Kairos Winter Meetings - Keeping the Momentum Going

Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly, shares her vision for Kairos during the Installation Ceremony.

“This was the most rewarding Winter Meetings that I have ever attended—I feel that I have gotten so much out of it and have learned a great deal. This was a quote from a long-time Kairos volunteer at the Winter Meetings held in Orlando, FL, February 6-9, 2013. Several other attendees had similar comments.

Some new trainings, orientations and meetings were added to this year’s agenda for a more purposeful gathering. This enabled the attendees to glean as much information as possible in the time spent together.

New this year was the 2-day State Financial Secretaries and Chairpersons training which provided an in-depth overview of the new financial systems that the ministry is currently putting into place. They also had an opportunity for Q and A and Panel Discussions. Kairos International Council and Board members attended orientation that dealt with the specific duties that are fundamental to their roles in Kairos Leadership.

Special awards were awarded to Kairos volunteers during the Thursday evening dinner. Recipients were: Beverly Hankins, Kairos Torch, Connie Prendergast and Inez Thompson, Kairos Outside, Lauren Wiebe, Kairos Inside Women, Terry Crockett, Mike Springer and Bill Burguieres, Kairos Inside Men.

The highlight of the Meetings was the Installation of Kairos’ Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly, during the Friday evening banquet. The Installation program, emceed by Transition Team Leader, Joe McNamar, invited the entire Kairos community and many other Christians around the world to join in “a moment of prayer” at 8:00 pm, which was led by Bonnie Hambor, International Council Rep.

Clarence Hodges, one of Kairos Founding Fathers, was introduced and was received with a lengthy standing ovation from the audience. Clarence is one of the three remaining Founding Fathers and Kairos was very fortunate to have had him present to share in this new chapter of the ministry.

Joe McNamar then introduce the guest speaker, Paul Campbell. Paul, a Kairos Graduate, shared his testimony of the impact that the ministry has had on his life.

Board members Greg Moser and Priscilla Durkin presented “A Road to Joy” and “Ten Ways You Know That You Are Answering God’s Call”.

Various Kairos representatives, along with the audience, prayed over Evelyn for strength, wisdom and foresight as she assumes her role as leader of Kairos Prison Ministry International.

Evelyn addressed the group and presented her plans and goals for Kairos and how she and the ministry will attain these. Her main focus is to keep the momentum going in the areas such as financial systems and proven programs while enhancing our branding, funding, and many more encouraging new ways to help Kairos realize and be recognized for the outstanding and professional ministry that it truly is.

More information and pictures on pages 10 and 11.
What an exciting time for Kairos Prison Ministry! New members on the International Council and the Board of Directors, new leadership at the International Office, new financial systems to streamline and enable consolidation, new ideas, new opportunities and the list goes on and on.

At the same time these new aspects join with the history and legacy of the past and the leaders and volunteers of the present to create strength, health and a fresh outlook. I hear people share that teamwork and trust is growing. I feel the buzz and excitement in the air of the future of Kairos.

I admire the commitment of the volunteers and continue to be amazed by the passion each person has to reach the incarcerated and their families.

For 36 years Kairos Prison Ministry has worked with the incarcerated and their families to share our work through the motto of “listen, listen, love, love”. A way to show these troubled persons that God’s love can change their life.

I just received a thank you letter from an inmate who attended a Kairos Inside Weekend in February. He wrote six pages about what he learned in the Weekend and of his thanks to God for Kairos. Some of the themes he shares related to: never being alone, choices and excuses for our decisions that keep us apart from God and others, friendship with God, relationship with God, along with the importance of prayer, devotions and being in community with other Christians. He says: “The Weekend was a blessing to me and I’ll never forget it as long as I live. Kairos is a life changing experience no matter if you’re saved or not. It gives prisoners hope that people who don’t even know us give us a chance because of the love God has for us.”

When I receive these letters from the inmates, the families and the chaplains, I often have such mixed emotions that I am unsure of whether to laugh or weep with joy as they share of their positive experience with Kairos. It is as another inmate shared with me in a letter: “God’s work was the healing of my heart to release me from my spiritual prison. I never knew true freedom until God released me from that prison.”

After two months with this wonderful ministry, I have...
“I believe that Kairos is on the verge of something great. These are unusual times.”

Jim Hankins, Board Chairperson

Consider the economy, the increase in most states of incarcerated individuals, the fate of many nonprofits associated with prison ministry, and this transition period of our own ministry. We are positioning ourselves to be available to God for “such a time as this”.

I believe that God has been preparing me also. I knew that I would not be in a position to serve as Chairman of the Board if I were still in my dental practice. A year ago we were told that selling our practice could take a year and a half to complete. God had other plans and within 3 months we had sold our practice. God brought to us a young dentist who I could totally trust to take care of my patients, many of whom are friends for over 33 years.

Reflecting back I see how God has guided me to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors at this time. Beginning in 1995, I joined the team for the Pine Bluff Men’s Unit Kairos Weekend #4. I happily served in Kairos Inside for many years not having any knowledge that there was anything else involved in this wonderful ministry. Then I heard that there was a new expression of Kairos starting that dealt with youth. My wife was interested because in this part of Kairos we could serve together.

