

Kairos E-News #32 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – May 2014

Severe Weather in Many Kairos States (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Several states have been hit hard by severe weather recently, with some having devastating tornados. We have heard some stories of property loss or damage of Kairos volunteers, and of some personal injury. I am sure prayer is needed for these people, states, and for the losses. As we know of needs, we will ask the State Chairs to share that with us. We know of one volunteer who completely lost their home. They were injured themselves as it hit during the night. Please join in prayer.

Continued Focus on Serving God with Our Best (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – As we are in the peak of our spring cycle of Weekends, let's continue to ensure we are giving God our best. We know God is in control, and we are serving Him in this ministry. Thanks to every volunteer on the Weekends, in the Advisory Councils, in the States, and in all positions for your work to serve the Lord at Kairos. Let's strive for Inspiring Ministry Excellence where we serve God with our best! Hebrews 12:28 says, "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe."

2014 Summer Conference (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – July 15-19, 2014, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel, Indianapolis, IN (just 5 minutes away from the Indianapolis Airport). The schedule and registration form are posted on the MyKairos website via this link: http://www.mykairos.org/conference_registration.html

Board of Directors Update (Jim Hankins, Chairman) – The Board of Directors attended their Spring retreat in April. We were excited to see the new office and to visit with some of the staff. We spent the first evening being spiritually challenged by Kevin Resnover and Ken Rocks. The entire weekend involved seeking God's will and planning its accomplishment. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Board, giving us a measurable guideline as we proceed.

The Summer Conference is just a few months away, and we are preparing for an exciting and fruitful event. We look forward to the chance to see everyone again. Our thanks to the volunteers in Indiana for hosting this year's Conference.

Please remember to pray for our volunteers affected by the recent deadly tornadoes in our southern states.

International Council Update (Lee Turner, International Council President) – One of my favorite songs is from a small band from Valdosta GA called "The River." They sang a song titled *Sing Like You Wrote The Song*. In the chorus of that song is a line, "Play ball like you invented the game." That song reminds me about tackling each of life's tasks with as much effort and enthusiasm as you possibly can. But this song raises an interesting question in my mind when it comes to the health of our ministry. Would you conduct yourself in this ministry, on your weekends, in your Advisory Council and State Chapter Committees, as if YOU were one of the original "Nine Old Men"? Would you fight to add your own fingerprint to a weekend event? Would obedience to the Program Manuals be an issue? If YOU were one of the founders of this ministry, would you advocate spreading yourself so thin in an attempt to be everything to everybody?

Our Mission Statement, Core Values, and Statement of Faith are the basic tenets of the ministry. Our Program Manuals are instructions we strive to follow in order that every participant has the same experience as every other participant. Why? Because it is a proven, tested, God-inspired way of *Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives and Impacting the World*. IC Representatives are being

encouraged to work with State Chapter Committees in improving health of our ministry ... spiritually, operationally, and financially. Be inspired to "Play ball like you invented the game."

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – I find it so interesting when I talk with volunteers who have been involved with Kairos in many different institutions in several locations throughout the country. These people have a profound love of the ministry, and they continue to volunteer again and again, even when they have relocated to another part of the country, or even the world. I had a volunteer ask me how to get involved in Australia Kairos the other day. The Kairos family is indeed a worldwide family, and it is always welcoming to the new arrival from wherever you hail from. So, when you relocate to a new job, move closer to the grand children, retire to the good life of your choosing, keep us in mind. The Kairos family is always looking for those who come from somewhere else, and have reunited with us in a new place. You are assured of new friends from your old friends at Kairos. Thank for being a volunteer. We appreciate it, and Christ loves you for it!

Women's Ministry Update (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – Both Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside Sub-Committees have had conference calls in the last month and have organized sub-groups to address different parts of their Strategic Plans. One group is working on "Continuing Ministry Issues," another group on "Kairos Outside Restarts" and "Growth Strategies for Kairos Inside." These sub-groups have come up with workshop ideas for the Summer Conference and will be submitting those workshops and presenters in the next few days. The work that takes place in these sub-groups will be presented to the members of the Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside Sub-Committees for further review.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – At the time of this writing and its publication, Kevin is in Australia conducting trainings and meeting with prison officials on behalf of Kairos Prison Ministry for Kairos Torch. Kairos Torch in Australia has done a commendable job of establishing the ministry as an Evidence Based Behavioral Modification Program. Modules for collecting data to support behavioral modification were established by Kairos and approved by their Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) in Australia. Meetings with the Minister of DCSI and the Director of the South Australia youth correctional department have been set up for Kevin while he is there, and he will be speaking at several venues to bring new awareness of Kairos and its effectiveness around the world.

New on the Website – We are now posting endorsements for Kairos at http://www.mykairos.org/news_endorsements.html The most recent endorsements are from Brian Owens, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections, and Randy Myers, President of Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia, Inc. Consider using endorsements in your recruiting, fund-raising, and prison entry efforts.

The video "Cookies Save lives" and others can be found in the [mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org) Newsroom at <http://www.mykairos.org/news.html> Are you tired of searching Youtube for videos? Then the Newsroom is the place for you to go. Give it a try and see if you can find something for your next meeting or recruiting session: http://www.mykairos.org/news_videos.html

A Special Thank You – Governor Scott of Florida has sent a personal hand written note of thank you to two Kairos servants at Charlotte Correctional of Florida. Mike Hicks and Steven Leftwich are volunteer chaplains and are recognized by the Governor for their service and sacrifice.

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming summer 2014 weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.MyKairos.org website so we can

adequately publicize your weekend. **This especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

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