God's Special Time

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Inspiring Ministry Excellence

Kairos 2014 Winter Meeting Successful and Energizing

Pictured to the left are the new 2014 Kairos Board of Directors.

Back Row: Lee Turner, Greg Moser, Inetta Reddell, Jim Hankins, Jim Miller, Claudia Horn, Doug Watson and Peter Wilson.

Front Row: Evelyn Lemly, Vicki Spurgeon, David Garmus, Joe McNemar, Sally Boutin, Chris Money, Terry Crockett and Emma Jones.

Jo Chapman, Kairos Women's Ministry Coordinator, Retires

Jo Chapman announced her retirement as Kairos Prison Ministry International Women's Coordinator, effective the fall of 2014. Jo became the first Women's Ministry Coordinator in 1995 and has been the only person in this position throughout the Ministry's history.

Most of us associate Jo with all that she has accomplished with the Women's Ministries and her passion for the 'female loved ones of the incarcerated'. She was Instrumental in the development of the Kairos Outside program and saw it through to take it's place as an accepted and viable part of the overall Ministry.

Since the first Kairos Outside Weekend in 1990, Jo took on the challenge of leadership for the ministry that stole her heart. A few years later, Jo accepted the Women's Ministries Coordinator position, guiding both Kairos Outside and Women's Inside programs.

Jo hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren and family and simply slow down a bit. After much prayer and contemplation, she feels that maybe this would be a good time to hand the position over to someone else, allowing them to use their insights and gifts to continue both of the programs forward.

The Kairos Board, staff and entire community wishes to thank Jo for the all of the time, energy, and 'heart' that she has given so freely to Kairos over the past 29 years.

Read more about Jo's work with Kairos inside this edition

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Inspiring Ministry Excellence

Evelyn Lemly
Executive Director

As you read this newsletter, I hope you are excited with the wonderful positive things that are happening throughout Kairos Prison Ministry. From the new fully paid for international headquarters with artwork from the incarcerated displayed, to celebrations of wonderful impacts in 2013 for the ministry, to honoring volunteers for their service, to new leadership across the ministry, to new growth in states, to thousands of men and women impacted by the three Kairos ministry programs, and many more.

Our theme this year is "Inspiring Ministry Excellence". Excellence is a talent or quality which is unusually good and surpasses ordinary standards – It is superior, admirable, wonderful, impressive, or greatest. That is what we desire at Kairos. Excellence in our service to God in this ministry focused on sharing the love, hope, and truth of Jesus Christ. Our own spiritual health, personally and as a ministry, is important for us to demonstrate God's love and hope to those impacted by incarceration.

I pray we are working in Kairos, trusting the programs have great impact if we do them right and with excellence and that God expects our best as we serve Him in ministry. No matter our position or role in serving, none are more important than others as they all come together to make the Kairos ministry successful. Each day, when we are serving at any capacity at Kairos, let's ask ourselves 'am I serving God with my best? Would He think it excellent? Am I inspiring others and the ministry to excellence? If we give God our best and remember it is all His, we will be better at sharing the love, hope, and truth of Jesus Christ with those impacted by incarceration.

"*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.* [2] *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* [3] *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* [4] *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called…*" Ephesians 4:1-4a

We, Kairos Prison Ministry International, are called to a mission to serve the incarcerated and we have wonderful programs of great impact. Let's strive toward "Inspiring Ministry Excellence" in everything we do at Kairos!

"*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praise worthy—think about such things.*" Philippians 4:8

A Message From the Board Chairperson

This has been a very busy time of year for the Kairos Board of Directors. The Winter Meeting always brings changes in membership to the Kairos Board.

This year is no different as we welcome three new members. Claudia Horn, from Maryland; Terry Crockett, who resides in Indiana and Florida; and Lee Turner (as the International Council President), from Georgia, were voted onto the board by the International Council at the Winter Meeting. Inetta Reddell, from Texas, joined the Board prior to the meeting as the Board appointed member.

The new members bring excellent qualifications and gifts to the body. I would like to thank the Governance Committee for the excellent slate of nominees it presented for consideration. I also thank the International Council for their careful consideration and thoughtful election of these individuals. Let me urge you to visit the www.mykairos.org website and read their biographies as well as those of all the members.

We have rearranged the Board Committees memberships to reflect the loss of members rotating off as well as the new additions. The Chairs for the 2014 Board Committees are Terry Crockett, Finance Committee; David Garmus, Long Range Planning Committee; Greg Moser, Governance Committee; Emma Jones, Human Resources Committee; and Christine Money, Aftercare Committee. The Officers of the Board are: Jim Hankins, Chair; Greg Moser, Vice-Chair for Operations; David Garmus, Vice-Chair for Planning; Vicki Spurgeon, Secretary; and Terry Crockett, Treasurer.

As you know, leadership in Kairos is not just an honorary position. The Board members went right to work on their various committees. All board members, except the chairs, serve on at least two committees and some serve on three or four.

We are continually challenging ourselves to put excellence into everything we do for Kairos. As we aim toward our vision, we must apply excellence to our finances, organization, image, and our message. We must constantly measure our actions against our Mission Statement to stay on the right path.

As Chairman of the Board, I want to thank you, the volunteers, for making all this possible. The board can make many decisions, but we can only join with you as we carry the message to those God has given us to serve. Kairos volunteers are a very diverse group of God's Chosen who band together to serve in places most won't go and serve people most have forgotten. We are bound together by our Core Values.

The Kairos Core Values guide our behavior and our actions. Adhering to these values, as leaders and as volunteers, is what makes this ministry work.

Though we are diverse in our personal expressions of worship, we are all Christians working together to build a Christian Community. I thank all volunteers for being diligent to value the Continuing Ministry Model. This core value is what sets Kairos apart from other ministries. I know you have heard guests and participants say, "what makes the difference is that you come back".

We must hold tightly to the value of respect and love for each other as we go about the "business" of the Ministry. As we deliver the message of 'Listen, Listen, Love, Love' to those we serve, let us also express that respect and love to those we serve alongside.

We are all Christians working together to build a Christian Community.

So, as busy as we all are, remember to have patience and show mercy to all. I know each board member prays that in all our deliberations we are not so busy as to forget why we are here. Thank you all for your support as the Kairos Board continues to work hard for you.

Kairos International Office Welcomes Three New Staff Members

Ken Rocks, Kairos Men's Ministries Coordinator

Ken was born and raised in San Diego, CA, leaving only to get his B.A. degree in Psychology at Regis University in Denver. After 35 years of running his own successful insurance agency, he has stepped away to work for the non-profit of his dreams, Kairos Prison Ministry International.

During his 10 years of Kairos volunteer experience, Ken has served as a Kairos Inside Weekend Leader, Advisory Council Chair (which will put on the 1st Kairos # 100 in 2014) and State Chair of California for the past 2 years. He also has done prison ministry in Mexico for several years.

Ken and his wife, Kim, have 3 grown children and reside in DeBary, FL.

Cathy Flinchum was born and raised in Orlando, Florida and now resides in DeBary, Florida.

In 2003, she and her husband, Terry, moved to upstate New York to experience the four seasons in the beautiful Adirondack Park. She worked as an Administrative Assistant and IT Coordinator at NYCO Minerals in Willsboro, NY for 8 years. Prior to that, she was employed as the Clerk to the Supervisor and the Property Tax Collector for the Town of Lewis in Lewis, NY.

Before moving to New York, Cathy was employed at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida for 27 years, She held many positions, but her most recent was as a Statistical Associate. She attended Mid-Florida Tech and Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida. She and Terry have 2 grown children.

Cathy Flinchum, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Phaedra Mills is a native of Boston, MA. She later moved to Central Florida where she completed her education She is the owner of a resale clothing business.

Phaedra has a wealth of experience in service with non-profit organizations. She has assisted eligible, disabled clients with case management, housing, and transportation.

She has two children and one grandchild. Her passion is "nurturing".

Phaedra Mills, Programs Administrative Assistant

So if you call the International Office and hear a new voice on the phone, you now know who you are talking to.

Please join the Kairos Staff in welcoming all three of the wonderful new additions to our current staff and keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey with Kairos.

