

God's Special Time

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History of the Prisoner-to-Prisoner Devotional

By C. C. (Ohio inmate and P2P writer)

“...and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”
(John 1:1)

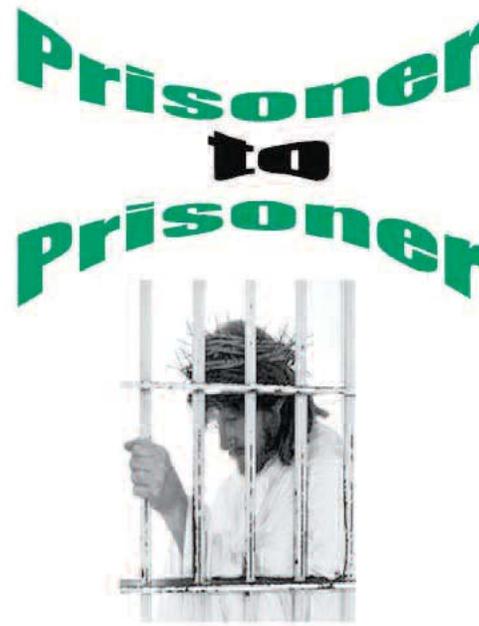
The Prisoner to Prisoner devotional (P2P) is the product of a man's love for God who stepped out in faith with a dream to reach others in prison with that same love. What was a dream, God would use to touch the hearts and lives of countless others both in and out of prison and create a ministry that would reach far beyond anybody's expectations. P2P is sponsored by the Ohio Chapter of Kairos and Marion Correctional Institution and is the only known devotional for prisoners, by prisoners.

Prisoners are inundated with devotional material and “tracts” from all sorts of religious organizations. And that material is fine as far as it goes. Where it does not go is into the depth of the unique prison culture of the incarcerated reader. The P2P reaches our readers' hearts, souls, trials, and tribulations in their dormitories, cells, and solitary confinement. The P2P is more than a devotional; it's a written account of the lives, experiences, and heart-felt feelings of those who are incarcerated. But most of all it is the love of God poured out from the writers to those who read it.

The P2P was the prayer-inspired idea born of an Ohio prisoner named Bill Hamann. In 1999 Bill was an inmate (assigned as cadre) at Corrections Medical Center (CMC) in Columbus. He and two other inmate Hospice Volunteers began writing the “Prisoner to Prisoner Millennium Daily Devotional” for the year 2000. At the end of that year Bill would transfer to Marion Correctional and the one-year effort became an ongoing ministry. Before long he

and the Chaplain would recruit what would become the forefathers of the P2P. These writers included Ron Ambrosia, Bill McGuire, John Milton, Jeremiah Parks, Lanny Potts and Kenny Tenbrook. The second volume included six ladies from the Ohio Reformatory for Women. The third volume added (among others) Gary Reece, who would later become the second Manuscript Editor. These men and women and many others over the years obeyed the call of God to present their lives as an open book -- to those who did not know them, and also to those who knew them well, something rather unheard of within prison walls. The common threads that bound these inmates together was their love of God, their desire to become better citizens, and their response to God's prompting to proclaim what He has done in their lives.

By 2002 the demand had increased so that the Chaplain needed a ministry support organization to gather donations and pay the bills. The Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio agreed to assist in the business side of the P2P with the vision to expand the distribution of the devotionals to each of the fifty states, all major federal prisons and even to other



countries which has become a reality over the past few years. Today, each issue's bimonthly print run of 14,000 is estimated to reach upwards of 20,000 prisoners around the country.

The writer pool has grown to over 70 writers, men and women from all over the United States. Most of the writers have made a Kairos Weekend, but this has not been a prerequisite.

Each writer has their own unique story to tell with which someone somewhere, (whether inside the walls or not) will relate. Because the writers are of such a diverse community with many different ages, races, and backgrounds, there is something within the pages of the P2P for every person, whether they are believers, seekers or just inter-

ested in reading. Each page includes scripture for daily Bible study that will allow the reader to read 90% of the Bible in two years.

It has been said that big things come in small packages. This is a great way to describe the P2P. This little devotional has touched many lives over the years, even saving the lives of a few. It has drawn many men and women, both in prison and in the free world, to the feet of Christ, which when it comes right down to it, was the dream of those who began it. May God forever bless the pages of this little devotional. Amen.

For further information including subscription guidelines, go to: www.kairosohio.org/Prisonerto-Prisoner.html

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From the Executive Director

Project updates . . .

It has been an active spring for your ministry staff. Let me bring you up to date on a few ongoing projects:

1 The Kairos Foundation now has several term and permanent board members who are actively working to help develop the human and financial resources we need now and for our ministry's future. Mike Springer (TX) is our current Foundation Board President. Please "check out" the Foundation website: www.kairosprisonministryfoundation.org;

2 Project Goliath, in its initial phase, raised over \$200,000 for the purchase of a new international headquarters. We need to at least double that amount to purchase an adequately sized building of 6,000-8,000 sq ft. Please keep this effort in your prayers;

3 We want to acknowledge and thank Mr. R. Q. for his generous bequest to Kairos. His gift came at a time of need and was received in humility as a gift from God. This is an example for how someone can bless Kairos with a donation from their will or trust. Kairos is working closely with the National Christian Foundation to assist those who want consultation to maximize the impact of their donations; if you are in need of a referral, please contact the KPMI Foundation;

4 The KPMI Inside (red manual) is receiving very positive reviews. Our communities are enjoying the discussion time after the wall mediation and the Sunday talks;



John A. Thompson, Jr.

5 The Sunday morning meditations have added spiritual focus following the forgiveness wind-up of Saturday night;

6 Both Kairos Torch and Kairos Outside are continuing with revisions to their manuals. There will not be any significant program changes, but the new manuals will provide better descriptions and clarification of program dynamics and procedure;

7 In March and in May we were blessed to have an opportunity to share our ministry on the TBN broadcast network. These broadcasts are seen by 3-5 million viewers; During the May broadcast we were able to present The Kairos Peace Initiative: First Forty Days. This is an initiative conceived by KPMI volunteer Kit Cummings which involves negative leaders in prison agreeing to a seven-item peace pledge and maintaining this for 40 days. Following the 40 days the inmates are encouraged to reunion with Kairos or form inmate peace councils within the prison. The Kairos Peace Initiative is a dynamic way of introducing KPMI to new institutions and to bring renewed energy and encouragement to institutions which have KPMI programs;

8 We have initiated a concerted effort to update and improve our continuing ministry program. In 2010 two Federal prisons decided to eliminate the Kairos program. This was, in my opinion, an earnest but short-sighted decision. The FBOP is seeking to run their own "evidence-based programs"(of course with former KPMI volunteers).

In some sense this was good for us because it provided a "wake-up" call. The national trend in corrections is to bring in "evidence-based programs" – programs that "work." This approach has become "best practices" within many Departments of Corrections. There is

controversy within the academic community as to what can be referred to as the era of “evidence-based” criminology (2009 Presidential address to the American Society of Criminology by Dr. Todd R. Clear: Criminology Volume 48 Number 1 2010); however, at this moment in time, Kairos would be flirting with danger should we choose to ignore this trend.

For this reason we have met with faculty at various schools of criminal justice such as the University of Texas (Dallas), University of South Florida and Rutgers. We have met with providers of criminal justice curriculum, the Change Companies (met with three times) and continue to review program material from a number of programs. It is our desire to develop tools for the KPMI program which will allow our volunteers to offer the best in Christian faith-based programming for prison institutions.

This may include sections/modules for various subjects needed within the population including: anger management, responsibility, parenthood, marital skills, communication and/or for inmates within 6 months to a year of their release date. All of this will be vetted through our organizational structure, but we must not delay too long;

9 In June we are trying a new approach to recruiting volunteers.

We have reserved a meeting room at a local Hampton Inn in Waterbury, CT and are inviting the public to attend a 2-3 hour session where we will introduce

them to Kairos. The local Kairos community will be sending out letters of invitation to local churches and the international office will run two different radio spots on local Christian and secular radio;

10 By the time you read this we will have had our first Kairos weekend in the Dominican Republic; this will mean KPMI is now offering programming in nine countries outside of the U.S.;

11 In early May we met with officials of the Delaware Department of Corrections and received permission for our first Weekend in May of 2012;

12 In April the KPMI board of directors appointed an ad hoc committee to discern what role, if any, Kairos has in re-entry ministry. As many of you know, this has been a topic of conversation among the KPMI leadership for several years. Two years ago former board member Rohan Dillard was given permission to start a KPMI authorized re-entry pilot in Maryland. Part of the discussion will center on how do we define our role in re-entry? We already know from our inside program that leading a person to friendship with Christ is the most important first step in re-entering society;

13 From January to May of 2011 your staff has traveled over 100,000 miles, missed 20-30 weekends being home, has attended over

20 training sessions and conferences, and has attended multiple state chapter meetings throughout the USA. Having said this, we have been sustained by your prayers and encouraged by your enthusiasm for serving Jesus Christ. The KPMI international office consisting of 11 people (Jo Chapman, Judy Bartlett, Kevin Resnovor, Brett Beemer, Christina Bermudez, Janet Santiago, Bill Rushing, Ann Kreller, Daniel Garcia, Brenda Campbell and myself) are here to help you serve Christ.