We joined with some other KI volunteers and began Kairos Torch in Arkansas. We were the third state to begin the Torch program. I was happily serving Kairos Torch and Kairos Inside again when our state representative to the former Board of Directors wasn’t able to attend the Summer Meeting in Oakland. I was asked to attend in his place and was assured that we would sit in a huge circle, listen to reports, and maybe vote on something of dire importance like “Birthday Parties”.

I was quite surprised when we broke into small groups and began to discuss the possibility of a major overhaul, not just a tune-up, of the entire ministry. It seemed that the nonprofit world was changing and Kairos needed to change along with it.

This was important and I wanted to help. At that time, I didn’t understand what happened to people when they offered to help. I was selected to be on the Structure Committee and for the next year and a half was involved with a great group of men and women as they crafted our present governing bodies. God had His hand on this ministry as we transitioned to our new structure and new faces appeared to serve alongside the more experienced.

Today we are transitioning financially to bring Kairos into compliance but also to position ourselves for growth as God continually places those in need in our path. We must operate as one Kairos if we are to continue as an effective ministry.

We are also transitioning in the area of Leadership. David Ross, the new International Council President, and I are dedicated to a cooperative effort that will allow the volunteers to carry out God’s mission in Kairos as effectively as possible.

Our new Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly, has been called by God to lead us in our mission. She has brought many gifts as she tackles some tasks that were overdue. Many of her talents are yet to be obvious to us, but I know that soon she will be free to lead us in areas that will allow us to blossom as a ministry.

We were all brought to this ministry for “such a time as this” and I pray that we will all be witnesses to what God has for us as we tend his sheep.
When the Hurt and the Healer Collide

By Jo Chapman,
Women’s Ministry Coordinator

Leah Harbison picked the Weekend song “The Hurt and the Healer” by MercyMe for Central Texas KO #1, Feb. 22-24. I witnessed this song being acted out all Weekend. The 15 Guests who bravely went beyond their comfort level to drive to the “Three Mountain Christian Center” (wasn’t at the end of the world but we could see it just over the ridge) and meet the excited Team, who smiled just a little too much for their comfort.

On Saturday, the Guests began to get the courage to share their pain with the Table Families and how they felt hurt and fear for their relatives/friends, who are incarcerated. The HURT was felt in the Community Room by late Saturday afternoon. The HEALER showed up big time and shared His grace at the Saturday evening dinner, when the Guests were treated with the respect that all of the children of God deserve.

At the closing, all the Guests braved the podium and told a little of their HURT and how Christ the HEALER had shown up and COLLIDED in their lives and unconditional love was born.

After the Weekend, I asked Leah how she felt about being the 1st Leader for KO Central Texas? Leah’s answered “I felt covered in prayer the whole Weekend. I felt God had ordained this “Kairos Time” “God’s Special Time “for the Weekend. I felt that God and the Holy Spirit was very near and present the whole weekend and that everything that went on during the Weekend the Holy Spirit had His Hand on all of it, from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon and beyond. I was so excited about the Weekend, the awesome Team, and the awesome Guests! I felt God’s leading me in being the #1 Leader of KOCT and I felt honored and very good about the Weekend. It was a privilege being able to be used by God for His purpose for those hurting and lonely loved ones.”

Thanks, Leah for your faithfulness to God and the KO Ministry.

I don’t know why I am amazed because this happens on every KI, KO and KT Weekend.

I continue to be thankful that I get to witness God’s amazing grace and to again remember that the love of Christ is what we all need in our lives and long for when we are away in foreign lands.

The scripture for the Weekend was Psalm 147:3 “He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.” I got to see it happen and I thank God for always showing up!
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grown to have a passion for the ministry, the people and the opportunities. After experiencing Kairos Torch and Kairos Outside Weekends, talking to the volunteers and hearing the stories of impact, I continue to be excited about Kairos ministry and the growth opportunities.

As we move forward, we will strive to stabilize our foundational base while planning for the future.

Sometimes as we plan for growth we must Pause, Reassess and Fix so we can Run in the future. That is exactly where I see us currently at Kairos Prison Ministry – preparing to RUN.

Meanwhile, the simple target is to Do More of What We Do – reaching the incarcerated and their families by sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

God bless you as you serve!
By Bill Rushing, 
Men’s Inside Coordinator

The Missouri Ad-Seg at Crossroads CI began on Thursday, Feb. 28 as three young men were singly escorted from their quarters in the Ad-Seg facility (known as 1-House) into the Community Room (a different location known as 2-House) by 3 Correctional Officers with one holding their waist chain at the back with the other two tightly holding each elbow. Each man was shackled at their ankles to their waists, and from their wrists to their waists.

They walked slowly, about a six-inch step by each foot as their ankle chains were very short. They arrived, one at a time, to their seats at a specially constructed green steel table where they were attached to the floor by additional chains along with their wrists being attached to chained handcuffs that allowed them adequately handle their snacks, take notes, and draw posters.