First Ninety Days as Men's Ministry Coordinator

By Ken Rocks

As I look back at my first 90 days as the new Men's Ministry Coordinator, I find so much to be thankful for. I am so grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve this ministry we all love so much. The quality of the person who volunteers is so inspiring to me. We ask a lot out of our volunteers, especially when compared to other groups like Lions Club, Rotary Club, March of Dimes, and even your local church. Thank you is not enough, as our Eternal reward can only suffice.

The Easter season is upon us, and of course that gives us great reason to rejoice as Christ continues to bless this ministry. This year, the Kentucky will come on board as a new state in late September at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville. Volunteers from Indiana and Illinois will join up to help out with this #1 Weekend, brings us up to 35 states in which we have a presence in the U.S. Please keep them in your prayers. Not bad for the group of 'Nine Old Men', who started this program in 1976. 2014 marks the 38th year of Kairos Prison Ministry.

Currently, we are reviewing our Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) program for enhancements and improvements. The project will take some time and effort, as we are committed to providing "Ministry Excellence" as Evelyn Lemly, Kairos Executive Director, offered at the Atlanta Winter Meetings in early February. We are open to ideas and I welcome your thoughts on the subject. Training our Weekend Leaders with a high level of excellence will pay off handsomely for the Ministry and the Kingdom.

Speaking of Advanced Kairos Training, I spent the weekend of March 7-9 in Indianapolis, IN observing the AKT at Camp Camby, (pictured above right). We trained 52 Kairos Inside attendees and 20 Kairos Outside attendees. What I came away with is that our volunteers really want to follow the Red Program manual and the guidelines for success found in the Ezra program, which gives us a day by day "to do" list for 6 months in advance of the planned Weekend. It is an awesome tool that makes the opportunity to lead a Weekend much easier and a sure path to "Ministry Excellence".

Kairos Volunteer Honored with Yellow Rose of Texas Award

Rev. Bettie Kennedy presented Deniece Marshall with the award.

An East Texas woman who has dedicated her life to community service and volunteerism was honored with the prestigious Yellow Rose of Texas award on Sunday. What's even more humbling is that she declined the opportunity to accept her honor in the state capitol and instead receive it right in the heart of the community she serves. With a yellow rose adorned to her jacket, Deniece Marshall joined an elite group of Texas women who have demonstrated outstanding volunteerism and service to the community.

Marshall received the esteemed Yellow Rose of Texas award from Governor Rick Perry's office "I'm really accepting in on behalf of everyone who does volunteerism, who is involved,

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who has a passion and maybe to spark the passion in other people," said Marshall.

Those who receive the honor are invited to the Texas capitol to receive it from the governor but Marshall decided there was a more special place for her to accept it, right here in Lufkin at her church, First United Methodist Church Lufkin.

"This is where the community is. This is the very heart of the community, so if I have to accept it in the heart of my community, the community gets bigger and bigger and bigger," said Marshall. "If I go to the state, it's the state. People are in the state for a lot of different business. Here, it's the heart of the community."

Fellow Yellow Rose inductee Rev. Bettie Kennedy said, "This award recognized her for her contribution to Texas. She has been an active and charitable worker for over 25 years and I'm honored to even be in her presence," said Kennedy. "They are every day women who live in your community. Go to your church and continue to work quietly for the different success of children in that community."

Marshall received four awards in all: a congressional award for volunteerism, the Yellow Rose of Texas, a community involvement award and a prison ministry award from Kairos Prison Ministry International.

Who Would Have Thought?

By Jo Chapman

In 1989, Chaplain Earl Smith from San Quentin State Prison asked me to develop a program for families of the incarcerated. I put together a weekend retreat, which we presented in April 1990, in Northern California in a very run down orphanage. The team greeted and ministered to 25 women that first Weekend. I quickly realized that because of my limited knowledge of the journey of the family, the curriculum for Kairos Outside was all wrong. The only part of our intentions that continued forward after that first Weekend was the ministering to the women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration.

I listened to the women's stories. Through those stories, the program which we now experience as a Kairos Outside Weekend was developed. It took us many years to come up with the correct names for the women who attend our Weekend. At first it was a candidate and the women asked me "candidate for what"? Then it was participant and the women said "you said we don't have to participate if we don't want to." Finally we decided on "Guest" because we invite them to be our guests as they are welcomed into the Kairos Outside community.

I was so excited to see the outcome of that first Weekend as the California State Rep, I took a report to the Board of Directors. They weren't as happy about it, as I was. The Board debated for years, the wisdom of adding another program beyond Kairos Inside. In August of 1994, after a compassionate plea from the Texas State Chaplain, Emmett Solomon, the Kairos Board of Directors, took a bold step to add Kairos Outside as a second program. It was definitely not smooth sailing, because many did not agree with the Board's decision. Many resisted adding Kairos Outside in their states.

I have had the privilege of watching the Kairos Outside program grow from an idea that a concerned Chaplain had, to 80 plus communities around the world. I have watched the Guests receive the love of Christ at their Kairos Outside Weekend and have gotten to see how that love begins to transform their lives. As I reminisce about the memories gained through the years, there are so many. I will limit myself to only sharing three stories with you, the rest remain deep in in my heart.

At the first Kairos Outside in South Africa, one of my most memorable moments occurred on Saturday as the Guests began to relax and share their stories and pain with each other and the team. During the "Anger" exercise one of the Xhosa women, a grandmother in her 70's, asked me to step aside with her and listen to her anger letter.

The grandmother told me about her grandson's arrest in the middle of the night when the police broke into her home and her tremendous fear for her grandson's safety. The grandmother also shared that upon arrival at the Weekend her fear was that the team was going to kill her.

I asked if she felt safe now and with tears she told me "Yes". I asked her what she wanted to pray for most. This woman with a time worn face replied: "That God would find a way to bring her grandson home before I die." I put my hands around her hands and we prayed together. Then she placed my hand on her heart, closed her eyes and silently prayed for 5 minutes nonstop. Through my tears, I knew our hearts were connected forever as grandmothers, wanting what was best for our grandchildren.

African KO Guests leaving the Weekend with flowers.

At another first Weekend, we were anxiously awaiting a mother sponsored by her daughter, a Kairos Inside graduate. Even though the Guest was very late, we held the Weekend because she had been picked up by two team members. We did not realize that when the team members arrived to pick her up, she said "I cannot go because I don't have any clean clothes because my water has been turned off". The team members gathered her laundry and headed for the nearest Laundromat. Two hours later they arrived with the Guest, clean clothes and apologies.

The Guest limped into the Weekend, in pain from hurting knees and went straight to bed. The following day she was unable to attend much of the program. Every time I passed her room, I noticed one or two team members with her massaging her knees and talking with her. On Sunday morning, she arrived at the thanksgiving service. As she placed a flower for her daughter in a vase on the altar, received the prayer for her daughter from the Spiritual Director, she said to the community, "When people meet me they always turn away because of my size, at this Weekend, no one turned away." This experience taught me that God can work in any situation to give someone exactly what they need, when they need it ….. clean clothes …. Ben Gay for sore knees … whispered prayers …and time to experience the love of God.

On another first Weekend, a team member was looking for Kleenex and shared that her Guest was in the Community Room crying. I went in and sat down next to the Guest. She told me that she could not believe that her son was never coming home. Here, thirteen years later, she still could not say his name out loud to anyone. The pain was too great. I looked at her and said "It is just not going to be today, I pray it will be some day." We embraced as the team contact came back.

On Saturday, the Guest was crying and at one point, I walked to her, put my arm around her and said "Well, it's not going to be today." On Sunday, at the closing, the Guest stood and stated "I want to say my son's name out loud"….. She said his First Name, Second Name and Last Name, in a very loud voice. The community gathered there applauded and cheered. After she sat down, another Guest came up and whispered the name of her son, who she also had not been able to say out loud, since he was incarcerated. I witnessed the Grace of God pass from one to another on that Weekend.

Over these last 25 years, it has been my privilege to meet and work with both the volunteers and Guests of so many Kairos Outsides. I am not the same woman who did not understand the journey of women impacted by incarceration. I cannot look at any story of crime without thinking of the grief experienced by those mothers, sisters, daughters and wives. My heart and my spirit have expanded to include all of the women I have met I will never be the same because of what I know and what I have seen.

Thank you Kairos Outside for every wonderful memory you have given to me!!

