



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Prayer and Service (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

It's Weekend time for Kairos. Many team meetings and Weekends are taking place these days. Let us remember to pray for the teams, the Weekends, the planning, and the participants/guests. Also, keep the adult and youth facilities along with the staff in our prayers. As we serve in Kairos, we need to remember we are being examples of the love of Jesus Christ. Others in our family, church, teams, and especially on the Weekends are watching us to see if we are living out what we share and say in the ministry. This can be unnerving until we remember God is in control and we are serving him. So let's give our best individually and as a team while we serve so that we are honoring God with all we do.

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

John 8:36 states, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Praise God for each spring weekend and thanks for each of you for being such a blessing, while showing God's love. Be in prayer for all the participants, guests and team members. The Board, staff and hopefully each State Chapter Committee and Advisory Council is not only reviewing but living out the 2019-23 Strategic Plan and especially the Vision Priorities.

Vision Priority 1: Continue to enhance and focus on the spiritual health of the ministry

Vision Priority 2: Sustain and strategically grow the ministry reach and impact through the three core programs and inclusive with strong focus on Continuing Ministry

Vision Priority 3: Continuous improvement in the ministry health through financial, operational, and program capability with effective communications across the ministry

Vision Priority 4: Continual recruitment and retention of qualified Christian volunteers at all levels

Vision Priority 5: Continual enhancement of Kairos awareness and promotion

Vision Priority 6: Optimize the ministry's success through continued comprehensive training plans that touches all aspects of the ministry

Vision Priority 7: Develop and if feasible implement a strategic structure and growth plan for international countries

This plan is a work in progress approach where we learn, grow and accomplish the work. We demonstrate completion and make changes necessary to learn.

To review the entire Strategic Plan, go to www.mykairos.org and click on Downloads then scroll to Kairos Strategic Plan 2019-23.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

Have you heard this before? If not read and heed if yes, read and remember

As we look forward to Resurrection Day, I can think of no better thought than this well-known and equally beloved hymn

God sent His son they called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because I know, He holds the future

And life is worth the living

Just because He lives!

C.S. Lewis put it this way (In "Miracles" from God in the Dock) Resurrection involves 'reversal' of the natural process in the sense that it involves a series of changes moving in the opposite direction to those we see. "Death takes what was purposed for life and returns it to its place in the earth."

So, what is our task? To shout it from the mountaintops or at least to the men, women and youth in the prisons and other correctional facilities that we serve that the Lord of love has raised JUST AS HE SAID HE WOULD! And not just to shout it, but live it and show it.

Amen and Amen.

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

Weekend Prayer Vigils

I have written about prayer before but it is important so I am doing it again! In the new Strategic Plan, Vision Priority 1 is to "Continue to enhance and focus on the spiritual health of the ministry" and one of its goals is to "invite others to pray for the ministry." I don't think we can ever invite too many people to pray for us during the Weekends do you. Therefore, it seems logical that each team member asks as many folks as possible to pray for them, the leaders, the participants and the Weekend in general. This is easy, as Ezra will print a prayer vigil with

half hour slots that can be given to each team member. Also, if you can arrange it, have the graduates at other facilities pray for your weekend, if a volunteer can take a vigil in and fill it out at Prayer and Share or at a Monthly Reunion (with permission of course) and then you can do the same for them. The participants are really moved by other folks that are incarcerated praying for them. It is a powerful statement. The Kairos method is for each team member fill out a 72-hour prayer vigil to have as much prayer coverage as possible. If you don't do this... please try it out for your next Weekend.

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

*I thank God everytime I remember you. And I always pray for all of you with joy.
(Philippians 1:3-4)*

Building Our Programs on The Proper Foundation

I imagine that many of you, like me, grew up singing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" at Sunday School. This familiar song from our childhood, which is based on Matthew 7:24 contain words of great wisdom, despite its simplicity.

Like the rocks, which formed the foundation upon which the wise man built his house, the ministry of Kairos is also based on some very essential concepts or foundations. When our ministry foundations are followed and incorporated into every aspect of our programs, just like the house built upon the rocks, our programs thrive and become strong. The ministry foundations of Kairos include love, not just any love but the love of Christ, delivered in wave after wave by His family, our volunteers. The foundations also include our volunteers willingness to set aside their agenda for God's agenda, covering every aspect of this ministry in prayer, serving anonymously, obediently following the rules of the Warden's house, following the program as it is outlined in the program manual, and following the policies and procedures of Kairos Prison Ministry International which are outlined in the foundational and operational documents of the ministry.

This ministry is built on these foundations.

When our programs move away or drift from these essential concepts or foundations the ministry of Kairos becomes like the other man in the song, the foolish man. He built his house upon the sand, and we all know what happened to his house... it all came tumbling down!