But before I continue, I feel I need to let you know that evil did everything possible to derail the first ever “by the book” Ad-Seg Weekend by throwing up roadblocks everywhere possible for the volunteers. About 2 weeks prior to the Weekend date, it snowed big blizzards in the western Missouri area, up to a total of 27 inches. While a blessing for farmers of bringing needed moisture and freeze insulation to crops suffering from the drought, it caused hardships for Team members especially for the Weekend Leader, Dave. On Wednesday prior to the opening Day 1, he took a fall on the thick ice just outside the prison and landed first on the back of his head. Witnesses to this, including Warden Denny, rushed to aid him. He was bleeding from his head and ended up fracturing his neck vertebrae. After taking him to the emergency room for treatment, doctors recommended that he NOT lead the Weekend. But for those of us who know Dave also know that was not going to happen as he chose to “continue the good fight”. And he did so wearing a neck brace and suffering from headaches and body soreness throughout the whole Weekend.

To help accommodate the Thursday (Day 1) introduction process, the 3 volunteer hosts sat in tan plastic chairs next to each man and began their initial intros and 1-on-1 visits, with snacks and drinks. The Team had been thoroughly trained by Weekend Leader Dave and the prison authorities to expect this to be a slow and painstaking process, and as St. Paul said in II Timothy 1:16, “…blessed be the household of Onesiphorus, for

The moderate room was divided into a Community Room and a Chapel, not by any physical means but by having 2 separate speaker lecterns on opposite sides of the Family table so that all the Participants had to do was slightly focus on one side for Community Room activities and then slightly turn in the opposite direction for the Chapel events.

Under their physical restraints, the Day 1 activities went as smoothly as possible. At the conclusion of the Day 1 Chapel, the Team members cleared their seats to the nearest neutral side of the room while each Participant, one at a time, were unshackled from the secure Family Table, re-shackled and escorted back to their quarters in 1-House.

When all three were securely back, the Team conducted their Day 1 Team meeting in the Conference room and then went through the normal security checkout to leave the prison. At the post Day 1 Team meeting, all remarked how quiet the Participants were initially, followed by an easing of each one’s nervous anticipation growing into gentle laughter between the Participants and their hosts. Prep-
arations for Day 2 followed and then all left for an evening meal. Everybody turned in shortly because of the early rising for the next 3 days.

The Day 2 entry process was much the same as Day 1 as all the Team members occupied a neutral wall between the Leaders’ Table and the Speaker’s Prayer Area while the Participants went through the same security process of one Participant at a time slowly escorted and shackled to his assigned seat at the Family Table.

After this, there was a major change as they were introduced to their Table Leaders who occupied the same plastic chairs as their hosts had the previous day. From this point, all the normal Kairos Weekend activities took place according to the proper sequence in the Kairos Inside Model: Chapel event followed by the 1st speaker, followed by discussion, followed by poster design, etc., singing of the Blessing songs, more talks, more music and winding up by the “evening” Chapel activities for Day 2.

Even though Day 2 went as scheduled, there was an obvious slight change in the air. The tension and the personal, protective insulation were slowly eroding away between the Participants and the Team members, but more noticeably between the 3 young men. That feeling of “family” that we volunteers know is coming, came.

Along with that was the inevitable bathroom breaks that the all-day-version of Day 2 brings, which meant that all Kairos activities had to come to a halt as the COs had to go through their extremely secure procedures to take the 3 to the bathroom, again one at a time. But this was obviously changing, too. The COs were a little gentler and less forceful in their handling of these men. They still employed a 3-man security escort team, but something about their manner and the way they talked to each of the three was something that the Team members began to notice.

One particular Participant stood out as the artist and with the small hindrance that comes with having wrists shackled, the other two gave great ideas and let the artist do what he was good at doing. Later on at the poster party, all three made a summary presentation along with the relevant poster. The individual need to get recognition really was evident as all three delivered a great Poster Party.

The Day 2 evening chapel went as expected with the “good-byes” being somewhat more sincere. While we watched their shackling for the departure back to 1 House, we noticed that the COs lightened up even more by seeing that the officer who was positioned at the back of each man no longer having the waist chain snuggly in his hand.

After the Team meeting, we all went to eat as guests of a Kairos volunteer not on this Team and began the letter-writing exercise. Even though each of us had only 3 letters to write, there was an eerie quietness and poignancy to this as each man took deep, thoughtful and spiritual deliberation in writing just the right words. The mood this night called for such deliberation.

The morning of Day 3 brought with it the same expected routines as all went along with the Kairos Method knowing deep inside our hearts that this was special because it was an Ad-Seg Weekend. At the morning chapel service each man got his piece of rice paper on which to write his “forgiveness” names. They heard all of the Forgiveness Series and seemed to get the message of the 3-legged stool. They went through the “Open Mike” exercise with great honesty. Then came the Forgiveness Wind-up ceremony.