14 As the executive director, I am often asked about our staff plans for the future. Each of us has our own motivations and goals for our part of Kairos. Also, our personal goals must always be mediated by the policies of the IC and Board of Directors, but as I informally survey the staff I sense a deep desire to be competent, efficient and to serve Christ and others.

For my part, Kairos has been a professional and personal journey. It is very challenging to understand and attempt to manage the opportunities and limitations of offering leadership to a large organization with so many chiefs.

15 In whatever time that remains on my shift (and beyond) I would like to see the ministry accomplish a few things: (1) every year obtain an unqualified consolidated financial audit (2) become the “industry” standard for programming excellence within prisons, and in the case of KO, to see it continue to

offer the love and forgiveness of Christ that heals wounded hearts (3) to develop Kairos as a national brand so as to attract the human and financial resources we need to grow (4) to see Kairos staff, leaders and volunteers continue to grow spiritually so we can work together as a unified force for Christ. God has given us a beautiful gift – an opportunity to serve Him. Our problem in accomplishing the task is not Him; it’s us.

God Bless,

John

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*— major goal of
Kairos Development*

WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN

Hello, my friends. Summer's coming on and that means the Summer Conference in New Hampshire is just around the corner along with the fact that most of our Spring Inside Weekends have concluded. So our first run at the Red Program Manual from the majority of the Leaders' reports seem to be a wonderful experience for the inmates and our teams. A positive feature for all was the Red Manual training sessions held all over the country by some of the AKT trainers in an attempt to make the enhancements and changes from the Blue Manual to the Red into a smoother transition. So a great "thank you" goes out to all of you for making this process almost seamless and well received.

If some of you are still struggling with the newness of this, please contact me here at the office (407-629-4948 or bill@kpmi.org) and we'll be more than happy to provide a "Red Manual" training for your group and any of the ACs around you who want to participate. The training session is 3 hours and can be done on a Friday evening or a Saturday morning, conducted by an AKT Inside trainer close by so the expense is held to a bare minimum. Also, we are providing a "Red Manual" training workshop at the Summer Conference for those who might be interested in attending.

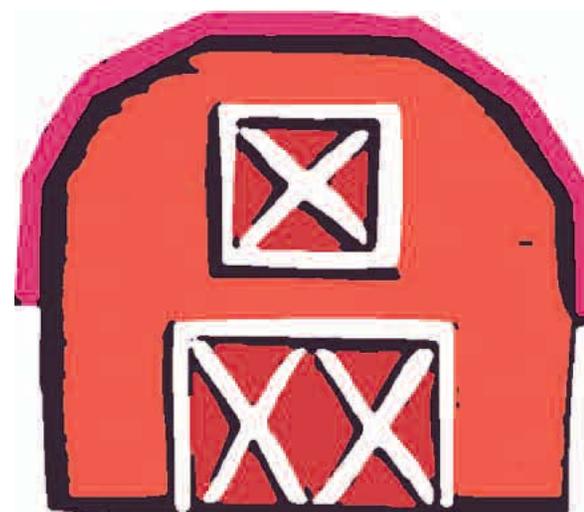
Another new development across the Kairos world is the initiation of the Excellence Initiative tool used by all three ministries which replaces the Observer Program. This is an attempt to make an assessment of our Weekends more positive, easier, and more efficient. Speaking for the Inside Program, the subjectivity that we found in the Observer Program has been replaced with a much more objective instrument. The intent still is to have a solid, ministry-wide evaluation of the Inside Weekends without the negativity of imposing one person's opinion against another's and without insulting the good efforts by teams to conduct God's ministry inside the bars.

The major new features of the Inside Excellence Initiative are that the questions asked are keyed specifically to a page or pages in the Program Manual and are answered with a simple "yes" or "no. This also includes a weighting of each item from 1 to 4, with a score of 4 being keyed to a very important and required aspect of the Kairos Inside Method. Another feature is that the instrument is divided into 13 sections that stand alone with each having its own score. This means that there is no longer an accumulated overall score for the entire Weekend, but rather in 13 parts so that future Weekends can zero in on specific areas of concern found

in the recent past Weekends and take steps to improve those areas.

The documentation is conducted by your specific State Chair or his/her designee. The final evaluation is then given to the Weekend Leader, the responsible AC and the Observing Leader to allow measures to be put into place for the subsequent Weekend taking place in 6 months. Copies are also forwarded to this office and members of the Program Evaluation Committee of the IC. The most important statement that came from the PEC as it drafted the objectives, the process, and the instrument itself is that the Excellence Initiative is not a report card, but a useful tool to help us all to stay within the Riverbanks. This office will accumulate the results and use the data to analyze trends and special features that will help us to evaluate and change our AKTs so that future Weekend Leaders will be more thoroughly prepared to conduct the Team Formation meetings, the Weekend, and the Continuing Ministry afterwards.

If you have not seen any of the 3 Excellence Initiative



checklists, please go to the Kairos website and click on "Documents for Download" and pull one or more up. Enjoy your viewing of them. If you see anything that you think might need some explanation or editing, do hesitate to contact me. We all want to do the best we can to honor this gift that God has given us to share with those inside and outside the walls. Also, we'll have a workshop on the Excellence Initiative for those who want to come.

If you get a chance, tell one of the PEC members what a good job they did on this; they spent hours and months putting this together and they deserve a pat on the back.

Also, if you're ever in Orlando, drop by the office and share a cup of coffee with us. We'll keep it hot just for you.

— Bill Rushing

2011 KO Manual is on the way!

By Jo Chapman

The Kairos Outside Community is very excited about the long-awaited, new and improved KO Manual. First, we had to spend the long hours putting the KO Ezra together and from the feedback of Leaders who used Ezra, we realized it was time to bring the KO Manual into alignment with the KO Ezra.

Our first process was to form a committee of 6 KO Trainers who had the skills to brainstorm what would be included in the Manual and what additional information was needed to make the Kairos Outside Ministry more understandable for new Team Members. This committee met for almost a week and

worked very hard to build the framework together for the new Manual.

The second group of 10 KO Trainers received the Chapters assignments from the old Manual to review, revise and bring to a second gathering in January of 2011. This group gathered for 5 days and hammered out the new 2011 KO Manual draft. We worked non-stop for those days and many days after they returned to their homes to have the draft ready for the Winter Conference in Feb. The draft was sent out to all US KO Communities in Feb., asking them to read through the draft and compile a list of grammar, punctuation and content corrections and comments.



April 15th was set as the date for them to get me their responses. I have been thrilled by the number of women who spent the time to read the whole draft and send me their

thoughts and suggestions. The responses came from experienced KO volunteers, as well as “newbies” in the Ministry.

Sally Boutin and I are adding the suggestions from the KO Communities and our hope and prayer is that the new 2011 KO Manual will be ready for the Summer Conference. The 2011 KO Manual will have a new color and we pray that it will be a blessing to all the KO Communities throughout the world.

A huge thank you to all the women who have worked so hard to help create a quality Manual that will guide future KO Communities in bringing the message of Christ’s love to women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration.

KI Testimonial

First, let me introduce myself...my name is Elizabeth and I'm the mother of Kyle, who was chosen by God and you to attend one of your workshops at Darrington Prison in Rosharon, Texas. You were an answer to prayer! Thank you for following the lead of the Lord and accepting my son for your workshop. Allow me to share a part of the letter I received from my son today.

“Mom, go online and read about Kairos Prison Ministry. Every 6 months they come in the prison and have a 3 day walk. Only 42 guys are chosen to attend out of about 1800 inmates. I applied 3 times before I was finally picked. I can't even explain how great this event was. It was the greatest

event in my life. The only thing more special would be the day I got saved. I have prayed many times for the Lord to make me more dedicated and more serious about my faith.”

“The breakthrough finally happened at Kairos. I truly had an encounter with God there. It's amazing how I've changed. I have been a Christian for years but haven't really been Christian until now. Everything in my life now revolves around the Lord. Almost over night I gave up cussing which has always been really hard for me. I also no longer have any desire for worldly music and you know how much I've always loved my music. I've made changes in some of the people I hang out with in here too. I know this sounds crazy to you, but it's true.”

(He just doesn't know much I've been praying for this.)

“The Holy Spirit has empowered me so much. All I want to do is pray, worship, listen to Christian radio, study the Word, attend services and fellowship with other true Christians. So many times I've prayed to be more dedicated and I never thought Kairos would do what it did for me and so many other guys too. I am truly on fire for the Lord now.