My Life Was Changed Forever

By Jo Chapman

In 1985, the first Kairos was held in California at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin. Who were we going to meet inside? What would the women be like? Would they match the picture painted by the media? We did not have a clue as we prepared for that first team. I, just like many of my team mates, knew that Cursillo had made an impact on my life but would this ministry called Kairos have an impact on the lives of the women inside.

The woman I hosted on that Kairos Inside weekend had been a heroin addict most of her life. She shared with me that she was not sure that she could deal with the feelings being evoked by the talks and meditations of the Kairos Weekend. For perhaps the first time, she was listening and experiencing feelings without being high. I was totally naïve about addiction issues and unaware of the impact addiction has on people. I could only listen as she shared her fears. God had to be doing the work with this woman, because I did not have a clue about what she was going through that Weekend.

I witnessed her having the courage to face the huge feelings of abandonment and pain of her life and coming out the other side with a measure of peace. God did wonders and the impact of the weekend blew this suburban, soccer mom, real estate broker totally out the door. My life was changed forever. God had lots to teach me and it took years to learn it.

Over the next several years I found myself wanting to stop doing open houses, so I could go inside and attend church with the women. I was lucky enough to be asked to lead a Weekend and as preparation observed a Weekend in Alabama. The Leader there was incredibly efficient; each detail was planned out and presented with precision. I recognized that such planning and details were not my gifts. I did notice that the Leader, while presenting the crosses to the candidates, was not engaging the women but getting that part of the weekend done one step at a time. I know that my gift is one of being present for anyone I meet, and vowed to bring that gift to the weekend I was going to lead. I also vowed to bring a sense of connection with the women inside to the Kairos community. Another lesson learned and connecting with women inside has been my forte for some 28 years.

I became more involved in the ministry of Kairos, left real estate and in 1992; I became a part time employee of Kairos. In 1995, I became a full time employee for Kairos and added the Kairos Inside females to my job.

Jo presenting initial team training

The prison environment and the effect Kairos has on those in that environment, has taught me many lessons. During a Weekend when the listening exercise was being practiced, three inmates were struggling. One had been embarrassed by another and resisted the opportunity to strike back with her words. We had previously talked about anger and this inmate had stated that "she wanted to stop being so angry and Kairos was bringing her to the place where she could do something about that."

Over the next year at Monthly Reunions, I checked in with her about her progress. She shared that the accountability of her Christian community inside was helping her make a change in her responses to others. She was really proud of herself and

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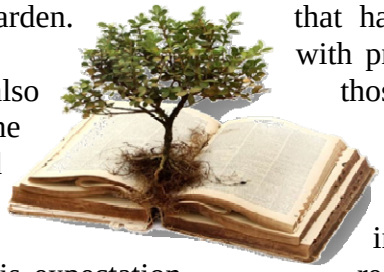
Kairos Torch Plants Seeds Across The Globe

Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator

"…Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom." **Psalms 1:2-3** *(*The Message*)*

There is a certain gratification that comes from digging in the garden, rooting the flower pots, planting the starter trees and watching the things that we've put our hands on grow to full maturity. Then there is that special pride we have when we share that the vegetables on the meal table that came from our own personal garden.



I can't help but believe that God also gets great pleasure out of seeing the seeds of ministry that He has planted in us develop and grow as well. In fact God's Word often symbolizes humans to plant life. He talks of His expectation for us to "be fruitful" and to produce at a high volume the things that He has planted in us.

I see the youth program of Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (Kairos Torch) in reference to the scripture above as one of those trees coming into its season. We are experiencing new Torch shoots across the United States such as: **King County Juvenile Detention** in Seattle, WA; **Chaderjian Youth Facility** in Stockton, CA; **Martin Girls Academy** in Stuart, FL; **Daytona Juvenile Residential Facility** in Daytona, FL; **Bridge City Center for Youth** in New Orleans, LA; **Madison Juvenile Facility for Girls** in Madison, IN; **Logansport Juvenile Facility** in Logansport, IN; and **Wabash Juvenile Facility** in Wabash, IN. But it doesn't stop there. There is even new international sprouting of Torch in Australia, South Africa, United Kingdom and enquiries of planting Torch in South America.

Yes, it's always exciting to see new farmland that has been plowed and seeded turn green with produce. But it is equally exciting to see those fields that we have labored in for years continue to bring in healthy crops year after year. As we continually hear the message on 'Spiritual Health' and how integral it is to our growth in Kairos, we realized that it does not come without hard work on our part. Recognizing how well we plant has so much to do with the end product; the Kairos Torch Sub-Committee is constantly studying new trends and developments within the Juvenile Justice System, but is careful not to take shortcuts in planting and nurturing new ministry locations. After all, it's not just how many sites we have planted, but what is the yield of the harvest?

As we continue to conduct Torch Weekend (plant) and mentor the youth that participated on those Weekends (water), God changes the lives of these youth in phenomenal ways (harvest). If you haven't seen God working in extraordinary ways in the lives of incarcerated youth, you haven't worked in Kairos Torch.

United Kingdom Guests Experience Kairos Kindness

By Ida Wheeler

Alastair Bulley and Rachel Clarke-Brookings traveled from the United Kingdom to experience the "Listen, Listen, Love, Love" of Advanced Kairos Training for Kairos Inside in Indiana. Ken Rocks, Michael and Susan Dyer and the Kairos Inside trainers provided a wonderful introduction to Kairos in the United States.

After four nights in Indiana, Alastair and Rachel arrived in Oklahoma prepared to embrace the Advanced Kairos Training for Torch and observe Kairos Torch #21 at the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center. During the ninety minute drive from OKC to Lawton, they had two

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unexpected experiences; drought conditions likened to the savannas of South Africa and the aroma of skunk spray. Throughout Alastair and Rachel's stay in Oklahoma, there would be many unexpected discoveries woven into their understanding of the Kairos Torch Program and their call to serve the incarcerated youth in the United Kingdom.

Within minutes of arriving in Lawton, Kairos Torch training and cultural discussion began. The groundwork was being established upon which the Kairos Torch Program will build. Everyone was engaging in the conversations, analyzing the cultural
differences, asking the questions, and accepting the challenge that the Lord had called all of us to share. Often times the trainers and trainees would stand as with a "compass" to assure our journey was on track. Even if our words were different and our ministry sites seemed different, we were indeed "sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated youth to become loving and productive citizens of their communities." A slightly adjusted schedule for the Torch Weekend would not have a negative impact on the development of mentor/mentee relationships and Christian concepts since incarcerated youth in the United Kingdom are placed in isolation for the mid-day meal. As the human desire is to be in community, Torch may meet that need for youth in the UK quite effectively.

Training time on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday came to a close, and everyone packed up to begin a Kairos Torch Weekend Friday afternoon. Alastair and Rachel fit right in on the leadership table named "New Shoots". (The team had greeted them during a pot luck dinner Tuesday evening and volunteers provided meals and housing throughout their stay.)

Finally all of the words of the Kairos Torch Program Manual came into focus as they saw the vision come to life for a group of young men in Manitou, Oklahoma. Agape embraced everyone on the facility. The Weekend was blessed to have these guests: Paula Christiansen, Public Information Officer for the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs; Marilyn Wilson, Kairos Oklahoma State Chapter Committee Chair; and Kevin Resnover, Kairos Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

In "kindness giving" blessed the Torch guests in Oklahoma March 11-17, 2014. Meals were provided for the Torch community, UK guests, Kevin Resnover and AKT trainers (Bryan and Ida Wheeler). Overnight lodging was provided in the homes of volunteers or paid for by a volunteer. 4,187 miles were traveled collectively in support of this visit, not counting the miles coming from the United Kingdom. Thirty-three volunteers engaged in hosting. Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center and Ms. Janet Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, extended the first weekend experience for Alastair and Rachel.

We voluntarily gave as we were able....listening and loving…and the price is "change". Everyone engaged in this Torch community is changed because of a global connection focused on eternal hope.

AKT is for Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos program. Advanced Kairos Training gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. **Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have completed the entire AKT course 6 months prior to leading a Weekend.**

PRINCIPLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING AKT EXPENSES

1. All AKTs are essentially free to any and all attendees.

2. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for AKT is borne by the state sending its volunteers to an AKT training in or out of its local state.

3. This means that all Advisory Councils or SCCs should be budgeting for any AKT expenses deemed necessary for their future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the AC or SCC wants to attend.