Although they were shackled the whole day, it was still very easy for the Team to bring the Water Bowl to them so they could dissolve their lists, followed by another pitcher and basin for washing of their
hands. As they went through the dismissal, we noticed that tonight the COs did not attach their ankle chains to their waist chain as they escorted them back to their isolation bunks. We could only imagine the Jacob Moment each man was to have this night.

The morning of Day 4 (Sunday) came, and as expected, each man shared what his encounter the previous night had been like. One young man shared with us that he had led a life of crime through gang activity; in fact, he belonged to two rival gangs and had felt immense hazing and pressure from one gang to make a break with the other gang. He did so and committed robbery with a deadly weapon which put him in prison at Crossroads. Because it was a first offence, he was placed into General Population in a 2-man cell with a Muslim.

The cellmate continued to put tremendous pressure on his devotion to the practices of the Islamic faith to the point that this young man had a complete mental breakdown and began a seriously violent conflict with his cellmate. After tying the cellmate up and tormenting him in ghastly ways, he realized that he was doing something very wrong, and stopped. Before the COs could get to him, he bit a huge chunk out of his own right forearm and swallowed it just before he was tazed unconscious by the officers.

When he woke up, he found himself in 1-House and has been there for a long time. He showed his host the massive scar on top of his arm along with other scars he had inflicted upon himself because of his self loathing. He also shared that because of this Kairos experience, he realized who he really needed to forgive, and that it was himself. The host realized that all he could do for him was to show him God’s love and forgiveness without judgment. This will continue to be a challenge for all of us.

The Closing ceremony was at 11:00 am and the prison dignitaries and authorities came along with the ranking security officers. Each had something positive to say about the first “by the book” Ad-Seg Weekend, with Warden Denny focusing the majority of his remakes to the Participants. He heard their answers to the three closing questions and assured each of the three that the Administration of Crossroads would do everything possible to see that they return to the General Population housed at Crossroads; but that he needed their sincere and spiritual help to make it happen.

What a great job done by Warden Denny and his staff along with the Missouri volunteers.
Successful and Blessed #1 Spanish Weekend

By Sergio Figueroa
Leader, Moore Haven #24

I thank God first of all for having placed trust on myself to be the Leader of Moore Haven #24 and to have placed all the warriors for this battle that we have won in the name of the Lord. I also thank God for having the participation of 24 Residents in this institution that is a private one and has different regulations than other institutions.

But in spite everything, we were able to adapt to their regulations because the Holy Spirit was and will always be in each one that allows it, as we invoke in the weekly preparation meetings that we had with our brothers in Christ. Despite many difficulties that we had during the preparation meetings, we called on the Holy Spirit to be able to overcome the problem and we were able to do so. Then we had some more and we overcame those as well asking for prayers and in the name of the Lord.

It was a beautiful experience to have the first Spanish language Kairos Weekend in Moore Haven thanks to God’s Servant, Jack Bryan, the Chair of the Moore Haven AC. I thank God for all the clergy and laity who worked very hard so that this Kairos Weekend #24 would take place.

It was a great gift of God on Saturday morning when normally the Team welcomes the Residents with a song of welcome when they come in. But this time it was them who received us with songs and hugs since they were allowed into the Chapel before the Team was allowed in the prison. It was there where the Lord manifested Himself through our work with all the Residents. It was an experience we had never had in a Kairos Weekend.

That was the comment from many Kairos Team members who have been serving in Kairos for many, many years. It was the first time that this team had worked with a small Group of just 24 Residents and 27 volunteers. According to the fire marshal, the room can not hold more people. It seemed as though the Residents already knew us. I think it was all the prayers and agapes that came from all over the world: Japan, People’s Republic of China, Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, USA and many more.

Thanks to the Almighty that is our God, only He can do it, so that the Spirit would pour over this Weekend on each of the brethren that attended Kairos #24.

The most beautiful thing was how the Lord manifested Himself. On Thursday I was notified that the Agape Coordinator had not been approved to enter the institution even though he regularly attends Okeechobee Correctional Institution. We were asked to all start praying.

I asked the Agape Coordinator to go ahead and head for the prison (two and a half hours away) in faith that he would be able to enter. And it happened that way in the name of the Lord after the AC Chair spoke with the Chaplain and additional documents were rushed via email to the Chaplain (regarding the medical condition that was the reason the team member does not have a driver license).

I must also say that the Chaplain and all the officers were very nice with all the volunteers. I truly tell you that the Holy Spirit poured over this Weekend for the glory of God.

I thank God for the entire Team that the Lord selected for the MHCF #24 Weekend in Spanish. I also thank all the people who put their trust in me to be the Leader for this Weekend. I thank God to see the conversions with the joy and testimonies that all the Residents gave during the Weekend.
Kairos Honors Outstanding Volunteers

Left: Kairos Torch Coordinator Kevin Resnover and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Beverly Hankins.

Right: Jo Chapman, Kairos Women’s Ministries Coordinator and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Lauren Wiebe.