Kairos is an incredible ministry and I can't wait to work with them when I get out.”

*From the bottom of my heart...
thank you!
From a loving mother*

Kairos Australia Update

By Reuben Rattray,
Chair, KPMA

National Conference

We have been diligently addressing various key issues I brought to your attention following the Lyle Jones's resignation as interim ED last November.

You will see in the letter I have appended that our conference is on in July and is styled as a National Workshop with delegates invited from all our regions.

As you will read it is to be structured around focused discussions of issues that have emerged during visits to regions over recent months.

We hope regional delegates will come empowered to make decisions about many key issues.

New CEO - John Bignall

The letter also refers the opportunity to meet with John Bignall who it is take up the position of KPMA CEO on 1 July 2011.

John and his wife, Vivienne, bring a wonderful depth of Kairos volunteer experience. They have been Kairos volunteers in South and Western Australia.

Both John and Vivienne came through Kairos Outside and have since participated in Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside teams.

They both recently retired from executive positions in

Western Australia and have returned to live in Sydney after many years.

Visit to Australia

My mention to you of the Conference was first made in the context of you both planning to visit Australia during this year.

While I did notice some email exchanges with South Africa canvassing dates I would appreciate learning if you have set any specific dates.

Because Australia, like USA, has such big distances attending our conference would afford you the opportunity to meet the broadest representation of Kairos here.

So I ask if this could fit your plans. We could find a suitable slot early in the programme for you to be introduced and speak.

It would then leave you to free to participate and meet our key volunteers present. Please let me know if this is of interest.

Our Ministry Efforts

New South Wales (NSW)

For KI in our main state for Kairos, NSW, we are still sorting through the ramifications of a major bureaucratic change.

Prior to May 2010, the dealings for KI were handled on a decentralised basis at the individual prison level.

Since then, a significant amount of KI dealings (including security clearances) are required to be dealt with centrally through NSW Corrective Services in Sydney.

Our dealings with prisons are now regulated by a new set of

NSW Corrective Services guidelines that our volunteers are finding more restrictive.

As we remain under some scrutiny by NSW prison administration, we encourage our volunteers to embrace the changes being pleased of the opportunity to present KI.

Queensland

When a "Pilot" short course was conducted at Arthur Gorrie Prison in Brisbane in May 2010, there had not been a KI held in Queensland for over ten years.

In the intervening period, resistance from bureaucracy and prison chaplaincy hindered our initiatives. A breakthrough came with the intervention of a senior clergyman.

This 'Pilot' was assessed favourably by bureaucracy and prison chaplaincy and in December 2010, an agreement was signed permitting KI to be presented in Queensland.

Torch

In 2010 our first Torch course outside NSW was conducted in South Australia at the Cavan Youth Training Centre. Further Cavan Torch courses are planned.

KO Men

A third 'pilot' course (KOM#3) is scheduled for November 2011 and it will remain under the direct surveillance of the KPMA board until the course content is crystallised and it has been presented to a wide and representative group of male guests and received a full positive assessment.

KO Women

KOW continues to expand and in 2011, is undertaking a review of the delivery compliance with its Australian Weekend course manual introduced in November 2009.

*God Bless,
Reuben Rattray,*

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

A National Workshop is to be held at Ravenswood School for Girls in Sydney over the weekend July 15-17, 2011 and representatives from all Regional Committees and State Councils of our Kairos Australia community are encouraged to be present.

Over the past few months, most Regional Committees have hosted a presentation of what we call "The Trellis and Vine". This presentation used a well known Bible story to look at the structure and mission of Kairos Prison Ministry in Australia. A summary of the discussion points raised at your meeting has been already been forwarded to you for your local review. The information gathered from the discussions at those meetings has become the core of the content for discussion and resolution at our National Workshop.

A Chaplain's View of Kairos

In January of 2002, I answered the call and began my journey into prison chaplaincy. Armed with God's Holy Spirit, off I marched through the gates of darkness.

What I encountered over the years was a world filled with hopelessness, darkness, frustration, racism, hatred and despair. A place where people had cashed-in their lives for ten, twenty or thirty year sentences. In many cases, the sum would be for life - period!

While these people had cashed in their lives for the choices they had made, there also existed a sea of destroyed lives on the other side of the fence. Anyone who has spent even a little time in prison min-

istry knows that the only thing that will encourage, transform and offer any real hope to all those affected by incarceration is a real encounter with the living God! If there is one ministry that knows something about an encounter with God it is the ministry of Kairos. In fact, there is not another ministry that I know that has more impact on those infected by incarceration.

In close to nine years at the helm of prison chaplaincy, I have watched God use the Kairos teams as a powerful tool in His hands! Without a doubt, it is God's Special Time, as dozens of volunteers check their denominations at the prison entrance and enter our facilities with nothing more than the love of

Jesus.

The word of God tells us that it is by this love that His people will be known. I am always fascinated to watch very hardened men who come to a Kairos Weekend for little more than some cookies and leave the Weekend with the heart of a child. Whether it is a letter from a stranger or an arm around the shoulder, these men cannot help but melt in the presence of the Lord! I have seen first hand the hardest of the hard tear up due to the love of God shining through the Kairos ministry.

Kairos is by far one of the greatest introductions to the love of God that has ever entered our prisons. Only God knows how many people are now Heaven-

bound because of this wonderful ministry!

While countless people have been blessed with eternity, I cannot help but think of a young man who was touched and converted, but did not participate in a Kairos Weekend. His friend however, attended and left with such an anointing that the overflow alone was enough to impact him.

I, as one prison chaplain, am grateful to the Lord for sending this great ministry into the midst of hurt, pain and sorrow. My many thanks to all who participate and give of their time, resources and energy to make this happen.

Chaplain Brian Eskelinen

Kairos Book Now Available

Award-winning author Robert Hitt Neill has published a book on the Kairos experience, entitled *Ms. Karotales*, a hard-cover that retails for \$25. This is a companion book to Neill's new title *The Holy Ghost has a Funny Bone*, but the Kairos book is a 100 percent fund-raiser for the ministry it depicts.

Neill has served for nearly 18 years in Kairos in nine different institutions, and also served as state Chapter Committee Chairman, then as state rep to the KPMI International Council. This is his twelfth book. He has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, the Ernie Pyle Award, the

Earnest Hemingway Award, and for the coveted Southern Gentleman of the Year honor. He has won scores of writing awards for his books and his weekly syndicated newspaper column, which is now 25 years old in Southern papers. He is also a professional storyteller, having made more than 1,500 appearances in 22 states over the past two decades.

Ms. Karotales is the name of the monthly newsletter that Neill has published for a dozen years, and that has been the main source of the "Warm & Fuzzy & Funny Tales" of what God has done through His volunteers in the Kairos Ministry. The author says, "It was a tee-total Blessing, to go back through a dozen years of newsletters to gather the Kairos tales for this book. That was payment enough, so Kairos

will be the only recipient of the funds from this book."

Orders may be made on-line to the kairos-mississippi.org website, or to the KPMI website, once it has been added to that. Snail-mail orders may be sent to the author at P.O. Box 6, Stoneville, MS 38776. Checks should be made out to Kairos. Specify in type to whom the books should be autographed by the author.

"Uncle Bob" also heads up the Mississippi Kairos Music Team that released a CD of two dozen of the best Praise & Worship songs last fall, which is available for \$20 – this is also a 100 percent Kairos fund-raiser. As a special offer, both Neill \$25 books and the \$20 CD are offered for \$60 this spring. Add \$5 S&H per order.

After sampling the books and CDs at the Orlando KPMI Winter Conference, several states have inquired as to whether Kairos Teams in other states may order the books and CDs for resale, for both recruiting and fund-raising efforts. Special arrangements have been made with Brownsbur Books, the publisher, for wholesale orders (minimum 50 books or CDs) at a cost of \$15 for *Ms. Karotales*, and \$10 for the Praise & Worship CD, plus the shipping.

This way, Kairos teams will make \$10 per book or CD profit to offset weekend costs as well as spread the joy of Kairos to others.

Robert Hitt Neill has offered to autograph his books for free before shipment.

An Alliance is Created

A group of 8 women from all walks of life, ages 16 to 60, all gathered in an upper room at the YMCA in Downtown Columbus, Mississippi, and we all had one thing in common_ We all desperately needed God! We affectionately called ourselves the "Mourning Doves". Meeting every Tuesday night for almost 3 years, we would pour out our lives to each other and to our God. Each person had significant cares that could not be resolved with simple answers or a religious quick fix. Leaning on God through His word and prayer like never before, we began to ask God to use us to help other hurting women, because we knew we were not alone. One of the ladies was going through the heartache of the incarceration of her eldest son. Where was the help? Where was the comfort? What does a mother do when she has done all she knows to do and everything is falling apart. How many other women were out there walking this lonely path with no one to talk to or confide in? How many, because of the nature of the mistakes and choices of others, were now experiencing abandonment by family, community, work, and too often, even their churches! We would cry out to the LORD like Hebrew handmaidens under Egyptian bondage.

