



“When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.”

Deuteronomy 24:19

Prayer and Protection (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

Recently, there have been many natural disasters not only affecting our country but also the countries around us. I can share that those of us impacted by these occurrences have felt God’s protection and the blanket of prayers by those who have prayed for us.

And we continue to pray for the people who have suffered losses during these difficult and stressful times. Some areas of Kairos ministry have been impacted negatively as events have been postponed, rescheduled, and also we are still unsure of when we will be allowed to operate in some of the facilities again.

At the same time it is amazing to hear of how the work continues in spite of the circumstances. We have heard numerous stories of how the volunteers have helped each other locally and stories of how they creatively figured out ways to still hold team meetings. Most stated things like, “Well, we want to make sure we are prepared when they tell us we can go back in.”

Thanks to everyone for their dedication, prayers, and hard work. Let’s continue to lift up those impacted by the fires, floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes. And let’s also remember the prisons, the correctional facility employees and their families, and the inmates and their families as they too are impacted by these situations.

I heard one chief meteorologist after Hurricane Irma say (paraphrase), “I cannot explain why this massive storm broke up as it did and when it did as there is no explanation. All I can gather is I know many were praying. It was a miracle...” While he may not be able to explain this as a meteorologist, I think we all know the power of prayer. Let us Pray!

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” Psalm 46:1-3

The Board of Directors have been and will be praying for all of our sisters and brothers affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma, including the Kairos Office staff. God will be our

strength, our refuge and ever-present help during troubled times; so we will not fear during these times.

The Board has established an Investment Advisory Committee to work with the CEO and the staff in the investing of funds from the Foundation and the ministry. The Investment Advisory Committee will develop a charter for guidelines for the present and the future.

Our ministry is in full swing from now to the end of the year with Weekends, team formation meetings, and continuing ministry. Please remember and fulfill our mission and vision statements, our core values, and our statement of faith. Thank you for being a servant and trusting God in all times.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

Many of you may have seen this. If so, it certainly bears repeating. If you haven't, read and heed.

TWO SEAS (by Bruce Barton)

There are two seas in Palestine, both fed by the River Jordan. The first is the Sea of Galilee. It is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip its healing waters. Men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests. Every kind of life is happier because it is there.

However, the River Jordan flows into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, and no laughter. The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes the difference in these neighboring seas? Don't blame the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Don't fault the soil in which they lie, nor the country round about.

This is the difference. For every drop that flows into the Sea of Galilee, another drop flows out. It receives and gives in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its "income" jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named Dead.

There are two kinds of people in this world.
There are two seas in Palestine.

Men's Ministry Update (Craig Combs, Men's Ministry Coordinator)

Hurricane Irma was like a bad relative: she wasn't invited, came anyway, stayed too long, and made a mess!

After the storm, it was obvious who had generators from both the noise and the light radiating in the darkness. Those houses were like Clark Griswold's Christmas lights in National Lampoon's Christmas vacation - so bright it blinded the neighbors. I don't know why I noticed this, but I looked at one house and saw there wasn't a cord from their generator to any of the neighbor's dark houses. Then I began to look for cords whenever I heard a generator - and

saw no cords. I wondered if they had elderly neighbors or if a couple with a baby lived next door.

Isn't that just like us? As Christians, we are hooked to the power source; hopefully it generates love and compassion. Do we care enough to share the love and the good news given to us? Do we want others plugged into the power source or do we want to selfishly keep it?

Kairos is more than something to keep the 'power on' in our spiritual lives. If you are on a team to 'get' instead of to 'give', I would challenge your motives! We need to be on the generator end of the cord, not the plug end of the cord. Spiritual preparation is one of the hallmarks of team formation meetings. If you aren't present during team formation, how can you expect to be Kairos-ready with God's love and power to share?

Please examine your actions to see which end of the power cord you are on!

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator)

Busy Time for Women's Ministry

This continues to be a busy fall for the women's programs. In September, there were three #1 Weekends: Outside of North East North Carolina was held over Labor Day Weekend, Kairos Outside Northwest Georgia held their first Weekend on September 22-24, and Swannanoa Correctional Institute in North Carolina held their first Weekend on September 21-24. There will be another #1 Kairos Outside Weekend in North East Ohio on October 27-29.

These Weekends were years in the planning and took place only because many dedicated volunteers worked hard and prayed to get the communities started and see these #1 Weekends happen.

I am so thankful to God for all the volunteers who have or who will participate, giving of their time and talents to serve on the teams. We cannot conduct this ministry without you and I am grateful to God for each of you.

Please pray that these communities will grow and prosper, and that God will bless them abundantly as they continue to serve.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

Just a gentle reminder that it is essential to weekly check the Kairos Kalendar and sign the prayer list for as many of the Weekends as we can. Even more important is that we hold to our commitment and actually pray. God's powerful response on a Kairos Weekend is not because our name is on the prayer chain - it's because of our prayers.

Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is now available on the mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format. You will be able to cut and paste all of the contact 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 post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on 'Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends.'

Value of Weekend Leader Conference Calls (Connie Klipsch, Kairos Inside Weekend Leader #17 at Indiana Women's Prison)

Questions? Yes! I had lots of questions as I prepared to serve as Weekend leader at Indiana Women's Prison. Thank goodness we have Monthly Weekend Leaders calls in Indiana. On some of the calls, we had guest speakers.

For example, our State Financial Secretary explained financial processes like handling donations, cash advances, reimbursements, and food budgets. The chair of our State Recruiting Subcommittee gave us recruiting ideas and explained recruiting responsibilities. On other calls, we learned about the Leader's Report, Excellence Initiative, and team job descriptions. We always had plenty of time to raise questions and hear about one another's experiences. The Monthly Weekend Leader calls gave me the additional support I needed to feel prepared to serve.

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request being added here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>

Is Your Weekend Listed?

If your upcoming 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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