



Kairos E-News #69 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – April 2017

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” Matthew 28:6

Kairos Impact (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) – As we go into April, we look forward to Easter and celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. April is also a busy time for Kairos with many Weekends taking place each week. Please remember to pray for the ministry, the leaders, the teams, and those attending the ministry. Also, lift up the Chaplains, Wardens, Correctional Officers, and others working to enable our ministry work to take place. As we end the Weekends, please remember to complete the leader’s reports and Excellence Initiative reports as we strive for excellence in all we do. Take a few minutes to reflect on the great things that happened and went well, as well as those things we can improve upon and do better to make the experience even better. We always want to give God our best and know he does His work through us and is always present.

Pray also for the Continuing Ministry as after each Weekend, the ministry should simply be adding persons to the continuing ministry cycle for the specific program as defined in the program manual. We know the real power of the ministry is the continuing aspects of creating a community of accountability, support, prayer, and learning. Make it real as we are known as the ministry that ‘comes back.’ Always remember the full program is the Weekend + Continuing Ministry. Praise God for the Kairos ministry and for the wonderful volunteers dedicated to His service.

Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends will be provided on the mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and will be available in Excel format. You will be able to cut and paste all of the contacts email addresses into your email instead of cutting and pasting each one individually. We hope this will make the exchanging of Agape much less cumbersome.

In order for this to be effective, please be sure your Weekends are posted well in advance of their actual dates and your Agape contact and their email address is included in the posting. This document will be updated and reposted monthly on the ‘Register Your Weekend’ webpage. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on ‘Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.’

Board of Directors Update (Vicki Spurgeon, Board Chair) – In preparation for Easter, as well as the spring retreat of the Board, I am reminded of the unity that we have with one another through Jesus Christ. We are one body, made up of many parts, operating in many areas around the country and world. We speak different languages, look different, live in many different locations but again are united by the Spirit of God. Too many times in the world around us, we hear about our individual differences, our personal desires, and what is wrong with someone or something else. Easter preparations remind us that we are one in the love, faith, and hope of Jesus.

As we interact with those incarcerated, affected by incarceration, and one another, do people see the peace, love, and life of Christ in you and me? I certainly hope so! I am thankful and

praise God for the sacrifice made for me, and for all of us, that we are united by the Spirit within us. Let us remember to pray for Kairos Participants, Guests, volunteers, leadership at all levels and for the opening of new doors and gathering of new volunteers because there are many more fields. As we go about having Weekends and continuing ministry, having Advisory Council or Board meetings, and sharing our Kairos blessings with prospective volunteers, let us do so remembering...

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called." Ephesians 4:4

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be upon us shortly. The whole purpose of our ministry runs from Jesus' supreme sacrifice for us and our sins. Each Weekend that we go into the prisons, we spread the love of Jesus Christ to all the inmates and the staff. Yes, that first Weekend is somewhat different in that the staff doesn't know what to expect; the guests don't know what to expect, but after that, don't they start looking forward to our visits? They start to realize that we are not the "bad guys" but we bring light into a very dark place; the light of Christ. Just as Christ brought light into the world, we can spread that light into the places we go. Jesus died so that we may have eternal life and His resurrection on Easter Sunday is a time that we all may rejoice in. Because of Him, being the sacrificial lamb, we know that we don't have to die and have no hope. So, as you go into the prisons, as you go and meet with the loved ones of the incarcerated, be sure you really do LISTEN-LISTEN-LOVE-LOVE. It's the Love of Christ, the Love of God that they need to see and feel. Blessings for a wonderful Lenten and Easter season.

Men's Ministry Update (Evelyn Lemly, CEO) –

We are excited with the arrival of Craig Combs as the new Men's Ministry Coordinator for Kairos Prison Ministry International. Craig has been a volunteer for Kairos in Indiana since 2007 and an AKT trainer for Kairos Inside since 2011. Craig has led a Weekend and served on two different Advisory Councils over the years of service, along with serving on several Weekends in various roles.

Craig has also been very involved in Walk to Emmaus since 1999 and has served on their local boards and numerous Weekends, along with serving in Chrysalis since 2002 in numerous capacities. He has served in Community Bible Study since 2001 in numerous roles including Teaching Director. He is also very active in his local church.

Craig has a heart and passion for the Lord, is dedicated to Kairos and feels called to serve as the Men's Ministry Coordinator. He comes to us from working at Indiana University for the past 22 years and most recently as an Assistant Business Manager in one of their schools.

Please pray for Craig, the sale of his home, his final move, finding a new place to live, and the starting of his new work in service at Kairos.

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – Stress has been identified as the "disorder" of the 21st century. If volunteers who serve for Kairos are normal, it is safe to say they are living with stress. So we need to ask ourselves, does volunteering for Kairos add to their stress? Or, is Kairos providing the "giving back" experience needed to relieve the everyday stress in their lives?

Here are ways to create a "stress free" volunteer experience:

- **Work 3 Weekends and take a Weekend off**
- **Make sure we are properly training our volunteers and our Leaders**
(When people know what is expected of them and understand what their role is, they are more comfortable. Get Leaders to Advanced Kairos Training, get Advisory Councils to

Advisory Council Training, have people shadow positions, support leaders at every level of the ministry, and utilize resources available at mykairos.org.)

- **Let volunteers know you appreciate them and what they are doing for the ministry**
- **Recognize everyone has different gifts – make sure people are working within them**
- **Remind volunteers of the Mission, Vision, and the purpose of the ministry**
- **Empower volunteers while building accountability**
- **Follow the policies and procedures of the Ministry**
- **Encourage Volunteers to keep balance in their life**
- **Maintain Spiritual Health**

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator) – Embedded in the Kairos Torch presentations, activities, training, materials, and programming is the “Evidence Based Behavior Modification” model. Changing behavior is the intent of both behavior modification and the redemptive love of Christ Jesus.

In Matthew 22:21, Christ says “...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” Kairos Torch has taken the terminology of behavior modification models and identified its likeness to those models. In this way, Kairos Torch is more readily accepted in the facilities (Caesar) and is able to go about gracefully “meeting youth where they are” to introduce a new way of thinking.

More Recruiting 101 (Dave Hess, Recruitment Committee) – *It's All About Repetition* - Marketing personnel will tell you that you have to expose people to your name, brand or message repeatedly before they really see it. A single ad in the newspaper is a waste of money and time. Having one every day for a month will get the attention of those interested in what you want them to know. Just like advertising, you have to keep putting your message in front of friends, acquaintances, and people in the store, church, small groups, civic organizations and so forth. Don't expect people to knock down your door with one visit. Keep brochures stocked in the church entryway, keep contact information out and available wherever permitted. Wear your logo shirt and someone may just ask you more about the ministry. Recruiting is almost always face to face, one person at a time.

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming spring/summer 2017 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.

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