4. **Registration is to be paid by your State Chapter from Ad Council funds; No personal checks will be accepted.** AC or SCCs should encourage its volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to its local AC instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings like the AKT training.

2014 Advanced Kairos Training Schedule

May 16-18, 2014	**DENVER, CO**	**Kairos Inside**
June 6-8, 2014	**JACKSONVILLE, FL**	**Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch**
June 20 – 22, 2014	**HUNTSVILLE, TX**	**Kairos Inside and Outside**
July 18-20, 2014	**RALEIGH, NC**	**Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch**
August 15-17, 2014	**BUFFALO, NY**	**Kairos Inside**
September 5-7, 2014	**CANTON, MS**	**Kairos Inside and Outside**
September 5-7, 2014	**PITTSBURGH, PA**	**Kairos Inside and Outside**
October 17-19, 2014	**FORSYTH, GA**	**Kairos Inside**
October 24-26, 2014	**POMONA, CA**	**Kairos Inside**
November 15-17, 2014	**WAXAHACHIE, TX**	**Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch**

Detailed information for each training, including costs, facility and registration can be found on the mykairos.org website on the Kairos Kalendar.

2015 Advanced Kairos Training Locations can be found on the mykairos.org website for future planning needs.

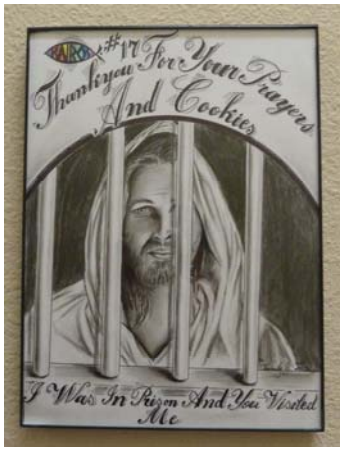
Kairos New Building is Blessed with Inmate Artwork

Above: This beautiful painting of Angel Michael was completed by 3 men from the Walker State Prison in Georgia. It is a very large painting, measuring 7 1/2 by 6 1/2 feet and graces the conference room wall.

Kairos Prison Ministry International Office was recently blessed with artwork by Kairos Graduates from all over the country. All of the artwork is very unique and displays a myriad of talent by those whom we serve. We received a total of 20 new pieces from 13 different facilities and one group of released graduates.

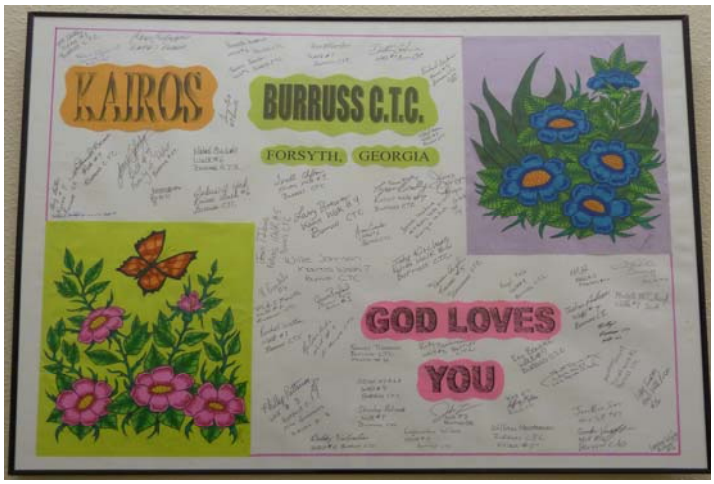
The artwork came from the following states:

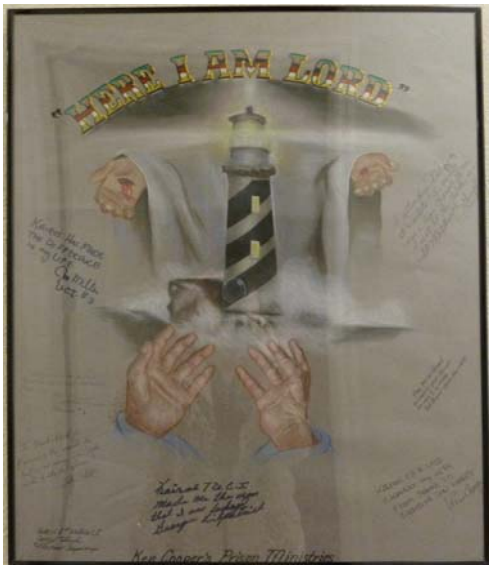
10 from Georgia	4 from South Carolina
1 from California	1 from Florida
1 from Louisiana	1 from New Hampshire



In addition to the new art, we have also have displayed artwork that we have received over the years.

On this page and the following page, are pictures of the pieces that we have received recently and in the past. The staff would like to thank all of the volunteers that encouraged the inmates to showcase their talents and forwarding the artwork to the new office.





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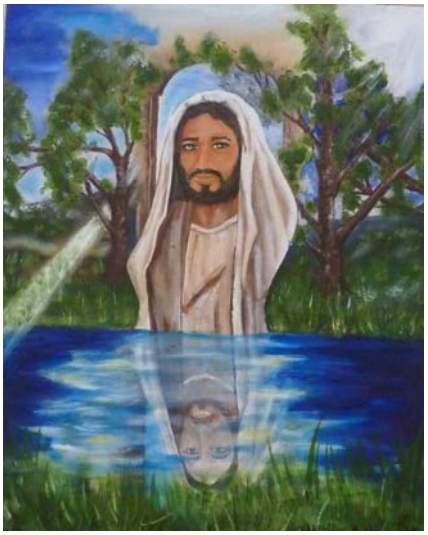

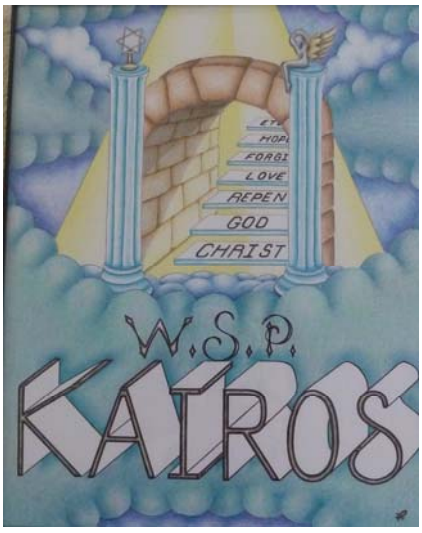

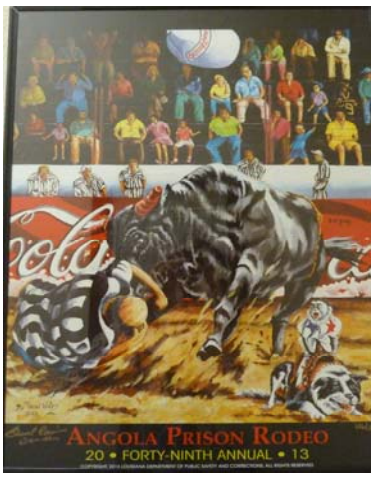

This picture was produced twice by NH Kairos Graduates. Top left: NH State Prison personnel, Kairos volunteers and the two artists. Top right: Kairos staff. The pictures were hung simultaneously on March 27th at 11:00 a.m. - one in the Prison Chapel and the other at Kairos office followed by prayer.
The artwork depicts a cross, flanked on either side with rocky hills. The sun is casting a shadow of the cross on the rough seas. Where the shadow lies, the seas are calm. An image of "the old man of the mountain", which is a NH state icon, is on the hill to the right of the cross.

Christ and the Woman; the Story Behind the Picture

J. P. Douglas Watson II

When our daughter, Amanda, married and graduated from graduate school, she accepted a position with a company in Leesburg, VA. Since Amanda and her husband moved to Leesburg, my wife Deborah and I have spent the long Thanksgiving holiday weekends with them and eventually, their three children. It truly has been a great family time.

When grandchildren started appearing on the scene, the family dynamics changed dramatically. Our free flow of activities and fun became refocused and centered on “little people” that required a great deal of regimentation and time. The logistics of getting up and going somewhere with four adults was not a problem. We put our coats on and got in the car. But when you have “little people” that depend upon “big people” for literally everything, the term logistics takes on a whole new meaning that I was ill prepared to cope with. Naps and nursing have to take place first, and then, if there is time, we can do something, maybe if we are not too tired.

