

# God's Special Time

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## *Something to ponder this Holiday Season*

**“The Master has entrusted us with His gift – the Kairos ministry – to bring His Grace to those impacted by incarceration”**

By Paul McGlone

And we are being called to do all we can to multiply that gift. At right, looking in on a Kairos group of women in a Honduras prison, is one of the inmate's sons. Unfortunately, this boy is not alone. In fact, 1.6 million children have one or both parents in prison.

According to a study done by the Department of Justice, more than three-quarters of juveniles 14 or younger with at least one prior referral returned to juvenile court. This National study also determined that 56% of committed youth had been living with one parent, 26% were not living with any parent and 19% were with two parents. We all know that home life impacts every single one of us—young and old alike—but the effects of an unhealthy and unstable home life on juveniles can be devastating.

Many years ago one of my social work experiences was that of being a juvenile probation officer. I can remember how important it was for these young people to have a positive role model. Whether it was a parent, another relative, Big Brother or Big Sister, coach, volunteer leader at a church etc., these people could really make a difference in the young offender. These positive roles models could help prevent youth from getting into that revolving door of illegal activity and incarceration.

Thankfully, through the dedication of YOU, Kairos volunteers, our Kairos Torch program and its mentoring process is helping to meet this need.

*“She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him the  
name Jesus, because he will save  
his people from their sins.”*

In addition to Torch, the Kairos Inside and Outside programs can also have a tremendous impact on decreasing the number of children waiting for a parent to be released from prison.

Our incredible teams of volunteers are helping to stop this revolving door for adults by dramatically changing the hearts of many incarcerated parents by introducing Christ and the Christian community of Kairos.

At the International office, we are blessed to receive letters from family members praising the wonderful positive change that occurred to their husband, wife or parent while in prison because of their Kairos experience on the Inside.

As many of you may know, the vision for Kairos

is to double the ministry in the next ten years. We would ask you to please help us to reach this goal with your kind gifts.

This Christmas, as you sip hot chocolate and eggnog with your loved ones, rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please do not forget to pray for all those impacted by incarceration—especially the parents and children. And, no matter where you are this holiday season—physically or spiritually—know that we are all united by the love of Jesus.

*Merry Christmas to all!*



Paul McGlone



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assist in the transition of  
becoming a productive citizen.**

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# Looking toward future growth

It is always a pleasure to share Kairos news with our community. This fall has been very encouraging. In October we completed our first women's weekend in Honduras and our first men's weekend in Nicaragua. Both weekends had their challenges, but with God's help they were a tremendous success. I have received several messages about both men and women residents feeling Christ's love for the first time. Lives are being changed in such a powerful way.



John A. Thompson, Jr.

We want to thank those individuals, churches and state committees who, through their prayers and financial generosity, have made these weekends possible. We look forward to the day when we can hire an international coordinator to oversee these growing international ministries. Kairos now brings Christ's love and forgiveness into the USA, UK, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Canada and Nicaragua. This year or in early 2008, we are planning to send representatives to Uganda and Uruguay. My hope is that we will eventually have the funds and local interest to develop Kairos in Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

As we look to our future, the Board is considering the implications of the parable of the talents to our ministry. In Matthew 25: 14-30, God challenges His followers to invest and multiply God's gifts to us. [If I look at Kairos in this way, I feel compelled to be a good steward and multiply God's ministry.] As a community, what do we all need to do to accomplish God's plan for us?

To grow our ministry we will need to increase our human and financial resources. Perhaps over the next 10 years, the most important of these is to recruit new volunteers. In fact, to just maintain our current position and to grow modestly, Kairos will need thousands of new volunteers.

To support this effort we will need to consider new staff, web based training, improved communications, additional financial resources, and continuing prayer. This is an exciting time for us as you, the Kairos community and our International Board, consider what would God have us do.

Imagine doubling the number of inmates who hear Christ's message!!!

In these efforts we must maintain the quality and integrity of our program. We want to have the best trained and spiritually mature volunteers. We want to improve our accounting and financial compliance throughout the ministry so we can complete a financial audit.

With an audit, we will be eligible to join other non-

profits as a member of the Evangelical Counsel for Financial Aid (ECFA) and be eligible for a much broader range of foundation grants. Without the ability to objectively demonstrate program and financial integrity, Kairos may never reach its true potential. None of us would want to face God as the servant who through pride, fear or stubbornness buried their talent in the ground. We are truly one ministry and we as brothers and sisters are bound together by our unity in Christ.

I would ask your prayers for our brothers and sisters in one of our states. For many years the community was geographically separated and struggled to support each other. In certain areas, team after team failed to recruit new volunteers. As the volunteer base shrunk, the teams would continue weekends with an insufficient number of volunteers and clergy. On some weekends, they had as few as 14 team members and one or no true clergy. One community recycled residents. Since many of them had 10 or more years of experience, they felt justified in modifying the program schedule. This is a classic example of what can happen to a community controlled by a few seasoned volunteers who won't share the ministry and think they know best. Bill Rushing and I have visited this area three to six times and many of the volunteers refused to meet with us because we were "taking away their ministry."

I am sharing this not to identify this state or embarrass any volunteers. I have stayed awake many nights thinking about what positive action we could take to support the change which must occur if this state's ministry is to survive. Please keep this situation in your prayers.

In our international office, we as staff try every week to pray for each other and Kairos. I would ask that you join us weekly, usually on a Tuesday afternoon, to pray about the many opportunities we all have to minister to each other, the residents, correctional officers, and the residents' families. Please add the victims of crime to our prayers. We must never forget the tremendous pain which many families suffer as a result of criminal activity. Emmett Solomon, KPMI Board Member, and many others are very dedicated to the restorative justice movement ([www.rjmn.net](http://www.rjmn.net)).

I am pleased to report that last month I was invited to present a two-part lecture at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan as part of their McElmurry Ethics and Society lecture series. Andrews University is a very prominent Seventh Day Adventist University. My hosts included Dr. Russell Staples who was most kind. During my visit I met Melinda Ucci who at 87 years young continued to visit the Dixon, IL, Correctional Center, where she was named Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

I wish everyone a blessed holiday season.

*In Christ,  
John*

# Great challenges require faith, hope and hard work

**By Denny Fryman**  
**KPMI Board President**

A few months ago I was asked if I was familiar with the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25: 19-30. I responded that I was and since that day I have begun to consider the question as God's revelation of His vision for Kairos.

Almost everywhere I turn I see God calling all Kairos volunteers to see the mission field as He does. We are in around 300 prisons in the U.S. God sees the 600 plus we are not in today. We have about 45 International Ministries. South Africa, Latin America, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom all have opportunities to grow.

For most of my adult life I have owned a business. It is a franchised business and until 2001 I operated eight retail stores associated with that business. On August 31, 2001 my wife, Cathy, and I received a call. Cathy's brother was in the hospital and might not survive. David was 58 years old at the time. He did survive but was not going to be able to continue running his business. David was in the exact same business as I was with eight retail stores in Ohio.

On September 1, 2001 my business doubled, overnight, as I was asked by the family to step in and run David's stores in addition to the eight I owned. It was not until a few days later that I started to realize that God had been preparing my company to do exactly what we were being asked to do by the family.

This year in Indiana we have seen Kairos grow from five ministries at the end of 2006 to 10 at the end of 2007. It is as if God wants me to understand that when He is ready to double something, He will do it. It may happen overnight or it could take a year. The Parable of the Talents says that the "Master" was

going to go away for a long period. Upon His return, He would ask what had been done with the "talents" he had entrusted to His servants. The parable teaches us that the "Master" expects His servants to build His Kingdom. A "well done" follows for those that are obedient.

As our lives unfold, God shows us things that build our faith. As we see where God is at work and commit ourselves to joining Him in that work, we see miracles.

Today, as I write this, it is October 22, 2007. I have just finished working on Kairos #1 at Plainfield, Indiana. We had 40 new team members there. We had 12 team members with prior Kairos experience. Six of the 40 new team members had not done an outside fourth day weekend.

The ad-hoc committee started meeting around March 1, 2007- a week after the dates for Plainfield were set (October 18-21, 2007). The committee met every two weeks for 60-90 minutes to prepare for the weekend. The committee was provided with ACOP (Advisory Council Operating Procedures), SCCOP (State Chapter Committee Operating Procedures), EZRA, Blue Manuals, and the Financial Policies including KairosDonor.

I was one of the 12 people on the team with experience but I chose to serve as State Observer so that I could utilize the Kairos Inside Excellence Initiative prepared by Steve Gabriel and the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Inside Excellence Initiative helps to measure compliance with all aspects of the weekend through the answering of questions on a "yes or no" basis. Plainfield scored 90 out of a possible 91. To be sure there were lots of questions. The weekend was awesome, spectacular and incredible.

It was exactly the way it has been designed to be. I came away from the experience knowing that we as volunteers, staff, and board members

got it right. A strong Advisory Council, working with a strong State Committee, using EZRA, the Blue Manual, and implementing the financial policies including KairosDonor helped a very inexperienced team stay safely in the Kairos riverbanks.

