



Kairos E-News #33 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – June 2014

Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World – (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) –Kairos has adopted this slogan—*Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World*. We can say we do this, but we all know it is God at work. As a ministry, we touch many individuals and are blessed to witness their hearts and lives change. The ministry is made up of thousands of people pulling together to make this impact. No role is more or less important than another, because it takes the whole Christian body of Kairos working together to make an impact. Let's always be focused on honoring and serving God in all we do. And remember, He did not ask us to do it alone. "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:4-5).

2014 Summer Conference (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – Come and participate in all aspects of the 2014 Summer Conference: meetings, trainings, workshops, general session, banquet, fellowship, and more. The conference will be held July 15-19, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. 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 Committees have been very busy the past month. At our last teleconference meeting, the Finance Committee reported that the auditors are continuing their work on our audit of last year's finances. It is progressing well at this point.

The Governance Committee is also very busy preparing changes to the Bylaws. This is a very tedious job, but the results should pay off in fewer changes having to be made in the future. We are continually being updated on changing requirements for nonprofit organizations. Federal and state regulations as well as legal obligations are growing more strict and require increasingly detailed reporting and verification. Our best approach to handling this ever-changing environment is to strive for excellence in ALL that we do. From financial reporting to adherence to the manuals on weekends, we must always attempt to do our best.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation and the loving devotion each one shows to this ministry. We are all in this together as we offer to God our best, for His Ministry, to which He has called us all.

International Council Update (Lee Turner, International Council President) – Matthew 6:33 (NIV) says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Physical health depends on what you put into your body and what you do with your

body. Spiritual health is no different. Are you putting in godly things—Bible and prayer? And are you doing godly things—especially exercise, as in serving others?

I believe there is a direct correlation between our spiritual health and our willingness to do what God is calling us to do in this ministry—Kairos. Is there any doubt that if we seek to be spiritually healthy and then conduct ourselves well while "seeking first the kingdom," then "all these things will be given to you as well"? I have seen lots of evidence that some want to add their fingerprints to a Weekend; we want to add things that are not part of the Program. Some of those are listed in the Program Manual, many are not. Is the Program not enough?

The International Council Representative from your state remains tasked with helping the State Chapter Committee (SCC) ensure that the programs are running properly and assisting their SCC and Advisory Councils in inspiring ministry excellence. I encourage you to focus on your spiritual health so that it flows over into the operational and financial health of the ministry.

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – Each year Kairos celebrates Christ's blessings with the opportunity to enter into more institutions. In early May, Kairos held a #1 Weekend at Riverbend Maximum Security prison in Nashville, TN. This one was really special because it took seven years for the institution to allow Kairos to minister there. The lengthy effort to get Kairos accepted by the administration was led by Dan Preston, who also served as Weekend Leader for the first time, even though he has been a very active volunteer for many years.

There is a different "flavor" that one institution has over others. Some factors that might give a Weekend a different "feel" could be the level of security, the particular state, recent lockdowns, racial diversity, population size, local geography, private vs. State vs. Federal, age of the facility, medical vs. not, age of resident offenders ... the list could go on and on. As always, the common theme is a group of dedicated volunteers from many Christian denominations coming together for the creation of a continuing Kairos Community of Prayer and Share within the institutions where we serve. "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I ..." (Matthew 18:20).

Women's Ministry Update (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – May has been a busy month as four states are in the beginning stages of trying to open new programs in women's prisons. Ohio, Texas, Tennessee, and Delaware volunteers are consulting with prison administrators, recruiting volunteers, forming Advisory Councils, and raising funds. Please keep these communities in your prayers as they progress closer to being able to present the Kairos Inside program to the hurting female residents inside their prisons.

A community in Flagstaff, Arizona, is working hard to form a new Kairos Outside community. They are hoping to do a KO #1 in 2015. Please pray for them also.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Kairos Torch in Florida has taken the vision to expand seriously. This month a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Department of Corrections, Sumter Correctional Institution to conduct their first Kairos Torch Weekend and Mentoring Program. Sumter Correctional houses approximately 1,800 adult male inmates and has enthusiastically run the Kairos Inside program there for several years. Two years ago Sumter Correctional began housing youthful offenders ages 14-18 and now has approximately 3,600 youth in separate buildings on their campus. The Kairos Torch program was

introduced to the Warden and his staff earlier this year and was warmly received. Please keep Frank Rivera and this newly formed Advisory Council in your prayers as they prepare for a 2014 November Weekend.

New on the Website – You can help the Communications Improvement Committee! When you are using the "mykairos" website (you are using it, aren't you?), if you come across an outdated file or broken link, PLEASE note the matter in an email to style.kairos@gmail.com. Thank you!

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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