Then the LORD heard our pain, and sent an answer. Kathi Coleman invited Carol Dowdy to attend the Kairos Outside



Stephanie Gibson

Weekend #6 as a Guest in September 2007. This love-filled, Christ-centered Weekend was life changing and too good not to share. Little did we know, this was just the beginning of a glorious move of the mighty hand of God, who hears and answers prayer. Those women who were drowning in the sea of despair would soon find a lifeline of hope through the merging of two international ministries, the YMCA and Kairos Outside, to form the first Mississippi Kairos Outside Women's Support Group.

Soon after the inception of the local support group, Kairos Outside sponsored Carol Dowdy to accompany Stephanie Gibson, Director of Christian Emphasis Outreach Ministry, to attend the YMCA John17:21 2007 National Conference, in Indianapolis, Indiana. At this conference, they had the opportunity to share this unique min-

istry with chaplains from other YMCA's across the nation. There was time designated to exchange information and create awareness about the many diverse outreach programs offered that would encourage the rebuilding and renewing of local communities, to restore hope to the hurting.

Several years later, the seeds that were planted have grown into new interests about how to incorporate Kairos Outside Support Groups into local YMCA's in other states. We are currently seeking the LORD on the best way to bring this hope and healing to women all across the nation, whose lives have been affected by the incarceration of friends or family.

The following is one of many testimonials to the love and compassion shown through the YMCA Mississippi Kairos Outside Support Group.

In April 2009, my 20-year old son was sentenced to 50 years as the result of an alcohol related accident in which his best friend lost her life. As I heard his sentence passed down, I cannot convey the overwhelming despair that hit me that afternoon. Here my son had lost his best friend and I, in a sense had lost my son. Joshua was grieving; we were grieving. I just wanted to go bed and drift off into an endless sleep, but my faith in a loving Father would not let me do that.

Over the next few days I tried to find a way to minister to my son, but no one could seem to help me. He was scheduled to be sent to Walnut Grove Youth Facility, but first had to go to Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) for processing. I knew it could be several weeks before he was transferred, but he needed help immediately. My fear was that because his grief, he might try to take his life. Out of desperation I got online and Googled the words CMCF ministry. Mississippi Kairos Prison Ministry was the first entry on the search. As I scrolled through, I found the name of a contact person, Bob Neill, who was the state chair. I emailed him explaining the circumstances surrounding my son and asked if he could help. He responded immediately with the phone number of Kathi Coleman, a Kairos Outside volunteer in Columbus, Miss. At the time, I wasn't looking for help for myself, but I know now that God set me on a path that day that has been an incredible story of restoration and joy in the midst of pain. When I arrived at Kathi's home, I was met by two other mothers of incarcerated sons. I later found that they were involved in a Kairos Outside Support Group that met monthly at the YMCA in downtown Columbus.

I left that evening feeling so loved and understood by these

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Let's Make the Best of What We Have

Take advantage of what's available to ensure good Weekend Leadership

By Emma Jones
Kairos California

At our recent Kairos Outside Trainers' meeting, we talked about the fact that we have the means to prepare our Leaders to be the best of the best. Why would we want to be any less? The women we minister to should see us at our finest, and sense that we do what we do with ease.

There is a thrill, mystique, and excitement if you will – yet also a bit of fear in being a Weekend Leader. We all experience most of those sensations as we prepare to lead a Weekend, even if we don't want to admit it. It's a big job and it takes over a huge portion of your life, for what seems like forever, whether you want it to or not. It is what it is!!!

One aspect of leadership is to prepare ourselves by attending AKT. AKT was put in place several years ago to assist the Leader with consistency in Leadership. At one time, training was done at the summer conference. It didn't take long to realize this was not the best

approach. If you attended AKT, you would not be able to attend any of the workshops given or participate in the extras that happen – i.e., taking a picture sitting on a steer in San Antonio, a side trip to San Francisco, or a side trip to Niagara Falls.

AKT's are done throughout the year and all over the country. So, in keeping with good stewardship, and with location in mind, attending training close to your home is to your advantage.

Timeliness in going to AKT is a huge factor. Since getting ready for a Weekend has timelines, putting off going often means having to rush or skip something that needs to be done. Proactive Advisory Councils will make sure they send their upcoming Leaders to training in enough time that the information they receive, and the preparation they need, will coincide. To do anything less is an injustice.

EZRA has a six-month timeline for the Leader. EZRA lists responsibilities for the Observing 1 and the Observing 2. It's a big help when these two team

members know early on what they're to do. AKT training is good for twenty-four months so you can go as an OL2 and be ok.

It really works so much better to not be "under the gun" in attending an AKT. It's a huge disservice to wait. In times past, some Leaders would wait until just a few weeks or maybe a

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women. I knew that God had sent me there. That was three years ago and what has happened since that evening has been an amazing journey. I cannot wait each month to be with the mothers, wives, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters who come together to sing, share, encourage each other, and pray. It's a special time like no other. What would my life be like had I not been led to Kairos Outside Support Group? I dare not give it thought, but instead I thank God daily for allowing me to be a part of this life-changing group of women. By Sheila Coleman

This is one of many testimonials of women whose lives have been touched by this local support group. Often we hear reports that the YMCA has provided a place of safety and that it gave them the courage to attend to group. Ladies tell us that

month or so before their Weekend to attend AKT. The look of concern, the sense of doubt in their capability, and their disappointment with themselves at waiting so long was Oh So Clear!!!

So the moral here: attend Advanced Kairos Training in enough time so you can be "the best of the best".

they are so thankful and they could not have made it through their difficult circumstances without the loving support and the patient listening they received from the Kairos Outside Support group. For this reason, we would love to see these two great ministries join hands and extend this simple caring ministry to the hurting ones in other communities.

We would like to ask our faithful Kairos family for your prayers as we seek to follow His leading.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Gibson
Director of Christian Emphasis Outreach Ministry for
Mississippi YMCA*

Note: Stephanie Gibson will be coming to the Summer Conference to speak about the Alliance with the YMCA and how it will benefit the Kairos Ministries.



NOT FEELING CARED FOR

By a 16 year old girl
in Juvenile Detention

*I feel alone
Like a deer that's just
been born
But its Mom died.*

*Like the only flower
In a field.*

*Like a pool of water
In the middle of the
desert.*

*I feel deserted
Like an open piece of
candy on the shelf
That nobody wants to
buy.*

*Like a box of kittens
And I'm the last one in
the litter to be picked.
Like an unironed pair of
pants
That nobody wants to
wear.*

*I feel the need for love
A squeeze of lemon in my
glass of water
A breeze on a warm sum-
mer's eve
A whisper in my ear that
tickles.*

I Am a Six-Time Loser

By Jeffery, Kairos #5, Marion CI

I am 41 years old and this is my sixth time in prison. "Loser" is the best word I can think of to describe me. I have no living immediate family. I will be in my fifties when I am released from prison.

However, recently I made a discovery. Someone from Kairos told me I was "a pearl of great value, a priceless treasure hidden/lost in a field". The men from Kairos told me I was "somebody" in the eyes of God and, believe me, they showed me by coming to the prison, spending a Weekend with us, feeding us wonderful meals and lots of delicious cookies. They put their arms around us in embraces of love rather than clutches of hate intended to overpower us and make us do

something against our wills. We were overpowered, but it was with a loving, caring spirit we had rarely, if ever, experienced in our lives.

During Kairos #5 at Marion Correctional in October of 2010, I decided to stop running. I had run from the law. I had escaped from jail and prison 3 times. I had tried all kinds of religions. I had blamed everyone else and his brother for my fate. I held grudges against most everyone in my life. I was a lost soul with nowhere to turn or at least that is what I thought.

Then Jesus and his "gang" of Kairos volunteers/disciples came to prison and visited us and brought cookies and the news that "Jesus loves us" and to Him, "we are precious treasures and pearls of great price". We sang and danced together. We prayed and confessed our

sin and our hopelessness. We laughed and cried together. Most of all, we experienced the love of God together.

Many of us had no family. Now we have a huge Kairos family who prays for us, cooks for us, bakes cookies for us, buys meals for us and writes letters telling us about God's love and their love for us. God opened my eyes and the eyes of many of my inmate friends as we were touched by the hands of the men and women of Kairos #5 and the power of God flowed through those hands into our lives.

During the next 10 years, I want to use my time writing my story in preparation for going out there in the world when I am released and hopefully help some young person avoid the mistakes I made. Pray for me.



In Loving
Memory

Kairos Prison
Ministry
International

*Leaving
a Legacy*

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, together with the name or names of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. People making a donation will receive a letter from Kairos for their tax-exempt contribution.