On one Thanksgiving holiday a number of years ago, I started to have a melt-down. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we, two grandchildren, two parents, and two grandparents, were going to Washington, DC. By all indications, we were going after lunch. But I forgot that after lunch, “little people” take naps. OK, an hour for a nap is good. Two plus hours is not. I announced that Deborah and I were going downtown to visit some memorial sites. Well, grandchildren were finally beginning to stir. I thought, “Good, let’s go!” But that

battleship does not turn on a dime. "Little people" have to have diapers changed, dressed in mummy outfits, carried to the car and bolted down into their car seats. Did I forget to mention the fact that supplies had to be fork-lifted into the car for this excursion? I thought, "Folks, we are only going downtown for a few hours, not days!"

Erroneously, I thought that we were headed to the World War II memorial. We had discussed this—it would be peaceful and outdoors. The "little people" would be strapped in their strollers with their parents pushing them around. It was going to be nice and pleasant. It was going to be my kind of outing.

However, once we arrived downtown, I soon discovered that unbeknownst to me that plans got changed. We were headed to the Smithsonian. OK, I can deal with that. There are a lot of different exhibits at the Smithsonian. It's good. I am still OK. We go into one of the museums; I did not read the sign on the outside. It was the Smithsonian children's museum. Every kid under four years old in the Washington, DC metro area woke up after their two-plus hour naps and decided to take their parents to the children's museum. Most museums that I go to are quiet places where one can contemplate world affairs and maybe their navels. Not here. My melt-down was completed. I turned to Deborah and pleasantly as possible, announced that "I am going for a walk, outside. When do you want me to return to pick you up?"

The next day, Sunday, Deborah and I drove back to Cincinnati. It was a 500+ mile frosty trip back, and I am not talking about the weather outside. Within a few days, Deborah and I worked through and discussed the issues. Amanda and I did not. In fact, the issues went unresolved for two

Thanksgiving holidays. It was the proverbial elephant in the room that no one addressed.

Finally, about a month before Thanksgiving 2012, I received THE ultimatum. This rarely happens in our household. But the joint stubbornness that was being exhibited by me and our daughter had to stop. We were not going to Leesburg for Thanksgiving unless Amanda and I got things laid out and headed in the direction of reconciliation. Deborah was resolute. And I know better than to try and resist her when she gets to that point. It was a lose-lose situation for me, and I knew that I was on the short end of that stick.

A few weeks before Thanksgiving, I was scheduled to go to prayer and share at Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, ("SOCF"). There, I have gotten to know some of Aryan's brothers pretty well. Two of them in particular. I talked to them about the ultimatum and the background behind it. I asked them to pray for reconciliation between me and Amanda. They assured me that they would. Deborah and I both prayed and sought our Lord's help and guidance. I talked with Amanda and said I wanted things to be like they had been before the "melt-down".

Soon after the prayer and share, Deborah and I took off for Leesburg and Thanksgiving with the family. It was truly a very special and healing time. The healing continued a few weeks later when all of us were at our son's home in northern Ohio for Christmas. I shared the story with the family about how I asked my prison prayer and share partners to pray for the healing of the relationship. It was a very special time.

There was a particular time that Christmas that Amanda and I were alone. I pulled out an Ohio Department of Corrections picture of Eric Branham, one of my prayer and share partners

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Arthur Stroud, age 75, of Swainsboro, GA passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Mr. Stroud was a native of Dellwood, Emanuel County, GA, a 1956 graduate of Swainsboro High School, retired from Georgia Power with 20 years of service and currently employed with the Emanuel County Board of Education Maintenance Department. He was a member of Kairos Prison Ministry International, and volunteered on the Washington State Prison Advisory Council, the Hawhammock Baptist Church and served 8 years with the National Guard. Please remember his wife, Kay and his family in your prayers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kairos Prison Ministry of Georgia, C/O Doug McAfee, 148 Rock Springs Rd., Eatonton, GA 31024 or on-line @ www.kairosofgeorgia.org, or to the Hawhammock Baptist Church Building Fund.

Danny C. Newman, 61, of LaGrange, died Sunday December 22, 2013 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. He spent his lifetime in LaGrange and was a member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church throughout his life. Danny operated his own lawn care and snow removal business. He also worked as a security guard. Danny was an active volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry International. Memorials may be contributed to the Mt Zion Lutheran Church or the Kairos Prison Ministry International.

(Bill) Robert O Connell, 64, passed away February 19, 2014. He was born in Manhasset, NY, graduated from Sarasota High school in FL, and received a bachelor's degree from the George Peabody College for Teachers. He taught in FL, KY, and NC before turning to retail. He also served as custodian for First Baptist Church in Statesville, NC.

An avid volunteer, he spent numerous hours at All Souls Church running the food pantry and attending to other duties. He was also deeply committed to Kairos prison ministries, and served on the Putnam Correctional Institution Team on Kairos #21, through #25 Weekends. Surviving him is his loving brother, Rev. Larry O Connell, who also served with Kairos alongside Bill. He leaves behind many dear friends, especially at his church. Memorials may be made to all Souls Church or Kairos Prison Ministry.

Vickie M. Miner, 57, joined God's Angels on March 7, 2014 from her home in Tallahassee, FL. She leaves behind the love of her life husband David Miner, daughter Crystal Miner and many other family members. She has been a resident of Tallahassee since 1988 and she was a member of Grace Mission. Vickie has always been devoted to God and strong in her faith. She has worked diligently with both Cursillo and Kairos Prison Ministries. She has always been a blessing and Godly influence to her family, friends, co-workers and others that she has crossed paths with in her travels. Her husband David has also been an active Kairos volunteer for many years, at both Advisory Council and State level leadership.

In place of flowers we are asking for donations toward two of Vickie's main interest, her church, Grace Mission and Kairos Prison Ministries.

Drew Steven Stewart, 81 of Bloomington IN, passed away on Tuesday January 7, 2014 at the IU Health Hospice House. Drew was in the United States Air Force and after his discharge he farmed for six years until he followed his dream to be a Veterinarian. He owned the Town and Country Veterinary Clinic in Bloomington. Drew was an active member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministries, a member of the American Legion, Ellettsville Masonic Lodge, Murat Shrine, and Scottish Rite. He was also a former member of the Monroe County Fair Board, Monroe County Saddle Club and the Sexton Dance Group. Please keep his wife Delores and his family in your prayers.

2013 Celebration Highlights

General List of what was shared at the 2014 Winter Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Our theme was ***"Inspiring Ministry Excellence."*** Let's carry that through each day.

- Celebrate God's provisions for the ministry in all the wonderful ways. And remember it is all His! We are here to share the love, hope and faith found in Jesus Christ. God wants our best as we serve him.

- Celebrate our people who are serving in so many different capacities across the country. Say thank you for the wonderful service. THANK YOU! I challenged everyone to start saying thank you to each other and encouraging excellence.

- Celebrate so many things going on across the countries in the states and with our Kairos programs. A few examples – but remember to celebrate those locally and in your state as we could be here all night naming all of them:

    - ◊ A Kairos Outside community has 42 volunteers and ½ of them are first time! This was a community that was struggling previously and they focused on recruiting and God blessed them.
    - ◊ Kairos Inside where numerous correctional institutions or states are asking us to come in and share the Kairos program. States like Texas, Ohio, Georgia and many others. The demand for our ministry is there we just need the volunteers to fill the need. Let's go replicate ourselves as volunteers so we can do more ministry and reach more people impacted by incarceration. Several new starts in 2014 for Kairos Inside forthcoming. Persistence has paid off in several communities as it has taken many years to get into some of these facilities.
    - ◊ Kairos Torch has 18 new starts underway that will begin in the next couple of years. Kairos Torch is now approved in Australia, and CA has accepted the program after 7 years of working to open. Approximately 1/3 of Board of Directors, International Council, and State Chairs are new to their role this year. We celebrate new leaders and all of us need to help them as they begin their new roles.
    - ◊ New states of Oregon (Kairos Outside) and Wisconsin (Kairos Inside) conducted their first Weekend in 2013. And Wisconsin has other facilities interested based on the one success. Also, other states helped fund the startup and supported them with people to advise the new leaders.
    - ◊ Kentucky is coming on board as a new state in 2014 with people interested in helping.
    - ◊ The State Chairs meet monthly and then face to face twice per year to discuss the leadership and operations of the ministry.
    - ◊ Financial system implemented nationwide that puts us into compliance with the regulations and accounting rules we are required to follow. And it is working overall. The people rallied and got it done. Now we need to use it well.
        - ◈ It was fully paid for by the International Headquarters;
        - ◈ It is paying off with reduced fees and reduced risk to the ministry
        - ◈ Financial statements readily available
        - ◈ We need to embrace this system and use it fully for the good of Kairos

