

Kairos E-News #26 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers - 11/1/13

Kairos New Home (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Kairos Prison Ministry Foundation is the owner of the new building that will become the home for Kairos. On October 1, 2013 the building was purchased and fully paid for due to generous donors. The remodeling contract is now in effect and will happen over the next several weeks. Kairos plans to move in early December to the new office location. Please keep the staff in prayer as the transition and moving plans are taking place. We are truly blessed with a new ministry headquarters!

To decorate the new Kairos office, we have requested for any Kairos graduate artist to give us a drawing/art/poster/etc. that we can frame these and hang in the office. The ones we have received to date are wonderful and we look forward to seeing what is provided over the next month. Thanks to everyone who is gathering this work.

Kairos Fall Season of Weekends (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – The Kairos Volunteers are seeing the fruits of their planning and team building during this fall season. From August to November there are more than 200 Weekends that have occurred with more than 60 to go for the year. Without hearing each story, we know that many thousands of lives are being touched this fall through the efforts and dedication of thousands of volunteers. Thanks to everyone involved! Building the Community will also expand with the new graduates moving to the continuing ministry aspects of the Kairos experience. We praise God for knowing He is touching hearts and changing lives.

Kairos Torch Updates (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – On October 21, 2013, Kairos of Indiana signed the fourth Memorandum of Understanding bringing our youthful offenders program to all of state run juvenile facilities in Indiana. We will be serving youth in Pendleton Juvenile Correctional, Wabash Valley Juvenile Correctional, Logan's Port Juvenile Correctional and Madison Juvenile Correctional (Girls) facilities. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministries Coordinator) - The 2014 AKT dates, locations and details of trainings are all posted on the MyKairos.org website under Kairos Kalendar and under AKT trainings. Anyone who needs the AKT training to be a ministry leader needs to plan early for their training. The trainings are 15 hours and you must stay for the entire training to be certified to be a Weekend Leader. There are fewer AKT events in 2014, so register early to secure a spot. Blessings on all the committed volunteer whom God has called to lead His teams in this Ministry.

The Ministry Connection (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministries Coordinator) - When you think of the KI, KT and the KO connection, we sometimes don't realize how important it is for the inside graduates to be able to sponsor their families members to a KO weekend. I received a call from a Mother, whose son had attended a Kairos Inside and desperately wanted her to attend the Kairos Outside weekend. He had just completed being an servant on a KI weekend and he really wanted his Mom to get to the KO weekend before he was released on parole. He knew he needed him and his Mom to be on a similar path for him to succeed. She told me he was calling her every night checking to see if she was going to be able to attend the next KO weekend in their state. I got in touch with the AC chair of the KO in their area, and confirmed that this Mom was in fact going to be a Guest on their next KO weekend. It made me realize how important it is for the inside graduates and the KO Guests to be bonded through the Kairos ministries. The families of residents are the first line of defense as inmates are released, so let's give these inmates and their families the best chance to succeed in their lives and their communities.

#1 Weekend Success (Al Kolff, Weekend Leader) – Wisconsin held their first ever Kairos Weekend, a KI Men’s weekend at Oshkosh Correctional Institution , October 25th – 28th. Thank you to all who lifted this weekend up in prayer, provided agape and supported this first step in Wisconsin. We would like to share with you one "story" of many from the weekend: One of participants reported at closing that a friend who is a strong believer had been short and argumentative with everyone. So after prompting from others he had tried to talk to him. His friend blew up at him and the result was our participant had received 30 days loss of dayroom which also meant no recreation (He likes to workout). The first name on his forgiveness list was his friend. The morning between the forgiveness ceremony and closing was his first day back in recreation. His friend approached him and said, " I know you were trying to help me, I am sorry, please forgive me."

And two of the practical takeaways from our weekend:

- On your next weekend think about having the team members write an agape letter for the chaplain(s). (Our supervising chaplain asked why he didn't get any letters.)
- Why not paste a copy of the approved before and after meal blessings you use, inside the back cover of your song books? (From our music team)

2014 Winter Meetings – Save the Dates: February 4 – 8, 2014

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel

(Just 5 minutes away from the Atlanta Airport)

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