



Kairos E-News #50 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – October 2015

***Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens,
and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.***

Daniel 12:3 NIV

Be Reflections of Light (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – With autumn, the Kairos fall season of Weekends arrives, where many team meetings are in final preparation, or teams have just completed their Weekends. During these times, each of our programs has spiritual formation exercises for the team to come together in unity and preparedness to carry God’s love to others. Please don’t skip the study and prayer times, as they are when we prepare our hearts to truly be the light of Christ. When we are shining the brightest, we are the purest reflection of our Lord. Make sure you and the team stay as bright lights.

New Tools (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – As Kairos continues to grow and is actively seeking new volunteers to meet the wonderful demand to serve in more men’s, women’s, and youth facilities, along with serving the women of the incarcerated, we are in need of updated tools to use to share about the ministry. We have just updated the brochures for Kairos, Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch; they are posted on the www.mykairos.org website (see links under New on the Website, below). These are done in a family look to represent the ministry as a whole, as well as the individual programs. Each community or state can include its local address and contact information to allow for easy responses. The brochures can be printed locally for ease of use. More tools will be updated as we move along that will provide items for recruitment, fundraising, and promotion.

New Phone Conferencing System Update (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – We are in the second month of using the new phone system, Citrix. So far, everything is going well, and we have had reports that the reception is clearer, especially when using cell phones. If you are currently scheduled with a BT line (the system that we used before), we will replace it with a Citrix line in the near future. Our goal is to be completely on the Citrix system by the start of 2016. The International Office will contact you when they assign a new line for your group call.

The protocol remains the same: You still need to send an email request to use a line, and include the time, date, and whom the call is for (example: Advisory Council, State, etc.). The process for users is still the same with the exception of an additional PIN for the Organizer (Chairperson for the call).

Board of Directors Update (Vicky Spurgeon, Chair) – Fall is here, and the ministry is very active around the country. Let us all remember to pray for everyone involved in the Weekends and continuing ministry. At the end of October, the Board will have an opportunity to gather for

learning and growth. We do this to better understand and to fulfill our fiduciary, strategic, and other roles and responsibilities and to take time for our collective spiritual health as a Board.

Throughout the ministry, each one of us has a role in reaching those impacted by incarceration. Our first duty, however, is to live first and foremost in the presence of Christ. When we are more aware of Christ than anyone or anything else, then we are able to give more love and more encouragement to others. His peace can form our thoughts, words, and actions. When problems come our way, His peace and presence can then surround us and absorb the impact. In the midst of preparation for Weekends and ongoing ministry, holding elections in Advisory Councils and states, working in committees, and serving faithfully in many ways, let us remember that first call—living each day in the presence of Jesus Christ.

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) – We are starting the fall Weekends. What an exciting time this is! Summer is over, and in some cases we are holding the very first Weekend for an Advisory/Area Council.

Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to a lady whose son was incarcerated. He is in one of the facilities in Indiana and has gone through the Kairos program and is "on fire" for the Lord. I asked her if she had heard of Kairos Outside for the loved ones of the incarcerated, and she said no. This is very sad for two reasons. First of all, she has not been able to experience the love and community of the Kairos Outside program. Secondly, I'm wondering why she wasn't invited by her son. Did we not present the program? I don't know. What I do know is that through casual conversation, I had the opportunity to get this lady in touch with a representative of Kairos Outside. The question is, then, are we talking the talk about the Kairos programs? We need to be. That lady, like another whom I talked to a few years ago and whom I had worked with for several years, is now a past leader of a Weekend. Not only did she receive the love and community of Kairos Outside, she became one of our leaders. Whom do you know who doesn't know you're working in a ministry for lost souls? Make them aware.

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – This month our fall Weekends hit full stride, and I thought this would be a good time to highlight one of the resources available within the Ezra program. Did you know there is a 41-day Devotional guide available in Ezra? Yes, it is true. Although the Weekend leader is the person who initially receives the Ezra disc for the upcoming Weekend, as many copies as needed can be made. Those who have led a Weekend in the past can access the devotional thru the Ezra disc. For those who haven't led a Weekend, they can get a copy of the disc from the Weekend leader. A list of Devotion topics includes Vulnerability, Servanthood, Nature of God's Love, Nature of Human Love, and Humility.

The Ezra disc is the tool the Weekend leader uses to manage the many facets of their upcoming Weekend. It has a full 180-day "to do" list to guide and help the Weekend leader as the servant leader of the team. It also contains a list of the team members from the last Weekend, and if transferred over, volunteers who have worked Weekends in the past. You may find some who haven't been invited to work a Weekend in a while, and they might be glad you called to invite them back. Recruiting is everyone's responsibility. Have a great Weekend!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – I get many questions about where to find the latest versions of documents for running our programs.

If you are looking for the most current versions of program documents, go to www.mykairos.org. The latest versions of pertinent program documents, as well as other foundational documents used in running the ministry, can be found in the Downloads section. Remember, the latest version of a document may not be in EZRA or your program manual.

All our documents are typically updated in January. If you have not checked lately, please go to the website and take a look at the documents you use on a regular basis, such as team applications and the Advisory Council Operating Procedures, to make sure you have the most current version.

And, while you are visiting www.mykairos.org, don't forget to check out all the other valuable resources available to you on the site.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Kairos Torch #1 in Maryland will be held at the Silver Oaks Academy in Keymer, Maryland. Daniel Benton has responded to the call of service as the Weekend leader and has begun team formation. Please sign up now for the prayer vigils and send your agape to: 3714 Sue Dan Drive, Hampstead, MD 21074.

New on the Website –

Budget Template for Advisory Councils:

http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/budget_template_ac.xlsx

Budget Template for States: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/budget_template_states.xlsx

New Brochures for:

Kairos General: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/kpmi_brochure.pdf

Kairos Inside: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ki/ki_brochure.pdf

Kairos Outside: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/ko/ko_brochure.pdf

Kairos Torch: http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kt/kt_brochure.pdf

Note: MS Word versions are available for States and Advisory Councils to customize. They are located on the Downloads page under Communications Tools.

Kairos in the News – Check out these news stories that have posted recently about Kairos.

http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/9/17/ministry_reaches_out.html

<http://www.marionstar.com/story/news/local/2015/09/22/social-work-students-listen-mci-inmates-story/72645844/>

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming fall 2015 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 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_enevs-sp.html

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