



"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Prayer and Service (Evelyn Lemly, CEO)

Importance of Team

Often I hear from seasoned volunteers, "Well I have done this so long I don't need team meetings." I remind people that the group dynamics changes with every team as new people come together and as every person has a different role. Plus the fellowship, relationship, and being a body of Christ together is something that is always needed. If we are going to demonstrate the body of Christ in unity as we share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, then we must be operating as a team. To operate as a team we have to be together. Make sure you are supporting the Weekend Leadership by showing up and participating. Encourage them in preparation for the meetings to use EZRA and go through the agendas and use the tools to make the team meetings interesting, engaging, a learning opportunity and great fellowship focused on Jesus Christ. Remember we grow ourselves but our focus is on the people we serve and Jesus Christ.

Board of Directors Update (Terry Crockett, Board Chair)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." John 15:16

The Board of Directors had our Spring Retreat in April at the Kairos office with a theme of "People God Uses". Each Board member chose a person in the Bible, described them and gave the reason why. People God uses are each of you and the Board expressed our thanks for answering His call with trust and obedience to Him.

The Board Retreat was full with annual reports of the past year and the future with discussion time with the Program Coordinators, Cornerstone Management Group, our CEO (Evelyn) on State of the Ministry, the 5 Year Strategic Plan, and finance training from our National Controller (Julie). Also, seven Board candidates were approved and names sent to the International Council for the election of four members at the Annual Conference plus one additional candidate to be ratified. The Board discussed the CEO's Annual Performance Review and it was presented. This year, each Board member has been praying for an individual staff

member, and we shared this experience during lunch.

International Council Update (Tom McCarty, International Council President)

My home church is exceedingly generous with its support of its Kairos Volunteers, cookies, prayers, and “green” agape. In return, they ask all the team members to send them any “Kingdom Moments,” as they call them, that we heard on the weekend. Here’s just a small sampling.

- “For four days, we weren’t in prison.”
- “You called me by my first name. That never happens in here!” I must be special.
- “You treated us like we meant something”
- “I came for the cookies but am leaving with so much more.”
- “I came as Daoud [a Muslim name] but am leaving as David.”
- “If you want to know what the Holy Spirit is, just come to a Kairos weekend.”
- “You gave me a Bible and a Cross. But you gave me so much more these 4 days.”
- “When I was young, my heroes were sports figures like Michael Jordan and Ken Griffey, Jr. When I became a teenager, my heroes were pop singers like Michael Jackson and Tupac Shakur. But now that I’m grown up, I have only one hero. His name is Jesus Christ. And He is real!”

Add your own, of course. There’s more than enough to go around...and then some. For them (all of them), and for Him!

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

We just spent a few days at the Correctional Ministers and Chaplains Association (CMCA) 2019 Summit at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College. In attendance were people ministering to those incarcerated and those impacted by incarceration. I met a few Chaplains who want Kairos in their facilities and three Chaplains from Indiana who have Kairos in their facility and were fans, several Kairos volunteers, folks who provide Bible Study via the mail, some re-entry organizations and others who minister in prisons. There were a lot of organizations doing things well and providing services that Kairos doesn’t. Kairos does what Kairos does very well, but we can’t and don’t do everything! I would encourage you to find organizations who have services and are trustworthy so you can talk about them intelligently. I know we all get asked about re-entry and you know that you can’t help because of the DOC rules. Find out about Bible Study available to them either to attend in person or correspondence. Find out where there are resources to help their families. Find out more about Kairos Outside, which can definitely help females impacted by incarceration, so you can talk with interest and passion. You can’t do everything, nor are you expected to do everything (remember we are all many parts of one body) but you can still help those incarcerated by knowing where to point them to have their needs met. There is a resource page on the CMCA website www.cmcainternational.org that will be a great first step in your research.

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

Better Together... growing the Kairos Community

Over the past year we have been talking a lot about how Kairos Programs are Better Together. While our message has focused on the benefit of an individual attending Kairos Inside or Kairos Torch and their female loved one or friend attending Kairos Outside and the impact of their shared experiences this spring I have witnessed our programs being truly "Better Together" in another way that is truly a blessing to everyone.

This spring there were two #1 Weekends, one in Northwest Florida, and one in Colorado. For both Kairos Weekends volunteers from other Kairos communities stepped up to help get these new communities started and to conduct the first Weekend. I know these Weekends were not isolated incidents, this happens a lot in Kairos. Stepping up, stepping out, and jumping in to help wherever we can is what we do, and it happens all the time.