The Plainfield team was assembled simultaneously while two other men's teams prepared for their number 1 weekend as well. We also had a Torch Team in formation during this time. Every one of these teams were within a thirty mile radius of Indianapolis.

With the growth in Indiana, we had to purchase two more complete sets of equipment to allow multiple weekends to be conducted at the same time. Most of the equipment had never been used so we did not even know if we had everything we needed for the weekend. To top it off the team raised over \$26,000 to support the weekend and the extra funds needed for the new equipment.

As we strive to see where God is at work, I can just not help but tell you He has given me a front row seat and He has imprinted on my mind the Parable of the Talents.

My wife often tells me that God makes things so clear for me. It is as if He placed stones in front of me, asking only that I step on each one as He provides them.

Faith is all about having confidence in things you can not see. Obedience is about stepping on each stone that God gives us. Combining our faith with obedience can produce miracles.

We often use Matthew 25:36 ("I was in prison and you visited me") as our "call to action." Do you remember what comes just a few verses prior starting at verse 31? Jesus is speaking about the final judgment. In verse 34 he says "Come all you who are blessed by my father, take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." Later in

verse 40 Jesus says "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers you did for me." There is a depth of richness that comes when you realize that the Parable of the Talents comes just prior, in the same chapter, as the verse we consider our "call". Then to find that our "call" is contained in the context of Jesus speaking of the final judgment... the alpha and the omega; our beginning and our end. If that does not encourage you to look for your stones, to take a step in faith, to become part of something that only God could do, consider the following.

Might some of our stones be ACOP, SCCOP, EZRA, KairosDonor and Financial Policy implementation, the Kairos Excellence Initiative and International Start Up Guidelines? In Plainfield, all of these were used except the Int'l Start up Guidelines. The fact that God allowed me to see how all of this worked together to build His Kingdom just becomes another stone, another piece of my faith that we can find new volunteers and prepare them to conduct a weekend with the tools God has already given us.

Over the next five years, it is estimated that the number of people in the U.S. that will be imprisoned will jump by 20%. It is not an option to just maintain. Our challenges are great. What I have seen at Plainfield suggests to me that God has prepared Kairos to live out the Parable of the Talents. The "doubling" I have seen in my own life helps me to have confidence that God can do anything He wants to do. That He is asking us to work to double the ministry in the next ten years seems to me to be what He has prepared us to do.

***Denny Fryman***  
*KPMI Board President*



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The Pension Protection Act of 2006 brings a new, limited-time charitable giving opportunity to those 70½ and older who want to make tax-free gifts from their traditional or Roth IRAs.

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- Transfers must be made between now and December 31, 2007.

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We have a volunteer team of professional advisors that can put together all the necessary financial and tax-related paperwork to set up your planned gift at no charge to you. You can call Paul McGlone at 407.538.5770 for more information.



# WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN

By Bill Rushing

Well, Old Man Winter is here and lots of folks are doing what I am, and that's fixing a pot of coffee around the old stove, trying to stay warm. Of course, 85 in the middle of winter in Florida is not exactly what most of you may be experiencing right now, but let's just pretend. The subject in the Barn this time is "Prayer," and I would like for all of us to ponder deep thoughts about our prayer life as it affects Kairos and us.

We all know about it: our manuals, EZRA, and the various Weekends are all full of prayer; we even say that "prayer undergirds everything we do in Kairos." But just how sincere are we about prayer? Or do we sometimes simply say the right words out of habit without giving deep thought about conversing and visiting with God about our place and function within His ministry?

Let me share a conversation I recently had with a very close friend and Kairos volunteer who is in the process of preparing a Kairos Inside team. He told me that he was so worried about doing the right thing for God and the Weekend that he had gone so far as to skip a Monthly Reunion at the institution so he could stay home and work with EZRA for the subsequent team meetings. He even rationalized this by thinking he was really sacrificially preparing

things so that the other team members could attend the Monthly Reunion without being burdened or distracted by any meeting preparations. On top of that, he was asked to pray for another Inside Weekend that was occurring, and he actually felt like he did not have the time for that. Then, as God is likely to do, my friend felt like a bolt of lightning had hit him...had he really convinced himself that he didn't have the time to take 30 minutes each day to pray for another Kairos Weekend? He then told me his guilt was so enormous, that the only way for him to overcome it was to get on his knees right there and have a contrite visit with God.

But then what he said impacted me further. He said he had been part of a Biblical study using Max Lucado's latest book, *Facing Your Giants*.

Lucado puts forth his premise that Bible scholars can chronologically follow King David's walk with God through the Psalms he authored, from his younger years to the latter ones. With the time gaps between the Psalms, it becomes pretty easy to discern that these were times when David was in his "crazy" years acting mentally deranged, fighting with the Philistines against King Saul, or plotting his sinful encounter with Bathsheba. He was acting on his own, depending on himself, and consequently, his prayer life was humanly silent.

It was only in those times when

God fought David's battles, or gave him wise counsel, or when David had to atone for his sins with Bathsheba and others that his prayer life was at a peak. To paraphrase Max Lucado, David never knew that God was all he needed, until God was all he had.

So we must ask ourselves: how different from David are we? I certainly include myself in that question as I have to face the fact that my prayer life is not what it should be. But God has a plan for me and He has a plan for maybe you, too (Psalm 40:5).

Ann Kreller (our office website coordinator) has come up with a plan to not only offer an opportunity for all of us to exercise our prayer life, but to also to do a better job of sending and receiving agape. She is requesting that a person, perhaps at the state chapter level, forward every KI, KO, or KT Weekend in your state with the name/weekend data (dates, etc.)/e-mail addresses/etc. of the individual Weekend Leaders so she can set up website links across the nation. The benefits of this are huge, not only for agape but the simple and unifying act of simultaneous corporate prayer. All of us will be able to tap in every week to every Kairos event going on, with data about the leaders, etc. for years and years to come. But, in order for this to be successful, we need 100% cooperation with every state and country.

If we truly believe that prayer does undergird this ministry, then it will take all of us to put this together and



act upon it. Personal data must be correct with accurate agape addresses, etc. All someone in your state has to do is to contact Ann (ann@kpmi.org) with the correct data. Just think: how special would it be for a Weekend Leader to open his/her e-mail and receive hundreds or thousands of e-mails supporting them, their teams, and those to whom we minister?

We in the office, to the best of our ability, will be praying every Tuesday about 2 p.m. ET. We invite you to join us at the appropriate time zone of your residence. Of course, you may pray any and all times, but that is when we will be praying here in Florida.

In the meantime, this project sounds like it going to take a bunch of coffee that needs to be brewing. So I'll let you get going, and like always, I'll keep the pot full and the stove warm. And thank you ahead for what you are about to do.

## I am every man and woman from the inside...

The following is an excerpt from a testimony delivered by a former prisoner prior to a presentation by Sr. Helen Prejean, "Dead Man Walking" author and activist:

Eight years ago, I was what you might call "FRESH." That is, fresh out of prison filled with the fresh insights and appreciation for my new and improved world. This world ... a typical world outside the world of prison bars.

It has been a long time since those prison days

were my every moment's reality. I remain affected by the prison experience and speak of those days more than my friends and loved ones would wish, I am happy to say that I now have to reflect more deliberately to share about those times in a meaningful way than I once did.

I think I can summarize what was tough about prison for me by mentioning two factors. Neither have anything to do with what media sources and what most folks would associate with the nightmare

of prison life.

The first is living the ongoing, never-ending 24-7, day after day, month after month, and year after year reality that is prison life. There are no days off or liberty passes from prison.

The second factor is heartbreak. I know that it is my own fault that I am here. I know that my young son needed his dad. To really be well and ok, he

See **Every man and woman**, page 8

# Kairos Honduras #1 Women's Weekend — PNFAS Prison

By Glenda Miller

Scripture for the Weekend: 2 Corinthians 3:16-17 – “But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

The women's team consisted of 17 women and one male pastor. Jo Chapman, coordinator of Kairos Women's Ministries, was apart of this team and she brought four other North Americans with her so they may help out with instruction and on the job training for our Honduran women. We were also blessed to have two women from Nicaragua who were observing so they can go back to their country and have an idea how a Kairos weekend should run.

As the Leader of this weekend, I was surrounded by huge amounts of Love and Support from the entire team.

The Kitchen crew was made up of five men, who cooked and delivered over 400 plates of food for the entire four-day weekend.

After four years of preparation for this moment, it was worth the wait. God blessed us immensely to bring this Kairos to 21 women inside whose lives were touched individually with God's love. One woman told me that this experience taught her to care for her cellmates and to love them no matter what religion they belong to. Another woman expressed to me that this Kairos has moved her soul to thirst for the Spirit of The Lord. There were



The altar that the U.S. volunteers created for the Kairos Weekend. The banner was designed and painted by the Spiritual Director for the Weekend.

many testimonies during this weekend and each volunteer and participant has taken away with them something they share: the Love and unity that Jesus Christ brought through the Kairos ministry to them. So many sacrificed jobs, time, money and so much more to serve on this weekend and the stories are

still coming. I'm humbled and thankful for all those I served with. It was a true blessing. Many thanks to all of you for the words of encouragement, love and prayers that all of you have given to me in this step of faith in directing the 1st Kairos for women in Honduras.