Bill Rushing, Kairos Men’s Ministries Coordinator and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Bill Burguiere, left, Terry Crockett, center and Mike Springer, right.

Jo Chapman, Kairos Women’s Ministries Coordinator and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Connie Prendergast, left and Inez Thompson, right.
Above: Kairos Graduate and Guest Speaker, Paul Campbell.

Above Recent Board Chairperson, Ed Keefer, (left) presents Tom Kemner with an appreciation letter. Tom received a lengthy standing ovation for his interim service to Kairos.

Above: Clarence Hodges, one of Kairos 9 Founding Fathers, visits with Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly.

Above: Kairos banquet attendees along with an additional 30,000 other ministry volunteers around the world were in simultaneous prayer during the installation of Evelyn Lemly, Kairos new Executive Director.

Left: New International Council Officers: Lee Turner, Vice President; David Ross, President, Sukey DiCesare, Secretary.

Right: A Big “Thank you” to Olga Berry for volunteering year after year with the Winter Meetings. We really appreciate your help and your cheerful smile!

KAIROS WINTER MEETINGS
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 is borne by the state sending its volunteers to an AKT training in or out of its local state.

3. This means that all Advisory Councils or SCCs should be budgeting for any AKT expenses deemed necessary for their future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council or SCC wants to attend.

4. AC or SCCs should encourage its volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to its local AC instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings like the AKT training.

**YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEKEND LEADER**

### Kairos 2013 Training Schedule

**April 19-21, 2013**

**WAVERLY, GA (KI)**

**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** HoneyCreek Episcopal Conference Center, 299 Georgia Episcopal Center Road, Waeverly, GA 31565 (I-95 exit 26). All registrations for an AKT must be received by the Coordinator on the Friday prior to the Friday evening start date of the AKT (8 days). Any registration received after that date will be subject to a $25 late fee plus additional postage and handling.

**Cost:** $225 for double, $305 For single, $175 for commuter. Please have AC or State make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.

**Contact:** Lillian Robinson, 678-634-8034 or akt@kairosofgeorgia.org for additional information, including mailing address and application. **Note:** Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

**May 3 – 5, 2013**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**Kairos Inside and Torch**

**Location:** Camp Paron, (outside of Little Rock) 16330 Baptist Camp Rd, Paron AR 72122. The camp has a strict prohibition against tobacco or alcohol. If you are flying into Little Rock, please let us know in advance, and we will provide transportation to the camp. It is about 40 minutes from the LR National Airport. You need to arrive by 5:00 pm at the latest, and training will end by noon on Sunday.

**Cost:** $195.00 Double; $225.00 Single; $125.00 Commuter. Fee includes 5 meals, snacks, training materials, and lodging in hotel style rooms. There are a limited # of doubles, unless you are willing to accept a roll away bed. However, those are described as quite comfortable. Each room has its own bathroom. Payment should be from the Advisory Council or State Treasury, only. Personal checks are not accepted. Check in after 2:00 pm.
KAIROS TRAINING

Plan to arrive by 5:00 pm.

Notes: Bring your Red Manual, personal toiletries, musicians bring your instruments. Registrations are due by 1 week before, on April 26. Late registration fee is $25.00, plus charges for postage on training materials. Download application from the website and mail w/check payable to Kairos of Arkansas to the contact person.

Contact: Beth Leverett, 91 Cherrywood Dr., Cabot AR 72023, bleverett@centurytel.net, 501-843-8446, 501-580-9119.

May 17-19 BLOOMFIELD, CT
Kairos Inside and Outside
Location: Archdiocesan Center at St Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield, CT 06002. Arrive at 5 pm and start at 7 pm. If traveling by air, please use the Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, CT
Cost: $200 single, $100 commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Sandwiches Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Reservations must be received by May 1 or an additional charge of $25 will be added.
Contact: Please send the application to Bob Lewis Kairosofct@charter.net or mail to 21 Crescent Place Monroe, CT 06468 and he will send additional information. Checks should be from your Advisory Council (no personal checks) and made payable to Kairos of Connecticut.
Note: Attendees need to bring only their personal items, the current Kairos manual and a musical instrument if you play one.

May 17 – 19, 2013 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) Please arrive by 5:00PM to check in on Friday.
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. Price includes all training materials. 5 meals, which are as follows, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.
Registration: Please go to mykairos.org and click on downloads, then click on AKT Universal Registration Form, print it out, fill it out and mail in. Send check from Ad Council or State Chapter payable to: Kairos of Colorado. Mail the Completed Registration Form and AC or SCC check to: Anthony Castillo Sr. C/O Kairos AKT, 2728 S. Marshall St. Denver Co 80227.
Contact: Anthony Castillo: ajcastillo49@live.com or 303-989-0718.

June 7-9, 2013 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 ($113.05 per night AAA or $101.05 per night AARP). Best Western Charleston Plaza – (304) 345-9779 – 1010 Washington St E – Rate $99.95 per night ($89.95 per night AAA or AARP). Please bring a current Red Manual or be prepared to purchase one at the training.
Contact: Ralph Sevy, ralphsevy@suddenlink.net or (304) 345-8779 for additional info and application.