Prison Ministry Members Honored

Kairos helps inmates during, after jail time

By Judith McGinnis

Making a successful transition from prison life to the outside world takes more than a suit of clothes and a new address.

Since 2001, Kairos, an international Christian prison ministry, has given Allred Unit inmates the spiritual tools needed to cope with life during and after their incarceration.

This week Allred's senior warden, Eddie Williams; chaplains Jeff Smith and Timothy Anderson; and staff will receive the first Excellence Initiative Award from Kairos International for their support of the program.

"Allred has been the poster child for the most effective way to operate a Kairos program," said Steve Newton, chairman of the Kairos Allred Advisory Council. "Kairos teams from around the world are encouraged to structure their programs using this model. Instruction manuals provided to those teams were written by active Allred volunteers."

Kairos Inside is a weekend-long course of Christian study for qualified inmates; the application list is usually long. Graduates go on to become "servants" who help new participants. Floral Heights United Methodist is the "anchor church" for the Allred program.

"By its very nature Kairos provides a proven method of

changing hearts, which changes behavior while in prison and impacts the community upon release," Newton said. "The awards, of course, are very gratifying, but our success is measured in the stories of men who have kept Christ as their guide outside."

Former Allred inmate Michael Bryant would agree. Bryant now lives in Central Oklahoma after serving a full eight-year sentence for aggravated assault. He is a veterinary technician and operates a successful lawn care business.

He says as a child he was "drug to church" but never got to see the Bible's lessons lived out in his own family. After a brief encounter with Kairos while at the John Wallace Unit in Colorado City, he said he wanted more.

"You learn to put your life in God's hands, in His will. I knew I would be coming back to Oklahoma City, having to trust in the Lord that everything would work out," Bryant said. "What I learned that when the Lord wants in your life, He's going to get in."

Again and again, Bryant said he found himself meeting other Christians who helped reinforced the Kairos message through everyday faith.

Today he is married and enjoying life in a way he never dreamed was possible.

"I don't discount my prison time," Bryant said. "But like



Pictured above are Tom Mechler, Vice Chairman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Madeline Ortiz, Director of the Rehabilitation Programs Division, TDCJ and Eddie Williams, Senior Warden at the James V. Allred Unit in Iowa Park, Texas. The award, tied to the Kairos Excellence Initiative, is recognition for the outstanding level of support and cooperation provided by staff and administration at Allred toward the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Joseph, it was all for a reason."

"Bill," a Kairos graduate who asked to keep his name confidential for the sake of family members, became entangled in the web of methamphetamine. What began as recreational use to fuel his fast-paced career led to a nine-year prison sentence.

"I can't explain the kindness of Kairos, to come into the prisons and show the love of Christ," Bill said. "I had read the Bible before but never really was that serious about it."

"Becoming a Christian helped me see things more honestly and stop denying my responsibilities."

At Allred, Bill was a Kairos

servant, taking great satisfaction in helping others experience the difference faith makes.

"There are lines now that I'll never cross again, moral limits that have been set higher now because of Kairos," said the 42-year-old Texan. "A lie is a serious thing now."

Having completed his sentence two years ago, Bill has now rebuilding his career. He has also connected with a teenage daughter he didn't know he had.

"She got on the Internet and found me," he said. "She's a Christian, too. She understands forgiveness."

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In Passing

Richard (Dick) Hunter, Jr.

Richard (Dick) Hunter Jr., Derry, NH, 64, died Feb. 7, 2011, after a brief battle with cancer.

Dick served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, and then served in combat again in Iraq in 2005 as a member of the Army National Guard. In all, he was a veteran of over 30 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant.



Richard Hunter

He was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast and was a member of the NH Patriot Guard Riders, and NH Chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Raymond and a longtime member of two Christian retreat programs, Cursillo and Tres Dias. Richard was also an active member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Derry, and a proud longtime member of AA.

Dick was very involved with Kairos for many years. He was Kairos State Chairperson, State Treasurer, Weekend Leader, Kairos International Board Member, Kairos International Council Representative, an Advanced Kairos Trainer, and most recently, the NH Conference Committee Chairperson.

The greatest love of his life was for his family, who he truly cherished. Please remember Dick's wife, Beth, and his family in your prayers for solace and comfort.

Steven Boyd Davis

Steven Boyd Davis, Orlando, FL: After a brief illness, Steve rushed into the arms of his loving Savior the morning of February

28, 2011. Deeply grieving our loss and being ever so grateful for the years we had with him are his wife, Sunshine Woodyard Davis, daughter Cassidy and son Connor of Orlando and parents Pleas and Judy Davis and sister Shannon Milner Berry of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Family, friends and co-workers knew him as a man who loved his family, his country and his Savior. He was a gifted writer, web designer, artist, humorist, an articulate defender of the Christian faith and was an active Kairos volunteer.

Melody Sue Theiss

Melody Sue Theiss, 3 months old, of Jacksonville, FL passed away March 23, 2011. She was born Dec. 22, 2010 in Jacksonville. Melody is the Great-Granddaughter of Kairos volunteer and Board member, David Garmus. Please keep David and his family in your petitions to the Lord for comfort and understanding during this difficult time.

Roby Jackson

Roby Jackson, Canton, MS: Faithful Kairos Volunteer Carol Mims, Canton, MS, recently lost her father, Roby Jackson. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

John V. Wilson

John V. Wilson passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening February 10, 2011. John was a New Mexico Kairos volunteer.

Shirley Campbell

Shirley Campbell passed on to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 21st, after a seven year bout with Alzheimers. Her condition had worsened dramatically over the last three months until finally God cured her

completely on Saturday. She passed on peacefully, with her family alongside supporting and loving her. I had the privilege of holding her hand until the Lord took her home. Please pray for her husband, Skip Campbell, former Kairos International Men's Ministry Coordinator, and the entire family.

Harry L. Keith

Harry L. Keith passed away April 29, 2011. Among his many other talents that he shared with Kairos, Harry was the author of the "Rooster Story" which is used on Sunday morning chapel time during our Kairos Inside Weekends.

Kairos Executive Director John Thompson remembers: "Harry Keith was a friend of mine. Harry was a real friend. He and I spent many hours together in team formation, on weekends, grouping and simply sharing during lunch.

Harry was a big person who loved largely. He was attracted to wounded people -- he would laugh and place his big smile around you and simply say it was OK, God loves you and so do I.

One day Harry brought back crazy looking Hawaiian shirts for his groupies - wearing that shirt made us feel uncomfortable, but that was Harry's purpose - he was helping us expand our vision so we could see better. Harry was like that - loving us to be better - never focusing on our faults. And so we could never focus on his faults.

Harry was friends with Alphonso Murray Jr., another member of team #1 at Union C.I. in September of 1976. The two of them would tell stories and laugh about the old days and we would laugh too. Those laughs were deeply felt as was our love for Harry.

For those of us who knew Harry -- we will miss him."

Are We Who We Say We Are?

By the Kairos Outside Committee

“Would it set you at ease to know that we’ve not come to change you in any way? As we go through the Weekend, you may decide that you want or need to make some changes. “

“You can be sure anything you say here is kept in confidence and we ask that you keep what you hear from us and from each other in confidence as well.” Point out any signs in the Community Room which state, “Who you see here, what you hear here, stays here.” (Leader’s Opening Comments, Pg 126-127, Kairos Outside Manual.)

A statement similar to this is made in the Leader’s Opening Comments on all KI and KT weekends

As a Team member, how many times have you read these statements or have you heard these statements and not really paid attention to what they mean? Let us tell you - we know for sure that at least one KO Guest took these statements literally and began to put her trust in Kairos Outside based on what the Leader said.

The trust she developed brought her to the belief that this new Christian community, Kairos Outside, was a safe place where she would not be judged and could be herself....with acceptance and unconditional love.

After the Weekend, this Guest was anxious to attend the KO Reunion and was thrilled to

be asked to be part of the next Team. She poured herself into gathering the names of potential Guests for the next Weekend, made Agape for the Weekend and was determined to be the best Team member possible.

At the third Team meeting, in her small group, she responded to the question “If you knew me better...” that she had been with her female partner for a long time. Afterwards, the Leader heard from several Team members, by the way, who were not in that small group, that she needed to do something about this Team member/previous Guest. After consulting with the Advisory Council, the Leader made the decision to ask the woman to step off the Team. Is this the unconditional love and acceptance that Jesus gives to each of us?

The former Guest was sad, disillusioned, angry and discouraged about this “safe Christian Community” she thought she had been a part of. You see, she believed that she was not going to be judged and she believed that her confidentiality was going to be honored.

A few days after being asked to leave the Team, she received a letter soliciting monetary support for all the Kairos Ministries. She called the International office to let someone know how angry and discouraged she was with her treatment. When a staff member talked to her, she told them that “they love you as a Guest, but

not as a Team member.” She felt she had been judged and that her confidentiality had been broken. What would Jesus have done in this situation? What would I have done in this situation?

