

Kairos Prison Ministry International

ONE MINISTRY, THREE PROGRAMS

Kairos Inside for incarcerated men and women Kairos Outside for women impacted by incarceration Kairos Torch for incarcerated youth





Better Together™

OUR MISSION

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

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Better Together is Kairos three programs, Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch working together to impact individuals, families, and society.

Men, women, youth and their families are directly impacted when a person is incarcerated. Relationships are broken and distant, financial hardships occur, and family dynamics can become nonexistent.

When an individual participates in one of the Kairos programs, there is a life, behavior, and attitude change that occurs as they experience the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. An opportunity for greater renewal can take place when two or more

individuals in the family unit attend a Kairos program.

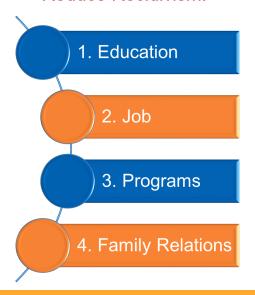
As each individual is positively affected by participating in Kairos it impacts the family directly as they see their loved one change and hear of their life changing experience. When the incarcerated adult or youth goes through Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch and the women in their life go through Kairos Outside, they have a positive parallel experience. This builds family relationship and enhances reentry into society.

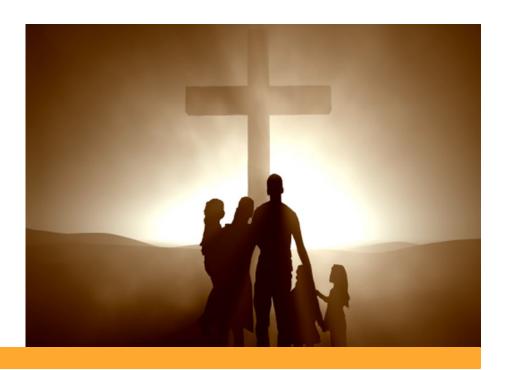
Kairos Outside started because Chaplains saw the incarcerated person change and be ready to reconcile with family members. Kairos Torch began to break the cycle of youth following their parents into prison.

Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch are Better Together.



4 Ways to Improve Reentry and Reduce Recidivism:





The Impact of Incarceration on Families in America



1 in 2 adults in the U.S. (approx. 113 million) has had an immediate family member incarcerated for one or more nights in jail or prison.



64% of adults in the U.S. have had an immediate or extended family member in jail or prison.



6.5 million adults (1 in 38) have an immediate family member currently incarcerated in jail or prison.



2.2 million incarcerated men and women in the United States.



70% of incarcerated youth have one or more parents who have been incarcerated.

Source: Every Second

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Kairos Inside



Kairos Inside brings together inmates for a 3 ½ day Weekend led by same gender Kairos volunteers. The Weekend is based on a series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and prayer. The concept is to build the Christian community inside the institution where the inmates pray and fellowship together weekly.

In addition, volunteers return for a monthly "Reunion" of the Kairos community. Without our follow up support, the efforts of the Weekend would quickly be lost to the prison environment.

Kairos Outside



Relatives of those in prison often "do time" right along with their loved ones. Kairos Outside lets them know they are not alone.

The Weekend is a 2 ½ day supportive, non-judging retreat designed to address the pain of separation and the judgment of others. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, and fun activities. Continuing ministry afterwards helps the women on their individual journeys as they grow in faith.

Any woman whose life has been impacted by incarceration, or who was unable to attend Kairos Inside while in prison, is eligible to attend Kairos Outside.

Kairos Torch



Kairos Torch mentors youth in prison so they can begin to make better life choices. The program begins with a Weekend retreat for those 25 and under. The mission is to engage their reasoning skills in seeking balance for their lives and create a safe place for the offender to realize their God-given potential through the mentoring of a mature, Christian volunteer.

It encourages the stripping away of the masks they hide behind. Torch team volunteers commit to a weekly mentoring process for six months after the Weekend which includes discussions, goal setting, and Reunions.