prison! Didn’t realize at the time that he would play a

very important part in my Weekend.

Well, the sponsors left, and we were directed to the chapel, given an overview

of the Weekend, and told to report to our quarters and not to speak until after chapel the next morning. What? This lady has brought me 50 miles from my house, back in the woods with a bunch of people I don’t know. I have to go down the hall to the facilities, sleep three to a room (doesn’t she know I snore!) and to top it off, don’t talk. I babble myself to sleep at night. Okay, where is the phone so I can call my husband to come and get me?

I didn’t sleep well that night; I thought a lot about the inmates and was really able to relate to what they endure. Okay, I shouldn’t really compare a small three-bed quarter to their large dorms, but it was just the fact of “go to your quarters, go to bed, don’t talk, get up when you hear the bells, shower, get dressed, and report to the chapel!” What? Okay, I can do this, but I’m still looking for that phone. The chapel was so sweet, and *every-*



one was so concerned about all of us – I mean genuinely concerned that we were comfortable and had everything that we needed. There was even a “need-sheet” available for us to write down anything that we had forgotten or needed. I realized that I had forgotten my meds, and I mentioned it to a nurse that was there. Well, that doctor that I met on my first night called in a three-day prescription for me, and even drove into town to pick it up for me. God is Good!

Those next three days were wonderful! The women that I met from all walks of life were different from me; yet for that Weekend, we were all the same. We were sisters, mothers, daughters, and wives – we were all one.

The very first talk took me down; I felt as if the speaker had been hidden in a closet in my house and overheard everything that was going on in my life. She talked about her son and some of the enemy’s distractions over his life. I, too, was experiencing some of the exact same things. Right then and there, through tears, I had to tell the Lord ‘thank you’ for sending me a word of comfort through one of His saints.

I’ll never forget the Dying Moments. It brought things forth that I had been holding since childhood. It was simply amazing. I had asked two of the pastors there to pray for me, and they took me to the chapel, laid hands on me, and prayed like they were praying for their own family member. Absolutely awesome! I felt as if a weight had lifted from my shoulders. Candlelight was like climbing the stairs to

heaven and being serenaded by a host of angels. It left me speechless and in awe of God’s love. As I write this, I choke back tears of joy to have been so blessed to experience this.

The 4th Day – when all was said and done, the letters and well-wishes came; there wasn’t a dry eye in the place, including my own. People that you don’t know had been praying for you for months and were anticipating the end of the journey with you and for you. What love, what agape love!

I will never be able to find the words to tell my friend ‘thank you’; there are none. I’ll never be

able to tell my sisters from the table of Ruth ‘Thank You’ – and I love them all. I told them that I knew that God placed me at that table for a special reason. A part of my wedding vows came from the book of Ruth out of the Bible. “Why have I found grace in thine eyes . . .” I don’t know how I found grace and love from my friend, my sister, other than God connecting our two spirits together before He formed both of us in our mother’s womb. I give Him all the glory, honor and praise!

De' Colores!

*Glory be to God for
Alabama Emmaus Walk 393*



Kairos for Me

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witchcraft give their life to Christ as a result of a Kairos Weekend. I can only imagine the joy God felt watching the same thing. Luke 15:7 gives us a glimpse of this, where the Shepherd finds His lost sheep and brings it home. Verse 7 says: there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away.” And to me – THAT’S what it’s about! Kairos volunteers are vessels of God’s love who come into prisons to minister to His lost sheep. I found the closing ceremony on Sunday to be evident of just how many had in fact returned to the Shepherd of their soul. Praise God!

All I know is that Kairos can amount to simply a “warm, fuzzy Weekend” – if you let it. Or, it can transform your life and your spirit if you let it. But we bear the responsibility of tending the seed that gets planted and cultivating it into something that produces fruit for the Kingdom of God. Read the parable of the Four Soils in Matthew 13:1 and see which on you are. Jesus explains it very clearly afterward in verses 18-22.

For me, Kairos was where God reached me through the unconditional love and service of the volunteers and by watching His Spirit work in the lives of many of the participants, including my own. I thank God for the power of this ministry.

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Many pastors are now looking for ways to get their members active in ministries that serve the "least of these." Feeding the homeless, taking care of orphans and widows, and serving in convalescent homes are always great ways to engage people. Preachers teach and implore their congregants to be active in sharing their faith and to give away what we have been so freely given. Some even go on mission trips to third world countries and see up close and personal how the rest of the world lives. Often this a life changing experience.