As a Team member, on any KI, KO or KT Team, if we are not willing to accept our Participants and Guests just as they are, without an agenda for changing them, then maybe we are in the wrong ministry. We are called to minister to others who may be different from ourselves. The question remains: Can we be present to “Listen, Listen, Love, Love” or are we listening with an idea of what we feel their life needs to look like in order to be “acceptable” to us? If we choose to get into the “Sin Game” by judging others, then we all should get in line because we all fall short at one time or another. The Pharisees did not want Jesus to associate with the Samaritans and especially a woman who was a Samaritan. But Jesus met the Woman at the Well and ministered to her needs. Can we, as Christian KO, KI, KT volunteers ministering to those affected by incarceration and their families, do any less?

At the end of any Kairos Weekend, Inside, Outside or Torch, can each of us look in the mirror and declare “we were who we said we were?”

Remember, Christ is counting on you and so is KPMI!

I Saw God

Contributed by Denise Burris, Kairos Outside (Ohio Community)

I saw God at Kairos Outside #10.

I saw Him in the Team and on the Guests’ faces as they arrived and as they were transformed as the Weekend went on.

I saw Him in the men who served us and made everyone feel worthy.

I saw Him as Team members gave meditations and talks and as the walls broke down, and as special letters were read, and stones were thrown into the pond; in the quietness in the middle of the night as I sat in the community room.

At my table, I was glad as family members made sure everyone was included and no one was left behind. We were one of the liveliest tables and God was there.

God had His hand on the Weekend from the very first Team meeting until everyone had left at the Weekend’s conclusion.

And I know that He is still working and loving everyone.

Kairos Education for Volunteers

As a result of our most recent Communications Improvement Survey, we discovered that many volunteers had ideas and comments about the lack of services that in fact were available. This is our first attempt at providing some clarity on those things that you asked for that already exist.

Teleconference capability would be helpful – KPMI already has the capability to offer teleconferencing. All you need to do is call or e-mail Ann Kreller (ann@kpmi.org or 800-298-2730) at KPMI and request the teleconference. She will set it up and send the teleconference chairperson the dial-in information.

Websites – Many volunteers complained about the lack of State or Advisory Council websites. The technology continues to get easier and the costs continue to go down. Bring it up at your next State Chapter meeting or your next Advisory Council meeting. You might be surprised to find someone in your community willing to setup a very high quality site and the costs would be limited to the domain name and the annual hosting fee.

1-800 Number for KPMI – Several volunteers complained about the lack of a 1-800 number for KPMI. The number is: 1-800-298-2730.

Newsletter Delivery Changes – Many volunteers requested that the newsletter come to them either specifically via e-mail or a link to the website version or delivered by U.S. mail.

To have the newsletter delivered via e-mail or a link to the website version, just go to the www.mykairos.org, click on Newsroom in the left hand column, then click on *God's Special Time*, and the current as well as past newsletters are there. For Georgia, go to the www.kairosgeorgia.org website, and click on Newsletters.

To have the newsletter delivered by U.S. mail, contact Janet Santiago at KPMI and she will add you to the database (800-298-2730). Likewise, if you no longer want the newsletter in the mail and want to save the postage, call Janet as well.

Minutes of Meetings Posted on Websites – Not all volunteers can attend every meeting of a governing Kairos body. Assuming your Advisory Council or State Chapter Committee has an active website, suggest that minutes be posted to the website for all volunteers to review. It is a great place to maintain a permanent backup of those kinds of documents without risk of losing them in the event the Secretary's computer decides to die.

Official Logos, DVDs and Professional Brochures for us to print and use to pass out or to setup at ministerial booths, for presentations – Use the Supply Ordering Form on the mykairos.org website (click on Kairos Supplies) and you can order DVDs and brochures. The materials are free, but they would appreciate a donation to cover shipping and printing costs. The official Kairos logos can be obtained for your use on websites and letterhead from the KPMI office. Just e-mail or call them.

EZRA for use by other Advisory Council positions – There is no reason that every elected person on an Advisory Council cannot have a copy of EZRA.

According to the latest license agreement, we are not limited by how many copies of EZRA that an Advisory Council can make, but that a single copy of EZRA can only be used for one Weekend. Make copies of the CD for everybody and then send them a BACKUP of the most current data. Then any Advisory Council leaders who need the database of their community have it. You can contact Mike Springer (springguy@juno.com) if you have any questions about EZRA and the license agreement.

Financial Accountability – “I think in the interest of financial transparency, KPMI should publish at least annually, an accounting of income and expenses and make it available to every advisory council.” The Financial documents detailing income and expenses is provided to your International Council representative at the Summer and Winter conferences. Ask them for it. Your IC Representative represents the interest of your state and should be held accountable to pass along the information received at conferences.

List of Kairos Outside e-mails addresses in one convenient place rather than having to search each state/international site – I am sure that Jo Chapman has that information, you just need to ask her.

Online Videos – YouTube has many if not all the videos produced for and about Kairos. The Kairos of Georgia website

has a single page with as many of the videos as we can find. You certainly can embed the videos on your own State or Advisory Council website.

KPMI Websites – “Promoting the KPMI website to ALL volunteers. My guess is that few people know that KPMI now has three separate websites aimed at three different groups. People should know that.” Ask and you shall receive.

<http://www.kpmifoundation.org> – the website for the Kairos Foundation. The KPMI Foundation operates as a separate entity in support of the functionality and mission of Kairos Prison Ministry International. The Foundation takes on various projects and maintains a continuous attitude of seeking out financial support for the endeavors of the 30,000 plus volunteers of the ministry.

<http://www.kairosprisonministry.org> – This is the website that we hope that the non-Kairos public visits to learn more about the Kairos Prison Ministry and includes information about the ministry, the Board of Directors, quick links to various State Kairos websites, quick links for donating to Kairos, information about the various Kairos programs and testimonials about the effectiveness of Kairos.

<http://www.mykairos.org> – This is the website for resources and information for current volunteers and leaders already involved in the ministry and includes publications, downloads, and many of the resources that volunteers need in this ministry.

AKT Inside is for all Kairos volunteers, and particularly for those who are in or will be in a leadership role anywhere in the ministry. AKT gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have attended AKT prior to leading a Weekend.

AKT Outside is for Kairos Outside volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend Leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos Outside program. AKT-Outside gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry, describes the unique elements of the KO ministry, and then focuses on the details and techniques of leading KO weekend retreats. Kairos policy requires that all Weekend Leaders must have attended an AKT-Outside prior to leading a Weekend. Please visit the Kairos Forms page to download and print a Registration Form for an AKT-Outside.

Torch Leader Training is for all who serve in a leadership position in the Torch Ministry, and especially for future Torch weekend leaders or Torch Advisory Council members. Everyone who is involved with the Torch ministry is encouraged to attend.

June 24 – 26 HUNTSVILLE, TX

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net, 817-860-3500 (home) or 817-247-5403 (cell), 526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information. Checks should be made payable to KPMI–Texas, Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University. Housing in Hotel operated by Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Arrive by 6 p.m. and start at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$255 for single (limited number available). \$225 for double (each). \$165 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

Note: Attendees bring personal items only.

July 8 – 10 RALEIGH, NC

Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch

Location: Peace College, 15 East Peace St., Raleigh, NC 27604

Meals: Friday evening, July 8, no evening meal; Saturday, July 9, three meals; Sunday, July 10, breakfast only.

Lodging: Two nights, Friday & Saturday, linens provided.

Cost: Room and meals – double occupancy \$180 per person; single occupancy \$220; commuter – meals and conference costs \$130 per person; spouse accompanying, but not attending training \$90; late fee \$25 after July 1. Price includes training materials.

Notes: Make check payable to: Kairos of NC.

Check in after 2 p.m. Plan to arrive by 5 p.m.

Contact: Ted Cashion phone 919-859-1709 email: tedcashion@nc.rr.com or Bob Clinkscales phone: 252-426-7720 or email: email: mmbros02@gmail.com

July 15-17 Bradenton (Ellenton), FL

Kairos Inside

Location: DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, 8411 25th Street East, Parish FL 34219, 941-776-1018 or toll free 888-314-5744. For those coming on I-75, take Exit 224 and go east on US 301 for 2.2 miles and turn right on Wellon Ranch Rd. Go .3 miles south and take 2nd left onto 25th Street East to entrance to DaySpring Center. Arrive by 5 p.m. and training starts at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$180, semi-private. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Linens and towels are provided. Please bring your Red Program Manual; if you do not have one, there will be some for sale at the AKT. Musicians are invited to bring your instruments and songbooks.

Contact: Nora Ramirez, sar-ner@juno.com or 863-868-5346 (home) or 863-640-0039 (cell), P.O. Box 93070, Lakeland, FL for application and additional information. Checks from your AC, Area Committee, or State Chapter Committee should be made out to: Kairos of Florida.