June 7 – 9, 2013 JACKSONVILLE, FL
Kairos Inside
Place: Marywood Retreat Center, State Rd. 13 South.
Cost: $298.00 single; $248.00 double; $168.00 commuter. All rates include meals and meals. All rooms air conditioned with private bath. Sheets and towels included. Dinner: Friday 6:00 PM, 3 meals Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. All training materials furnished. Bring Red Program manual. Manuals will be available for purchase. Training begins at 6:40 PM on Friday. You must be present at all sessions to be certified as a Weekend Leader. Limited to 36 attendees, so register early.
Contact: Ed Clarkson, ednmaryjo@earthlink.net, 352-235-1312. Additional information and directions will be forwarded after registration. Make checks payable to: Kairos of Florida and mail to: Ed
Clarkson, P.O. Box 912, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. All fees must be paid prior to arrival.

**June 21-23, 2013  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:** $325.00: single (limited number available). $255.00: double (each) and $185.00: commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.  
**Contact:** Mike Stumbaugh, 817-247-5403, 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.

**July 12-14, 2013  POLK CITY, FL**  
*Kairos Inside*  
**Location:** Camp Gilead  
**Cost:** $165.00 double- $200.00 single  
**Contact:** Harry O’Neal, 863-967-4189 or 863-393-5476 (cell), harryo451@hotmail.com 828 Arietta Circle, Auburndale, FL 33823

**July 12-14, 2013  OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**  
*Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch*  
**Location:** Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73132, Ph. 405-721-5651. Arrive by 6 pm and start at 7 pm  
**Cost:** $250 – single; $215 - double (each) and $170 – commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Pizza Friday night, breakfast, lunch and supper Saturday and breakfast Sunday.  
**Contact:** Please send Larry Lockwood, LELockwood@yahoo.com or 2500 W Broadway St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012, ph. 918-633-7165 application (found at www.mykairos.org under AKT-Universal Application) and he will send additional information. Checks should be made payable to Kairos of Oklahoma.  
**Note:** Attendees need to bring only personal items and the current Kairos manual.

**July 12-14, 2013  RALEIGH, NC**  
*Kairos Inside*  
More info will be posted in the near future.

**August 16-18, 2013,  FORSYTH, GA**  
*Kairos Inside*  
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**September 6-8, 2013  PITTSBURGH, PA**  
*Kairos Inside and Outside*  
**Location:** Gilmary Catholic Retreat Center  [http://www.gilmarycenter.org](http://www.gilmarycenter.org) 601 Flaugherty Run Road Coroapolis, PA 15108. Arrive by 6:00 PM and start at 7:00 PM  
**Cost:** $180- single; $150-double (each); $115-commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner and Sunday breakfast.  
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**September 13-15, 2013  MESA, AZ**  
*Kairos Outside*  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Mesa, 15 E First Av, Mesa, AZ  85210. Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Transportation to and from the airport will be provided.  
**Cost:** $180. Make checks payable to: KOP and mail to: P O Box 576, Scottsdale, AZ  85252  
**Notes:** Meals will be provided Friday night, 3 on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Beds and bedding will be supplied. Bring your 2011 KO Manual.  
**Contact:** Debra Stone, Rstone12556@msn.com 662-582-1138

**September 20-22, 2013  PELL CITY, AL**  
*Kairos Outside*  
**Location:** Camp Chula Vista: 1000 Chula Vista
Lane, Pell City AL 35125. If attendees are planning on driving please call for directions. If flying into Birmingham airport, arrive no later than 3:00 P.M. We will provide transportation. **Cost:** Commuters $120:00; Single $270:00; Double $210:00. **Contact:** Terry Christopher, 10693 Rosa Lane, Madison Al. 35756, 256-325-7155; Cell 256-656-5893. Make checks payable to K.O. of Alabama and mail to Terry Christopher. Must be received by Sept. 1st.

October 4-6, 2013   WEST PALM BEACH, FL  
Kairos Inside  
More info will be posted in the near future.

October 18-20, 2013   POMONA, CA  
Kairos Inside  
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November 1 - 3, 2013   NASHVILLE, TN  
Kairos Inside  
Location: Camp Widjiwagen (YMCA) campwidji.org, 3088 Smith Springs Road, Nashville, TN 37013  
Accommodations: bunkhouse style (sorry no accommodations for couples).  
Cost: $200.00 and is inclusive for the training except for travel. You will need to bring your own sheets, towels etc. and personal hygiene articles. All payment must come from Advisory Council, or State Chapter Committee, NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED. Reservations received after October 1, will incur an additional late fee of $25.00.  
Contact: Chuck Dugger cdugger4@yahoo.com or 8665-228-4507

November 15-17, 2013   WAXAHACHIE, TX  
Kairos Inside and Torch  
Location: Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, 5128 FM 66, Waxahachie, TX 75167. Arrive by 6:00pm and start at 7:00 pm.  
Cost: $305.00 - single (limited number available) $235.00 - double (each) and $185.00 - 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, 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

My name is Allen Ray Carter, a.k.a. “A.C.” for the last 27 years. My story is how the grace of God is beyond our understanding.