Tamara Prison  
(Penitenciaría Nacional Femenina de Adaptación Social - PNFAS) complex with men's unit, women's unit and youth unit.



U.S. volunteers for the Honduras #1 Weekend, from left to right: Mary Alice Garza, Texas volunteer, Rosario Rocha, California volunteer, Rosa Covarubias, California volunteer, Glenda Miller, Kairos #1 leader, Jo Chapman, Kairos Women's Coordinator, and Olivia Ramirez, California volunteer.

## *Inside Coordinator's additional thoughts on PNFAS #1*

By Jo Chapman

I would like to add some words to Glenda's [see facing page] about the power of God's Love and faithfulness in terms of the desire to get Kairos into Honduras prisons. Mike and Glenda Miller have been working tirelessly in the prisons of Honduras and it was finally "God's Special Time" for the women residents at Tamara Prison in Honduras.

Mary Alice Garza, a National Board member, and three dedicated women from the California Spanish speaking Kairos, accompanied me in support of the Honduran Kairos volunteers.

I did not understand many of the words said on the weekend, but I certainly felt the Spirit on the

weekend. The best I could do was be a table servant. The residents live in very humble surroundings and the food is scarce unless their family can provide help.

Our worst prisons would seem like palaces in comparison.

So the Kairos food was very welcomed and the food of the Spirit was very healing. As the team told their stories of parental abandonment, domestic violence and family abuse, the residents witnessed that "God is the only way" that one gets through that pain and begins to have wholeness in one's life.

One of the Nicaraguan women that came to observe the weekend felt that she would not be

worthy to serve on a Kairos Weekend because of her family situation. She soon discovered that other team members have walked in her shoes and have been healed through the love and grace of Jesus Christ and can now tell their stories. Thanks be to God!!!!

Honduras needs more money just like the U.S. ministries. The only difference is the people of Honduras are very poor and it takes the generosity of more prosperous countries to step into the gap and help meet the financial needs of Central American Kairos ministries.

This will help spread God's message of love and forgiveness to be demonstrated in all their prisons and Kairos can continue to grow.

## Pass it on!

By Dan Lester

Walking into the evening chapel service on the first night of the Kairos International Summer Conference in 2006, I spotted a young man sitting by himself that I had never seen before. He stood out since he was not an old grey/white haired man. Since we had about five minutes before the service started, we started talking and he shared this remarkable story.

Mike was a successful builder in New York who had his life changed by being on some Kairos teams. His wife was from Honduras and in their prayer life together, they felt they needed to end their comfortable life..... SELL EVERYTHING, BECOME MISSIONARIES AND START KAIROS IN HONDURAS! Wow, I can imagine my wife's reaction if I told her that! Mike and Glenda Miller talked to a few churches and received some financial pledges and moved to Honduras.

After a time, they started to run out of money, the church financial support ended and they were forced to live off the land and from help of some local dirt-poor people. As they continued to grow their missionary work and pray many hours a day, they felt the Holy Spirit was guiding them but they continued in their struggle to survive physically day to day. They lived in the fire for years, but their faith became stronger!

Mike would email John Thompson every few weeks and tell him that he was ready to start Kairos and needed the seed money. John would thank him for his email but said International Kairos had no money. Finally, John told him that he had to get the Prison commissioner for the country to agree to have a Kairos. After a lot of time and effort, Mike received Kairos Weekend approval for Honduras. John thanked him but said he still had no seed money and to keep praying. A few emails later, Mike was explaining their dire financial need and the need to move forward with Kairos. John said he next needed to make sure three or more denominations would support Kairos. Mike, through prayer, came up with local poor people's support for help and food to hold a supper for the leaders of many denominations. When they started the meeting, Glenda said it was cold as ice in the room. This was a mistake; none of the people were talking to each other. You could tell they were not comfortable with each other and did not want to be there. Mike and Glenda prayed some more, and Mike went to the speakers' platform. The Spirit told him to sing a catchy Kairos song. As he started and asked them to join in, the Holy Spirit came into the room and they all started talking, singing and enjoying each other's company. Another email to John on the accomplishment....still no money to spare for Honduras.

As time moved on, John came up with the idea to

pay Mike's flight to the conference in New Mexico and then have the Board or individuals pledge to seed the weekend. At that conference, the Board started what became the Los Hermanos Project which was for states to have the opportunity to seed third world country start-ups. Thornton Crouch, a retired banker from South Carolina, and Denny Fryman, the treasurer, made an emotional presentation at one of the meals and many thousands of dollars in pledges were made.

Months later, at a State Chapter Committee meeting, I felt led to share this emotional story.. During this same meeting, the Financial Secretary shared that Weekend income was greater than expenses leaving our State with a surplus. A vote approved immediately sending a substantial sum to National. A surplus funds ad-hoc committee was appointed also, and at the next meeting, recommended immediately sending \$5000 per month to National and continuing until / unless rescinded. Discussion ensued where we also learned of an exciting new program called Los Hermanos which would be introduced at the Winter 2007 Conference. Food for thought for future consideration by our State! Another Committee member reiterated that the money isn't ours, and IF WE WANTED TO KEEP BEING BLESSED FINANCIALLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO PASS IT ON – "BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST" TO HELP OTHERS!

The vote was unanimous even though it could have left us with less than enough money to cover six months of Weekends. Since that time, our State balance sheet has never dropped more than 5 percent from our total amount before the giving. I saw members, who were against the state sharing monies from "their" institution to help another institution, excited about giving it to other countries! What a blessing! So...don't be afraid to "PASS IT ON"! We are called to do it!

"To whom much is given, much is expected." Luke 12:48

We are accountable for the knowledge, resources, abilities, etc. God has blessed us with. All of these blessings come from the Lord. If we have been given much, He expects much from us – out of our response to His awesome love for us.

In asking the Lord to give us His wisdom and spirit, we can all be faithful stewards over what He has entrusted to us.

Your State is asked to join others by stepping out in faith

Dan Lester  
Alabama Board Rep

P.S. If you want their monthly newsletters of all the exciting things going on in Honduras, email Michael and Glenda [mjgm2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgm2004@yahoo.com)

Every man and woman, from page 5

needed me around. We were close and now I am gone. In my absence, at the very least, he needed to be proud of his dad and talk of him proudly and freely to his friends.

I know that when my son's friends ask about his dad, he did not know what to say. Maybe he felt compelled to lie.

This was heartbreak for me. Letters came, increasingly few, and less personal from my son's mom. Until finally, the inevitable legal mail containing divorce papers.

I knew the heartbreak of knowing that I have isolated, not only myself, but also my mom in the process. My mom, my dad and my sisters are innocents who have been punished by my actions and the subsequent shame and stigma of having a son and brother in prison. The heartbreak of seeing my mother's weary eyes after too many weekend hours in visiting room lines, weighed heavy on me.

I came to the realization that my Dad, a strong and vital guy when I went inside, has now grown weak and frail. One day, I heard my heart admit that my dad was not gonna make it to see me come home.

The blessing that made my own life and heartbreak come under a new light was Kairos. The good news is, that the light of Christ really has a way of getting into prison in powerful ways. In some ways, Kairos countered the message that, as a prisoner, I am the worst thing I have ever done. Kairos and the volunteers came in with love in their hearts bringing in the message that we are loved and that we are not only the worst thing we have ever done.

I do want to submit to you that LOVE is the answer and that can make up for that endured by prisoners, former prisoners and their families.

You know, Mathew 25 was really right!!



# Successful start-up for Kairos Nicaragua

By Mario Reyes and David Aguilar L.

To the many friends and supporters of the startup of Kairos in Nicaragua:

What an amazing success story for a startup of Kairos! We are so proud to report that after more than a year of encouragement, commitment, training and financing, the new Kairos community in Nicaragua has now put on its first weekend in the La Modelo prison.

The weekend needed to operate during daylight hours so started early on Thursday morning and ran each day 8 AM to 4 PM through Sunday's closing. If there were themes to the weekend, they were family, unconditional love and joy. The table families were especially close, from discussions to posters, to prayer and for-



giveness. And the international Kairos team was bonded from the beginning with joy and great fun. Time at the retreat center where the team was housed was relaxed, full of talk, games, great food and singing.

So many thanks to the many that made possible the financing of the event. Special thanks go out to

Alabama, South Carolina, Colorado, and Texas for help with the purchase of the tables, chairs, sound systems, easels, food and drink carriers, coolers and the like as well as for the operating expenses of food, drink, transport and even a portable generator. And thanks go out to all the Kairos communities that provided

agape and prayer support from correctional facilities and communities in these states and the international communities in Australia, England, Northern Ireland, Costa Rica and South Africa.

The Nicaragua Kairos community is off to a wonderful start. We are all blessed.