August 12-14 NORCROSS, GA

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: The Lodge at Simpsonwood, 4511 Jones Bridge Cr. NW, Norcross, Ga.

Cost: \$265 for double, \$330 for single, \$195 for commuter. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes two nights lodging, six 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.

August 26-28 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73132, Ph. 405-721-5651. Arrive by 6 pm and start at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$220 – single; \$185 – double (each) and \$140 – 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 your application (found at www.mykairos.org under AKT-Universal Application) to Bonnie Hartman, 1601 NW 42nd Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73118; phone: 405-823-7243; email: bonnie@decorativeartsonline.com and she will send additional information. Checks should be made payable to Kairos of Oklahoma.

Note: Attendees need to bring only personal items and the red Kairos Inside manual.

September 9-11 LITTLE ROCK, AR

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Ferncliff Camp, 1720 Ferncliff Rd., Little Rock AR 72223

Cost: \$140 for commuters; \$265 for double; \$300 for single. Registration fee includes two nights lodging, dinner on Friday, three meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, snacks and all training materials.

Contact: Please make checks payable to Kairos of Arkansas. Mail registration and checks to: Beth Leverett, bleverett@centurytel.net, 91 Cherrywood Dr., Cabot, AR 72023; hm 501-843-8446, cell 501-580-9119. If you will be arriving by air, please provide flight information to the contact person several weeks in advance, so we can provide transportation. The camp is 25 miles from the airport, and about 20 miles from I-30 or I-40 if you are driving in. Check-in will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., and training will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Notes: This is a two story facility, so please let us know if you need downstairs or handicapped rooms. Attendees need to bring personal items only, along with new program manual.

September 16 – 18 COLUMBUS, OH

Kairos Torch

Location: Martin de Porres Retreat Center, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219

Cost: Early Bird Registration \$150 – Registration must be paid 30 days prior to training. Late registration fee \$165.

Lodging: Best Western, Port Columbus 614-337-8401. Double and king rooms are available for \$79 (tax not included) per night. The hotel will provide shuttle service to and from the airport and to and from the Retreat Center.

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Kairos Weekends

MEN'S INSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
6/16/11	LA	Angola (Camp D)	52	Terry Fitzgerald
6/16/11	OH	Ohio St. Penetentiary	1	Phil Armstrong
6/23/11	IN	Pendleton CF	8	Joe Loudenback
7/4/11	MIC	La Modelo		Eddy Santiago Gonzalez
7/7/11	TX	Ferguson	51	Randy Sisk
7/7/11	TX	Rudd	9	Allen Pitts
7/14/11	TX	Estes	2	Dan Martin
7/28/11	GA	Georgia SP	20	Stan Yarbrough
8/4/11	TX	Wallace	25	Toby Bryant
8/18/11	GA	Agusta SMP	49	Ted Stellern
8/18/11	TX	Hutchins	12	Jim Rhea
8/25/11	AL	Hamilton	7	Mike Thorn
9/2//11	CA	San Quentin	38	Dave Cullison
9/3/11	TX	Huntsville	16	Vince Lucadou
9/8/11	TX	Jordan	30	Terry Sanders
9/15/11	GA	Burruss	3	Raymond Gray
9/15/11	LA	Wade CC	32	Jerry McWherter
9/15/11	OH	North Central CI	7	Tim Mazik
9/15/11	SC	Lieber CI	46	David Kappel
9/15/11	SC	McCormick CI	36	John Franklin
9/15/11	TX	Roach	24	Wendell Seitz
9/15/11	TX	Smith	29	Kiley Gruben
9/22/11	AL	Draper	12	Jack Hausen
9/22/11	FL	Polk CI	32	Steven Horvath
9/22/11	GA	Walker SP	5	Carrol Waddle
9/22/11	MD	Roxbury CI	4	Jay Weisensale
9/22/11	PA	Lake Erie CI	21	
9/22/11	SC	Kershaw CI	24	Reid Johnson
9/22/11	TX	Clements	36	Dale Duke
9/22/11	WV	Northern CF	1	
9/29/11	TN	Southern Tenn SRCF	6	Roger Fuller
9/29/11	SC	Lee CI	33	Mike Sheedy
9/29/11	TX	Allred	21	David Looney
9/29/11	TX	Polunsky	27	Steve Brown
9/29/11	WA	Clallam Bay CC	12	
10/6/11	CO	Delta	40	Bernie Schneider
10/6/11	CO	Territorial	52	Tom Guidera
10/6/11	SC	Perry CI	28	Bill Watkins
10/6/11	TX	Daniel	16	Derek Hollingsworth
10/6/11	TX	Neal	27	Jeremy Hill
10/7/11	CA	CSP Sacramento	10	Rob Dunning
10/7/11	CT	Osborn CI		Alain Picard
10/7/11	PA	USP Allenwood	17	Jeff Hoyt
10/7/11	TX	Vance	45	Mark Corder
10/13/11	GA	Phillips SP	11	Wayne Hillis
10/13/11	IN	Plainfield CF	9	Denny Huron
10/13/11	LA	Rayburn CC	12	Chuck Coleman
10/13/11	SC	Broad River CI	30	Laurel Irving
10/13/10	SC	Evans CI	36	Rodney Ranck
10/13/11	TX	Hightower	7	Lee Schafer

MEN'S INSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
10/13/11	TX	Hughes	29	Bill Pickard
10/13/11	TX	Michael	39	Kent Davis
10/13/11	TX	Robertson	33	Dick Humphrey
10/13/11	TX	Stiles	26	John Adkins
10/13/11	WA	WA St Reformatory Unit	50	Paul Wentland
10/20/11	AL	Donaldson	54	Joe Townsend
10/20/11	AL	Limestone CF	53	Ken Holcomb
10/20/11	CoR	San Sebastian		
10/20/11	GA	Hays SP	25	Gordon Hamilton
10/20/11	IN	Pendleton CF	9	Bob Case
10/20/11	NY	Gouverneur	4	Gary Van Kennen
10/20/11	SC	Ridgeland CI	3	Joe Cavallaro
10/20/11	TX	Brisco	7	Bill Schultz
10/20/11	TX	Coffield	32	Ed Kviz
10/20/11	TX	Darrington	48	Larry James
10/27/11	AL	St. Clair	54	Russ Henderson
10/27/11	FL	Zephyrhills CF	61	Tim Larance
10/27/11	KS	Hutchinson CF	20	
10/27/11	LA	Winn CC	35	Ronnie Langley
10/27/11	NY	Greene CF	1	Doug Patton
10/27/11	TX	Bartlett	15	Bernie Davies
10/27/11	TX	Lynaugh	26	Hoxie Smith
11/3/11	CA	FCI Terminal Island	38	Ray Melberg
11/3/11	CO	Rifle	13	William Kehr
11/3/11	CO	Sterling West	28	
11/3/11	GA	Dooly SP	25	Shawn McNulty
11/3/11	PA	SCI Albion	34	Rick Estes
11/3/11	SC	Allendale CI	10	Phil Pescarino
11/3/11	SC	Tyger River CI	14	David Schaub
11/3/11	TX	Connally	18	Robert Deming
11/3/11	TX	McConnell	32	Joey Nunez
11/9/11	CA	CMF Vacaville	37	Travis Cox
11/10/11	LA	Angola (Main)		
11/10/11	PA	SCI Greene	12	Dennis Walker
11/10/11	TX	Beto	45	Allen Chick
11/10/11	TX	Boyd	18	Lynn Gray
11/10/11	TX	Dalhart	25	E J (Jim) Campbell
11/10/11	TX	Eastham	22	Scott Baker
11/16/11	TX	Montford	26	David Rowan
11/17/10	CA	USP Atwater	5	Sherrill Ankenman
11/19/11	AL	Holman Death Row	13	Jerry Darring
11/29/11	NIC	La Modelo		
12/1/11	MD	Md. CI Hagerstown	15	Al Paterson
12/15/11	CA	USP Victorville	10	
12/15/11	TX	Estes	3	Robbie Patton
12/29/11	TX	Ferguson	52	Mike Ballensky
?????	NC	Scotland CI	2	Robert Macy
Post-poned	LA	Winn CC	34	Bobby Taylor

