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KAIROS OUTSIDE

Sisters Helping Sisters . . . Helping Sisters

By Jo Chapman
Women's Ministries Coordinator

It never ceases to amaze me, by what I see at gatherings of Sisters in Kairos Outside communities. Once again, I got to see the heart of Kairos Outside.

At the first team meeting held in New York City in early May, I watched the heart begin to beat as the community present for the first team meeting, began to understand and share the real meaning of Kairos Outside. Coralie Joseph is going to be the first leader there and she is shepherding God's team in that effort.

One volunteer shared the pain experienced by his mother due to the incarceration of his brother. Two others in the church and his mother never told anyone where their children were. They carried the family guilt, shame and "the secret" for all that time…. alone. The volunteer was in grief himself as he began to understand what his mother's pain must have been like. Others that God had called to be on team for NYC KO #1, shared the pain of incarceration of family members and the awareness of the need for this ministry intensified.

The next day, Coralie and I witnessed the 10th year celebration of Kairos Outside Mid-Hudson, New York. The room was filled with former guests and team praising the Lord accompanied by wonderful, uplifting music. We shared a bountiful dinner together and listened to several women share the effect Kairos Outside has had on their lives. We shared in small groups about the talents that God gives each of us to be given to the world. Mid-Hudson Kairos Outside collected $520.00 from that group, which was presented by Fran Kwak (Mid-Hudson Advisory Council Chair) to Coralie as seed money for KO#1 in New York City. Many offers, by those present, were extended to come as Angels in support of the NYC KO #1 Weekend, July 24-26.

Finally, Barbara Peterson (outgoing Advisory Council Chair) passed out a small box with $5.00 in coins inside to each person present. The scripture about the "Parable of the Gold Coins" Luke 19:11-27 was read. A challenge was given to "multiply" the coins and return on the "Harvest Day," August 1, 2009.

The Harvest will provide the money needed for the September Kairos Outside in Mid-Hudson Weekend.

During that Weekend in New York, I felt the presence of Christ's love and the connection made between sisters who have experienced Kairos Outside together. That is the "Heart" of Kairos Outside.

Fran Kwak, KO Mid-Hudson, NY giving Coralie Joseph, Weekend Leader for KO #1 in New York City, seed money for their July 2009 Weekend.

Read about Kairos Prison Ministry International's progress in developing new ministries overseas and in the United States inside this issue.

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Recent Developments

John A. Thompson, Jr.

This is our first printed edition of God's Special Time in 2009. It is very frustrating that our finances in many ways dictate our ability to communicate with you. Each edition of God's Special Time costs us about $18,000. We enclose an envelope for a love offering and we very much appreciate the gifts we receive, but usually they only pay a portion of our printing and mailing expense. The newsletter goes to over 40,000 addresses.

We are pleased to report on the recent developments in Kairos. Our international ministry continues to grow as we have now had our first weekend in Peru. In July we will have a KO # 1 in New York City. Kairos Torch is in formation in Canada and our summer conference this year will be held in St. Catherine's, Canada. This summer we look forward to hosting Kairos representatives from Honduras, UK, Australia, South Africa, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Canada, and the USA.

We recently received an e-mail from a mother who thanked Kairos for the heartfelt change in her son. Last weekend, while attending a briss in Miami, I had the opportunity to share our ministry. I received such a warm and gracious welcome and appreciation for what our volunteers do. At a recent Mass our pastor spoke about God's grace and our total dependence on Christ for our life and salvation. These three events and others provided me this month with the constant reminder of what God accomplishes through you, our partners and volunteers. Kairos has always depended on the Christian spirit of volunteerism to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with inmates, their families and with those that work with them.

We must also never forget the victims of crime. There are no words of consolation sufficient for someone whose life has been radically affected by a serious crime. With over 2.5 million persons in prisons and jails and over $60 billion spent on incarceration, our entire society is a victim.

Each year approximately 700,000 persons are released from incarceration – about two-thirds of them violate parole or commit another crime and return. In an environment of reduced budgets, it is our contention that community intervention is the key.

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Faith-based community intervention and cognitive behavior modification arguably offers the best hope for real change in inmate behaviors. This coupled with effective re-entry strategies is needed to re-integrate an individual back into society. Re-entry strategies must address the needs we all have: lodging, food, transportation, medical and mental health care, a job or other means of support. We cannot, as a society, continue as usual and expect different results.

Get Ready for Summer

It's going to be great weather in Ontario this July, as the annual Summer Conference gathers for fellowship, prayer and planning.

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WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN

By Bill Rushing

(This is a reprint of a very wonderful article written by Lou Robbio, a former leader in the Cursillo movement, and one of our AKT-Inside trainers. Lou is currently recovering from very serious open-heart surgery and needs your prayers. This reprint is in honor of his love and dedication to the Kairos Inside Program)

Kairos Spiritual Ideals

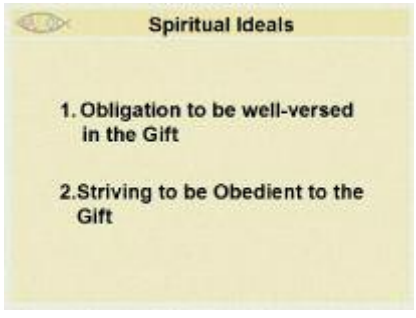
Kairos Prison Ministry International, as we know, has its roots in the Cursillo Movement. However, to better serve the specific mission of this ministry, it was necessary that certain adaptations be made to the Cursillo program content and its implementation.

We also know some of the differences between Cursillo and Kairos and the possible misunderstandings that can arise when we try to equate the Kairos Prison Ministry with Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias and other 4th-Day programs.

The concept and reality that we, as Kairos volunteers, need to understand and accept is that Cursillo was and is a gift from God, given to us through the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Kairos Prison Ministry, as developed by the "nine old men" and carried on by all of us is, by its very nature, an inspired gift from God as well.

So, accepting Kairos as a gift from God, we are obligated by our love and obedience to God to treat this ministry as we would any other gift from God. To do otherwise would be to reject God's gift. We are all aware that we are spiritually compelled to offer the best we can to the Lord. So how do we serve and honor the Lord in accepting His gift and using it as He intended it to be used for His greater glory?

First, we have an obligation to become well-versed in what this gift is all about. For us, that means that we have to read and study all sections of all the Kairos Program Manuals as they have been developed by the Board of Directors of KPMI. This requires commitment of time and effort over and above the commitment



to team meetings. It requires us to see the overall depth of the ministry and the essential parts of the ministry that make us who we are and what we intend to accomplish. In short, we have to be aware of the "what", the "how", and especially the "why" of what we do.

For example, the goal of the Kairos Inside ministry is to change the environment within the prison to a more Christ-like one. The method to do so is to be the leavening in the environment by the formation of prayer-and-share groups existing within the prison and especially within the various areas of the prison that most influence the total prison environment. The Weekend is designed to follow a specific format, and adherence to that format is essential to the success of the Weekend. Most importantly, the aspects of the Continuing Ministry (the Instructional Reunion, the Monthly Reunions and the 2-Day Retreat) must remain as part of the program. To do otherwise, would be to diminish the positive, opening-door effect of the Weekend and defeat the entire purpose for which the ministry was gifted to us.

The purpose of this article is to make the point that, unless we adhere to the ministry program as it has been designed, we are failing in varying

degrees in our service to the Lord who gave us this gift.

By eliminating, changing or otherwise revising what the literature actually provides, we are inserting our will or that of a group of Kairos volunteers as superior to those whom God has appointed to be responsible for this ministry, the Board of Directors of KPMI, Inc.

What is presented to us in our Program Manuals, Ezra and other sources of information, is the ideal. It is what we strive to do and accomplish as the Lord's servants.

It is well-established that any program or ministry, secular or spiritual,

is more effective when the leadership stays as close as possible to the foundational and practical elements of the program as designed. In other words, the program or ministry is more effective when it seeks to accomplish the ideal that has been established by its founders and implemented in accordance with the norms established. If this is true for all of us in our lives, in secular organizations or in any other group or organization, it is that much more applicable to our ministry.

We are compelled by the very nature, purpose and method of Kairos Inside to seek to achieve the ideal in every possible way. Our failure to do so will diminish the impact of the ministry on the prison population and defeat the purpose for which the Lord graced us with this exceptional gift.

Fully armed with the knowledge of the ministry and the willingness to make the commitment to present the ideal as given to us, we (you) have an awesome responsibility to commit to doing everything humanly possible to achieve the ideal in accordance with the program directives and to encourage other Kairos volunteers to make the same commitment to the Lord and to the accomplishment of the goals of the ministry through adherence to the ideal. We can do no less!

(Thank you, Lou, for your insight and personal challenge to us to stay true to this God-gifted ministry… Bill)

"REHABILITATIVE LOVE"

By Kevin Resnover

With her laptop in hand and books spread out across the bed, my wife has the master bedroom on lockdown, and is intensely studying for her college exams. Feeling the need to be productive myself, I mimic her behavior and commandeer the kitchen counter with my book, papers and laptop… after all there are several emails and letters I can answer away from the office while updating our Torch mentoring materials. Taking a deep breath I launch into my emails to see which ones I can respond to and discover that I have just received one from Fred Yosua our Torch Committee Chairman. Well at least I know I'm not the only person working on Torch from home and on my day off. Intrigued by his opening paragraph I opened up the attachments and discovered a wonderful letter from the Chaplain of the facility Fred serves at. After reading the attachments, I immediately sent an email back asking if I could share this letter with you. Following is that letter from Acting Chaplain Dan Mercer.

"A large line of about 20 kids streamed down the corridor of Long Creek Youth Development Center late Friday evening, not quite sure what to expect for the upcoming Kairos weekend. They had all been individually invited by the chaplain and agreed to take part in the Torch in-house youth retreat put on the by the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Entering a large multi-purpose room they were met by a well trained group of 30 volunteers. As each resident entered the room they were introduced, one at time, with a loud round of applause and then met by their individual weekend guide. Each guide was to befriend, encourage and participate with the kids for the next three days and then continue as a mentor for an additional six months. Within minutes the room was abuzz with the friendly sounds of conversation. Lots of snacks and soda helped do the rest. An atmosphere of warmth and anticipation filled the room and the Kairos Weekend was only just beginning.

This is not at all the typical experience for teens here at Long Creek. Often the weekends are long, boring and filled with kids wishing they were home or just somewhere else. It is hard for outsiders to understand how time itself becomes its own prison when you are a teen, locked up and all alone. Time is one of the constants of prison life and despite the many efforts of the counselors, staff and school, this time is often wasted.