In Northwest Florida volunteers from Kairos Outside in Mississippi and Alabama came to serve, and in Colorado the community was assisted by volunteers from California, Indiana, and Texas. Most of these volunteers drove a long distance, paid their own expenses, and worked on the Weekend as Day Angels. These ladies and gentlemen worked tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from cleaning bathrooms and making beds to hanging Agape and setting up the dining room for the Elegant Dinners. On both Weekends the presence of these experienced volunteers was such a blessing to the team, and to their Guests. They not only jumped in and served wherever they were needed, but they also provided valuable training to the volunteers from these new communities, equipping them to train other new volunteers going forward.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who have worked a # 1 Weekend to help a new Kairos community get started. Your service is invaluable, is truly a blessing, and a necessary to grow the ministry.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministry Coordinator)

The Advising Leader is a past Kairos Torch Weekend Leader and is the best possible resource the Weekend Leader(s) will have access to during the journey through a Kairos Torch Weekend. The Advising Leader has actually traveled this road before and is familiar with the blind spots that may surprise the Weekend Leader(s). The Advising Leaders have direct knowledge of the institution, volunteers, and Kairos Torch Program Manual application in your area. Count on the Advising Leader(s) to advise, counsel, gently guide, and console the Weekend Leader(s) when necessary. As part of the core team, the Advising Leader(s) will be expected to attend all team meetings and the Kairos Torch Weekend (except new starts whose Advising Leader is the Youth Ministries Coordinator or a designee). Advising Leaders will participate in the Kairos Torch Excellence Initiative interview with the State Chapter Committee Chair or designee for program evaluation within two weeks following the Weekend. The role of Advising Leader is important to the overall success of the team **but they must take great caution not to take over the responsibilities of the Weekend Leader(s) or subvert their**

leadership. They are there to serve the Weekend Leader(s) as they need and want, not as the Advising Leader thinks they should be served and supported. A wise Advising Leader will wait until the end of the day to discuss any problems with the Weekend Leader(s) that may have occurred and assist with amending any issues if the Weekend Leader asked for such assistance. The Advising Leader will step in during the absence of the Weekend Leader(s). This includes the team formation meetings as well as on the Weekend **but will yield leadership to the Weekend Leader(s) immediately upon their return.**

Monthly Mentoring Tip: Let the mentee control the pace of conversations. Don't push the mentee to tell you everything at once; allow them time to get to know you and build a trusting relationship with you. Be sensitive and respectful and above all keep everything the mentee says to you confidential (unless the youth plans to hurt herself or someone else).

Annual Conference (Andy Perry, Executive Administrative Assistant)

Registration is now open for the 2019 Annual Conference at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando (www.thefloridahotelorlando.com). We are planning to have new workshops with new presenters, great nightly speakers with powerful testimonies and, as always, a wonderful time of teaching, worship and fellowship. This year there are many new workshop topics to give you tools and inspiration to take back home to use in both Kairos Weekends and in the Continuing Ministry. The list is viewable on the Conference page, <http://mykairos.org/conference.html>. We are also going to try a new way to disseminate information with the use of a few ministry informational booths that will be open Thursday afternoon and during breaks and lunch on Friday and Saturday. We want to impact you with the love and forgiveness of Jesus for these days, so you can impact others in prison and those impacted by incarceration with that same love and forgiveness. The registration form can be downloaded [here](#). Please note the deadline for registration is June 21, 2019. A late fee will be assessed after this date. Registration confirmations will be emailed.

New One or Two Day Retreat Topics and Themed Talks Available In 2019

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

- Universal AKT Registration Form
http://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/akt_registration_form.pdf

Kairos Inside Women's Video

Kairos recently went into the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women and filmed some amazing testimonials on the full life and spiritual transformation of a handful of prisoners. Please visit our [Kairos Inside](#) page to view this moving video.

eBay for Charity

Did you know that if you use eBay for online buying or selling, you can select Kairos Prison Ministry as your favorite charity? In doing so you can choose to donate a portion of your sales to Kairos! Choose Kairos as your favorite eBay charity today by visiting [Kairos' eBay page](#).

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 bill@kpmi.org and they will be listed on the [kairosprisonministry.org events page](http://kairosprisonministry.org/events) as well as promoted in the Kairos Updates & Inspiration email!

Obituaries

Please forward obituaries of Kairos volunteers to bill@kpmi.org.

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: 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 bill@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: 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:

www.mykairos.org/news_enevs-sp.html

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