Be aware, there is a "mission field" near your city that is ripe, ready and relatively untapped. This ministry has been here all along, and has the potential to light a fire in the congregation. This ministry could bring back the flame to preachers who have lost their heart. I am speaking of prison ministry.

In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that there are sheep and shepherds. The sheep fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, invited the stranger in, clothed the naked, looked after the sick, AND visited the prisoner. I believe that Jesus was very intentional when He added those in prison to this famous parable. The sheep will ask when they ever saw Jesus in any of these conditions. Jesus said this famous passage: "Whatever you did for the

least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." I believe this is literal. When I go visit with the prisoner, I experience Jesus in a way that I have not found in over 20 years of full-time ministry.

I believe most churches and pastors know that we should visit with those in prison. There are over 2.4 million incarcerated in our country: husbands, fathers, sons, mothers, sisters, daughters. Each one of them has a unique story to tell, but most of them have been forgotten and left behind. So Jesus visits them in a special way. Those of us who answer His call do as well. I would suggest the reason most churches do not have effective prison ministry is twofold. The barriers to entry are high (try to go serve at your local maximum security prison and see how far you get). Churches see residents as perpetrators, while seeing the others mentioned in Matthew 25 as "victims." Maybe Jesus understood that on some level we are ALL victims and we are all perpetrators. We have all fallen, and we all need grace. However, someone has got to go and answer the call to this growing but forgotten population.

Thank God for Kairos Prison Ministries International. What I experienced behind those walls, not only changed my life, but started a fire in my home congregation that is still burning. I found my heart again, and deepened my faith and relationship with Jesus in a powerful new way. I discovered that I received

as much or more from answering His call to visit and attend to the "least of these" than those I served. There are pastors and churches all across the nation who desperately NEED Kairos. We need to go and share that we have an answer. Kairos removes the barriers to entry, takes care of the training and preparation, and helps you build a powerful ministry in your church.

Many pastors need help bringing passion back into their congregations. What I experienced was when Kairos volunteers came back from their "Weekend Miracle" and began to speak about their encounter, others were drawn to join them on the next team. Soon there were dozens who had been affected and the fire was lit.

I want you to consider a new conviction and approach to recruiting. Consider the pastor who needs Kairos to help his church find their purpose again. Consider the Christians out there who are studying their bibles, praying for answers, and are still floundering in their faith. Consider the fact that your church might NEED Kairos, just as much or more than Kairos needs their volunteers. It's a paradigm shift. It boils down to believing that Jesus knows what He is talking about when He calls us to go inside and SERVE. Maybe it's as much for us as for those on the inside. Just maybe!!!

God Bless,
Kit Cummings

Monthly Reunions

Q: What is the purpose of our monthly reunions?

A: In Kairos as in Cursillo we are given a formula for Christian action in our environment: make a friend, be a friend and introduce that friend to Christ.

While we keep changing terminology Cursillo/Kairos/Emmaus has always presented two essential elements of our faith: justification and sanctification. I certainly am no scholar but simply put, justification concerns an understanding that God, the creator of the universe, is the merciful Redeemer who promises to forgive our sins if we repent and trust in Christ's atoning death. We are justified by faith alone. One can not earn God's acceptance.

The concept of sanctification involves the transformation of our sinful lives so that we and our Christian communities become visible holy signs. Thus we understand a saving faith involves a mental acceptance of the gospel message and a transformation of our lives in conformity to Christ. It is appropriate and necessary that genuine faith acknowledges and depends upon Christ as Lord and demonstrates itself in obedience to God's commands.

Our Weekends present a 3.5 day short course in Christianity. Our hope is our participants will experience the love of Christian community to such an extent that they will be drawn to Jesus Christ.

Perhaps some of them will make a verbal acceptance of the person of Christ and repent of their sins. When this occurs we all rejoice, but we also understand their path towards transformation may be just beginning.

It is for this purpose to help the residents grow in obedience to God's commands through the power of the Holy Spirit that we return monthly to support their spiritual journey.

In their monthly reunions God helps the residents create a community of believers where relationships are being restored. We believe spiritual transformation includes an ongoing repentance, a life of turning from sin to serving Jesus Christ – a sanctifying union with Christ. Kairos volunteers assist in this process through our support not our domination of the resident's community.