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The Kairos Weekend was different. It was well, just fun; fun for everyone - volunteers and kids alike. It would have been fun for teens even outside these prison walls. The residents were

disarmed by the love, hope and friendship like a warm blanket of support wrapped around them. This certainly helped open them to receive the message that God loved them, that He created them as both special and unique. Sometimes these messages are a hard sell to kids in prison who don't trust much. Belief in God and oneself does not come easily.

It was clear by the Weekend's end that a lot of ground had been covered. Without a single negative incident the boys left the youth retreat changed. Many of these kids now recounting how they were willing to believe a message that they had previously rejected; a huge step forward. This is good news here at Long Creek, one worth sharing with the world. The depth of change a Weekend can make is hard to gage when one is surrounded by bars and concrete. Many years of negative thinking and acting take a long time to reverse, but this change needs to start somewhere. At Long Creek, we now have 20 kids matched with 20 new mentors ready to make that effort.

As chaplain at Long Creek, I am very thankful for this added help to reach out to our states most at risk teens. The Kairos team is incredible and we look forward to their being an important part of the rehabilitative work here for years to come. The work involved in putting on such an event is a little staggering. They will constantly need more volunteers to sign up and take part in future youth retreats if this experience is to repeat itself next year. Please consider joining this effort and reaching our kids for Christ."

I must admit that there are times when I question our efforts and effectiveness when dealing with such wounded youth. But letters like these and dedicating volunteers like those that serve in Kairos Torch inspire and even empower me to do all I can to bring the message of Christ love to these youth "imprison by time". I pray Acting Chaplain Dan Mercer's letter has inspired you to do the same.

Torch arrives in North Carolina at Youth Development Center

By Ken Anthony
Mentoring Coordinator

After months of meetings, recruiting campaigns and training sessions, the first North Carolina Torch Weekend retreat was launched in October 2008. Twenty incarcerated boys, ages 14-18, twenty-five volunteers and a receptive facility staff came together to experience God's incredible love at the C. A. Dillon Youth Development Center, near Raleigh in Butner, North Carolina.

While many of the volunteers were familiar with Kairos, only two team members had previous Torch experience. So, we were fortunate to have Kevin Resnover, International Torch Coordinator, with us to give us encouragement and to keep us on message. We exposed the boys to Christian principles, ate wonderful meals, sang lots of songs and shared God's unconditional love. Certainly, team members left our first Weekend with the feeling that we were making a positive impact on the lives of twenty boys.

But, little did we know that the best was yet to come! All twenty boys showed up for the first mentoring session and we soon learned that the "heart" of Torch was in the "one-on-one" mentoring relationship. As of this writing, we are about halfway through our first six-month period and with the exception of three boys who have been released, all of the remaining seventeen are faithfully attending regular mentoring meetings. We have moved from an initial acquaintance phase into sessions that discuss choices, consequences, short and long-term goals, obstacles, ways to overcome obstacles and tentative plans upon release.

One of the boys recently mentioned to his mentor that while a video shown on the weekend stressed that each of the boys was a "special creation" made by God, he was for the first time in his life beginning to feel that he indeed was a special creation! He also reported that he looked forward to Torch meetings because "a whole bunch of outside people show interest in me."

Another mentor provided the following: "I had met Maurice, the 16 year-old boy who was to become my 'mentee', during the 2½ day weekend retreat and although he seemed lively and talkative enough around his peers, he was very quiet when it was just the two of us. I was nervous, wondering how I could fulfill the Kairos motto of 'Listen, Listen, Love, Love,' if he wasn't talking.

As the mentoring weeks went by and we worked through some of the lessons, I realized Maurice was quick to catch on to things. At our session before Christmas, Maurice rushed to find me with an envelope in his hand.

Ken Anthony

It was a Christmas card with a religious picture and this message: 'May your heart be lifted in joy at the true meaning of this wondrous season.' What really blew me away was the handwritten personal message he wrote: 'May I always be in your prayers, cause you're always in mine. Much love, Maurice.' What an unexpected blessing for me! Imagine, a 16 year-old incarcerated boy praying for me, a 71 year-old woman!"

Even at the halfway point in our mentoring cycle, it is apparent that trusting relationships are being developed.

Some plant and some water, but God gives the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

North Carolina News Media Praises Kairos Work in State

By August Brown
SCI #1 Weekend Leader

The long tradition of providing support to the troubled in our area is now reaching out to those who have ended up in North Carolina correctional institutions.

Area Christians are embracing a worldwide Christian ministry called Kairos. Internationally, there are 70,000 volunteers carrying the gospel message into prisons. Currently, there are over 800 volunteers in North Carolina serving 14 high security prisons.

Locally, Scotland Correctional Institution (SCI), a men's facility, opened in 2005 near Laurinburg, NC, has 1,000+ inmates and a staff of over 400. SCI will become the 15th institution in the state to welcome Kairos. A new women's facility that recently opened in Troy has also welcomed Kairos.

Saturday, May 2, interested volunteers gathered at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pinehurst to learn how they and their congregations can become involved in the first Kairos to be offered to SCI.

What does the word Kairos mean? Kairos is a Greek word for time, not elapsed time or clock time, but the time of a "special moment."

"In the prison setting, it is the moment when an individual (resident) accepts the personal relationship that Christ offers and embraces a Christian lifestyle in that difficult setting" says a spokesperson.

The Kairos program supports the efforts of the prison chaplain as a Christian community emerges within the walls.

Kairos focuses on core Christian concepts and lifestyle, it is non-denominational and does not proselytize nor discuss and compare Christianity to other belief systems.

Kairos volunteers don't come once and go away. As SCI, a team of 50 volunteers will provide a four-day Weekend event twice a year. After a Weekend, team members return for monthly "reunions" that are organized by the inside Kairos alumni. Volunteers also support small group prayer and discussion meetings that are scheduled by the chaplain.

North Carolina prisoners at SCI take a 'ropes course' to build teamwork.

Contact Gus Brown via cell phone at (210) 691-1371 for more information.

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Kairos Outside Northern California #46

By Bonnie Roe

After having spent my first weekend at a Kairos Outside retreat in San Francisco during March, God touched my heart with so many feelings that I knew I had to capture them in a painting, if I could. So I began to sketch events of the weekend that had an impact on my life.

Starting on the upper left of the painting is a silhouette that represents our incarcerated loved ones. The light shining in the window signifies hope, and the gold halo represents God's presence. Having a loved one incarcerated is very painful.

By painting the sky it gave me a feeling of peace and freedom for our loved ones. The theme, "He Never Lets Go" was the focus of the KO weekend. I am convinced that my God never lets go. It was an unbelievable experience, especially in the church. The church was a place that we gathered together and share photos of our loved ones.

As we were looking at the photos, sadness and happiness surrounded us all. It was like nothing I had ever felt in church before. What I experience with the other women was awesome. One of the women was my team contact who loved eating lemons, so I painted a lemon to represent her.

The whole weekend was all about fun, food, music, prayer and surprises. The symbol of the cats in tuxedos represented the elegant dinner that we shared on Saturday night. My sisters and I were treated like queens. We each were presented with a rose, a tiara, and a floral crown as they introduced us to our sisters in the dining room. As we were each escorted to our seats, applause rang out and I truly felt loved and important.

The guitar and key board were symbols of the music that we sang throughout the weekend that lightened my heart. My sisters and I received many gifts, both spiritual and material, throughout the weekend. Our first gift on Friday night was a hand sewn teddy bear that had a heart sewn inside its chest. I was surprised and amazed at the generosity of our hosts.

I painted a floral arrangement, which symbolizes the abundant gift of flowers that my sisters and I received on Sunday morning as we lay in bed. As the Angels passed by me giving me flower after flower, my eyes filled with tears. I had never received so many flowers at one time in all my life. I was over whelmed.

The last surprise on Sunday was a birthday party complete with bubbles, balloons, candy and clowns. As clowns approached each of us, I felt God's love and presence radiating from their eyes. At that moment, I felt that I was not alone anymore and that God was there with all of us.

My weekend retreat with Kairos Outside was a weekend in heaven. I am grateful for this life changing experience. I praise God for being present in such an awesome organization called Kairos Outside.

May God Bless you all.

I went to a Kairos Outside Reunion and saw this beautiful picture that Bonnie Roe, pictured, painted after her special KO Weekend. I thought the Kairos community needed to see her wonderful creative representation of what she experienced on that weekend. - Jo Chapman, Women's Inside and Kairos Outside Coordinator.

The Positive Effects of Kairos Outside

By Christine Parker
KO West Tennessee

It's a familiar scene - 60 women: 20 guests and 40 team members gathered in the small chapel, crosses hanging around necks, ready to walk across the hall to the community room. But this time the walk led to something less familiar, a rare glimpse into the true, deeper working of God.

The closing itself is a common enough occurrence in the KPMI world. Every Weekend, in every branch of the ministry, celebrates the closing with the larger Kairos community. This time, though, a theme would surface that would bring both joy and heartbreak to the witnessing team and community.

The walk across the hall to the community room is full of joy and thanksgiving. The guests enjoy the rambunctious entry into their new community. Then, when all is quiet and the women in their seats, the invitation to share comes. And so it begins…the sharing by the guests of what the Weekend meant and how it will change their lives.

I don't remember who said it first, but I remember how deeply it struck at my heart. "I have never been around people who are so positive. All of these women are so genuinely happy and positive," a sentiment that would be repeated throughout the course of this closing.

The first heartstring resounds with joy; God gave these women respite in a community of happiness. Not surface, false cheerfulness, but a deep and abiding hopefulness that comes only from God and rises to the surface as a positive, happy, cheerful confidence.

The second heartstring rings a deep bass of sadness as I realize what this means.

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The experience of the Kairos Prison Ministry

By Lori Crock

There are so few of them. Life-changing moments that is. But I experienced one on Sunday evening as I had the privilege of attending a closing ceremony of a men's Kairos Weekend at the North Central Correctional Institute in Marion, Ohio.

Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay-led, ecumenical movement that addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, children and families of those who work in a prison environment. Often best known as 'Cookies for Kairos,' this ministry feeds stomachs and souls.

As Christ served both the physical and spiritual needs of His people, as with the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, an important aspect of this ministry is the physical feeding of the men with homemade cookies and homemade meals throughout the weekend. This is a rare treat in prison; fresh fruit and vegetables are practically unheard of here, and inmates have been known to actually cry and say, "I haven't seen a fresh strawberry in 16 years."

In addition to the physical feeding, there is of course, the spiritual feeding by the Kairos team and the prison chaplains through personal sharing and by the Word of God. A lesser-known aspect of this ministry is the letter-writing campaign—as the Kairos team and other parishioners write personal letters to each of the 42 inmates. For some, unbelievably, this is the only mail they will ever receive in prison.