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- ◊ Due to the financial system – the audit fees are dramatically reducing. When I walked in the audit fees were $130,000; went to $83,000 after first year of proper accounting and will be $51,000 for future. That is a 60% drop in cost in two years because we are doing our consolidated financials properly. This is all reductions passed to the states. It pays to do the work properly.
- ◊ Kairos Prison Ministry International had 444 communities across the world sharing the love of Jesus Christ in 2013.
- ◊ We need to focus on doing our ministry with Excellence. God wants our best. We know the programs work if we do them as written, let's do them right so we can focus on doing more to reach more people.
- ◊ We are starting to focus on recruitment and need to energize our teams with new people.
- ◊ Kairos purchased a new building, did the remodeling, moved, and fully paid for functional needs in 2013. All with funds raised by the International headquarters. Fully funded, no debt, and now no lease payments. This gives us a permanent home and reduces costs for the long term. These funds can now be re-invested in the ministry needs.
- ◊ Over $540,000 funds raised by the International headquarters in 2013 for the Kairos Foundation or Kairos ministry. This does include building needs.
- ◊ At the new facility, a new server was purchased and installed along with proper backup systems to protect the information and data of the ministry. The old system was not repairable any longer and ran on 2003 software which was obsolete and risky at best. This was fully funded by donations for this purpose. Funds raised by the International headquarters.
- ◊ Looking at engaging and sharing the ministry with influencers. Meeting to share with President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter. Other meetings with key influencers as they are identified. Everyone should be looking for opportunities and introducing the ministry. I am available to meet at any time. We have new tools to help promote Kairos in a common manner with the Style Guide available. This helps us start branding and promoting Kairos for new volunteers, supporters, donors, and awareness.
- ◊ 4th day Ministry annual meeting was held in January of which Kairos participated. Much sharing on what are common struggles, opportunities, and ways to work together to support each other. One ministry shared characteristics of community in crisis:
- ◊ Structure of leadership locally (or lack thereof)
- ◊ Failure to rotate leaders
- ◊ Secrets and hidden agenda
- ◊ Single church domination
- ◊ Community taking legalistic approach
- ◊ Kairos Board of Directors developed a Vision and Core Values for the ministry in 2013.
- ◊ A 5 year plan is well underway utilizing input from various groups to build the plan.
- ◊ We are encouraging and working to increase communication throughout the ministry and to create an environment of unity, trust and love as Kairos.

And most of all we celebrate that we know God is in control of this ministry we call Kairos Prison Ministry. Let's make sure we are looking to our Lord, Jesus Christ, as our leader, that we are honoring Him in all we do, and we are seeking His guidance. We are here to share His hope, love, and faith.

Let's make sure we are "*Inspiring Ministry Excellence!*"

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that God was working in her life in a positive way.

At one of the first Kairos Inside Weekends I participated in, 24 women arrived on Thursday afternoon and began the journey that is Kairos. These women looked hesitant and cautious but something deep inside each of them was yearning to experience God in a personal way. Since my job as Advising Leader was to set up Spiritual Counseling, I was able to see almost all the women take advantage of that one-on-one time with a clergy woman. I witnessed the painful faces when the Spiritual Counseling began and the looks of peace and relief as they finished. It is truly amazing what the Holy Spirit can do in a 30 minute time period.

I marveled at something as simple as singing Stevie Wonder's song "We Just Came to Say We Love You" to the participants as they entered on Sunday morning. The participants began to "stroll" and laugh with their hosts and the love of Christ was pouring all over each of us. That is what Kairos is about. God's Unconditional Love brings grace to every aspect of the weekend. We cannot manufacture this or manipulate the outcome on our own, but we all get to sit back and watch how Jesus uses every gift from every person present to create a unique Kairos Weekend. All are different and alike, because they all are based on our faith in a God that wants each of us to know, how much we are loved by Him. The chains are gone and the participants are set free, thanks be to God.

In Honduras, the first Kairos Inside was really a blessing. Even though I did not know the language, I managed to be a witness to the miracles that can happen on Kairos. While at first weekends, I usually am in a leadership role. In Honduras, I got the opportunity to be a table server and observe due to my language barrier. I could only nod and smile in Spanish, but could feel the room change over time.

Honduras children looking in prison

The women came nervous and wary wondering what these Christians were going to do to them over three and a half days. I served the tables with a smile and joked about "Starbucks" when I poured their coffee. The women inside can have their children with them (up to the age of 3) and the children could freely move about the compound. In this case, the women were constantly aware of children looking into the room to see what the music and talks were all about. As the weekend progressed, the strained faces of the women became softer. They laughed a bit and I knew that Kairos was transforming the room, when the women began to dance as music came into play.

I have had the privilege of attending many Kairos Inside first Weekends in both state and federal institutions. I am always amazed by the dedication of the volunteers and how well Kairos is received by the women inside. In my experience, all human beings need love. We all long for it and chase it in many fashions. The love we are all seeking is the love that Christ came to bring to all of us. I wished the world could see the transforming power that Christ's love can have on women that the world says are "not worthy". There is no more beautiful sight than women praying with women and offering them Christ's love that can change their lives. Anyone who does the Kairos Inside program is changed in some way. For me, I have heard stories and met women, which I would have never known had it not been for Kairos. I will spend the rest of my life, sharing those stories with others who only have a one sided view of incarcerated women.

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that prayed for Amanda and me. I told her the story of how I asked some skin-head types to pray for us, and Eric was one of them. She was taken back. She had never seen a mug shot of an incarcerated individual, let alone a guy who had prayed for her. I got a huge hug. It was worth it.

Needless to say, the first time back at prayer and share at SOCF, Eric and his compatriot, Fred, asked how things went. I told them and thanked them. They were so pleased that I had asked them to pray for me and Amanda. Also, they were glad about the results.

About six months ago, Eric gave me a picture - Christ and the Woman - that he drew of Jesus with His arms extended and looking at a woman who was crying but who appeared to be at peace in His presence. I immediately liked it. I asked the Chaplin if I could accept it. He said "Yes". I have had it on my desk at the office for quite some time. When KPMI put out a request for inmate art work, I thought – maybe I would give it to KPMI. But I was not sure.

Last week, I said "Yes" to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I made two copies of the drawing and had all three mounted and framed, exactly alike. The one that KPMI has received is the original drawing that Eric Branham drew. One of the copies is at Amanda's home and the other hangs in my home. It will be a constant reminder of the power of prayer in the lives of the Watson / Mikel families.

God's ministry of Kairos works for all stakeholders – residents, volunteers, families, and the prison staff. Eric Branham, a graduate of Kairos # 11 at SOCF and formerly an inmate Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison, had his security level lowered and has been transferred to a medium security facility closer to his home. At prayer and share last week, Fred, a Kairos SOCF #12 graduate, told me that in less than six months, he will be "riding out" to a lower security level institution. I miss Eric and will miss Fred. God is truly at work in their lives.

Praise God! I thank Him for allowing me to serve in His ministry called Kairos. It is God's *Special Time*. I have been blessed. My family has been blessed. As one volunteer told me at a Kairos Weekend, *"It doesn't get any better than this!"*

In the Mailbox

A couple of weeks ago I had yet to hear about Kairos and your work in the prison systems in the US and abroad. My son Chris is currently at Bertie CI in Windsor, NC and he told me that he was invited to attend your retreat last Thursday thru Sunday. Each night he called us with a wonderful report about how great his day was. He was excited to hear speakers, work in groups, meet new people, and of course the food. He loved the food.

Chris was raised in the church and went astray a couple of years ago. He is a good son who made some serious mistakes. He has never lost his trust and sight on God and has hung on to his faith throughout the very long process.