At the age of 16 years of age, I made a fatal mistake in my life that would cost me 34 years of my life in an incarcerated society. I was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison. I entered prison at the age of 18. After being certified as an adult, at the age of 17, I was transferred to several units before I was transferred to the Eastham Unit. in Lovelady, TX

After being there 10 years, I was offered an invitation to go to a Kairos Ministry Program. The Kairos Ministry is a prison ministry that believes that there is still hope after incarceration; that God can work on a person’s heart in spite of his physical condition.

After accepting this invitation, my thought process was on the food that they served during Kairos. My flesh craved this kind of opportunity to consume these products. But God had another plan for my life, and that was for me to learn about and know Jesus.

It all started on the Thursday of the Kairos Program. On Saturday, I felt a presence in the restroom and there was no one there. Sunday, which is the last night of Kairos, and everything was coming to a close. We were all instructed to go upstairs while everything was being moved around downstairs for the closing. As we were going to the last procedure of Kairos, the instructor of the program, who is called the Weekend Leader, told us to get back together in the group that we were in downstairs for the past 3 days. So, he had three of us from our group (which con-
sisted of 9 people – six inmates and three free world people) get up and say how our Weekend went, or pray for everyone who is sitting down. So, I got up and told everyone I had a great Weekend and then I sat down after this moment. Several of the guys got up and one of the guys, who I knew from another unit, made a statement to me that we had been down a long highway and the Lord had truly watched over us.

I had, at this point, been incarcerated 24 years and 5 months. And I began to think about how the Lord had truly watched over me. After he said this, another prayed over me, and Dave Raposo came behind me and hugged me around my neck, just like he had known me all of our life. He prayed for me also. So, we finished this procedure of our session together. After this, we all got back together as a whole, and the Leader began to speak again for awhile. We were instructed to go back into our circle as a family (the 9 of us).

After we all got back together we began prayer and a small wooden cross was passed around. The next thing I hear is someone saying A.C. is crying. So, I look up to see who said this, and I looked and saw a puddle of tears, like someone had poured a pitcher of water on the floor.

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Now was the big moment that everyone was waiting on to see who would confess to Jesus that did not know him.

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After standing there for several minutes, I am at the mic not knowing what to say, so I stood there several minutes. Then the Lord placed on my heart to say that I was throwing my pride in the corner. And, when I said these words, the Holy Ghost lit me up and I began to holler out loud, “It’s Real, It’s Real, It’s Real!” I said other things that I can’t remember. But I will never forget how my whole body felt like this great light was shining straight from above into my body, which lit me up completely.

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I remember that night in my bed I could not stop crying. I cried for hours on end. The next day, I knew God had changed my life. I did not even feel like the same.

The Holy Ghost had delivered me immediately from a whole lot of things I had been entangled in all of my life. I thank the Lord for His grace that He has placed over my life. He not only rescued me spiritually. He has allowed me to be released after all these years.

I have been out since November 26, 2012. I will never forget November 3, 2002 - that great day!

Your Brother in “Christ”

P.S. Hebrews 12:2
WILLIAM RUSSELL HAMMONDS, 62, of Newburgh, IN went to be with The Lord at his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. His faith and positive attitude were a witness and inspiration to all who knew & loved him. Bill attended Crossroads Christian Church and served The Lord and his community through his participation and support of the Youth Services Bureau, House of Hope SWIN, and Kairos Prison Ministries. Bill served on the Wabash Valley Kairos team. His life's request is that everyone would live out Micah 6:8, "and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to have mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

GREGORY JUDD died on December 20, 2012, at the age of 65. Greg didn't just profess his faith (although he would); he lived it. Church relationships and service were important to him throughout his adult life—especially at Clarendon UMC in Arlington, VA, and since 1994 at Northwest Hills UMC in Austin. He was devoted to the Kairos prison ministry through the UMC, and to the prisoners he served through it, as well as to teaching the Disciples Bible Study, year after year. The family asks that contributions be made in Greg's name to Kairos Prison Ministry, http://kpmifoundation.org/index.php or to Northwest Hills UMC.

BERNARD (BEN) TATERA, 77, passed away peacefully of lung cancer on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at his home in Vacaville, CA with his wife of 55 years, Alida, at his side. Memberships include Radiological Society of North America, Health Physics Society, Sigma Xi, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Marriage Encounter and KAIROS Prison Ministry. Ben was active in Boy Scouts and the Catholic Church youth group. Ben was devoted to his family and to several religious service groups and traveled as part of a medical mission in his later years to Nigeria. For over ten years Ben has been involved in Kairos ministry work at the Vacaville California Medical Facility. Memorial contributions are preferred in Ben's memory to the KAIROS Prison Ministry Foundation.