At this closing ceremony the crowd of visitors, Kairos team members, and Kairos graduates sang *When the Saints go Marching In* to welcome the inmates to the closing. Many of the 42 inmates who were selected by the prison chaplain to participate in this Weekend, admitted that when the Weekend began on Thursday evening they were feeling "scared, lost, alone, downtrodden, hopeless, desperate, as an empty soul, one with a stony heart."

But after the Weekend of prayer and sharing, and the experience of God's love and forgiveness, with the leadership and support of the members of the Kairos team and prison staff, they felt, in their words, "Freedom from past failures … Renewed faith … Relationships, brotherhood, love, and caring … Spiritual growth … Wholeness and freedom … A believing in myself and in Christ … Forgiveness and healing … The real Jesus … A human heart … An overabundance of joy and love … An experience of God and we know that God loves us …"

With incredible dedication, the Kairos team gave 8 Saturdays of preparation and led the 3-day Weekend away from their families, and they will tell you that they would not trade it for the world. Their encouragement and love for these inmates is truly a living, breathing example of ordinary people being transformed by God's love into the hands and feet of Christ.

The public witness by the inmates at this closing ceremony was moving, heartfelt, and uplifting with men, ages 18-78, crying and publicly sharing their new faith, hope, love and joy to a room full of about 150 people.

"We walked in as strangers to each other," said one man in the family of Peter. "We walked out dripping with love and watching the Spirit moving in us." Six inmates and three Kairos team members (one is a clergy) form a 'family,' with families named after the disciples: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James and John.

"I am learning to love with God's love and to show love to my brother with a new respect," said a member of the family of Mark. "I served Satan for a long time. It isn't nothing like how I am going to serve God."

"All those labels we carry around with us and what society hangs on us," said a member of the family of John, referring to the exercise of writing down the labels society places on them and then ripping those labels off the poster. "Finally I was able to let go of those labels and begin to think of myself as lovable by God."

"Only God could give me my peace in my heart. I can start over," said a member of the family of Peter. "I am a prayer warrior. I believe that is why I am here … to pray for the walls of hearts of others to open."

"I have no resentment anymore," said an inmate referring to the group exercise of writing down resentments on water-soluble paper and watching it dissolve instantly in water. "When that paper dissolved I had no more resentment, no more hatred. God remodels and reshapes us. I am now a child of God."

Did the men state what crime they had committed? Some did, but most didn't. It didn't matter. The Weekend was about forgiveness: forgiving themselves and forgiving others, accepting Christ's love, and accepting the really hard task of loving their inmate brothers and living out this new life in prison. Monthly prayer and share meeting will help and the Kairos graduates lean on each other for support.

My prayer is for these men to stay strong on their journey. It won't be easy, but it isn't easy for any of us. So I will pray for them, and in the words of an inmate, "I will pray for each person who is praying for me," and none of us can ever have too many prayers.

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It is no surprise to me; after all, this is the very reason we host Kairos Outside weekends. But the deep, melancholic tone has a different tenor to it and my soul hears it in a completely new way: God gave these beautiful guests respite from communities that are filled with darkness. Sadness, fear, anger, despair are the true and genuine feelings they meet daily in their communities. And to this they will return in a matter of moments.

Heartbroken, I found myself on my knees over the course of the following weeks praying for the darkness in these communities to be lifted. Praying for shafts of God's light to penetrate and warm our new KO sisters and those who live with and around them.

It is so easy to go about familiar ministry and become complacent about the effects of the ministry. No one does it purposely, but we get used to hearing that a life was changed, a sense of worthiness granted and isolation lifted.

The moments when my soul connects at a deeper level with the cry of another soul are the moments God uses to remind, inspire and humble me. Kairos Outside is more than a weekend. It is more than OL, SD, TL, and Agape.

It is God granting respite. And it is God sending shafts of His redeeming light into the darkest of communities through the transformed lives of His guests.

The Long Road for the #1 Weekend at NC Southern CI

By Mary Ketter, Weekend Leader

Kairos Inside for Women has been entering the gates of North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW) for over fifteen years. NCCIW houses over 1,250 women and in October 2004, due to overcrowding, they were forced to transfer some of their population to another facility. This other facility was Southern Correctional Institution (SCI) in Troy, NC. SCI had been a men's prison since 1983 and was capable of housing 550 residents. Once they disbursed the men to other facilities they transferred women from Raleigh to Troy but it took some time and most of the women chosen to go to Troy were the long-timers, however, there were those that requested to be transferred as well. Out of the 550 residents in SCI, 140 of them have been through Kairos. In fact, one of the first questions to the Chaplain when they arrived in Troy was "can we have Kairos here?" Unfortunately that fell to deaf ears and it took two years for them to have an official Prayer and Share times. But this did not discourage the Kairos veterans. They were determined to continue to pray, not only for Prayer and Share, but for the entire Kairos program.

During the first initial two years, Kairos sent representatives to speak with the Chaplain and explain the program. SCI was not use to offering up programs as such to the women…you have to remember that this was a men's facility… and those types of programs were not accepted, therefore, Kairos did not get far. The women still prayed and prayed! There prayers were beginning to be answered in January 2007 when SCI hired Chaplain Priscilla Durkin. Chaplain Durkin was instrumental in getting Prayer and Share set up and on track for the women in the Spring of 2007 – we give God all the glory! As the new-girl-on-the block, she inquired about Kairos but did not get very far. Therefore, her efforts about Kairos were unheard.

In the Fall of 2007, it was brought to the Advisory Council at NCCIW that there was a new chaplain at SCI and no one had been in touch with SCI for awhile. I raised my hand and offered to help. The next part is divine intervention at its best! I called to speak with the new chaplain only to find out that we had served together on a Kairos Weekend at NCCIW several years earlier! She knew the power of this program and was willing to help with getting the word to the right people about Kairos. Our journey began.

Now that the Chaplain had a year under her belt, she was able to convince the officials to have a reunion of the Kairos volunteers and the Kairos residents. The women that had been praying for the last three years were ecstatic as were the volunteers who had not seen some of these women for three years! It was a memorable reunion and we all talked about how history was being made at SCI. More prayers answered!

Prayers continued for a Kairos Weekend! Chaplain Durkin was able to secure a meeting with the administration of SCI in February 2008. About eight folks attended from Custody, Programs, Administration and Chaplaincy were involved. Unfortunately, Mr. Miller, Superintendent was unable to attend, however, the folks assured me that they would share with Mr. Miller the information was shared. At this meeting, I baked each attendee a bag of cookies to demonstrate about how we were called the "Cookie Ministry." Everyone agreed that Kairos was something that women needed in Troy and the testimonies from Kairos veterans didn't hurt! Again, the women of SCI were behind this effort every step of the way! I've heard stories that they shared with some of the officers about and how it had changed their lives! Not bad publicity!

After much email exchange with the Chaplain, we finally had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Miller and review the Institutional Agreement in July 2008. By the way, Mr. Miller wanted to know where his cookies were. He had heard that we gave out cookies at the last meeting! Yikes! It was an exciting time for Kairos. However, we hit a brick wall. Mr. Miller was not convinced that this was not going to be staff-intensive, so through Jo Chapman, Kairos Women's Ministry Coordinator, we were able to have a phone call between Superintendent Miller and Warden Money. He still wasn't convinced. That agreement sat for months on his desk. We continued with reunions every other month and daily prayers! I called and emailed the Chaplain every month and sometimes every week! Finally in January of 2009, I called the Chaplain to see what could we do to push it forward? Chaplain informed me that Mr. Miller was reconsidering. The agreement was signed at the end of January and now the true journey begins!

The prayers through this entire process, from the Kairos veterans from within the walls of SCI, has been remarkable to say the least. All along they have yearned for Kairos and knew that getting it to SCI was only the beginning. We've been able to share with the residents that when starting a Kairos from the beginning will mean getting the community at large involved. And they were aware of the cost involved for getting something started. So, the best gesture of all was receiving a letter from the Women's Service Club at SCI, which is comprised of 90% Kairos graduates. They wanted to make a $200 donation to the Kairos #1! I was blown away! This would translate to thousands of dollars on the outside! The Chaplain told me that it took the Service Club months to get this approved. Typically, the women are not allowed to make a donation to a program, so for them to forge on with their initial prayer and vision to not only get Kairos in but to make sure that they contributed, really has touched many hearts.

The following is from a letter from Sakina M Steele, Southern CI Women's Service Club Advisor:

The Women's Service Club of Southern Correctional Institution in Troy, NC would like to make a contribution to your program. A donation has been enclosed with this letter. We are very excited to help and we look forward to the retreat in August. These funds have been donated to assist with the purchase of the needed supplies for the retreat to be held here at SCI's female facility in August. Notice of receipt of your donation would be greatly appreciated.
God Bless you.

In order to make their donation special, we are using the $200 to make two crosses: one for the big Chapel area and the other for the small Chapel area. Hopefully, one will look like the hand-held cross that we use during the Weekend and the other will have the Kairos logo in the middle. We will have a metal plate on the bottom of the cross that says, "Donated by the Women's Service Club of SCI for Kairos #1 August 2009. This will be in memory of prayers and their valiant effort to make this possible!

God is working in all sorts of ways to let these women feel like they are contributing. The atmosphere when inside SCI is electric! The call it the God camp!

Kairos holds a Latin American Seminar in Nicaragua

By Wayne Park

Over the period of April 22-24, twenty two representatives from our Kairos communities in Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru and Nicaragua met in a retreat center just outside of Managua, Nicaragua to share Kairos experiences and to identify steps to enhance the effectiveness of Kairos programs in each of their countries.

The specific objectives that brought all together were the following:

❑ Build a closer Kairos Latin America community.
❑ Structure an agape sharing system to assure that all Kairos events in the region have agape and prayer support from the entire Latin American Kairos family.
❑ Develop board and individual volunteer capability, commitment and follow-up for the extension of Kairos recognition, volunteers and financial support in each individual country.
❑ Find mechanisms for crossing interdenominational and socio/economic barriers which deter Kairos effectiveness and growth.
❑ Identify and develop additional long-term funding for Latin American Kairos operations.

The seminar was led by the team of Wayne Park, Kairos liaison for Latin America and Gabriela Gámez, KPMI trainer from California. Most all of the seminar was conducted in small groups with intermixing of countries so that maximum cross-fertilization of ideas was possible.