As parents, my wife and I are deeply indebted to your organization for doing the great work that you do. We appreciate the time and effort your group provided not only to Chris but to the other men at Bertie as well. Again, thanks for all you do and please continue to pray for Chris.

Sincerely,
Father of a recent Kairos Graduate

KARIOS KALENDAR

Date	Location	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
4/23/14	TX	McConnell	37	Mike Harrington	Men's Inside
5/2/13	**FL**	**Martin Girls Academy**	**1**	**Joyce Brocious**	Torch
4/14/14	AUS	Frank Baxter JJC	15	Bob Miggins	Torch
4/23/14	TX	Murray	17	Mary Nell Frucella	Women's Inside
4/24/14	AL	Donaldson CF	59	Charles Fridlin	Men's Inside
4/24/14	CO	Delta CC	45	Abe Marinelli	Men's Inside
4/24/14	CO	Sterling East CF	11	John Tamborski	Men's Inside
4/24/14	FL	Desoto CI	62	Jim Phleps	Men's Inside
4/24/14	FL	Polk CI	37	Mike Felch	Men's Inside
4/24/14	FL	Union CI	76	John Cochrane	Men's Inside
4/24/14	FL	Zephyrhills CI	66	Alan Rood	Men's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Autry SP	29	Richard Schumacher	Men's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Lee SP	40	Fred Usry	Men's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Valdosta SP	28	Bart Davis	Men's Inside
4/24/14	IL	Statesville	16	Gerry Dziedzina	Men's Inside
4/24/14	LA	Winn CC	39	Sam Wiersma	Men's Inside
4/24/14	MD	MCD CI Hagerstown	20	Dale Boeckman	Men's Inside
4/24/14	MO	Potosi CC	8	Tim O'Dell	Men's Inside
4/24/14	OH	Grafton CI	3	Steve Love	Men's Inside
4/24/14	OH	Marion CI	35	Tom White	Men's Inside
4/24/14	OK	Cimarron CF	20	Gerold Fore	Men's Inside
4/24/14	SC	Ridgeland CI	8	David Rockwell	Men's Inside
4/24/14	TX	Coffield	37	Josh Clark	Men's Inside
4/24/14	TX	Robertson	38	Dennis Ferry	Men's Inside
4/24/14	VA	Susses II SP	7	Chris Cegal	Men's Inside
4/24/14	FL	Lowell CI	19	Dru Pardee	Women's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	16	Bari Boyea	Women's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Emanuel CF	4	Donna Benson	Women's Inside
4/24/14	GA	Pulaski SP	36	Mina Lacanilao	Women's Inside
4/24/14	LA	Louisiana CI	38	Christine Brasseaux	Women's Inside
4/24/14	OH	OH Reformatory for Women	40	Susan Dick	Women's Inside
4/24/14	VA	Central ViA Correctional Unit	33	Ari Abraham	Women's Inside
4/25/14	CA	Desert	23	Hazel Hagy	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	CA	San Diego	32	Jayne St. John	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	GA	North GA	32	Rosa Gilbert	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	ID	Idaho	3	Tammy Smith	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	IN	Central IN	7	Keren Cowden	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	NC	Western NC	10	Diane Welburn	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	NM	New Mexico	27	Connie Baker	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	TX	Midland	28	Susanne Griffing	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	TX	North TX	34	Kim Smith	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	TX	Wichita Falls	14	Kathy Stephens	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	WA	Eastern Washington	3	Dianna Perrine	Kairos Outside
4/25/14	**IN**	**Logansport**	**1**	**John VanCleve**	Torch
4/25/14	KS	Kansas Juvenile CC	22	Raymond Ayala	Torch
4/28/14	AUS	Fulham	15	Alan Price	Men's Inside
4/28/14	AUS	Arthur Gorrie CC	7	Dick Copland	Men's Inside
4/28/14	AUS	Fulham CC	15	Alan Price	Men's Inside
4/28/14	AUS	Mannus CC	9	Peter Jansen	Men's Inside
4/30/14	TX	Torres	30	Lynn McChesney	Men's Inside
5/1/14	CA	CA SP Centinela	15	Mario Lacuesta	Men's Inside

Date	Location	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Program
5/1/14	CO	Stering East	12	John Tamborski	Men's Inside
5/1/14	FL	Moore Haven CI	29	Lou Seneca	Men's Inside
5/1/14	FL	North West FL Rec Cen	20	Sam Wall	Men's Inside
5/1/14	FL	Putnam CI	26	Mike McPhillips	Men's Inside
5/1/14	GA	Smith State Prison	6	Edward E. Jones	Men's Inside
5/1/14	GA	Washington State Prison	13	Stacy Kitchens	Men's Inside
5/1/14	IL	Western IL CC	4	Dave Czerkie	Men's Inside
5/1/14	IN	Indiana SP	15	David Kenney	Men's Inside
5/1/14	KS	El Dorado CF	17	Oscar Garcia	Men's Inside
5/1/14	MD	Western CI of Maryland	4	Chris Cronin	Men's Inside
5/1/14	ME	Maine SP	28	Claude Carbonneau	Men's Inside
5/1/14	MO	Crossroads CC	15	Larry Farnham	Men's Inside
5/1/14	NC	Foothills CI	8	Jim Hayes	Men's Inside
5/1/14	NC	Pasquotank CI	29	Jack Atwell	Men's Inside
5/1/14	OH	Warren CI	12	Dale Truster	Men's Inside
5/1/14	PA	SCI Chester	14	Mike Shine	Men's Inside
5/1/14	SC	Allendale CI	15	Bill Steiner	Men's Inside
5/1/14	SC	Tyger River	19	Rick Krainas	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Bartlett Jail	20	Russell Reinhardt	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Connally	23	Jim Parker	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Dalhart	29	Ralph Mireles	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Lynaugh Prison	31	James Bell	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Michael	44	Gregory Jensen	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Stevenson	22	Hondo Martin	Men's Inside
5/1/14	TX	Torres	30	Lynn McChesney	Men's Inside
5/1/14	KS	Topeka CF	10	Donna Shelite	Women's Inside
5/1/14	WV	Lakin CC	22	Michele Brooks	Women's Inside
5/2/14	AL	Alabama	33	Becky Austin	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	FL	Southwest FL	13	Vickie Dinkel	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	LA	West Lousiana	28	Angielique Feaster-Evans	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	MO	Missouri	24	Mary Lawson	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	NY	Kairos Outside NYC	9	Dora Johnson	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	TN	East TN	22	Debra Duck	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	TX	East TX	4	Leeann Moos	Kairos Outside
5/2/14	IN	Pendleton JCF	14	Neal and Laura Freeman	Torch
5/4/14	WA	WA State Refornatory Monroe	54	Charles Smith	Men's Inside
5/5/14	AUS	Acacia Prison	5	Geoff Evell	Men's Inside
5/5/14	AUS	Mid North Coast CC	11	Stan Deveridge	Men's Inside
5/5/14	TX	Beto	50	David Lundeen	Men's Inside
5/5/14	FL	Sumter CI	36	Frank Rivera	Men's Inside
5/8/14	AR	R.L. Williams Unit	4	Quinton White	Men's Inside
5/8/14	NH	Concord SP	55	Dan Nolan	Men's Inside
5/8/14	OH	Belmont CI	3	Bud Eckelberry	Men's Inside
5/8/14	**TN**	**Riverbend Max Security Inst.**	**1**	**Dan Preston**	Men's Inside
5/8/14	TX	Briscoe SP	12	Dwayne Vignes	Men's Inside
5/13/14	AUS	Dillwynia	14	Ann Hunter	Women's Inside
5/15/14	FL	Avon Park CI	42	Archie White	Men's Inside
5/15/14	FL	Tomoka CI	74	Kelly Cavarretta	Men's Inside
5/15/14	IN	Pendleton CIF	14	Bobby Armstrong	Men's Inside
5/15/14	IN	Westville IN	20	Russel Baker	Men's Inside