Alfred Jeffrey, UK Kairos International Board Representative, poses with the Kairos banner at the Canterbury cloisters. The banner was used for the Kairos Summer Conference in Erie, PA in July 2007 and given to Alfred for use in the UK. 507 people participated in parade, with a majority from the Cursillo 4th day walks. There were 30 Cursillo diocesan banners, one Tres Dias banner and the Kairos banner displayed as they paraded through the back streets and into the cathedral.

# More than I expected

**I**t was a Friday afternoon and my daughter and I had just pulled into the parking area for the Kairos Outside weekend # 19.

I was really nervous, as I didn't know what to expect. I came because my granddaughter sent us applications from prison as she wanted us to come, and my daughter wouldn't come unless I went with her. I turned to my daughter sitting beside me and said, "Are you sure you want to do this?"

Before she could answer a woman came to our car, introduced herself and with a smile on her face asked if she could help us with our things and escorted us into the building.

Everyone made us feel so welcome.

After we got settled she took us to a large room where there were other women who were also guests. We were all introduced to each other and the night began. I was thinking that this might be a nice experience after all.

The speakers started sharing their stories and I began to feel my fears melting away. I could sense the Love of God being demonstrated by this team of women who were so willing to serve Him.

I laughed, I cried and shared experiences with other guests at our family table.

I watched the team as they guided us through the program and could sense that they really cared. God was there and you could feel His love all around us.

I've never experienced anything like this before. My heart was so full that I wanted to give back what I had received to others so that they would know that they were not alone in their struggles in life and that they were loved by God.

Being a guest was an incredible experience of loving one another as the Lord loves us. I wanted to share that same feeling with others so I filled out an application to be on team and this is my second year serving.

I have found that it was an even greater experience of sharing and giving to be on team then to be a guest.

Thank you Kairos for such a wonderful program that shows family's that they are not alone and hopefully brings them closer to Jesus

*Marilyn*

*A Kairos Outside New Hampshire guest*

# *I found it — At Kairos Outside*

**M**y life of abuse started at home at about the age of six and continued all the way up until I was 12. I started running away from home only to become a street child. I was God's little child so damaged, desolate and empty. I then became homeless and so lost mentally and physically.

The vicious cycle of poverty hit me so hard with drugs and alcohol, along with the crime life in the ghetto, which had the most powerful chains. To be held in a prison for kids left me such little hope to only just survive. There was nowhere to run and nowhere to hide. They were the ones that decide whether you shall or will or could be happy or unhappy. Which one got to hold the switch?

(Literally) I was just this lost young soul roaming the earth trying to find whatever it was I was missing out on in life and could never find it. I never fit in. It was so devastating going through the motions of consistently being so numb. I guess that's what's kept me alive all this time to be able to tell it.

Everyone I can remember from back in the day are all dead from either drug overdoses, murdered or AIDS. In the end was I the lucky one?

When you're so young and innocent and all of a sudden your precious fairy tale dreams come to a shattering halt, that's when reality hits you like a brick right in the face with all the horrifying monsters manageable to become so real. So I ran and kept running trying to reach the end of the rainbow only to disappoint myself just once more. You see, there was never the end only the never-ending. My ending was when I was forced to stop running this vicious race because my clock was running out of time. My batteries had now died and I was behind prison walls. I lost everything that was precious to me. I lost it all and was facing 29 years. God thought something entirely different. Pity maybe or maybe He had so much Mercy and forgiveness on my hollowed dried up soul that just one little slight glimmer of light could some-

how, somewhere be found. All I had to do was listen and listen ever so sweetly to His beautiful words spoken straight into my heart and I knew without a question of a doubt I would be lost no more. I had nothing left to lose but my life. At that point and time with all else that had failed what did I really have left to loose? I gave up and surrendered all. I gave up my old life all the way up to my very last old breath to leave my body and Jesus Himself was there to breath into my nostrils and mouth my very first new breath of everlasting life to be born all over again this time belonging to Him now and forever.

I was a babe and petrified not knowing what to expect next. But I trusted Him and still do to this day of His never-ending love for me. I had received a brochure from my daughter who now resides in jail, wanting me to do the Kairos # 19. I filled out the paperwork and was so nervous that I had to have my mom come with me. I felt if there was any kind of trueness and love from these woman who would know better than my mom, right? Well we did it together and it was everything and more that I could have ever comprehended or experi-

enced in my life. The beauty the Good Lord has shined through these women on helping to mend so many broken hearts with compassion, mercy so much understanding is beyond 'words. The Lord just shines on these beautiful women who have experienced exactly what yours and my life is about. They make you feel like you're not alone. They are one of you and by the grace of God I finally belong. It feels so good to give back to others what I received.

I hope this letter will help you understand that you are not alone, there's a whole life of people out there just like you and me waiting to be loved and understood. Let us give you this gift of having the experience of what I call it, a little taste of Heaven right here on earth.

*Cindy*

*A Kairos Outside New Hampshire guest*

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*I was just this lost young soul roaming the earth trying to find whatever it was I was missing out on in life and could never find it.*

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Kairos Outside Advanced Training, Wichita, KS. Back row. Joyce Redford, Jean Walker, Jean Mears, Barb Woodruff (red shirt), Karen Hinkle, Charlotte Wise, Sylvie White. Front row, Hilde Winston, Terrie Turner, Pat Rice, Elena Metcalf, Esther Wilhelm, Emma Jones.

## *I am grateful...*

I would like to tell you of one of the best days of my life. I was a little down in the dumps. You see, I had just turned 50 years old. My husband did not think that having a 50th birthday was an important event. I have a son imprisoned in another state, and I did not get to see him that year. I had also had surgery earlier that year, so yes I did need a break - something needed to happen for me in a big way.

A friend at work told me she had a gift for me. I did not know what it was and because she was a friend I accepted the gift. I was to go on my Weekend in May of 2004, but because

I was still recovering from surgery I did not go. My friend asked if I would do my weekend in October 2004 and I said I would.

My Kairos #16 weekend was one of the best weekends of my life. I knew God loved me, but until that weekend I had no idea how much God really did love me. I came with an open mind as my friend had asked me to. The ladies that were there became my family right away. They were warm and giving. By Sunday morning I was so overwhelmed from care I was given all I could do was cry tears of joy. Everyone gave of himself or herself like I have not

seen, from the ladies in the community to the ladies and men in the kitchen.

I was told that thanks were not needed, but how could I just walk away and not show my gratitude. I was feeling like my life had just been handed to me for a new beginning. I did not want this feeling to go away and I said that as well as thank you. I was told I could join the team if I wanted to. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Excuse me for laughing but where do I sign up.

From the first moment of me walking in the door of the community room I was not the same person I was

when I started. I have the opportunity to serve and give as much as I can. I get to do the one thing God asks of me and that is to love, love, love. I do not get enough of serving in my Kairos Outside family, and because of Kairos I have a closer walk with my God. I feel God in me every day in my life, and I try to live a life pleasing to God. THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

May God go with you, and bless you all.

*Jackie Collins-Riddick  
Kairos Outside  
New Hampshire guest*

## From the pen of a Christian...

As Christians, we must always trust our sovereign Lord. As Christians, it is easy to say we trust Him, but it is entirely different to really trust Him, especially when life hurts. Kairos, for me, has been a refuge and a blessed gathering of saints where I have been privileged to be carried away to the "prayer room" year after year. In anticipation of the Weekend of constant prayer, I wrote my sweetheart a letter, with a closing phrase, "...as the weekend progresses, I will become more focused, more strengthened and clear minded." I had no idea how profound these words would become when I first wrote them.

At the age of 3, circumstances which are familiar to many of us resulted in my adoption into another home. God is sovereign. He governs, disposes and directs ALL events and actions; my mother made no mistake. Later in life she thought she did, I thought she did, but she didn't.

As the years went on, I missed my mother so much; I suppose Joseph missed his family too, while in Egypt. By age 15 I was a wreck. I saw with my own eyes how terrible of a condition our world is in. I also became privy to the hidden strength of corruption and the deceitfulness of our hearts. By age 24 I was sitting in prison with two natural life sentences. I cried and cried... my only companion was my tears. The few people in my life that were still with me seemed so distant. They lived in homes. I'm here in prison. "God!!! why?" I cried. "What are you doing to me?" The world was quickly becoming a very cold and unfair place. But, it was as if I heard the Lord whisper, "Trust me."

Trusting Him hurts sometimes. It means that suffering unjustly, being crushed, being alone or whatever else may occur to you has to be endured...while fatefully saying within our soul, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

During this Kairos weekend, I needed God's providence to finally break through the clouds and smile on me. Friday, while in the prayer room, I was overwhelmed with peace. But my heart hurt so badly. Lord, I know this weekend isn't about me, it's about these candidates who are here to feel your love...but I need you so much, I'm tired, I'm tired of fighting, I'm tired of hoping, I'm just tired...