The residents need their inside community to affirm and build them up; to pray for them; to let them feel anger, to cry with them, and to help them heal. Their journey is personal to them. We, as outsiders, must understand and respect this. It is for this reason we say the monthly reunion is held under the supervision and authority of the prison Chaplain. The resident Kairos community leader opens the reunion with songs, prayer and scripture reading. The residents then break into their small groups. A team member may give a short talk (5 minutes) to reinforce the value for the resident's participation in prayer and share groups (Christian community). A lone Christian will not last

in such a negative sub-culture.

It is best if the volunteer avoids continuing to group with the same resident or residents at reunion after reunion. Additionally, the inclusion of Kairos volunteers in resident share and prayer groups should be limited to a maximum ratio of one volunteer to two residents so the grouping process can remain focused on the residents.

The obligation of the Kairos leadership is always to the spiritual welfare of the resident, not to the emotional fulfillment of the team. When we talk about our strengths we build walls. When we show our weakness we model for them how to build relationships.

One of the saddest things that ever happens in Kairos is the appointment of a team member to a task, for which God has not equipped him/her but because he/she "deserves" or "wants" it. We may have a desire to do all sorts of things, but we must always ask if our actions are making the resident more or less dependent on us. Is it helping them grow in obedience to Christ? If we are there to model "our" good behavior or to make new friends, then the focus may be on us or our needs. Hopefully, we are there to help their community grow in study, piety and Christian action by supporting their Christian community. We do this by our actions of non-judgmental listening not our actions of trying to "fix them".

God Bless,
John

MY KAIROS JOURNEY TO MUNCY SCI WOMEN'S PRISON

My husband, Jack, and I had done an Emmaus Weekend in 1995. Jack answered the call to be part of Kairos #2 at Allenwood USP in Feb. of 1996. I don't know who was more excited about the undertaking, but I couldn't wait to be part of closing! I will never forget that day! As the bars clanged behind me, I knew I was being called to this ministry. I felt no fear or apprehension, just joy, and I felt God was telling me this is where He wanted me.

My husband continued with Kairos at Allenwood Max. and was on Lewisburg USP #1. I attended teamings, doing background things like making the fish name tags, letter bags, did the prayer wheel and hand wrote areas for wall agape since we did not have the luxury of electronic sending in those days. I attended every closing in these two facilities every time to date. I couldn't wait to hear the testimonies and see the transformations.

In 1997, Murray Arbegast, chair of the men's Kairos Board, had the vision of starting up Kairos in Muncy. My husband and I had decided to retire early after 25 years with the Commonwealth so we could do more volunteer work for the Lord. I had felt the Lord speak to me through scripture that I would leave the work place rejoicing.

My last day of work, as I sat

alone, I said, "Okay, God. I'm glad to be retiring but I'm not really rejoicing." Soon after that the phone rang. It was my husband saying, "Guess what? Kairos just called and they want you to go to Leader training in 2 weeks!" To put it mildly, I was sure rejoicing!! If we had not decided to retire when we did, there was no way I could have gotten off work to attend the upcoming training.

Kathy Showers and myself attended the Leader training at Benton, PA lead by Bill Enters in May of 1997. The next month, Kathy and I were off to Rankin Co. Prison in Mississippi to observe their first Kairos Weekend. We were able to get clearance in one week and were graciously put up by the first Rector, Ann Grey, in her home the night we arrived. The Southern hospitality was gracious and the memories of that Weekend are still vivid in my mind.

Several attempts were made to get into Muncy over the years. I still have all the letters and responses made from 2000 on, asking for consideration for Kairos to come in. Space was very limited and the institution was already blessed with many incoming ministries.

Year after year I sat on the men's Kairos Board. I prayed daily for Muncy and the Chaplain, and still do. When I was

tempted to give up and not attend meetings, my husband or the men on board, encouraged me to hang in there.

I got badged at Allenwood so I could go into prison every opportunity I had. My husband and I attended Christmas morning services, helped with a Marriage Encounter Seminar at Low Security, helped with the Threshold Program at Lewisburg Camp, etc. I wanted to stay connected to prison ministry in one shape or form.

Then one board meeting in 2009, out of the blue, Gerry Gorelitz, state chair at the time, showed up and wondered about Muncy's status. Somehow he got us an appointment with Chaplain Debra Reitz on March 11th. The Superintendent of Muncy had encouraged the Chaplain to make the time to attend a Weekend and thought it would be good for Kairos to come inside.