The seminar began with each delegation making a presentation of the Kairos activities in their country along with a summary of successes and challenges they encounter. We then followed with a sequence of activities that covered the topic of how to assure effective Kairos development:

❑ What constitutes an effective Kairos Board?
❑ Practicing telling God's stories as a primary tool for recruitment.
❑ How to do Kairos outreach in the Latin American context.
❑ How to solicit and acquire funding in the Latin American context.

To conclude this day, each country delegation regrouped to formulate a draft country plan for steps to be taken to answer the following questions:

❑ How do we improve the effectiveness of our Kairos Board?
❑ How do we improve the recognition of Kairos in our country?
❑ What are we going to do to acquire more volunteers?
❑ What additional Kairos programs are we planning?
❑ What are we going to do to raise the funds needed for Kairos operation in our country?

The content of these draft plans was reported by each delegation first thing in the session of the following day.

The participants were then divided according to their interest into three groups to work out plans concerning the following topics:

❑ Communications – preparing and distributing Kairos Weekend as well as general development reports among the Latin American communities as well as with KPMI and especially KPMI donor communities.
❑ The organization of agape and prayer support for all Kairos weekend events in Latin America.
❑ The design and management of Latin American web pages for the KPMI website.

The seminar was filled with worship and song. Gabriela Gámez led the first worship with a wonderful meditation on "Being a door for Christ". Then for morning and evening worship, each of the four countries led a service with materials that fit wonderfully with what we were working to achieve in the seminar. Music came from the Nicaragua Kairos music team along with wonderful singing.

And, not all was work, in a break in seminar activities, an international soccer competition yielded great shouts of success and screams of terror on the part of the female goalies who volunteered (?) to cover those positions. The food was scrumptious, prepared by a Nicaraguan Kairos community cook team.

Kairos is blessed to have such a dedicated and loving set of folks supporting our ministry in Latin America.

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TENTATIVE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday: 9:30 - 10:40 AM
* Aftercare/Reentry Pilot Progran - Ronan Dillard
* Care of the Soul - Jo Chapman
* Five Love Languages - Joan Hyatt
* Kairos Donor Workshop - George Brown
* The Program Committee: What it is, what it does, and how it works - Lauren Wiebe
* Torch: A Mandate to Mentor - Bryan Wheeler

Friday: 10:50 - 12:00 PM
* Advisory Council Training - John Thompson
* Friend Raising/Planned Giving - Paul McGlone
* Kairos Inside - Bill Rushing
* EZRA for KO - Mike Springer/Sally Boutin
* Music: A Doorway to the Heart - Carol Deel
* Recruiting Busy People to do God's Work - Angelo LaDuca

Friday: 1:45 - 3:00 PM
* Aftercare/Reentry Pilot Progran - Ronan Dillard
* Financial Responsibility - Brett Beemer/George Brown
* KO:The rest of the Story - Marilyn Elkins
* KPMI Organization and Functionality Restructuring - Bill Young
* Volunteer Recruitment - Mike Springer/Bill Rushing

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:40 AM
* Aftercare/Reentry Pilot Progran - Ronan Dillard
* Care of the Soul - Jo Chapman
* EZRA: Best Practices - Mike Springer
* Long-Range Planning: a Key to Success for State Committee - Steve Gabriel
* Music: A Doorway to the Heart - Carol Deel

Saturday: 10:50 - 12:00 PM
* EZRA for KO - Mike Springer/Sally Boutin
* Five Love Languages - Joan Hyatt
* Kairos Inside - John Thompson
* Recruiting Busy People to do God's Work - Angelo LaDuca
* Torch: Ministering to Children of the Incarcerated - Erica Warren

Saturday: 1:15 - 2:30 PM
* Advisory Council Operating Procedures for KO - Pat Rice
* Advisory Council Training - Bill Rushing
* Aftercare/Reentry Pilot Progran - Ronan Dillard
* Kairos Donor Workshop - George Brown
* Role of the Clergy on the Weekend - Eldon Rynders

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Caregiver's Choice: Mentoring for Children of Incarcerated Parents

You know the facts: America has a higher incarceration rate than any other country in the world. A recent study from The Pew Center on the States revealed that the United States has just become the first nation with one of every one hundred adults in jail or prison. [1]

However, what those statistics do not reveal is the reality that many of the men and women behind bars are also fathers and mothers. More than two million children have a parent in state or federal prison. [2]

These children are, in a sense, punished alongside their parents. Besides the obvious struggle of being separated from a parent, children with incarcerated parents are exposed to a wide range of difficulties, including unstable living situations, strained finances, and the stigma that often accompanies this issue—and all these things potentially lead to emotional and behavioral struggles. [3]

Mentoring—a structured, one-to-one relationship between a young person and a caring, adult role model—is a proven positive youth development strategy. The federal government acknowledges the value of mentoring, funding numerous initiatives aimed at broadening the scope and availability of mentoring to diverse populations—including children of incarcerated parents.

Unique Program Serves Unique Population

One such initiative is Caregiver's Choice, a Department of Health and Human Services demonstration project, administered by MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership. This unique project empowers incarcerated parents and caregivers to connect their children to quality mentoring programs in their geographic area. In its first year and a half, Caregiver's Choice has helped connect more than 6,000 children to quality mentoring services.

When a child with an incarcerated parent enrolls in Caregiver's Choice, their parent or caregiver receives a voucher in the mail, along with a list of the approved mentoring programs in their area. A parent or caregiver takes this voucher—essentially a scholarship for mentoring—to the program that best fits the needs of their child. Across the country, there are nearly 500 approved mentoring providers offering mentoring services through Caregiver's Choice; these programs have completed training specifically preparing them to work with children and families impacted by incarceration.

Tapping into This Resource

As a Kairos volunteer, you can provide information to incarcerated parents or to caregivers. For Kairos Inside, you can share Caregiver's Choice in a variety of ways with participants who are parents: at 3 ½-day Weekend retreats, Instructional Reunions, or 2-Day Retreats, for instance. At Kairos Outside weekends, you can offer Caregiver's Choice resources to guests who are caring for a child aged 4 to 18.

If you are interested, we would be happy to mail you brochures about this free resource. Our brochures contain a postage-paid tear-off card that parents can mail in to request further information.

To learn more about this unique program, please visit our Web site at http://www.mentoring.org/caregiverschoice/, call us at 877-333-2464, or e-mail us at caregiverschoice@daremightythings.com.

Thank you for your committed service to incarcerated individuals and their families.

1 *One in 100: Behind Bars in America 2008*. The Pew Center on the States.

2 *Broken Bonds—Understanding and Addressing the Needs of Children with Incarcerated Parents*. The Urban Institute Justice Policy Center. February 2008.

3 Ibid.

Agape Protocol

By Pat Dickey
State Agape Coordinator Central PA

A loving hello to all the agape coordinators. There are a few things that have come up recently regarding agape that is being sent to the different facilities.

First of all, I would like to remind volunteers to please read their manuals on how agape should be prepared and sent. The references are the Weekend Manual (Blue Manual), PP.111, 31 - 34; KO Manual PP. 27 - 30, and KT Manual PP. 29 as concerns the preparation and distribution of expressions of general agape. A few things that need to be addressed when sending out agape.

Please put the name of the facility and the state in which the facility is located on the agape. Also if the agape is sent out of the country, please be sure that you indicate that this is from the USA. Ex. SCI Greene, PA. (USA) when needed. There are many that come through with no location on them at all and unfortunately these are unable to be used.

Send agape at least three weeks in advance as some facilities

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Recent Visits With A Few Of Our Kairos Founders

By Paul McGlone

Over the past few years I have been able to get to know a few of our Kairos Founders (the Nine Old Men) quite well. It has been an honor during the past several months to be able to spend time with some of these wonderful men.

As I have become more familiar with them, it is clear that these men have made tremendous sacrifices of their time and gifts to build the foundation for what Kairos is today. These men are proud of the thousands of humble volunteers we have throughout the United States and world today.

Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of getting to know John Divito, Cal Glover, Nils Shwitzer or Ted Glocker. These men were part of this wonderful team of founders, but have since passed on. The remaining founders have shared with me that these men were tremendous servants and shared the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with hundreds of men and women.

I enjoyed getting to know John Caldwell while going on walks with him and his dog, Molly, around a nearby lake. John would spend the entire time talking about Kairos and what a significant part it played in his life. During one visit, Jack Kapanka, the author of the song *My Kairos*, joined us for lunch. Jack got on one knee and sang My Kairos for John. Mr. Caldwell said that was one of the greatest moments of his life. At John's funeral this past January, I was amazed to realize how many people's lives John had touched. The church was full of people from so many different walks of life, but because of John's impact on their own lives, they have grown to be strong supporters of this great ministry.

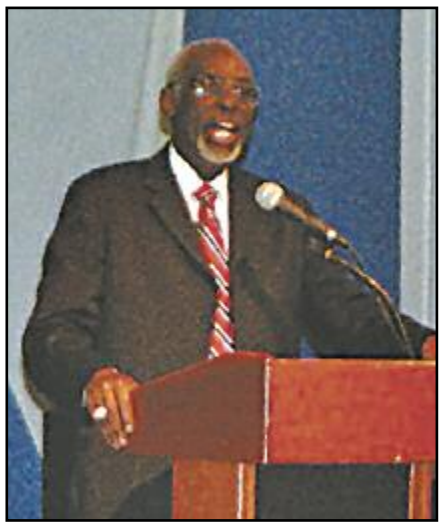
Clarence Hodges is a good friend. Many of you know his son, Leo, a Catholic Priest who does a tremendous job speaking at various Kairos conferences. Clarence has always been very caring about all people around him. He recently asked me to do a road trip with him to Miami to visit two of our original founders, Tom Johnson and Cleve Bell.

Clarence and I had a wonderful afternoon with Tom, who was a lawyer and university professor and according to the other 8 of the "Nine Old Men" a key player in the Kairos inception. In 1975, he began dreaming of a Cursillo Weekend to take place inside prison. From that point on, the concept of Kairos was cultivated and has since developed into the international ministry as we know it today.