During lunch break a Kairos volunteer said to me, "Jason, are you alright? You have this weight in your eyes..." He said I needed to recall who I was and what God has called me to do. But, I mean, come on... I'm sitting in prison with a couple life sentences, I'll never leave unless God overturns this contemptible sentence and yet, I study theology, write the bible by hand and have begun writing my first book...but for what? Hope

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## Director speaks at academic meeting

John Thompson, Executive Director of Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc., delivered a talk on Prison Ministry at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. John was featured as the keynote speaker at the October 12-13, 2007 lectureship.

The presentation focused on the following thoughts:

The annual cost of the American prison system is \$60 billion.

Prisoners constitute the fastest growing population segment in the United States, now numbering 2.3 million.

The daunting state of the American prison system and the opportunities for ministry which it presents was the focus of the 2007 McElmurry Ethics & Society Lectureship: "An Expensive Way to Make Bad People Worse? Or Pathway to a New Life?"

Through the meetings, the Lectureship highlighted the power of Divine grace to free prisoners from



the attitudes and habits that enslave them; to support volunteer ministries which connect with prisoners and lead many to Christ, give support to their deprived families and facilitate reentry into society with a reduced rate of recidivism; to rejoice in the lives of prisoners renewed through fellowship with loving Christians; and to challenge Christians to share their love and fellowship with those whose lives have been devastated by crime and punishment.

## IN MEMORY OF...

### JOE BASILE

Joe Basile was called by Our Lord on September 9, 2007 to his heavenly reward after a long battle with cancer. Joe was active in the Kairos Prison Ministry for 20 years. He served as leader for



Joe Basile

Lake Correction Institution #27. He was a team member for several teams throughout his years of service. He also ministered to the inmates of Orange County Jail on a weekly basis. Joe was also active in ministries for his church, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Orlando. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a great inspi-

ration to all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

### LINDA WEBB

Please keep Kairos volunteer, Wilson Webb, Gadsen, AL, in your thoughts and prayers. His wife, Linda, passed on to our Lord and Savior on October 5. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorials to either Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus in memory of Linda Webb. Please lift Wilson and his family up in your prayers.

### DAIRELL SNAPP

Dairell Snapp, Stuart, FL, member of Kairos MCI 26, died Sunday, October 23. Please keep his wife, Anna, in your prayers. Dairell had been living with lung cancer for the past three months and died peacefully. He shared that he wanted his Kairos brothers to please join family and friends in the celebration of Dairell's life.

# Kairos Torch Trainers team up in Arkansas

By Ida Wheeler

**T**orch Program Manuals and AKT Workbooks covered the conference table as trainers poured over the pages of our ministry documents. Tapping into the diverse strengths of the trainers, the finishing touches were put on the Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) Torch Workbook. This finished product will be an invaluable companion to the Torch Program Manual in the hands of any upcoming Torch leader. The information provided in the workbook helps a team leader develop the team, weekend, and follow-up mentoring program for the youthful offender in a way that parallels an actual Torch weekend. This training format gives the team leader another rehearsal strategy to prepare volunteers for Torch ministry and ease the anxiety of what lies ahead. Effective communication, participating in hands-on activities that can be adapted for the weekend, and embracing the music of youth ensures the creation of a safe environment that allows the young men and women to learn what life can be like in a loving, caring, and trusting community. Kairos Torch Ministry is all about setting the stage for Jesus Christ's love and grace to transform the life of each Torch participant.

The AKT Trainer's Guide was then correlated to flow smoothly with the AKT Workbook. An eye for detail turned to the accompanying PowerPoint presentation used in Torch training. What a challenge it became to capture the attention and heart of the audience with images and words flashed onto a wall! Kevin Reslover, Director of Kairos Torch, challenged each one of the trainers to take a closer look at the content to be highlighted during an AKT Torch weekend. Topic assignments were made for research and presentation



Kairos Torch Trainers: Tom Chapman, Beverly Hankins, Candi Reslover (not pictured) Calvin Roberson (not pictured), Larry Turner, Debbie Vanderveen, Bryan Wheeler and Ida Wheeler. Director of Kairos Torch: Kevin Reslover

...the midnight oil burned...and trainers came to the conference table Saturday morning with greater clarity of topics than ever before. Now there was vision about what the upcoming leaders had to know, strategies to make that connection, and what word phrases would best express the ideas. At the end of our second day in Arkadelphia, the smiles and nods assured one another that our project was nearly complete.

Many hours of teamwork in the 18-hour workdays had prepared two manuals for publishing and a PowerPoint presentation had been refined. The project plans have been drawn up to adapt the Ezra program to Torch and to update the Torch Program Manual to incorporate the changes approved by the Kairos Board of Directors since the initial printing of the document. The heart

of this group of trainers is to provide a program of excellence to honor God and those we seek to serve in Torch ministry. One way to do this is to put solid resources into the hands of the volunteers that minister to incarcerated youth at home and abroad.

The team of Torch trainers also took the time to consider the quality of instruction they provided to the upcoming leaders in Torch. This meant taking a look in the mirror to see our strengths and weaknesses. Pretests and posttests measured the understanding of program content, supporting documents, and supporting human resources for Torch volunteers. An informal Trainer's Instructional Evaluation Form was created to assure the trainer's alignment with policy, procedures, and faithfulness to the Torch model. In an effort to merge the training needs of the volun-

teers, the calendars of the AKT Torch trainers, and wise stewardship of ministry funds – AKT Torch training dates were scheduled through December of 2008. Please take advantage of the training opportunities nearest you. Your Torch program cannot afford to have an upcoming team leader miss and important training date!

The follow-up to the labor of document development was the "heart" work of exploring the Kairos Torch Mentor Training Workbook created by Tom Chapman. Through our own tears, we shared the cruelty of the past and the hope of tomorrow for the young men and women we have mentored. The wealth of information given to the trainers exposed only the tip of the iceberg. The study of the youth in today's context and the

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# But God can

By Joseph G. McNemar

**C**ircleville Juvenile Correctional Facility (CJCF) Kairos Torch #1 was a chance to chart a new course with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS). This was the first Kairos Torch weekend in a DYS facility. As such, it was a learning experience for us all. We learned about their struggles and challenges. They learned about our ministry. And the boys learned about the love of God. For some, for the first time, they truly believe that someone loves them. Twenty mentors are now prepared to make that point permanent as we undertake the six months of mentoring which is the real goal of the weekend.

CJCF is a facility for males that specializes in sex offender programming. In preparing to start this new ministry, a friend cautioned me, "You know, you'll never change them (meaning sex offenders)." I replied, "Yes, I know I won't, but God can." So, as we looked at the boys gathered in the gym for the Creation presentation where they are told that they are each, "A special creation of God," the most remarkable thing was how much they looked just like any group of boys from a sports team or Boy Scout troop. What had led them to this place? A clue to the answer came on Sunday during the closing when many talked about forgiveness. One boy forgave his two foster uncles who raped him. "I used to think

church was just something to do, but now I realize it's something I need," he said.

Perhaps the best response was that the weekend wasn't what another boy had expected. "I thought somebody would just be preaching to us and I wasn't going to listen," he said. "It surprised me. I saw that maybe I can be forgiven."

"...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The reports that have come in since the weekend show that it did have an impact. A volunteer from another ministry reported about one of the participants, "He was on the mountain top tonight and sharing the wonderful time that he had for the four days and how much it meant to see your (a volunteer that attended the closing) face there! It truly means the world to the boys to see faces of encouragement. Both boys I spoke with tonight (who were part of Sunday's event) felt called to the ministry!"

Another church volunteer had a session at CJCF "and afterwards asked if anyone wanted to share their testimony, how the video (they showed) affected them or a little about what God was doing in their lives. I thought D N was going to preach. His thing was finally believing someone really cared about him. I believe it will be life changing, not just temporary."

At the very least, it had an impact on the team members who came to share God's love and got a whole lot of it back in return.

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issues that have effected their responses to life situations have prompted Kairos Torch volunteers to meet the needs of the youth at the point of their wounding. One such wound is the "Father's Fracture". Seeing restored lives requires a commitment to one-on-one mentoring. The hour a week given in mentoring gives back the value that life has stripped from youth as a result of their choices. The value of the mentor's hour is modest compared to the value gained in the youth's hour of mentoring. The trainers also took the time to "phone conference" with Bill Vanderveen the facilitator of the program design team completing the On-line Mentor Certification Program. Torch strives to provide tools for youth and volunteers gently moving into relationship under the canopy of Christ's love. Anticipate the unveiling of this Mentor Certification Program within the next year.

The work done during this special time in Arkadelphia will not only support the seventeen Torch Advisory Councils and volunteers that are already in place in eleven states and two countries but support the new programs joining Torch as well. Please welcome and encourage Alabama, California, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and Washington as volunteers join in the Torch journey with youthful offenders.

As the trainers walked away from the conference table in Arkadelphia, some of today's AKT Torch and Torch Mentoring resources had been prepared for more effective field use. The Torch community is now invited to share thoughts and vision about areas needing attention to enrich tomorrow's Torch ministry. What do you think about the materials currently available from Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.? What do you need from KPMI, Inc. to enhance the Torch Ministry in your area? What is your vision for the future of Torch? Please send your responses to Kevin Resnover, [kevin@kpmi.org](mailto:kevin@kpmi.org).