It was all arranged for the Chaplain to do The Walk to Emmaus in the spring but she needed to cancel due to family conflicts. My heart sank. So I rescheduled her for Oct. 2010 and wasn't real sure she would follow through.

It was kept low-key on the Weekend that Debra was Muncy's Chaplain. At closing, she called me up with her and announced that she was the Chaplain and called me relentless! She said she could now see

how Kairos would work for Muncy and that the program could come in! The entire room stood and erupted with applause!

In an email later to me, Debra said, "...I count this as an awesome Weekend indeed. I really didn't mean to put you through so much. I just was not convinced that Kairos would work for us. I am proud of my Chaplains and I think now that I have a full compliment of staff, we can make this work!"

The rest is history! We met in March 2011 and I got a team together, from all the names I had collected through the years, for May badging. Audrey Hibbs and myself also needed to go to New Hampshire in April for Leader training. It just all came together. Chaplain Reitz even came back to Emmaus in April to be part of clergy on team. We both discovered, through our talks, that we both had a mission field for Muncy and how God got us there.

Kairos #1 was awesome! We had two inmates' names given to us prophetically ahead of time before we saw the list. Jo Chapman, Women's Ministry Coordinator, flew in from California, did a training session for us and also sat in as Advising Leader for the Weekend.

We truly had a blast—so much fun and laughter! It was awesome to see burdens and stress lifted from the women and God filling those areas with love. The

Cross Ceremony was a time of laughter and rejoicing—or as Jo said, "I've never been to a closing that was like a pep rally!!" The ultimate testimony was seeing two inmates, who had been at odds with each other, hug in forgiveness.

One of the inmates came to me during the program and asked why it took so long for this to happen. I told her that Kairos means "God's Special Time" and this was the special time for Muncy. And she agreed.

Looking back, I see how God was setting the stage. I acquired a lot of knowledge sitting on the board all those years. I received exceptional help and support from the men with start up issues. Mike Jeske, who has tremendous organizational skills, helped me through EZRA, doing all my print outs, etc. and kept me on track weekly with checklists. Russ Halm, whose wife was also on team, packed all our supplies, provided an inventory list

and gave us advice and support. I was blessed to have 11 team members who had already been in leadership positions on Weekends, 6 team members who had attended Christian Healing Ministries Conferences in VT that address bondages and spiritual warfare, and 5 of us on team had spouses involved with men's Kairos who understood and supported us.

Lying on my bed at night during the Kairos week, it was like a dream come true! Kairos was here and it was happening after 14 years of trying! I felt like Joseph, in the Bible, who one day was taken out of prison, given a robe, had a gold chain put around his neck, given a wife, and put in charge of all the land. It was his Kairos time. Muncy's Kairos time was now here and I was blessed! It truly was God's Special Time (Nov. 6-9, 2011).

Aneta Van Horn <>< +

BUNDLE OF JOY



Heather Elder with her new baby girl, Madison Ainsley Elder, born March 24th. Heather is the daughter of Barrie and Pam McHugh, long-time Kairos FL. volunteers.

Keeping In Touch With Kairos

Kairos is now keeping in touch via the Kairos E-News, which is a monthly email with pertinent news and updates to keep all of our volunteers armed with current ministry related information. How do you get the E-News? Just register at: <http://www.mykairos.org/news> This is a great tool, designed specifically for all Kairos volunteers.

When you visit this webpage, you will also have access to all of the previous E-News as well as the Weekly Devotionals, which are designed to be a reflection of current transitions and topics that affect our ministry.

We recently added a new feature to the E-News: **An Experiment in Freedom of the Press**. We have added an electronic form so that you may contribute to the Kairos E-News.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

1. Keep the story short.
2. Keep it relevant to as many Kairos volunteers as possible.
3. Get to the point. Generally, e-mails are much shorter than a novel.
4. You'll get extra style points for spelling and grammar!

Here's the link:

<http://www.mykairos.org/news/eneews.html>

We are also working on a mass Email Listing. This feature will be used sparingly, for high-priority information only. So don't worry that your inbox will be bombarded with Kairos emails. If you would like to be included in this listing, please forward your email address to Ann Kreller at ann@kpmi.org. Our goal is to have all 25,000+ volunteers included in this listing.