KAIROS OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
6/24/11	PA	Western Pennsylvania	1	Heidi Walker
7/9/11	CA	N. Calif. (Spanish)	53	Maria Luisa Luna
8/19/11	CA	N. California (English)	54	Mary Jane Brown
8/19/11	CA	S. California (Spanish)	50	Marina Zelaya
8/19/11	MS	South MS	2	Patti Tilley
9/2/11	VA	Northern VA	2	Fran Carfaro
9/9/11	MO	E. MO (St. Louis)	19	Cherie Scott
9/9/11	TN	West TN	11	Esther Rush
9/19/11	MS	South MS	2	Patti Tilley
9/16/11	AZ	Tucson	24	Sandy Allen
9/16/11	FL	NE Florida	14	Carolyn Pilgrim
9/23/11	GA	South Georgia	8	Dean Cox
9/23/11	IN	Southern Indiana	4	Suzanne McCool
9/23/11	LA	East Louisiana	7	Judy Scholzen
9/23/11	MS	Mississippi	14	Bertha Smith
9/30/11	FL	Central Florida	33	Joannie Clements
9/30/11	KS	Wheatstate	8	Kendra Goldsmith
9/30/11	MO	Western Missouri	4	Shelly Amundson
9/30/11	NM	New Mexico	24	Caroline Carrillo
9/30/11	OH	Ohio Community	12	Betty Cunningham
9/30/11	TX	Houston	26	Debi Gilbert
10/7/11	AZ	Phoenix	11	Christine Coleman
10/7/11	GA	North Georgia	28	Kathy Huggins
10/7/11	NC	Eastern NC	14	Valerie Mulvaney
10/7/11	OK	Eastern OK	11	Lori Tyler
10/7/11	SC	South Carolina	10	Angie Hudson
10/14/11	TX	Lubbock	2	Teddy Carson
10/21/11	AL	Alabama	28	Gaylia Allen
10/21/11	FL	SW FL (Ft. Myers)	8	Betty Gissendanner
10/21/11	MD	Maryland	11	Vivan Davis
10/21/11	TN	North East TN	6	Beth Arrowsmith
10/21/11	TX	Midland	24	Barbara Hicks
10/28/11	LA	West Louisiana	23	Tanya Daley
10/28/11	NC	Western NC	5	Jan Neisler
10/28/11	TX	Corpus Christi	8	Bonnie Hodge
10/28/11	TX	North Texas	29	Donna Humphrey
11/4/11	FL	North Central FL	13	Judy Steele
11/4/11	IN	Central Indiana	3	Sulynda Harrison
11/4/11	OK	Western Oklahoma	23	Robin Gentry
11/4/11	WA	Western Washington	30	Wendy Lee
11/11/11	CA	South California	51	Virginia Fujiwara
11/11/11	TX	Wichita Falls	11	Mae Moffitt
11/18/11	TX	San Antonio	22	Sue Anderson
11/25/11	CoR	Costa Rica	6	Flory Lara

WOMEN'S INSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
6/16/11	AR	McPherson Unit	23	Toni Morrison
7/5/11	CoR	El Buen Pastor	9	
9/2/11	CA	Central Cal Women's Facility	7	Sherry Sheets
9/8/11	AL	Tutwiler	49	Karey Holcomb
9/15/11	OH	Franklin PreRelease Center	13	
9/15/11	WA	Washington CC Women	43	Suzie Hubert
9/29/11	CA	Women's Camp Victorville	11	
9/29/11	TN	Mark Luttrell CC	22	Mary Nelle Cook
9/29/11	TX	Murray	13	Ann Lesmeister
10/6/11	SC	Camille Griffin Graham CI	45	Karen Stanely
10/7/11	CA	Valley SP for Women	12	Billie Hair
10/7/11	IL	Dwight	8	Terri Campbell
10/13/11	PA	SCI Campbidge Springs	13	Cindy Larsen
10/13/11	TX	Lockhart	13	Pam Jackson
10/20/11	SC	Leath CI	19	Rhonda Cox
10/20/11	TX	Mountain View	22	Martha Deller
11/2/11	CT	York CI		Hilda Zeigler
11/3/11	LA	LCIW	33	Georgia Small
11/9/11	TX	Hobby	29	Sue Knight
11/10/11	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	11	Cheryl Cole
12/1/11	CO	Denver Women's	16	

KAIROS TORCH WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
6/20/11	WA	WA Seabeck Christian	2	Cathy Ruthroff
6/24/11	IN	Cntr South Bend YCF	1	Hank Adams
6/24/11	OK	Central OK JC	13	Don Brader/Hank Luce
11/4/11	OH	Circleville JCF	9	
11/11/11	FL	Orange Academy	1	Danny Pope



Kairos People

Prison and Kairos

By Lottie Zant Brockman
Kairos Texas Volunteer

I've thought about visiting prison,
Ever since I was a small child.
Not because I had family there,
Or because I was raised to run wild.

Maybe because I was fascinated
About those steel and concrete walls.
Or about those men and women
Being marched up and down those halls.

I've wondered how it must feel
To have steel doors slammed shut at your back.
And thought why would you ever want to
Get out of line and so far off track.

I finally, after many, many years,
Through the work of a Kairos Team
Got to go into a prison and witness
The things that before were just a dream.

I can tell you for sure and certain
Those doors slamming shut make you shudder.
They make you remember back and be proud
You obeyed and honored your father and mother.

They also reminded me that even thought
You were a Christian and raised right,

If you weren't very careful how you lived
Satan was always near you, tempting you day and night.

Some of the men we met in this prison
Were young and some were old.
And if you were only looking in, it was hard to tell
Which were made of brass and which were made of gold.

These men, I'm sure, were there for a cause
And it is true, for their crimes they must pay.
But these Christians that make the Kairos Team
Go inside these prisons and teach them to pray.

My Bible teaches me that for all we must care
And Jesus wants that not one will be lost
So we can help too, in our own small way,
To show them the way by paying the cost.

Their cost is nothing, except to turn from their sins
And ask Jesus to come into their heart.
Jesus will do the rest, you see
If they will only do their part.

There in this Kairos-filled room I saw
Inmates, who I know without a doubt,
Will always love and cherish these friends and God
Even though, from this prison, they'll never get out.

But thank God for this experience I've had.
I know God had this all in His plan
And I'll end this poem by asking God
To hold each of you, forever, in His hand.

Kairos Outside of South Carolina

Kairos Outside of South Carolina is approaching our 10th Weekend. Seems hard to believe!!! The Weekend will be October 7-9, 2011 in Batesburg, SC with Angie Hudson as the leader.

God has hand-picked some amazing Leaders right from the beginning. The momentum in

our ministry has increased and the team enthusiasm is remarkable. We look forward to God's plan for our next weekend.

Everyone is blessed with a very special uniqueness and we also see this quality in our guests. Seeing God move in the lives of our guests is truly awesome.

Many of our guests have been willing to "pay-it-forward" when they become team members. They are "completing" the

circle. Our South Carolina community is growing by leaps and bounds. Our reunions are increasing in numbers as more of our guests are choosing to participate.

We are in the process of planning our second annual community family Fundraiser in June 2011. We had such great success with our 2010 Fundraiser and we pray that God will bless us abundantly again. The Fundraiser last year

was a collaboration of the entire Kairos community. Our event was ticketed, and featured a LIVE local band. A scrumptious cookout was served. The affair took place in an outdoor setting, and attracted many non-Kairos people from our community. We are all looking forward to it and you're invited too.

*God Bless!
Mary Henry
Advising Chair*



Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc

2011 Summer Conference



August 2 - 6, 2011 ~ Radisson Hotel ~ Manchester, NH

 Last Name First Name Name on Badge

 Address City State Zip Code

 Telephone Email Address Roommate

The following options include meals, lodging, conference fees and materials

\$550	5 Day Full Conference Pkg: Arrive Tuesday and Depart Sunday	\$
\$450	4 Day Full Conference Pkg: Arrive Tuesday and Depart Saturday	\$
\$260	IC and Committee Meetings Pkg: Arrive Tuesday and Depart Thursday	\$
\$285	Workshop Pkg: Arrive Thursday and Depart Saturday	\$
\$100	Additional Stay PER DAY : (List date)	\$
\$50	Single Room Option PER DAY (No roommate/private bathroom)	\$

The following options include lunch & dinner (no breakfast), conference and materials; NO Lodging

\$275	5 Day Commuter Pkg: Tuesday through Saturday	\$
\$180	IC Board Meetings Commuter Pkg: Tuesday through Thursday	\$
\$200	Workshop Commuter Pkg: Thursday through Saturday	\$
\$45	Friday Evening Banquet (for those not registered)	\$
\$40	Late Fee for registrations received after June 30, 2011	\$
TOTAL		\$

Payment Information: Note: Payment is due upon registration.

_____Master Card _____Visa _____Discover _____American Express
 Credit Card Number : _____ Expiration Date: _____
 Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

_____ **Check or Money Order enclosed payable to: Kairos Prison Ministry International**
6903 University Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792 or fax to: 407-629-2668
Please call 407-629-4948 for additional information or to register by phone.

Banquet Selection: Beef _____ Fish _____

Special Needs: _____
 (Such as handicap accessible room, vegetarian meals, etc.)

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Outgoing President Steve Gabriel and outgoing Board Chairperson George Brown get a well deserved round of applause at the Winter Meetings in Orlando. Kairos is very appreciative of all of the hard work, efforts and talents that both have provided to the Ministry.