Kairos Torch trainers thank the organizations and individuals that made this Arkadelphia trainers' meeting possible. A special thanks to Denny Fryman (Board President) for his contributions to insure that this meeting would come to fruition. May God bless you as you continue to work in His blessing!



Joe McNemar, Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility (CJCF) Kairos Torch #1 Leader and his wife, Rise.

## Part 1:

# ...We are ONE

**By George Brown,  
KPMI Treasurer**

Over my many years in the ministry I have been asked to justify the payment of an “Affiliation Fee” to the International Office. The presentation below is made with a simple, main premise – We Are One.

I have given the concern above a lot of thought. At one time I had the same concern, so I retraced the steps that I took to satisfy myself that there is value in the hierarchy of the ministry. I asked myself, “What did I do to find out what was going on at the State Committee level and the National level?” Essentially, I got involved. I went to the State Committee meetings, the National Board meetings, and to the Summer and Winter Conferences and I accepted a position on the State Committee. All of this was many years ago now. I have been involved in the ministry since 1993. My quest to learn more about the ministry started at least ten years ago. So I am going to share with you what I have found.

### **MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT; MANY PARTS, ONE BODY**

The first thing I found out was that the Kairos Prison Ministry is comprised of a lot of dedicated volunteers.- people who have a strong love of Jesus and who have developed the ability to share an unconditional love. As I got to know the people I saw in them a motivation for the greater good of the ministry. Early on in the ministry I was struck by the idea that the “miracle” we see at the end of the 3-Day Weekend is a reflection of the message delivered by St. Paul in 1COR 12 - we have many gifts, but from one Spirit; we are many parts, but all one body. This theme has carried me in the ministry for all these years. I learned very quickly that the ministry is lay led and lay driven by the now over 20,000 volunteers. Further, I learned that KPMI is a Florida corporation, a legal entity, with a Board of Directors that governs the corporation and that all of the elements of the ministry are a part of, or are “affiliated” with that corporation. I learned that the paid staff in the National Office is very small, cur-

rently only nine people and that the National Office staff report to and work at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The National Office staff does not make the policies of the ministry; they implement the policies of the Board of Directors on a day-by-day basis.

### **THE MINISTRY EVOLVED**

I have observed that the ministry evolved during its early years as a somewhat decentralized operation with the emphasis on growth. The National Board and its National Office staff focused more on helping establish new State Chapters, but not asserting much control. Some guidance was provided in the form of a “weekend” manual, but not much more. The result was a ministry with some commonality in spirit but a lot of differences in policy interpretation and structural implementation. The “grass roots” efforts also seemed to be influenced by the culture of the over-riding society, and to some extent some of the attributes of the Christian denominations, namely independence, self-sufficiency and a distrust of authority. There has also been the influence of the organization of the prison system and its chaplaincy in any given State.

These influences are easily illustrated by looking at Florida, Texas, Indiana and California. Florida and Texas have large prison populations housed in many small prisons.

□ In Florida the volunteers tended to participate in several prisons in a small geographic area giving rise to an organizational structure with a State Committee and “Area” Committees that serviced multiple prisons. Some of the Areas have Advisory Councils for each prison and function as a mini State Committee. Some of the Areas function as a super Advisory Council for several prisons. (The hope is that all areas will become mini State Committees)

□ In Texas the ministry spread rapidly due in no small way to a centralized chaplaincy and a head chaplain that enthusiastically supported the ministry. But in Texas, unlike Florida, the geography being much larger and the prisons being spread all around Texas, an Advisory Council was formed for

each prison.

□ In California, on the other hand, there is a very large prison population concentrated in only thirty three prison scattered around the State’s vast geography. Plus, the Department of Corrections is somewhat decentralized with each prison being relatively autonomous. And, there is no centralized chaplain-

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### **One to read.....**

#### **VICTORY AND FORGIVENESS**

Lorne Desmond Pick connects us with the very heart of God through his testimony and writings in Victory and Forgiveness. He was serving a 16 year prison sentence for a crime he did not commit, when God reached down into that stark, cold world and rescued him. This abandoned, broken man was restored by the love of God and now shares the victory he received through forgiveness. Lorne’s message is that God brings healing, hope and peace to those who trust in Him. Nothing is impossible with God!

Lorne lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He devotes his time to freelance writing and computer design and also does speaking engagements. His next project is to write his autobiography in its entirety, so that the fullness of what God has done for him will be made known.

Christine Schroeder, co-author, resides with her husband, Rick, in Winnipeg. They have three adult children. She works as a Tenant Resource Coordinator for three senior housing units, which is where she met Lorne.

This book has been a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God with others!

#### **VICTORY AND FORGIVENESS**

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cy. This structure dictated that each prison be approached independently to establish the ministry. So we have strong Advisory Councils with an overarching State Committee that has not had much influence in the growth of the ministry. The growth has been driven by a few individuals with the drive, the passion and the charisma to persevere. The growth has been from the bottom up.

□ Indiana, like 23 other States, has a strong central State Committee that interacts with the central headquarters of the Department of Corrections for that State and has expanded the ministry from the top down.

## HOW WE HANDLE THE MONEY

The result of all this can be best illustrated by how each of these States handles its money. Florida has a State Bank account with each of its 12 Areas also having a bank account to service the multiple prisons. Pennsylvania is the only other State that follows this model. Texas had a mixed bag. The State Committee had a bank account and managed all the finances for the State. But, some Advisory Councils had their own bank account but still had the State manage its finances, and some Advisory Councils had their own bank account, managed their own finances and forwarded moneys to the State. Subsequently Texas has elected to have a State bank account with each Advisory Council having its own bank account and managing its own finances. In California there is a State bank account and each Advisory Council has its own bank account. There are seven States that operate like California, and as Texas does now with this structure. Indiana has one bank account for the whole State. All the finances for the State are handled out of this one bank account. Twenty-three States operate like Indiana.

The way the State has organized its bank accounts greatly influences its attitude about money and other related things. In all cases the local Advisory Councils raise money through donations. But when the Advisory Council has its own bank account there is an apparent tendency for that element to take ownership of the money with an attitude that “it is our money”. This is particularly prevalent when the organization has grown from the bottom up, like in California. This attitude is further exacerbated when the leadership of the

Advisory Council is not involved with the greater organization and it is heightened when the Advisory Council has been in existence for a period long enough for the history to be lost as to how the ministry started at that particular prison. Our current policy in California is to provide \$2500 as “seed” money to a new Advisory Council and to waive the payment of Affiliation Fees until two 3-Day weekends have been held, another \$3000 of support. This is quickly forgotten several years later when the ministry is operating smoothly. It is also forgotten that the organizational structure was in place, and manuals to run the program and help from established ministries was also provided.

## THE HIERARCHY EVOLVED TOO

As the ministry evolved so too did the involvement on the part of the National Board and the National Office. In the early years this was seen mostly as providing program manuals. This eventually expanded into an advanced training program. Attendance at these training sessions was initially voluntary and open to everyone. I attended one of the first of these programs offered in California. It provided me and the other attendees a greater understanding of the ministry and how it worked. This training has evolved into what is today the Advanced Kairos Training. It focuses on the presentation of the 3-Day Weekend for the inside ministries and the 2-Day Weekend for the outside ministries. It is still open to everyone but the Board of Directors has established the policy that it is required for all future leaders. About ten years ago the ministry offered the Outreach Program that includes a video presentation that encourages people to become involved in the ministry in a variety of ways. This program started the growing wave of understanding that God provides the blessings for the ministry if we just go out and “tell the story” of how God is working in the prisons. Unfortunately not everyone is even aware of this program or more importantly riding this wave yet.

## THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN LAID

Looking back over the last five years one can see the hand of God clearly influencing the Board of Directors to provide a uniform, standardized organizational structure to the ministry. This can be seen in the various tools provided by the Board of Directors including the State Chapter Committee

Operating Procedures, The Advisory Council Operating Procedures, the “Blue Manual” and its accompanying EZRA Program, and the Ministry Financial Policies and Practices Manual with its companion KairosDonor software. The motivation for all this has been twofold. The first of these is to strengthen the existing ministry elements, and the second is to create a sound and solid foundation from which we can further grow the ministry.

*To be continued in the next issue.*

## 2008 Summer Conference coming

The 2008 Summer Conference will be in Northern California, specifically at the Holy Names University nestled quaintly in the Oakland Hills. It will be easy to get to from the Oakland International Airport and is a short ride across the Bay to San Francisco.

As has been the tradition, the Summer Conference will be preceded by the KPMI Board of Directors meeting. There will be a full calendar of events.