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

The Office of Justice Programs recently wrote, "...research suggests the strength or weakness of the parent-child bond and the quality of the child and family's social support system play significant roles in the child's ability to overcome challenges and succeed in life." Seeds planted in the lives of incarcerated youth through Kairos Torch mentors can be profoundly cultivated when the female loved ones for these youth (mother, grandmothers etc.) participate in the Kairos Outside program and are prepared to receive their child back into the home. Give your mentee a fighting chance to succeed and a safety net for successful re-entry by assisting them

in inviting their female guardians to the Kairos Outside experience. Our ministry programs work much better together!

Monthly Mentoring Tip: Don't allow your mentee to replace their parent(s) with you. Your role is mentor, which by definition means: older, wiser and trusted friend. If your mentee starts giving you the title of mom, dad, grandmother or grandfather, tell them how honored you are that they trust you with such an admirable place in their lives, but always direct them back to their parent by gently asking them about that relationship with their parents. If there is a breach in that relationship, try to help them move towards forgiveness. If the parent is no longer living or is absent from their lives, let them know that you could never replace their parent but you will be there for them as a trusted and loyal friend.

New One or Two Day Retreat Topics and Themed Talks Available

All residents who have attended a 3 ½ day Weekend can attend a one or two-day Retreat held twice yearly at institutions as part of the Kairos Inside Continuing Ministry. Retreats are typically held at the mid-point between Kairos Inside Weekends. The primary purpose of the Retreats is to give those not grouping some experience with the process of becoming vulnerable to other people in the small group setting. Additionally, Retreats provide an opportunity for those who have drifted away from the Kairos community to return. The importance of these Retreats cannot be overstated. If you are not doing Retreats, talk with your facility about the possibility of adding them.

Communities are always looking for Retreat ideas, and to keep our Continuing Ministry new and exciting we have just added seven new Retreat topics with themed-talks to mykairos.org, which can be used for your local Retreats. On pages 328-343 of the Kairos Inside Program Manual, you will also find information regarding the Retreat including topics, themed-talks, and a proposed schedule

If you have retreat topics or themed-talks that you have used successfully in your facility, please email Gina Brockmeyer (gina@kpmi.org) or Craig Combs (craig@kpmi.org). We will be happy to review and consider them for posting.

New Documents Available on MyKairos.org

[The Gift Acceptance Policy](#)

First Annual Legacy Luncheon

The first annual Legacy Luncheon to be held Friday, July 26th from 12pm – 1:15pm at the 2019 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. If you have chosen to leave a lasting legacy with Kairos in your will/estate planning, please let us know. We will send you an invitation to this wonderful event. Please email becky@kpmi.org.

Events

Do you have a future fundraiser or awareness event coming up? Please be sure to send those to becky@kpmi.org and they will be listed on <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/events.php> as well as promoted in the Kairos Updates & Inspiration email!

Prayer Requests

Kairos has a [new prayer request page](#). Please use this page to post prayer requests for publication and to pray for others. We ask that all comments be considerate and within the parameters of Kairos vision, mission, and values. Please do not include upcoming Weekends as we already pray for those weekly!

Agape Contacts

A listing of Agape contacts for upcoming Kairos Weekends is available on the mykairos.org website. This information is compiled from the Weekend information that is posted on the Kairos Kalendar and is available in Excel format so that you can easily download it. In order for this to be effective, please post your Weekends well in advance of their actual dates and ensure your Agape contact's name and their email address are included in the posting. To access this information, please go to: <http://www.mykairos.org/kalendar.html> and click on "Agape Contacts for Upcoming Weekends."

Is Your Weekend Listed?

Now is the time to do it! If your upcoming Weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration at <http://mykairos.org/register.html> so we can publicize your Weekend to help you receive Agape and prayer coverage.

This is especially important for #1 Weekends. We create a banner advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends on mykairos.org, and we actively promote #1 Weekends through local media and social media.

Why Do You Volunteer?

We need short 1 minute or less video clips telling us why you volunteer for Kairos! So grab your phone, tell us why, and send them to becky@kpmi.org. **We need 40 or more of these.** Thank you for your service!

Kairos Facebook Group

Many items of interest such as upcoming Weekends, prayer requests, and inspirational stories are shared in our Kairos Facebook group. If you aren't already a member, you can request to be added here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KairosPrisonMinistryInternational>

Spanish Translation of the E-News

A Spanish translation of E-News (E-Noticias) is also published monthly. If you would like to view previous issues or subscribe to future E-News in Spanish, please go to:

http://www.mykairos.org/news_eneews-sp.html

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