



## **Kairos E-News #62 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – October 2016**

***I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you  
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.  
Ephesians 3:16-17a NIV***

**Team Formation—the Kairos Weekend Foundation** (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) – Recently as a couple of volunteers and I were sharing with a potential start-up facility, the volunteers were emphasizing the hours of team training, where we prepare, go over the details, pray, rehearse talks, and form a bond and unity that is heartfelt. It was a blessing to hear the volunteers explain the importance of the team meetings, and equally encouraging to hear the facility leaders and security people say that it makes a difference to them to know we are well prepared and equipped.

During this time of fall Weekends, let's make sure we properly prepare and do team formation with all the team attending—practicing, going over the details, sharing, praying, and with unity in Jesus Christ bonding us together so we can Listen, Listen, Love, Love.

**Kairos Website Documents** (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – Please be sure to always use the most recent version of all Kairos documents. Using old, outdated documents leads to confusion and frustration among Kairos teams and Advisory Councils. The most recent updated documents and forms can always be found on the mykairos website, <http://www.mykairos.org/index.html>, along with other information, downloadable forms, brochures, etc.

**Board of Directors Update** (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair) – Fall is here, the weather is changing, and we have much activity in Kairos. I am thankful for our weekly opportunities to pray for Weekends and training. Each of us can lift up teams and participants in prayer that God may be glorified in every word and action as the transforming love of Jesus Christ is shared in many locations in this country and around the world. As prayer support, we can encourage teams and one another to go not just the first mile to do what is expected, but also to go the “extra mile” because of Christ’s love in us. Thank you, volunteers, for listening and loving the “extra mile”!

The fall season is also a reminder to us that Advisory Councils and State Chapter Committees are in the process of electing volunteers who will step into leadership roles. This is also a prayer opportunity for us as we ask God to guide the process, grant wisdom to current leaders to identify those who can be stepping into and preparing for future leadership, and for new leadership to be provided the support and encouragement they need. Seasoned leaders have a very important role in providing encouragement and guidance so that new leaders have information, yet also have the opportunity to lead using their own unique gifts and talents.

All of this reminds us to take heed the words of Paul ... *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 NIV

I am indeed thankful for you and your service in Kairos.

**International Council Update** (John Miller, International Council President) – Here we are in the fall Weekends. In the next 30 days we will be conducting more than 100 events around the world! As the International Council President, I never cease to be amazed how God is working within this ministry. We have come so far since this ministry started 50 years ago in one prison, and yet we still have a long way to go. We have those who are incarcerated who have not heard or seen God's love. We have loved ones of the incarcerated who have not heard or seen God's love. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have work to do! If you have not started a Kairos Outside in your state, it needs to be started. If you have a juvenile facility that doesn't have a Kairos Torch in your state, it needs to be started. If you have an adult facility that doesn't have a Kairos Inside in your state, it needs to be started.

Oh, I know, we don't have enough people to do it. I know of a state that had only about three prisons that it served, and the state department of corrections commissioner, when he found out about Kairos, said he wanted Kairos in every one of the prisons in his state. God provided, and that state now has Kairos in every facility. How? One-on-one, people talking about Kairos. Don't let Kairos be a secret! Tell the story!

**Men's Ministry Update** (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – In Kairos, there are countless stories of redemption. The stories take many forms—but with a common theme: Someone figures out they need Christ in their life, and they are changed for all eternity.

Raymond was a Kairos graduate of Westville #1 (first men's Weekend in Indiana). Although Ray was a believer, Kairos revitalized and rejuvenated his belief in Jesus Christ. Upon release and after two years of trying, he was unable to find work. One day Kairos volunteer Hank felt a nudge in his heart to call Ray. After listening to Ray's frustration of not being able to find work, Hank said, "I would like to pray with you, and then pray for you." Twelve hours later, Ray received a call, and he was soon back at his old career as a heavy equipment operator.

A while later, Ray became a Kairos volunteer for Indiana State Prison, working on the outside support team. After his third Weekend in that role, the Warden let him back into the institution as a full-fledged Kairos volunteer. After a short period of time, Ray was able to qualify for a "Blue Badge" security level, giving him complete access to the institution. His witness to the men is enough to quiet the room when he speaks. His experience of redemption strikes a chord with the men. Ray says he has never sought any attention for his story, and he has declined in the past to allow his story to be recorded.

This fall Ray comes full circle and will be the Weekend Leader for Indiana State Prison. Is God amazing or what?

**Women's Ministry Update** (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – There is an old song that often comes to my mind when I hear that Kairos communities are operating outside of the Kairos Riverbanks ... it's called, "Front Seat—Back Seat," and it goes like this:

I was sittin' in the front seat  
Tryin' really hard to be the driver  
Thinkin' I was makin' real good time  
But always windin' up the late arriver  
But now I been tryin' out the back seat  
And I find it is a very great relief  
Now I'm ridin' in the back seat  
And I'm leavin' all the drivin' to the Chief

We all need to realize that the desire to add that special thing to the schedule on a Kairos Weekend, or to take something away from the schedule, is really a desire to control, which is exactly what this song refers to. We convince ourselves that what we are adding or taking away is a positive contribution to the Weekend for our Guests or Participants.

We must suppress these tendencies and follow the program as it is written in the program manual. The program manual is the governing reference book for running our programs, and it must be followed as it written. It also provides answers to almost all the questions volunteers ask me.

And just as this old song says ...

When we are in the riverbanks, there will great relief, because we don't have to worry ...  
We know that we are following God's plan for our Weekends, and His ministry.

**Kairos Torch Update** (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Kairos Torch is an evidence-based ministry program that emulates Christ's love and forgiveness, encouraging change in youth who have been convicted of wrongful acts resulting in a term of incarceration. The format of this program allows the youth to spiritually journey into God's light and truth, which reveals the masks and behaviors that led to incarceration. Once experiencing this revealing light, youth are invited to remove masks, forgive themselves and others, and begin a trusting relationship with a mature Christian mentor to make positive choices for themselves and the world around them. Mentoring is an essential element for the youthful offenders to make lasting changes in their lives.

*We are in need of mentors!* As a committee of one, please help us recruit Christian mentors who have a heart for hurting incarcerated youth!

**Recruit Without Saying a Word!** (Recruitment Committee) – The Kairos Pullup Banners are a great recruiting tool. These banners have wonderful graphics with a very effective message—Matthew 25:26. They generate a lot of interest and conversation and are a successful way to get the Kairos message out. To help you with recruiting for upcoming Weekends, display the banner(s) in a strategic location in your church. The banners are a perfect visual aid for presentations to groups and organizations, and for seasonal fund raisers at a store or mall. It would be ideal for an Advisory Council to have multiple banners so that team members could share them on a rotating basis. Check them out: <http://mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/pullup-banner-ver1.pdf>

To order, go to [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org), click on Downloads, then under Miscellaneous (on the right side) select Kairos Pullup Banner order form. You can also contact [sales@postupstand.com](mailto:sales@postupstand.com).

**Is Your Weekend Listed?** – If your upcoming fall/winter 2016 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.

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