- Tuesday, August 5, 2008  
Early Registration
- Wednesday, August 6, 2008  
Committee Meetings
- Thursday, August 7, 2008  
Board of Directors Meeting
- Friday, August 8, 2008  
Conference Workshops,  
Memorial Service
- Saturday, August 9, 2008  
Conference Workshops,  
San Francisco Tours, Banquet

The California 2008 Summer Conference Committee is already hard at work to ensure a comfortable stay and a worthwhile experience. We will be providing three San Francisco tour options with the registration package. Advance registration for the tours will be necessary so that we can arrange for adequate transportation and guarantee availability. As you consider travel arrangements, please give Oakland International Airport first priority. We will provide transportation from this airport only. We will provide information on transportation options for those who choose to arrive at the San Francisco International Airport.



God's Special Time

# 2008 Winter Board & Committee Meetings

January 24 ~ 26, 2008

Simpsonwood Retreat Center ~ Norcross, Georgia

770-441-1111

**\*\* Please complete and submit no later than December 18, 2007 \*\***

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<b>Full Meeting Package, 2 Night</b> – Includes fees, all materials, lodging for Thursday and Friday nights, Thursday reception, Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch.		<b>\$290</b>	
	single	<b>\$420</b>	
<b>Full Meeting Package, 3 Night</b> – Includes fees, all materials, lodging for Thursday - Saturday nights, Thursday reception, Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch.		<b>\$410</b>	
	single	<b>\$580</b>	
<b>Single Room Option</b> – \$55.00 for per night, in addition to the Full Conference Package selected.		<b>\$55</b>	
<b>Commuter Package</b> – Includes fees, all materials, Thursday reception, Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch, but NO lodging.		<b>\$160</b>	
<b>Conference Only (Observer)</b> – Includes entrance to meetings on both days and all materials. Includes lunch Friday and Saturday.		<b>\$110</b>	
<b>Spouse Option, 2 Night</b> – For those accompanying a Kairos volunteer, but not participating in any events. Includes room nights (with spouse), and meals for the 2 day package.		<b>\$110</b>	
<b>Spouse Option, 3 Night</b> – For those accompanying a Kairos volunteer, but not participating in any events. Includes room nights (with spouse), and meals for the 3 day package.		<b>\$150</b>	
<b>Late Fee</b> – Add to all registrations postmarked or fax dated after December 18, 2007.		<b>\$25</b>	
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**Please Note:** There is elevator access to all guest rooms.

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# Kairos *can* and *does* change lives

By Rev. Dr. Su Schlager

I'm The Rev. Dr. Su Schlager, I worked Kairos #1 at the Federal Correction Institute, Pleasanton, California in October of 1985. My Cursillo prayer Partner, Sandi Ricardo, asked me to be one of her Spiritual Directors. I couldn't think of anything I'd rather do less than be inside, behind locked doors, again.

I know about locked doors because I was once behind them also. I wasn't committed to jail, I was committed to a mental hospital and then a state hospital. I was a two-timer heading for a three-some and a permanent inside address. My crimes were attempted murder, resisting arrest, attempted suicide, paranoid schizophrenia and delusions with hallucinations and violent tendencies. In other words I was a problem for society, a threat to my family, an incorrigible, a juvenile delinquent and a mental case. I was 13 years old and locked up in the adult ward of the state hospital as being too violent for the children's ward.

They took away everything I had including my dignity. My mind was altered with medications and electric shock treatments. I got my discharge papers on my 16th birthday after having been out on parole. I had less than an 8th grade education. I could hardly read, much less comprehend and still can't do numbers.

I had no education, no future, and no hope. So I got married at 16. By 21 I was divorced and thinking I was grown.

AND then someone had the nerve to ask me if I was happy. "With what?" "Your life."

"NO WAY!"

Uncle Charlie, my counselor, was my Kairos team. He believed what I could be when there wasn't anything I could yet be. It takes time, something you have plenty of in prison, and it takes someone else believing for you because you are unable to do it for yourself. It



takes time for you to begin to accept that there could be another way, and then to try it. Sometimes you fail and sometimes you fall and sometimes you take a step and there's a light up ahead.

You begin to want the light and to turn away from what has been and from being a has-been.

Someone helped me find my way and now when I am a guest speaker at the California Medical Facility, Vacaville California where I have just retired from a 20-year pastorate, I wear my big red "C", my scarlet letter. The "C" used to stand for Crazy and it was a warning for other's to stay away because I was diagnosed "mentally incompetent".

But that has all changed and I get to tell them that I wear my red "C" proudly before them because it stands for what Christ has done for me.

I share my story with them for they wear big red "C's" also that stand for criminal, crook, crackhead... But that God has a better plan for them. God

still wants them to be all that they can.

God not only made me "competent" and found alternative ways for me to get an education but to accomplish my GED, an AA, BA, MA, Seminary and Doctoral training. HE taught me that I am first and foremost a "Christian". And that the "C" now means I am a new Creation. I am a "Child of God" and no one can ever take that away from them or me.

At the close of that first weekend as we walked away, I heard the doors lock again. This time they were behind me and I was on the outside.

Our time that weekend was well spent and I have been involved with Kairos ever since.

As a part of my church's ministry outreach through Kairos I also became a visiting clergy to CMF and Solano Prisons and I was one of two who would perform marriages for the inmates. Often there were children involved and with the father in prison, the mother had no means of care.

Being married they could then apply for assistance. I have performed over 300 inmate marriages and many renewals. It is always a joy to celebrate their victories and their anniversaries.

Many inmates have never had a chance to find what being truly happy is about. Their life has been dependent upon circumstances, bad decisions and little information. Their education is lacking. Their self-worth is even less now and their learning quotient is swinging in directions that we would not wish on any person.

THUS: Kairos!

We help them serve a different Master. One who loves them unconditionally. One who believes that they are His cherished children, lost but never forgotten.

Supporters of Kairos are not concerned with the circumstances of the incarceration, but only with the learning they are valuable and can use this time-out in ways that are fruitful, fulfilling and faithful.

Kairos is a group experience that treats each person as an individual. It may be for some the first time that anyone has ever listened to their story and cared about the outcome.

The Kairos purpose is to extend to individuals an opportunity to find themselves and the plan that God made for them in the beginning.

Kairos invites them to become the powerful and worthy people they truly are and to affirm the future that awaits them, inside or out.

I don't keep secrets anymore of what God has done for me, and it's an honor to tell the inmates He'll do it also for you. God sees past the past and His grace is sufficient. "If I can become "Christomized" so can you!"

*An excerpt of a talk given at a High Tea Fundraiser held for Kairos Supporters in Danville California.*

# It works!

## Listen, *listen* — love, *love*

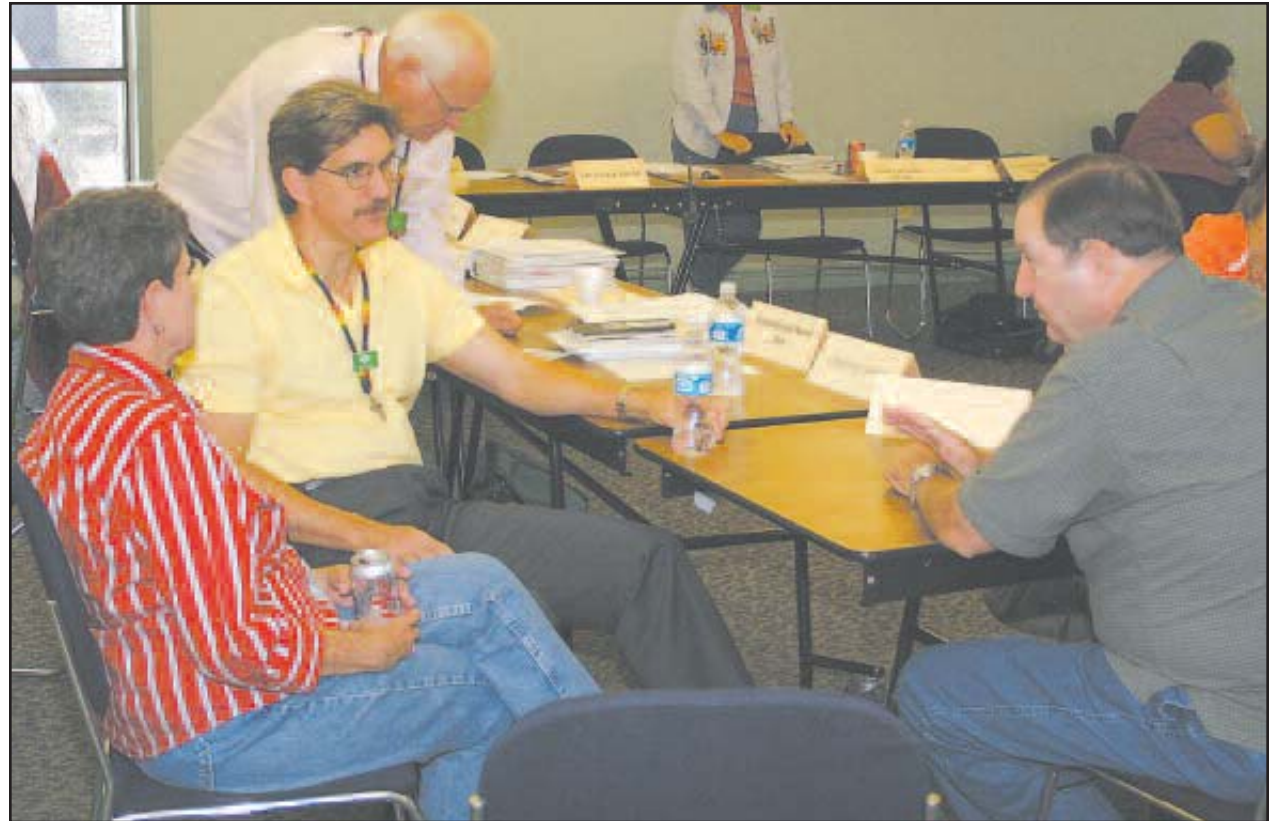
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and faith are one thing, but reality is something different. I doubted my own calling and trust had evaded me along with my longing for prayer. The volunteer put his hand on my shoulder and said “Jesus, this guy really needs to be encouraged, let him read something that will encourage his heart and let him know You’re there.” That prayer was about to be the beginning of a life long (long awaited) change. That was Friday at noon.