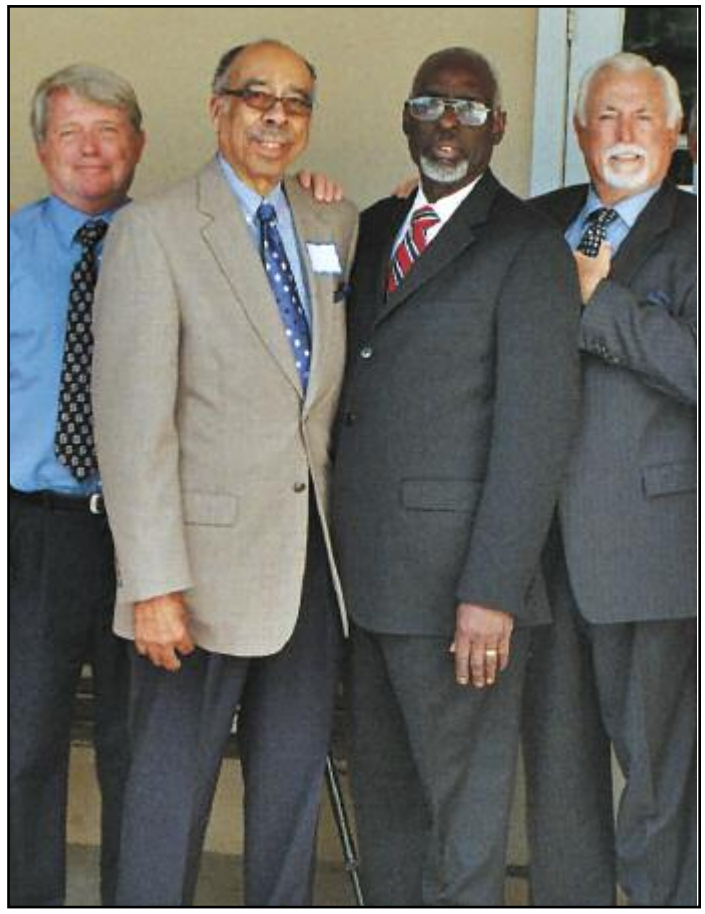
During that visit with Tom, Clarence and I enjoyed viewing prize-winning quilts that Tom's wife, La Verne, makes. The quilts are quite beautiful – you know that much love and creativity went into every stitch. Even their cat and dog, two of the most loving animals I have run into, were a reflection of the love this couple gives to all of God's creatures.

After our visit with the Johnsons, Clarence and I attended a large fundraising breakfast for Riverside House in Miami, which is an award winning resource for the homeless. The Executive Director of this center, Cleve Bell, is the youngest of the original founders of Kairos.

Shortly after spending some time at the Dade County Stockade in the 70's, Cleve took part in a Cursillo Weekend and soon after was a tremendous addition to our Kairos team of founders. At the breakfast, Cleve asked Clarence and I to stand and then spoke about Kairos and the miracles and changed lives he had witnessed.



Above, Cleve Bell addresses attendees at the fundraising breakfast for Riverside House homeless shelter in Miami.



Right, Paul McGlone, left, with Clarence Hodges, Cleve Bell and Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy.

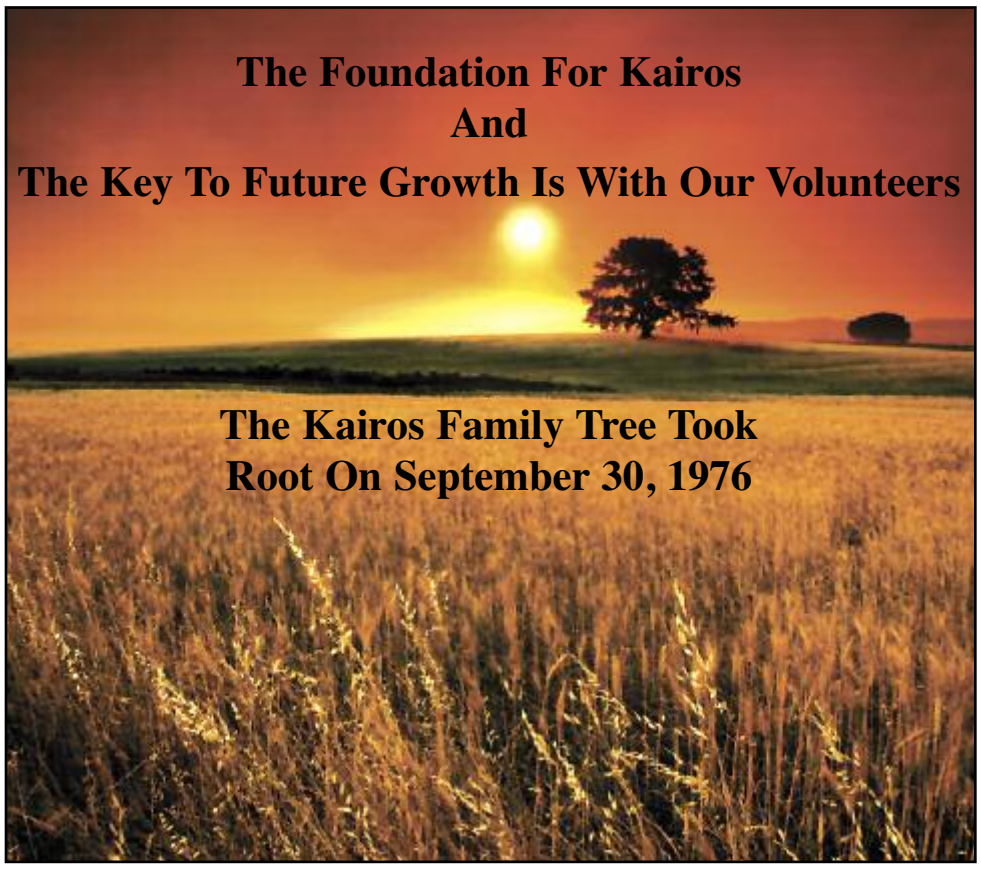
Joe Gurtis is currently having some health challenges. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Dick Day, another dedicated founder, is 90 years young. Clarence Hodges and I have been out to visit founder Joe Gurtis on a few occasions recently. They end up reminiscing about the long bus rides across Florida in the early stages of the Kairos Ministry back in the 1970's. As with all the other founders, their eyes sparkle when they remind each of the early days of Kairos. Dick continued to drive other volunteers to reunions until recently.

All of these nine men are unique and gifted - all having the same basic drive of introducing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to as many of the incarcerated and their loved ones as possible.

On behalf of the staff of Kairos Prison Ministry International, I would like to thank every one of our volunteers and supporters for enabling the dreams of these humble servants to continue to grow and put the light of Jesus Christ in the eyes of so many men, women and youth. Please continue to support us as best you can with your time, talents and gifts.

This is the most challenging time in the thirty-two year history of our ministry. In the spirit of our nine original founders, I ask that you please support our International Office with a gift of whatever is possible in the enclosed envelope.



History of Kairos Prison Ministry Board Chairpersons

Tom Johnson—1976-1979
Nils Schwitzer
Charles Ferrell
Elery May—1986-1987
Thornton Crouch—1988-1989
Wally Scott—1990-1992
George Lyrene—1993-1994
John Musser—1995-1996
Ruben Garza—1997-1999
George Wakefield—2000-2001
Ross Anderson—2002-2003
Cameron Cooke 2004-2006
Denny Fryman—2007-2008
Steve Gabriel—2008-2009

Above, a dedicated volunteer and three of Kairos' wonderful original founders: Kevin Schweizer, left, Clarence Hodges, Joe Gurtis and Dick Day.

Below: Founder Tom Johnson and his wife, LaVerne in front of one of her beautiful quilts.

Kairos Faithful Volunteers are Honored in NC

By Anna Schapp
NCCIW Advisory Council Chair

On April 30, 2009, the maximum security prison, North Carolina Institute for Women, (NCCIW), hosted a volunteer banquet in the gymnasium/auditorium of their facility for approximately 300 volunteers from 20 plus programs including Kairos.

The residents of NCCIW created our evening of thought provocation, entertainment, food and service. The theme was 'An Evening With the Stars', with a color scheme of red, black, silver and white. The over–the-top decorations included an enormous arch of balloons encircling the large stage area, with 8 foot high, Oscar-like gold statues, (made by the residents) flanking the front of the room. The usually plain room was transformed into an elegant dining area with white linen tablecloths, placemats, and menus, flowers and fruit basket for dignitaries, (all donated by Kairos).

The volunteers were able to choose a dinner of roast beef or baked chicken, beginning with a salad and ending with the choice of a delicious dessert. All food preparations and service was provided by the residents, of which approximately 100 were present for the event. Warden Annie Harvey was present with her entire Administrative Staff along with an inspirational, keynote speaker.

During the evening the volunteers were entertained by the residents through music, choir presentations, liturgical dances, solo vocal performances and presentations to honor the volunteers. Praise, Honor and Glory were given as every song theme was about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Great love and appreciation filled the room through the thoughts, prayers, songs and presentations from the staff and residents of NCCIW to honor God and the work of the volunteers.

Mary Ketter, left, was awarded First Runner-Up for Volunteer of the Year award.

At right, Gerri Batchelor was honored for her Bible Study with Death Row inmates at NCCIW.

Each year NCCIW gives a gift of appreciation to each volunteer, but due to budget constraints, this year the staff and volunteers had to be creative with their gifts. Each volunteer group was honored by a resident with an enormous card explaining what that program means to the residents. Betty Kasper received the card on Kairos' behalf which was signed by 200 plus residents which included thoughts of love, appreciation and encouragement.

When asked to stand, Kairos volunteer received a jubilant cheer and applause from the staff and residents. Shouts and comments from the crowd were things like, "look at how many of them there are", "Yeah, go Kairos", and "Praise Jesus for Kairos". That was a blessing beyond any monetary gift and made us feel very special and greatly appreciated that the Kairos program is a part of NCCIW.

As the evening progressed, individuals were honored for their dedicated service to NCCIW. From Kairos, Gerri Batchelor, who has been with Kairos at NCCIW since #1, some 15 years now, was honored for her Bible Study with Death Row inmates. First runner up for volunteer of the year award was Mary Ketter who has been with Kairos at NCCIW for 10 plus years. She also is heavily involved with RCCW, a minimal security prison down the hill from NCCIW and is working tirelessly on Kairos #1 at a maximum security prison in Troy, NC for August of this year.

There were many moments of heartfelt tears of joy during this evening as the love and appreciation from the staff and residents of NCCIW overflowed to the volunteers. God was present and all Praise, Glory and Honor go to God for creating the Kairos program and placing each of the volunteers in His program. Go God!!!

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require them two weeks before the Weekend so that they have time to inspect them. Coordinators also need time to send them out to the weekend agape chairpersons.

NO last names please. These will not be accepted.

If sending shields to be colored and signed please send them far enough in advance so that a scheduled meeting can be attended to get the signatures and get it mailed back before your Weekend.

Please put some type of message on agape, bible verse, personal verse or both. This gives the agape a more personal touch and warmth. After all we want to give them love and encouragement.

Try to get the residents to make agape for their Weekend, using their K# Weekend. Again make sure that they use the facility name and state in which it is located. A personal note from the group is particularly embraced by all residents receiving it.

