



## Kairos E-News #45 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – June 2015

***The LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.***

**Psalm 147:11 NIV**

**Kairos in the News** (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Over the past several months, I have been working with a correspondent at PBS for a story on Kairos. The story recently came out and has been shared across the country on PBS television stations with one million viewers weekly. A special thanks to the Indiana Department of Corrections for working with us to enable this video to take place. We have volunteers showing the video to people for recruitment, for fundraising, to encourage the teams, and to share what Kairos does overall. We pray God will use this promotion of Kairos in numerous ways to positively promote and grow the Kairos ministry around the world. Here is the link to the seven-minute video:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2015/05/14/may-15-2015-kairos-prison-ministry/26036/>

**Kairos Partnerships** (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Kairos was not only developed from other 4<sup>th</sup> day ministries, we also partner with them. We have numerous ways locally and nationally we can work together to support one another. Kairos and Walk to Emmaus have recently signed a memo of understanding to encourage collaboration of our ministries in support of one another. This is one more step in promoting the opportunity for volunteers and graduates of both ministries to serve in Kairos and Emmaus. You may read the news release that recently went out to all Walk to Emmaus communities across the world and posted in their news at

[http://www.mykairos.org/docs/pr/emmaus\\_mou.pdf](http://www.mykairos.org/docs/pr/emmaus_mou.pdf)

**2015 Annual Conference Update** (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – Just a reminder that the \$50 late fee will go into effect for registrations received after June 29, 2015. Please be good stewards of funds and register prior to this date to avoid unnecessary costs, especially if your registration is being paid by the State or your Advisory Council. The Workshop Listing has been completed and is available on the [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org) website:

[http://www.mykairos.org/conference\\_registration.html](http://www.mykairos.org/conference_registration.html). The preliminary agenda and the registration form can be found using this link as well.

**Board of Directors Update** (Jim Hankins, Chair) – As we head into summer, most of the board members have participated in their respective Weekend events for the first part of this year. We look forward to the summer season as a time to be with family and friends. We do, however, remember that recruiting is a never-ending commitment to our ministry. Please remember that recruiting is our most pressing need in Kairos. This is a great season to be recruiting team members for the fall, winter, and spring 2016 Weekends.

Please join me as we spread the word about Kairos and the call from Christ to reach those impacted by incarceration.

**International Council Update** (Lee Turner, International Council President) – In a large organization like Kairos, we rely heavily on electronic communications. If you are reading this, then you are part of that crowd. We have more than 5,000 subscribers to the E-News and almost 3,000 subscribers to the Kairos Facebook page. Many times more of our volunteers use e-mail. Here are some universally accepted etiquette tips for your e-mails:

1. Start a new e-mail if you want to change the subject. It will help others find it if they need to refer to it later.
2. Don't use ALL CAPS IN YOUR E-MAIL.
3. Use good grammar and spellcheck. There, their, and they're are not interchangeable.
4. Avoid using "Reply All." Better yet, forget it exists.
5. Use exclamation points sparingly!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Twelve of them are no more emphatic than one.
6. Add the e-mail address last so that you can't accidentally send it halfway through composing it and before you've had time to do #3 above.

These are just a few. If you are serious about communicating effectively in our electronic world, do a quick search on E-mail Etiquette.

**Men's Ministry Update** (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – Haven't we all heard on a Weekend, "There are hundreds of people praying for you at this very moment"? Agape comes in many forms. General agape consists of letters, posters, and banners addressed to the entire community as a group and is introduced by the speaker as a part of the "You Are Not Alone" talk. Most if not all of the general agape should be read before closing on Sunday. It is posted on the walls of the community room for the community's reading throughout the Weekend.

Did you know it is important to destroy all general agape at the conclusion of the Weekend? Some of it is beautiful, so why would we do that? The reason is that it is disingenuous to post agape from Weekends of the past. When we say, "People are praying for you right now all over the world," a prior date showing on the poster doesn't speak of that concept to our participants. The idea of others praying for them is paradigm shift for many who have been self-centered their whole lives. It is a very powerful demonstration of agape love that they will want to remember. If you have ever looked at the expressions on their faces when the first general agape is brought out on Friday, you know just what I am talking about.

Have a great summer, filled with the blessings that come from being a volunteer, and thank you for all that you do for Kairos!

**Women's Ministry Update** (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma.* In Ephesians 5:1-2, God through Paul tells us to imitate Christ. Our love for others should mimic Christ's love—love that goes beyond affection to self-sacrificing service.

This is the type of love we are called to give when we serve on a Kairos team. Take some time and reflect on this verse. Does your service to God through Kairos have a sweet smelling aroma, or do you need God to help you regain and increase your sweet smell that is so pleasing to Him?

**Kairos Torch Update** (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – For many years our Kairos Family in Australia has been extremely supportive to their U.S. brothers and sisters by sending beautiful agape across the waters to be shared on our Weekends, and by signing our prayer vigils so that our Weekends are covered in prayer. From Monday-Wednesday, September 28-30, a group of Kairos Torch volunteers in Australia will be conducting Adelaide Torch #1. Let's return the blessings and overwhelm them with agape posters/letters, and sign up on their prayer list for this exciting Weekend. Please mail agape to: P O Box 242 Highgate SA 5063 Australia or email to: [torchadelaide@kairos.org.au](mailto:torchadelaide@kairos.org.au)

**New on the Website** – Here is the link to the seven-minute Kairos video that recently showed on PBS: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2015/05/14/may-15-2015-kairos-prison-ministry/26036/>

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**Is Your Weekend Listed?** – If your upcoming summer 2015 Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the [www.MyKairos.org](http://www.MyKairos.org) website so we can adequately publicize your Weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

**Spanish Translation of the E-News** – A Spanish translation of E-News (E-Noticias) is also published monthly. If you would like to view previous issues or subscribe to future E-News in Spanish, please go to: [http://www.mykairos.org/news\\_enevns-sp.html](http://www.mykairos.org/news_enevns-sp.html)

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