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5/15/14	**NM**	**Otero**	**1**	**Jim Coles**	Men's Inside
5/15/14	NC	Marion CI	12	Mike Leamon	Men's Inside
5/15/14	OH	Chillicothe CI	2	Dan Georgescu	Men's Inside
5/15/14	PA	Albion SCI	38	Eric Duda	Men's Inside
5/15/14	**So Afr**	**Johannesburg B Prison**	**1**	**Basil Peters**	Men's Inside
5/15/14	TX	Montford	31	Ed Comey	Men's Inside
5/15/14	**VA**	**Sussex I**	**1**	**Ed Tucker**	Men's Inside
5/15/14	FL	Homestead	28		Women's Inside
5/15/14	NY	Albion CF	68	Toni Sessamen	Women's Inside
5/16/14	AUS	Adelaide	20	Glenda Coleman	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	AUS	South East Queensland	27	Judi Coleman	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	AUS	Adelaide			Kairos Outside
5/16/14	CA	Pomona	56	Stella Montoya	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	FL	Southeast Florida	11	Gwen James	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	OH	Outside Marion CI	17	Amy Miconi	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	TX	San Antonio	27	Eileen Kinkead	Kairos Outside
5/16/14	FL	Orange Youth Academy	5	Laurell Bailey	Torch
5/22/14	CR	San Sebastian Prison	13	Ismael Brenes	Men's Inside
5/23/14	CA	CA State Prison Sacramento	13	Cliff Williams	Men's Inside
5/23/14	CA	CMF Vacaville	42	Dave Leverenz	Men's Inside
5/23/14	CA	USP Atwater	10	Glen Edman	Men's Inside
5/26/14	AUS	St. Heleirs CC	8	Hank Ruigrok	Men's Inside
5/29/14	NM	Guadalupe CCF	17	Rick Wilminko	Men's Inside
5/30/14	AUS	Sydney	31	Kay Dannenburg	Kairos Outside
5/30/14	OK	Western Oklahoma	27	Julie Cox	Kairos Outside
6/5/14	FL	South Bay CI	26	Bob Jordan	Men's Inside
6/5/14	FL	Okeechobee CI	59	Chris Williams	Men's Inside
6/5/14	CO	Denver CF	21	Debbie Womack	Women's Inside
6/10/14	**NC**	**Avery Mitchell CI**	**1**	**Neil Brown**	Men's Inside
6/12/14	FL	Baker CI	24	Oren Reedy	Men's Inside
6/12/14	TX	Clemens	16	Dennis Leveron	Men's Inside
6/12/14	AR	McPherson Unit (KI)	29	Caroline Pugh	Women's Inside
6/13/14	TX	Vance	53	David Meeh	Men's Inside
6/13/14	TX	Harris Co. Leadership Academy	2	Michael Sturek	Torch
6/15/14	FL	Central FL Reception Center	2	Ben Bracy	Men's Inside
6/19/14	FL	Everglades CI	24	Mario A. Carballo	Men's Inside
6/19/14	NY	Wende CF	54	Bill Radley	Men's Inside
6/20/14	NH	Goffstown WP	2	Susan Rock	Women's Inside
6/20/14	AUS	Canerra	15	Julianne Cox	Kairos Outside
6/23/14	NIC	La Modelo	14	Douglas Sanchez	Men's Inside
6/28/14	MS	Parchman Unit 29	34	Sid Lane	Men's Inside
7/4/14	AUS	North Queensland	3	Lorraine Cross	Kairos Outside
7/7/14	AUS	Wolston CC	5	John Agnew	Men's Inside
7/7/14	**AUS**	**Adelaide Youth Training Cen.**	**1**	**Andrew Battersby & Brian Sampson**	Torch
7/8/14	C R	Buen Pastor Prison	9	Eunice Ortega Cruz	Women's Inside
7/10/14	TX	Estes SP	8	Don Bollinger	Men's Inside
7/10/14	TX	Ferguson	57	Jim Cox	Men's Inside
7/18/14	TX	YC of the High Plains	4	Guy and Tammi Scoggin	Torch
8/1/14	CA	North Spanish	61	Margarita Cruz	Kairos Outside
8/6/14	NC	Central Prison	40	Keith Majeroni	Men's Inside
8/7/14	NC	Southern CI	6	Barbara Lowder	Women's Inside

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8/8/14	So. Afr	Gauteng North	2	Liz Lindeque	Kairos Outside
8/21/14	AL	Bibb CF	27	Joe Petrey	Men's Inside
8/21/14	AL	Aliceville Federal Womans	2	Alva Tate	Women's Inside
8/22/14	**IL**	**Illinois**	**1**	**Kristin Andrews**	Kairos Outside
8/28/14	MS	Parchman Unit 30	12	Steve Calvert	Men's Inside
8/29/14	CA	San Quentin SP	44	David Harris	Men's Inside
8/29/14	CA	Central CA Women's Facility	13	Sandy Stanphill	Women's Inside

For more future Weekend dates and information, please visit the www.mykairos.org website and click on Kairos Kalendar.

Kairos Excellence Awards and Banquet Guests

Kairos Board of Directors Chairperson, Jim Hankins, presented all out-going Board Members with an 'Excellence Award' for their outstanding service. Above, Jim and Ed Keefer, Priscilla Durkin, David Farmer and David Ross.

Above: Kathy Seabolt, Lee Arrendale Women's Prison Warden; Brian Owens, Georgia DOC Commissioner and guest speaker for the Kairos banquet; Evelyn Lemly and Susan Bishop, Lee Arrendale Chaplain and Voices of Hope Choir Director.

Left: The Friday night banquet was a special evening for the Kairos volunteers as they were treated to a spectacular musical performance by the "Voices for Hope" Choir from the Lee Arrendale Women's Prison, Alto, GA.

Kairos Honors Outstanding Volunteers

During the Kairos Prison Ministry's Winter Meetings, the Program Coordinators honored an Outstanding Kairos volunteer for their dedication and countless hours of service to the ministry. All of these honorees did this and so much more while always maintaining a selfless and humble spirit.

Above: Jo Chapman, Kairos Women's Ministries Coordinator and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Pat Rice, Kairos Outside, and JoEllen Rowe, Kairos Inside Women (right).

Left: Ken Rocks, Kairos Men's Ministries Coordinator and Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly honor Mike Stumbaugh
Below: Executive Director, Evelyn Lemly and Kairos Youth Ministries Coordinator, Kevin Resnover honor Ida Wheeler

"Thank You" to all of our volunteers. We truly appreciate all that you do to sustain, support and promote this wonderful ministry. May you and your families have a blessed Easter.

"……..I am the resurrection and the life." **John 11:25**

What Kairos Means to Me

By a Kairos Outside Graduate

Kairos came into my life during a season of heartbreak and despair. It has been almost three years ago; and at that time I'd been visiting my son at the prison in Kuna for more than 2 ½ years.

The frustration of his circumstance left me feeling utterly helpless and increasingly hopeless. My heart grew weary from sorrow and I cried out to God and prayed for mercy and help; then during prayer at a Friday night fellowship I was introduced to Kairos. I instantly knew God had heard my prayer and Kairos was His answer.

I arrived as a Guest of KO#1 excited to see how Kairos, God's answer to my desperation, could teach me how to live through the painful reality of my sons incarceration. I hoped someone here would share with me the secret to dealing with the IDOC (Idaho Department of Correction) so I might successfully advocate for and help my son.

From the moment I arrived here at the church I was bathed in the love of Jesus, with compassion, kindness, acceptance, and encouragement expressed toward me by the Kairos Team. The community of love I experienced by the generous outpouring of care and love I received throughout the weekend was like nothing I had ever known. God used this ministry, the songs, prayers, gifts, words of hope, manifestations of love to show me how much He loves and cares for me. I was so deeply moved by His love that my despair and hopelessness was now turned to joy and peace.

The answer I hoped for came not through gaining insight about IDOC but through the realization of Jesus' love and concern for both my son and I.

I know God has called me to this ministry and has blessed my life with opportunity to grow and develop relationships with this community of sisters and brothers; to love and serve others like myself whose lives have been impacted by incarceration.

Matthew 25:36
I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.

Psalm 139:17-18
How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them they would be more in number than the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

Kairos
K-Keeping the faith.
A-All about love
I- Individuals with a community of love
R-Realizing the community of love
O-Opportunity to make something of value come out of the broken heartaches of my son's incarceration.
S- Sisters on a journey for God's glory.

In Loving Memory

Kairos Prison Ministry International

Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers. A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one. Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

A memorial letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, along with the name (s) of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.