Please keep the Kairos Agape Coordinator list up to date. This is our way of connecting with each other by snail mail or e-mail. This list is always updated on the KPMI website, www.kairosprisonministry.org

When posting a Weekend please include the date of weekend, K #, name of facility, your name, address and e-mail address. Please check to make sure the e-mail address you have posted is correct as many come back as undeliverable by the postmaster.

Woman creates ministry from prison experience

Message of love accompanies home-made cookies

By Annette Spence
Holston Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

Former inmate Sarah Taylor says she felt God's love after receiving cookies from a volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry, compelling her to start a cookie ministry at Quarry United Methodist Church in Saltville, Va., following her release. (UMNS photo by Annette Spence)

SALTVILLE, Va. (UMNS) — Long after the homemade cookies were gone, Sarah Taylor kept thinking about the message of love that came with them.

It was 2002, and she was serving time at Fluvanna Correctional Center after making what she calls "bad choices." A woman from Kairos Prison Ministry gave her a bag of cookies. When Taylor asked, "Why would you give this to me?" the woman didn't miss a beat: "Because we love you and Jesus loves you. We are praying for you, praying that you will find God here."

For the inmate who doubted God and painfully missed her family in Saltville, the gift of homemade sweets packed a powerful message. Today, she is back in her hometown, leading her small church's congregation in baking thousands of cookies so other inmates will get the same message.

I often wondered what I had to do to get God to work in my life.

"It's a powerful ministry," said Taylor, 43, a member at Quarry United Methodist Church. "I've seen stone-cold ladies turn to a pillar of tears over a simple gesture. They really change."

The Kairos practice is for volunteers to pray over the cookies, hoping that someone in prison will experience a taste of God's love. For Taylor, the concept that someone would take time out of their day to "bake cookies for a bunch of derelicts" was life-changing.

"I realized that there are still good people out there, people who still forgive," Taylor said. "For so many years, I had shut down. I often wondered what I had to do to get God to work in my life."

The volunteers, Taylor said, "saw me as a person, not as a number or a criminal or someone in a blue and orange uniform. They saw me as a person."

'Labor of love'

Twice each year, members at Quarry UMC stir up batches of cookie dough for the male inmates at Wallen's Ridge State Prison in Big Stone Gap, Va. They did it for the fourth time in October, pledging 300 dozen, or 3,600 cookies. Quarry's average worship attendance is only 50, so they have begun to ask other churches in the denomination's Holston Conference to participate.

"I would love it if Holston Conference churches could someday supply all the cookies needed for a Kairos week at Wallen's Ridge," Taylor said.

They sense that it's a labor of love, and they're touched and moved.

Kairos Prison Ministry is a national organization addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children. Twice each year, inmates in participating prisons are invited to spend a long weekend learning about Christianity. Participants receive home-baked cookies throughout the weekend, then take cookies back to their quarters when the weekend is over. Non-participating inmates also receive cookie gifts.

Wallen's Ridge has 1,200 inmates, and volunteer bakers from several churches supply them with more than 2,000 dozen cookies, according to Mike Henderson, a Kairos organizer in Roanoke.

"Most of these guys don't get gifts like that," Henderson said, referring to the cookies. "They sense that it's a labor of love, and they're touched and moved.

"The cookies are also a draw, an enticement to share Jesus Christ. Many times the person who didn't participate in the Weekend the first time will come around the second time, because they were touched by the gift of homemade cookies."

Tasting God's love

Taylor received her first cookie gift as a non-participating inmate during a Kairos weekend, which inspired her later to join the Weekend with a friend. She became close with several of the Kairos women who visited her at Virginia Correctional Center in Goochland, where she was incarcerated for the second part of her seven-year sentence.

When Taylor was released in October 2006, 12 Kairos friends were waiting outside the prison gates along with her family. They walked her out the gate and took her to breakfast. Taylor still talks weekly with a few of her supporters.

Taylor knew she could count on her friends at Quarry UMC.

Even before Taylor was released, she began thinking about how she could extend the same kindness to others in her situation.

"I knew that when I came home, I needed something substantial to help me stay focused and not fall into the same bad patterns," Taylor said. "I also didn't want to forget what I had left behind."

On her return home, Taylor called Kairos and was connected with Henderson, who's since counted on Taylor and crew to provide a truckload of sweets for the men of Wallen's Ridge.

"She feels like it's her responsibility, her privilege, to participate in a ministry like this," Henderson said. "Because of her own experience in prison, she has a powerful testimony."

In turn, Taylor knew she could count on her friends at Quarry UMC. She calls the Rev. John Roe her "best friend," a stalwart supporter especially when community members won't let her leave the past behind.

Now, the same church friends who were heartbroken when she fell, who sent cards and prayed when she was locked away, are standing next to her in the kitchen, creating what Taylor calls "the tangible gift of God's love."

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Part II: Twenty Successful Years of Kairos

Prison Ministry blesses Beto State Prison in Tennessee Colony, Texas (1989-2009)

By B.J. Rone

Over the years there have been many wonderful spinoff ministries emanating from the Beto Kairos program. Some outside Kairos volunteers have moved their Kairos ministry over to other Texas prison units, some volunteers have started teaching courses at Beto, one Kairos clergy has started a very successful 'faith-based wing' ministry (as mentioned above in Chaplain Kiser's comments) at Beto that now houses some 360 residents and one Beto Kairos volunteer has even moved to Orlando to join the national KPMI team. Of course all of the glory goes to God for the many lives that have been transformed over the last 20 years at the Beto Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The work that a Kairos volunteer does in training plus the actual Weekend in which the volunteer interfaces with many prison residents can have a significant impact not only on the incarcerated individuals but also on the individual volunteers. Even clergy who have not previously worked in a prison unit can be profoundly affected when they witness Jesus at work in the lives of men who have served much of their lives behind bars. One of these clergy that I have seen the Beto Kairos ministry impact over the last fourteen years is Fr. Casey Miner. Casey was the spiritual director for Beto #20 when I was privileged to be the Leader for that Weekend. I have asked Casey for his comments on the last few years of the program and comment briefly on the Kairos spinoff ministry at Beto where two 'faith-based wings' have now been organized at Beto. Here are Fr. Miner's comments:

"I think I first went to Kairos in 1995. Before serving on any Kairos team I served on Cursillo Teams in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Texas. I was actively involved in the Walk to Emmaus and became spiritual director for the Dallas Emmaus Community. Since 1976 I have averaged two or more weekends a year. I believe that the 3 ½-day Kairos Weekend that is patterned after the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which started in 1949 is the most effective evangelism and discipleship program I have witnessed. The intense 3 1/2 days that bring a person face to face with the loving Son of God followed by weekly accountability groups is a formula for success.

The success of the Kairos program is legendary. With great diversity men and women have stepped forward as they were led by the Holy Spirit to accept leadership positions but soon all rejoined the ranks of the volunteers. The theme of Listen, Listen, Love, Love has permeated the prison. Religiosity has been shunned by the volunteers individually and corporately. Glorifying Jesus and loving our brothers in white is the entire focus.

More than 1,600 men have participated in Kairos at Beto. Today 250-300 men are routinely at the weekly reunion groups. It is within this matrix of God's Love that Beto chaplaincy programs have flourished. Many classes are taught every week and not surprisingly it is the same Kairos volunteers who are making that happen. In August 2007 the Beto Unit experienced another phenomenal event. An entire Beto wing (180 men) was set aside so the men could practice the discipline of faith-based living. The last 18 months have been remarkable and the success has led to establishment of a second faith-based Beto wing. More than 360 men will be involved in faith-based living. This is by far the largest faith-based prison community in Texas. Even though the faith-based collaborative effort is directed by an organization known as Christian Prison Ministries the model is Kairos and it is little wonder that most of the volunteers are Kairos volunteers as well.

Jesus lived every day with His disciples. He taught them to love God, other people, and themselves, i.e. He walked out His love; and following His example the Kairos volunteers live out their love. The result is that the hearts and minds of thousands of men in prison have been transformed. It is a great privilege to be part of God's Kairos team at the Beto Unit." Fr. Casey Miner, a Servant

The comments from several people in this twentieth anniversary article of the Kairos ministry at Beto tell the story of the many lives changed by Kairos. Kairos volunteers I know are proud of their participation in the Kairos program. They realize what a privilege it is to be allowed to enter the prison (or work on a support team) and work with many individuals who probably have had very little love and very little Christian study in their lives. Personally, I have always felt safe inside of Beto. I believe that the last thing an incarcerated person wants to happen is for a volunteer to be injured. In many of these residents' lives, the volunteers of Kairos and other prison ministries are the only visitors they have and the only people from the free world community that really care about the residents' eternal life.

Bringing this article up to the present day we have some words from Mikel White who is the Chairman of the Kairos Beto Advisory Council. I remember when Mikel volunteered for his first Kairos Weekend and now he heads up the Beto Kairos AC that guides the Kairos program at Beto. That is the beauty of Kairos in that you always have a mixture of older experienced volunteers and younger volunteers like Mikel who overlap and balance each team. Here are Mikel's closing comments for this 20th year article:

"Probably the most amazing part of Kairos is the presence of the Holy Spirit in such a real, tangible manner. When you enter the gates at Beto, you can sense a bubble of protection around you. You see things happen that can only be explained by God's presence. I believe this has a lot to do with the prayer involved in a Beto Weekend. From the prayer chain, to the servants and inside team, to the very strong outside support team at Beto, prayer has always been a cornerstone. Our support teams spend a lot of time in prayer and worship. I believe the support teams prayers, and the prayers of others, enable victory for the spiritual and heavenly battles that occur on a Weekend. Kairos at Beto has remained a powerful ministry for 20 years due to all the reasons mentioned in this article, the desire for all the team members to set aside doctrinal differences in order to share Christ's love, and prayer. This all comes together twice a year at Beto, as God takes us on the amazing journey that happens during a Kairos Weekend and has for 20 years."

– Mikel White Beto UAC Chair

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

John Piland, a long time Kairos, volunteer passed away March 28, 2009 while attending a Kairos Weekend at the Daniel Unit, Snyder, TX, where the inmates knew him as 'Papa John'. John gave his heart to the Lord when he was 38 years old. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church in Carrollton in early 1971. He was called to the mission field in Holland in July 1971 and ministered to U.S. military families. He also volunteered with Open Doors ministry, where he traveled to countries behind the Iron Curtain, smuggling in thousands of Bibles over the next several years. Please keep his wife Gladys, his family and his many "adopted" sons at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, TX in your prayers.