BARBARA BRYAN, 81, passed away on Monday, January 21, 2013. Barbara was a native of St. Petersburg, Florida but lived the majority of her life in Ashland, Alabama. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ashland where she taught Sunday school for many years. Barbara was a wonderful wife, mother and loving friend who gave generously of herself to everyone. She loved life and found her greatest joy in her family, her friends and her church. She lived passionately and possessed a deep and abiding faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whom she served diligently as a soldier in the faith. She was a wonderful, beautiful and caring example of a Christian woman and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Barbara was a Kairos volunteer at Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka, AL for many years and was such a sweet and lovely lady.

TERRY ALLEN KERR, 46, of Orange Park FL, passed away on March 11, 2013 in Gainesville, FL after a 6 week struggle with cancer. Please keep his wife Angela and family in your prayers, including Kairos volunteer and current Kairos Board Vice President, David Garmus and his wife Darlene. Terry was Darlene and David’s son-in-law.

DONITA PETERSON, Edmond, OK, was received into the arms of her Lord and Savior on March 16, 2013, after a long and steadfast battle with cancer. She was a medically licensed Registered Physical Therapist. Donita is the wife of long-time Kairos volunteer and the former Oklahoma State Financial Secretary, Dale Petersen. Donita was a member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, an active member of the Bible Study Sunday School Class and a leader in the Chapel Hill Cancer Support group. Her total commitment to Jesus Christ was the guiding force in every facet of her life with an unfailing reliance that God is in control. Please remember Dale and his family in your prayers.
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In the Mailbag

Dear Christian Associate,

I just finished Kairos number one at Wolston Correctional Centre, Australia. The skeptics gave their life to Jesus Christ. The weak and broken-hearted were refreshed. The prisoners were showing care and respect to inmates and officers alike. We are so thankful to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for such sacrifice! May such peace, joy and refreshing come to you all in the name of I AM.

God Bless
Resident of Wolston CC
Queensland, Australia

"I was incarcerated at CMCF and I was blessed to attend Kairos #30. What a wonderful Christian experience. I lost my Grandmother right before being chosen for this retreat. There are not words to explain how much this program helped me. Thanks to all the members, prayer warriors and volunteers that make this possible."

Kairos Mississippi Graduate

Murphy’s Law vs. God’s Law

By Carla Rizzi
Leader, KOWPA #3

After our first two wonderful Kairos Outside Weekends, it was my turn to lead the next Team in Western Pennsylvania (KOWPA), June 22-24, 2012. I was excited and ready to serve God’s call to lead.

The Advisory Council relieved me of my Chairperson duties so I could concentrate on Weekend leadership. I was well aware there would be some obstacles while preparing the Team for the Weekend, but I was not prepared for the magnitude of what else I would face. About a month before the Weekend we weren’t sure about guest numbers and we were short on raising funds. However, I remained optimistic and “Trust” became my word of encouragement to everyone.

Late in May, I began to have back pain and it progressively got worse, reminding me all too well of the back surgery I had the previous year. I saw my surgeon and he scheduled tests for the follow-
ing week, but I didn’t make it that long. The day after my husband had knee surgery I was admitted to the hospital and put on a morpheme drip to ease the pain until surgery in early June.

In 10 days’ time I had extra hardware put into my back, KO#3 was cancelled, and I was sent home the day before my daughter’s college graduation party. I felt pretty defeated.

The Ad Council decided to reschedule the Weekend for December of 2012. My recovery was more difficult than the prior year and my ability to get around was exhausting. June was a blur but we still moved forward.

Then the unthinkable – in early July, my son had a motorcycle accident. He was flown to a trauma center, placed on a ventilator and put into an induced coma due to the severity of his facial injuries. He had a couple of surgeries and then recovered in a hospital bed at home. He’s well now and we’re all thankful to God.

In early fall 2012 it was time to resume preparation for Weekend #3. Due to other commitments, nearly half of the Team, including three core Team and many of those giving talks, were unable to continue. I fervently prayed to God to help me make the best decisions. The Holy Spirit kept encouraging me to prepare the Weekend for the Guests.

We had three more meetings for the restructured Team to build community. We turned to our purple manuals for the answers we needed and found them. The financial issues we previously had dissolved and our earlier fear of lack of Guests disappeared. The Weekend was going to happen, and boy did it! God sent us 26 incredible women as Guests who blessed us beyond our wildest imaginations. An additional blessing came when Jo Chapman, Women’s Ministry Coordinator, asked us to host a table of observers from the Philadelphia area start-up. Three women observed the “Team side” of things and four women were Guests.

At the Reunion, 11 of our lovely Guests returned. They expressed that the Weekend was a miracle and changed their lives. December may have been a difficult month for the Team, but for our Guests, it was a new beginning. They are no longer alone in this journey of incarceration.

As we found on KOWPA’s path to Weekend #3, the world will throw everything wrong at us – Murphy’s law – but God’s law of love cannot fail. Had we conformed to the world, KOWPA #3 never would have happened. Instead, our faith conformed our hearts to God’s perfect will for us. **The verdict -**

> “Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”
> Romans 6:4

Easter Blessings from the Staff of Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.