The Kairos Board and Staff are trying new ways to keep everyone on the same page

and up to date, so please do your part in registering for the Kairos News Alerts and the Kairos E-News. In this day and age, keeping in touch could not be any easier or convenient. And there is literally no expense involved.

The Kairos Newsletter will no longer be available by hard copy. We are continuing with the quarterly editions but will all be available in electronic format only.

You may access the Newsletter via the www.mykairos.org website in March, June, September and December. Expect a notice in the E-News when the newsletter is posted to the website.



*The Spirit of God, who raised
Jesus from the dead, lives in you.
And just as God raised Christ
Jesus from the dead, he will give life
to your mortal bodies by this
same Spirit living within you.*

Romans 8:11

*Easter Blessings,
The Kairos International Staff*



EFFICIENT LOSTNESS

Robert Hitt Neill

Most readers know that Betsy and I have served for nearly two decades in the Kairos International Prison Ministry, which last year became the world's largest prison ministry, in 34 states and nine foreign countries. There are nearly 25,000 Kairos volunteers in this country, and we go into medium and maximum security prisons with whom we contract twice a year for four days, then return monthly – some even weekly for prayer and share groups. The recidivism rate for Kairos (“God’s Special Time”) graduates is estimated at only 15%, as opposed to nearly 80% otherwise, and wardens tell us that once a Kairos community has been established for two years in a unit, they can budget as much as 40% less for security there!

Your Uncle Bob is the Mississippi representative to the Kairos International Council, and that council has an annual Winter Conference, the past four years at Orlando, in the land of Florida. Each year, we’ve gotten lost on Florida highways in an attempt to get to that Conference, to get aloose from it to go home, or both. We’ve been remarkably consistent, even when using modern technology, like GPS.

2012 was no different; I went with the current Mississippi Board Chairman, who allows us to address him as His Grace, in his new car, a high-grade Japanese vehicle. In 2011 he had a

German car, also with GPS, and his angry conversation with the lady therein is what I suspect caused him to wreck that car some months later, after we had finally returned from the land of Florida. He proved to be milder, but no better, at negotiating with the Japanese GPS lady this year. In the first place, she spent nine hours advising us to turn off at every opportunity – perhaps she has weak kidneys. We learned to ignore her pleas and just kept an eye on the map display on the dashboard. Orlando is proud of its airport, and advertises it regularly for fifty miles before one gets there, so we were confident that we could quickly find the Airport Holiday Inn for the Conference, which has been held at the same hotel for the four years we’ve been attending.

Cruising down the Florida Turnpike (which we Mississippi boys and girls paid for on the past four Kairos Conference trips) we saw “Airport: 20 miles,” “Airport: 10 miles,” “Airport: 5 miles,” “Airport: 2 miles,” then they abruptly quit bragging on it. Soon His Grace observed, “I don’t remember seeing this much swamp before,” then we saw a sign advising, “Miami: 225 miles,” then “Miami: 220 miles.” After we came within 200 miles of Miami, we hung a right, snuck up on the Orlando Airport from the rear after a half-hour on Boggy Creek Road, did two ground orbits of that facility for old times sake, and arrived at the Conference after only an hour and 15 minutes touring central Florida’s swamps.

However, that evening we were treated to a display of a much

more efficient method of lostness. Our favorite Georgia Peach, in company with a Texas lady, sought out His Grace to beg transportation to the local Family Christian bookstore, which was advertising a sale. Peach had an Ipad, or Ipod, slate-looking outfit with a screen which purported to show locations in Orlando of the aforesaid store. The Texan had a smaller thingamajig, like maybe a Smart Phone? Her screen showed a different location than Peach’s. His Grace was still tuned into the Japanese lady’s advice, for some reason.

An Arkansas guitar player wandered up from somewhere with an actual paper map to join the group. After watching them compare possible locations for an hour in the lobby, I left to find a local guide, whom I dispatched to their aid. Olga returned saying that she could not find the pre-lost group. They went missing for nearly two hours, until suppertime.

Turns out that they never even left the hotel, finally admitting their incurable lostness, and going up to their respective rooms to catch naps!

Think of all the time and gas they saved, not to speak of the road rage cured!

If you have one of those GPS thingies, maybe the way to more efficiently use it would be to compare it with other expensive pathfinders ahead of time, perhaps even consulting an old-fashioned map. And if they all disagree, forget the trip, and go take a nap before suppertime, especially if you’re headed to Florida!