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It is with great shock and sadness that our Kairos Brother, Bob Storch, was killed in a traffic accident near Butte, Montana, April 29, 2009. Bob was an ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church, where he served faithfully in that capacity at St. Luke's in Delta for many years, as well as being a faithful servant in our Kairos community for the past six or so years. His wife, Nyla, is healing from the accident. Please keep the entire Storch family, all of whom are devout Christians, in your prayers for physical and emotional healing for Nyla and our Lord's peace for her and the entire family.

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Judy Daniel of Millett, TX, was killed in a tragic car/train crash on April 3, 2009 while serving at the Briscoe Unit in Dilley. She served in the Kairos Prison Ministry at the McConnell Unit in Beeville, the Torres Unit in Hondo, and was currently serving on the 4th weekend of the Briscoe Unit in Dilley, along with her husband, Jim, son, Billy, and daughter-in-law, JoRena. Please keep Judy's family and her Kairos brothers and sisters in your prayers.

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John H. Case of Harrisburg, PA entered into eternal life May 18, 2009. John is the father of Sally Park and father-in-law of Wayne Park, Kairos International Committee Chairperson. Sally and Wayne live in Estes Park, CO. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

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Kairos volunteers are mourning the loss of Ken Sannes, a long-time volunteer. Ken's cancer had spread dramatically and he went to be with our Lord on Monday, May 25, 2009. As hard as it seems to think of South Carolina Kairos without Ken, this time comes for each of us. Please be in prayer for Ken; his daughters Valerie and Kathy; his son David and the rest of his family.

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ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING
Around the United States

AKT Inside *is for all Kairos volunteers, and particularly for those who are in or will be in a leadership role anywhere in the ministry. AKT gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have attended AKT prior to leading a Weekend.*

AKT Outside *is for Kairos Outside volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend Leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos Outside program. AKT-Outside gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry, describes the unique elements of the KO ministry, and then focuses on the details and techniques of leading KO weekend retreats. Kairos policy requires that all Weekend Leaders must have attended an AKT-Outside prior to leading a Weekend. Please visit the Kairos Forms page to download and print a Registration Form for an AKT-Outside.*

Torch Leader Training *is for all who serve in a leadership position in the Torch Ministry, and especially for future Torch weekend leaders or Torch Advisory Council members. Everyone who is involved with the Torch ministry is encouraged to attend.*

July 10-12, 2009 RALEIGH, NC
(Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch)
Location: Peace College – 15 East Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27604
Cost: $160 per person – double occupancy; $190 per person – single occupancy ; $90 per person – commuters. Includes lodging for 2 nights (linens included), 4 meals – Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and Sunday Breakfast (NO Friday night meal). All training supplies provided. Make Checks payable to: Kairos of NC
Contact: Ted Cashion – TedCashion@nc.rr.com – 919 859 1709 or Bob Clinkscales – clinkscales@inteliport.com – 252 426 7720
Note: Attendees need to bring personal items.

July 31-Aug 2, 2009 BRADENTON, FL
Kairos Inside
Location: Dayspring Episcopal Retreat Center in Bradenton, FL.
Cost: Room rates are as follows: Private room $385; Semi-private room $285; Youth Cabin $185; Dorm Room $180; Commuter $70
Contact: Chuck Bradley, hcikairos@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 214-7087 for application and additional information.
Notes: Persons staying in youth cabins or dorms must bring their own bed linens and pillow cases as well as personal items.

August 21-23, 2009 WEWOKA, OK
Kairos Inside
Location: St. Crispins Conference Center, 36302 State Highway 9, Wewoka, OK 74484; Manager: Hollie Massay, 405-382-1619. Nearest airports are Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Transportation to conference center can be provided, if requested when making reservations. Carrier, arrival and departure times requered. WARNING: Mapquest gives incorrect directions. Conference Center is east of Seminole on Highway 9. Entrance is on the south side about half-way between Highway 99 and 56.)
Cost: Double Occupancy $220; Single Occupancy $260; Commuter $120. Includes the following meals: 6 p.m. Supper, Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. Breakfast, Saturday and Sunday; Noon Lunch, Saturday and Sunday. Make checks payable to Kairos of Oklahoma.
Contact: Patsy Law, 405-290-8099 or treasurer@kairosoklahoma.org
Notes: Reservation Deadline August 9, 2009. Only 35 training slots are available.

August 28-30, 09 NORTH TEXAS (DALLAS)
Kairos Outside
Location: Lake Sharon Retreat Center
Cost: $150 Please use this link: KO Registration Form to register and Training Receipt for your receipt.
Contact: Debra Wilmont, jedewilmont@yahoo.com (214)454-9162 or (972)698-9877. Mailing address: Kairos Outside of North Texas, PO Box 836126, Richardson, TX 75083-6126.

September 11-13, 2009 SAN FRANCISCO, CA
(Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside)
Location: St. Anne's CASA, 1330 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA
Cost: $145.00 per person, make checks payable to GOLDEN STATE KAIROS. Please click here for registration form
Notes: Training will begin on Friday, September 11 at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served that evening. Training will end by noon on Sunday, September 13, with breakfast being the last meal served. To be certified as completing the training, you must be present for the entire time. Accommodations at St. Anne's are double occupancy rooms with community bathrooms. Beds with mattresses are provided. Bring your own bedding (sleeping bag & pillow) toiletries and towel. If you are traveling by air, make your reservations for San Francisco International Airport. If you are coming in by air, and would like to arrange to have a sleeping bag lent to you at CASA, please notify Nancy Marzillo at 650-994-8798 or marzi2@earthlink.net

September 18-20, 2009 BUCKEYSTOWN, MD
(Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside - training will run concurrently so you may only attend AKT Inside OR AKT Outside).
Location: Bishop Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710. Please click this link for directions: www.bishopclaggett.org/,

Cost: $235 per person which includes two nights lodging(including lenins), five meals (Friday supper through Sunday breakfast), training materials and instructors. Commuter price is $185 per person.
Contact: David Graves; davidgraves@verizon.net or 240-601-0218
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Additional late fee of $25 if you register after August 1, 2009.

September 18–20, 2009 HUNTSVILLE, TX
Kairos Inside
Location: Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University. Housing in Hotel operated by Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Cost: $215.00 for single (limited number available). $195.00 for double (each). $135.00 for commuters. Fee includes two nights lodging, all training materials and the following meals: Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.
Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, e-mail – mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net; home - 817-860-3500; or cell - 817-247-5403 for application and additional information. Checks should be made payable to KPMI – Texas.
Note: Attendees need to bring personal items only.

October 2-4, 2009 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL
Kairos Inside
Housing: Marriott Hotel 4000 RCA Blvd. PB Gardens 33410
Training: St. Marks Church 3395 Burns Rd. PB Gardens
Cost: $214 per person for double; $325 for single occupancy; $105 for commuters. Fee includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging. No lodging for commuters.
Contact: Jan Thrower at 352-473-7896 or plainjan@yahoo.com for additional information including application form and mailing address. Make checks payable to Kairos of Florida.
Notes: Applicants need to bring only personal items-no linens.

December 4 – 6, 2009 GRANBURY, TX
Kairos Inside
Location: Camp Crucis, 2875 Camp Crucis Ct., Granbury, TX 76048. Arrive by 6:00pm and start at 7:00 pm.
Cost: $195.00 per person. Commuter $135.00. Price includes all training materials, 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), Sandwiches Friday, 3 meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday.
Contact: Mike Stumbaugh: mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net, 817-860-3500 (home); 817-247-5403 (cell) for application and additional information.
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Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
7/6/09	NIC	La Modelo	4	Esdras Salazar
7/9/09	AL	Limestone CF	49	Randy Sandlin
7/16/09	TX	Rudd	5	Shane Griffiths
7/23/09	FL	Wakulla CI	15	Lonny Mayfield
7/23/09	TX	Segovia Unit	4	Ralph (Buddy) Moglia
7/30/09	TX	Wallace	21	Jerry Mason
8/5/09	NC	Central	30	Jim Purvis
8/6/09	CO	Rifle	9	Ace Chapman
8/13/09	OH	Ross Correctional	19	Bob Horrocks
8/19/09	TX	Hutchins	8	Michael Hill
8/20/09	AL	Bibb County CF	4	Dan Robertson
8/20/09	TX	FCI Big Spring	10	Jack Horton
8/27/09	AL	Hamilton A&I	5	Mike Satterwhite
8/27/09	AR	Pine Bluff Unit	32	
8/27/09	MS	MSP Unit 29 Parchman	26	Bill Delk
8/27/09	So Afr	ODI	9	Jannie Molaudzi
9/7/09	So Afr	PMB	7	Rob Folker
9/8/09	VA	Keen Mountain CC	16	Tom Sheets
9/10/09	AR	Quchita River Unit	5	
9/10/09	FL	Lake CI	54	Wendell Koontz
9/10/09	FL	Martin CI	31	Lincoln White
9/10/09	GA	Valdosta Annex	11	David Hendley
9/10/09	So Afr	Baviaanspoort	3	Victor Jimenes
9/10/09	TX	Jordan	26	Joe Dial
9/10/09	TX	Torres	21	John Estes
9/17/09	CA	Cal Institute for Men	4	Craig Owings
9/17/09	FL	New River CI	3	Bruce Wehner
9/17/09	NC	Alexander CI	9	Carl Paugh
9/17/09	NC	Eastern CI	5	Robert Kirby
9/17/09	OH	North Central CI	3	Bob Beightler
9/17/09	SC	Lieber CI	42	Norman Murdaugh
9/17/09	TN	West TN SP	24	Buddy Craft
9/17/09	TX	Roach	20	Mark Medford
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9/23/09	SC	Kershaw CI	20	Pat Barnes
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9/24/09	FL	Tomoka CI	65	Bob Willis
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10/1/09	TX	Polunsky	23	David Nichols
10/1/09	TX	Robertson	29	Nathan Pledger
10/1/09	TX	Stevenson	19	Doyle Schaer
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10/8/09	GA	Hays GP	21	Garvin Stewart
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10/8/09	TX	Hughes	25	Jack McCarthy
10/8/09	TX	Lynaugh	22	Larry Douglas
10/8/09	TX	Neal	23	Ross Clopton
10/8/09	TX	Vance	39	Bill McIntire
10/9/09	CA	San Quentin SP	34	Tom Egan
10/9/09	CT	Osborn	8	Nave Zimmerman
10/13/09	AR	Quchita River Unit	5	
10/13/09	VA	Green Rock	3	Larry Scott
10/15/09	AL	Donaldson CF	49	Danny Williams
10/15/09	AL	St. Clair CF	50	Tim Peirce
10/15/09	FL	Sumter Correctional	12	Larry Hagarty
10/15/09	ME	Maine SP	21	John Frey
10/15/09	So Afr	Polsmoor	14	TBA
10/15/09	TN	North East CC (NECX)	19	Glenn Rannick
10/15/09	TX	Coffield	28	Robert Stearns
10/15/09	TX	Hightower	3	Joe Wilson
10/15/09	TX	Stiles	25	Phil Hillard
10/22/09	CA	FCI #1	16	Omer Murray
10/22/09	CA	RJ Donovan Yard #1	79	Steve Babick
10/22/09	CA	RJ Donovan Yard #3	80	Art Deming
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10/22/09	FL	Zephyrhills CI	57	Jim Kennedy
10/22/09	KS	Hutchinson Central Unit	16	
10/22/09	MS	Mississippi Penitentiary	32	Bill McGoodwin
10/22/09	OH	Marion CI	26	Jerry Abraham
10/22/09	So Afr	Klerksdorp	5	TBA
10/22/09	TX	Darrington	44	Joel Skelle
10/23/09	TX	Michael	35	David Williams
10/28/09	MS	CMCF	21	Jim Bryan
10/29/09	LA	Winn CI	31	King Pickett
10/29/09	NY	Fishkill	20	Neal Marsh
10/29/09	TX	McConnell	28	Leonard Anderson
11/5/09	AL	Limestone CF	50	Steve Neyman
11/5/09	CO	Sterling North	14	Scott Glahn
11/5/09	FL	Okeechobee	42	
11/5/09	GA	Autry State Prison	21	Kenneth Jarrett
11/5/09	GA	Dooly SP	21	Tom Bethune
11/5/09	GA	Valdosta SP	19	Lee Turner
11/5/09	GA	Washington SP	4	Jim Uslan
11/5/09	MO	Crossroads CC	6	Larry Moore
11/5/09	NC	Scotland CE	1	August (Gus) Brown
11/5/09	OH	Toledo C	13	Sam Reyes
11/5/09	TX	Connally Unit	14	Kelton Lange
11/5/09	WA	McNeil Island CC	26	Daniel Rice
11/6/09	CA	CMF-Vacaville	34	Dan Archeleta
11/7/09	CA	Calipatria	11	Don Clarke
11/10/09	PA	SCI - Greene	8	Dwight Willaman
11/11/09	TX	Briscoe	5	David Lee
11/12/09	CA	Centinela	6	Ernie Cantu
11/12/09	CA	Terminal Island	35	Emanuel Valdez
11/12/09	FL	Putnam CI	17	Dave Youse
11/12/09	MD	MCIH	11	Richard Bontz
11/12/09	NY	Coxsackie	19	Joe Freeborn
11/12/09	OH	Warren CI	4	Terry Mills
11/12/09	So Afr	Drakenstein	14	TBA

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Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
11/12/09	TX	Beto	41	James Cooley
11/13/09	PA	SCI Waymart	11	Tom Newberry
11/17/09	PERU	E.P. Lima	2	
11/19/09	FL	Glades CI	49	Dave Suleman
11/19/09	GA	Hancock SP	33	Mark Stephens
11/19/09	GA	Rogers State Prison	21	Jack Docerre
11/19/09	TX	Briscoe	5	Carl Hoover
11/19/09	TX	Montford	22	David Savage
11/20/09	AL	Holman Death Row	12	Alan Preskett
12/3/09	CA	Victorville U S Penitentiary	7	Kim Kimberlin
12/9/09	NY	Wende Correctional	45	Ron Opferbeck
12/10/09	FL	South Bay CF	20	
12/31/09	TX	Ferguson	48	Tim Hammond

Kairos Torch Weekends

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
7/24/09	MS	Torch - Mississippi	1	Danny & Marilyn Brunt
8/28/09	OK	Central OK Juv. Ctr. Boys	10	Kelly Norris
9/25/09	OH	Torch - Marion Corr	10	Neil Salyer
11/6/09	CT	Manson Youth Facility	5	
11/6/09	ME	Long Creek YDC (Boys)	4	Wilbur Carroll
11/6/09	So Afr	Drakenstein	12	TBA

Kairos Women's Weekends

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
7/1/09	TX	Hobby (Women's Unit)	26	Doris Pietzsch
8/20/09	NC	Southern CI for Women	1	Mary Ketter
9/4/09	CA	Central Cal Women's Facility	3	Judy Taylor
9/10/09	GA	Metro SP	9	Julie Turner
9/17/09	AL	Tutwiler Prison for Women	49	Karey Holcomb
9/24/09	FL	HCI Spring Hill	25	Kay Nessler
9/24/09	NY	Beacon CF	26	Peggy Brunetti
9/24/09	OH	Franklin PreRelease Center	9	Nancy Ryan
10/1/09	TN	MLCC	18	Vickie Lindsay
10/1/09	TX	Murray Unit	9	Karen Rister
10/8/09	MS	CMCF (Women's)	25	Julie Blake
10/8/09	PA	Cambridge Springs	11	Susan Komnath
10/8/09	TX	Lockhart	10	Donna Turmer
10/9/09	CA	FCI Dublin	45	Cathy Brady
10/9/09	CA	Valley SP for Women	9	Tracy Swan
10/9/09	CT	Danbury		Marsha McLaughlin
10/15/09	VA	Fluvanna	19	Dorothy Cross
10/16/09	CO	Canon Women's	50	Jannie Savoy
10/22/09	FL	Homestead CI	18	Janet Carrasquillo
10/22/09	NC	NCCI for Women	31	Patti Owen
10/22/09	So Afr	Pretoria	6	Yvonne Oberholzer
10/22/09	TX	Mountain View	20	Dee Merritt
10/22/09	VA	CDVDU	13	Erika Hilton
10/29/09	MD	MCI - W		Juanita Dutrow
10/29/09	WA	Pine Lodge CC for Women	2	Dodi Jewell
11/4/09	CT	York	5	Cherie Martin
11/12/09	GA	Arrendale SP	7	Peg Daniels
11/12/09	OH	Ohio Reformatory for Women	31	Camilla Anderson
11/19/09	NY	Albion Correctional		
12/3/09	CA	Cal. Institution for Women	2	Ruth Cruickshank
12/3/09	CO	Denver Women's CF	12	Marti Casey

Kairos Outside Weekends

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
7/4/09	So Afr	KO - Malmesbury	1	Elsie Sinequin
7/24/09	NY	KO - New York City	1	Coralie Joseph
7/24/09	TX	KO - Amarillo	18	Kelly Tims
8/7/09	OH	KO - Ohio Community	8	Bonnie Hambor
8/14/09	IL	KO - Illinois	14	Marilyn Gauwitz
9/11/09	NC	KO - Western NC	1	Carol Liptak
9/18/09	IN	KO - Southern Indiana	1	Ladonna Dartt
9/18/09	TX	KO - Houston	22	Debbie Mikel
9/25/09	CA	KO - North	47	Rose Romant
9/25/09	KS	KO - Wheat State Comm	5	Teresa Scoles
9/25/09	AL	KO - East Louisiana	4	Betty Carter
9/25/09	MD	KO - Maryland	7	Donna Parr
9/25/09	NY	KO - Mid-Hudson	22	Brenda Robinson
9/25/09	SC	KO - South Carolina	6	Melveta Bode
10/02/09	AL	KO - Alabama	24	Jenny Walker
10/02/09	AZ	KO - Arizona (Phoenix)	7	Jane Daniel
10/02/09	CoRica	KO - Costa Rica	4	Rocio Abarca
10/02/09	GA	KO - South Georgia	7	Michelle Everitt
10/02/09	LA	KO - West Louisiana	19	Sharon George
10/02/09	NM	KO - New Mexico	20	Angela Jaquez
10/02/09	TX	KO - North Texas	26	Jessica Dawn Hatcher
10/09/09	CT	KO - Connecticut	5	Maria Rivera
10/09/09	FL	KO - NE FL	10	Sue Monson
10/09/09	TN	KO - Eastern Tenn	14	Robyn Click
10/09/09	IN	KO - Northern Indiana	7	Jackie Hill
10/16/09	AR	KO - Arkansas	12	Gladys Mullens
10/16/09	FL	KO - North Central FL	8	Cissy Burnette
10/16/09	GA	KO - North GeorgiaKO	24	Artie May Storey
10/16/09	MO	KO - Eastern Missouri	16	Laura Gasho
10/16/09	NH	KO - New Hampshire	23	Cecilia Camire
10/16/09	TX	KO - Corpus Christi	6	Gaye Hensley
10/23/09	So Afr	KO - Krugersdorp	14	Anamarie Botes
10/23/09	VA	KO - Central VA (Burkeville)	24	Leanna Lopez
10/30/09	CA	KO - North (Spanish)	48	Raquel Merlos
10/30/09	VA	KO - SW VA (Goshen)	7	Diane Woolwine
10/30/09	So Afr	KO - Klerksdorp	6	Marlene Swanevelder
11/06/09	CA	KO - South (English)	45	Cyndi Badame
11/06/09	FL	KO - SW FL (Ft Meyers)	4	Marianne Salerno
11/06/09	TN	KO - Northeast TN	2	Judy O'Hara
11/6/09	TN	KO - West Tenn. (Memphis)	8	Diana Hoaglan
11/6/09	TX	KO - Wichita Falls, TX	7	Tammy Fleming
11/6/09	WA	KO - Washington	26	Stephanie Brown Meadows
11/13/09	CO	KO - Colorado	3	Linda Lauper
11/13/09	MS	KO - Mississippi	10	Harriet Brown
11/20/09	MO	KO - Western MO	2	Karen Dawson
11/20/09	TX	KO - San Antonio	17	Mareta Gochee

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God's Special Time

Letter of Gratitude
Anonymous – from the mother of an inmate

Today I felt compelled to contact someone with your Ministry after I spoke to my son who is at Sumter Correctional Institution. He was able to experience your Ministries' special time with God. As he spoke to me about his day, tears came to my eyes. God sat him beside a gentleman who has been praying for my son for 6 months! I was so touched that I had to find a way to thank you! He said to me, "Mom, I didn't feel like I was in prison today." He was also chosen to be "The most artistic" and the posters he created for you, he said, will go on to be used at another prison. Thank you all for touching my son's life! I know God is watching over him! I pray everyday asking God to do just that. Thank you so very much for what you do! I must also say, too, that he enjoyed the pizza, cookies and juice, the little things in life that he no longer gets to enjoy as often as he likes. Please let all involved know how grateful I am for what you have done to touch my son. I just wish I was there to enjoy it with him! We will be together on Mother's day which is coming up soon! Take care and many thanks to you for what you do!

Thank you for touching my life too!