By Friday night, I had been given a letter by the guard at mail call. It was from Vanessa. Vanessa was also adopted. Vanessa is also my sister. We met 12 years ago. We had always talked about what would happen if we found mom. I told her over a year ago just how much I needed my mom. I’ve hated waking up alone without her all these years and I’ve missed her so much.

The letter read (in part), “I’ve been wanting to do something for you for a while now...you might want to go somewhere by yourself and sit down before you read this.” The letter continued “I found our mom...she says she loves you...she says she wants to be your mom...” Tears streamed down my face. I could not believe what I was reading. All the hardness of heart I had about life crumbled. I’d never before felt what I was feeling then. She said I had a brother and a sister, uncles, a grandpa. All of whom were so happy to have me back in the family. I kept reading. “But Jason, I did something else...I found your dad.” My entire soul literally trembled. I simply could not believe what I was reading. My dad!!!! I was completely overwhelmed and at a loss for words. Then I remembered, “Jesus, this guy really needs to be encourage. Let him read something that will encourage his heart and let him know You’re there.

Saturday morning, I spoke to my mom for the first time. “Mom?” “Oh my God! Son, I miss you so much...I love you baby...” “Mom, I don’t care what happened, I’m just so glad to be



John Thompson, Executive director of KPMI chats with members of the Texas State Chapter at their October board meeting held in Austin, TX. Pictured left to right: Julie Cole, Board Secretary, Bob Bunch, Board Chair, Steve Reames, Vice Chair and John.

back...I’ve missed you so much, mom. These words barely made it off my tongue as I choked back this incredible desire to break down completely. It feels so good to hear you call me ‘mom’ again” she said with a shuddering voice.

She’ll be coming to see me soon. We have our entire life to remain mother and son, and to enjoy the holiness of it. I has been 27 years and I am so glad to have my family back.

KAIROS means IN GOD’S TIME (i.e. in the fullness of time). CHRONOS is man’s time (i.e. the time on your watch). Although we think a certain thing should happen at a certain time, or that we ought to be where we are in life, God’s knowledge is infinitely greater than our own and His wisdom is absolutely infallible. We are, at best,

impatient, yet we are encouraged to wait on the Lord, and in due season KAIROS will kiss CHRONOS and the very clouds that were once angry will burst with blessing upon your head.

I’m glad to have my family back. My life is so different now. After so many years of wondering, I feel like the fight is finally over. I feel content. If the past few years since my conversion are any kind of track record by which I can judge what the Lord is doing, it won’t be too much longer and I’ll be home, enjoying dinner with my mother and admiring the wisdom of my father. But, I’ll wait. And I will do what the Lord told me to do when He whispered “Trust me.”

I could wish that God’s process was a bit quicker and a little less painful, but it’s not. God’s timing is best.

# ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING INSIDE (AKT)

## 2008 Schedule

AKT-Inside is for Kairos Inside volunteers who are in or will be in a weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos Inside program. AKT-Inside gives the what, who and why of the Kairos Inside ministry. Kairos policy requires that all weekend leaders must have attended AKT-Inside prior to leading a weekend.

### January 4-6, 2008 COLUMBUS, OH

☐ Location: St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH (Complimentary airport shuttle service.)

☐ Cost: Registration with Room and Board (meals included w/Private Room, all bedding and towels provided) \$155 OR Commuter Registration (meals included) \$95.

☐ Contact: Shelby Fleck at 740-971-5517 or email sfleck@insight.rr.com.

### February 8-10, 2008 NORCROSS, GA

☐ Location: Simpsonwood Conference Center

☐ Cost: \$195.00 per person for double; \$275.00 for single occupancy; \$175.00 for commuter. Fee includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging.

☐ Contact: Jan Thrower at 352-473-7896 or plainjan@yahoo.com, for addition information including application form and mailing address. Make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia.

Notes: Applicants need to bring only personal items.

### February 15-17, 2008 WILLIAMSBURG, VA

☐ Location: Patrick Henry Inn, 249 York Street, Williamsburg, VA; 800-446-9228 or 757-229-9540

☐ Cost: Double Occupancy \$180; Single Occupancy \$230; Commuter \$130; Double and Single Occupancy includes continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning plus lunch on Saturday. Commuter rate includes lunch on Saturday ONLY; Make checks payable to Kairos of Virginia.

☐ Contact: Jim Templeton at Kairos531@Comcast.net or 540-349-9623. For application and additional information go to www.kairosva.org

Notes: Reservation deadline to guarantee room is January 25, 2008

### March 7-9, 2008 HOOKSETT, NH

☐ Location: Sarto Center, <http://www.sarto-center.org/>

☐ Cost: \$145; Commuters \$100. Overnight guests provide their own linens and towels. Includes Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. Light snacks on Friday.

☐ Contact: Dick Hunter: 603-437-0706; rhuntjr46@comcast.net 11L Rebecca Lane, Derry, NH 03038.

Notes: See Sarto website for more information.

### March 7 - 9, 2008 ALEXANDRIA, LA (Combined KI and KO AKT)

☐ Location: The Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth, LA

☐ Cost: \$170. double, \$200. single. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Louisiana. Includes four meals and lodging. Bedding and linens provided.

☐ Local Contact: David Zolzer email: dzolzer@suddenlink.net, Phone: 318-354-2583, 318-332-7855(cell)

### March 28-30, 2008 MIDLAND, TX

☐ Location: Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp - Stanton, TX

☐ Cost: \$150/per person. Transportation provided to and from Midland International Airport (MAF). Cost includes 5 meals, facility use, and training materials. Make check payable to Kairos of Texas.

☐ Contact: Julie Cole; julie@onpower.net 432-682-5851 for any additional information and mailing address. For registration form, log on to [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) and click on training announcements.

Notes: Participants need to bring personal items including sheets and towels.

### April 11 - 13, 2008 ERIE, PA

☐ Location: Church of the Cross, 59001 Millfair Rd., Erie PA 16506

☐ Cost: \$90.00. Includes all meals. We will be sleeping in the Church.

☐ Contact: Ron George, 5450 Swanville Rd., Erie, PA 16506; Phone: 814-833-5166 or 814-450-6551 (cell); rongeorge@adelphia.net

### April 25 - 28, 2008 DENVER, CO

☐ Location: American Motel and Conference Center Wheatridge Co.

☐ Cost: \$199.00 for double or \$248.00 for single \$120.00 for commuters.

Fee: includes 2 nights Lodging, 5 meals, AKT Manuals, and materials. (Please Bring your Blue Manuals) Plan to arrive at 5:00PM as registration and supper will be 5:00PM to 6:00PM Check Out is 1:00PM Sunday

☐ Contact: Randy Borden at 303-469-7540 or rjborden@comcast.net

### May 30-June 1, 2008 JACKSONVILLE, FL (Combined KI and KO)

☐ Location: Marywood Retreat Center, Jacksonville, FL.

☐ Cost: \$185 for double, \$235 for single, \$115 for commuter. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Florida.

☐ Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896 for additional information including mailing address and application.

Note: Participants need to bring personal items.

### June 20-22, 2008 SCOTT DEPOT, WV

☐ Location: St. Johns United Methodist Church, 4013 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560 (about 18 miles west of Charleston, WV)

Directions: From Interstate 64, take Exit 39, Teays Valley. Go west on Rt 34 about 1/4 mile and turn onto Great Teays Blvd. Make a right at the end of Great Teays Blvd. The church is on the left.

☐ Cost: \$75 per person, includes meals but not lodging. Nearby motels: Red Roof Inn: 800-834-7663; Single - \$54, Double - \$59.99 (2 full-size beds). Days Inn of Teays Valley: 304-729-3006; Single \$46, Double \$50.

☐ Contact: Robert Boggess at eagle\_30@suddenlink.net or 304-727-6498.

Notes: Please bring your Blue Manual.

### July 11-13, 2008 RALEIGH, NC

Location: Peace College, 15 East Peace Street,

Raleigh, NC 27604. Friday: Arrive by 6:00 pm - training begins at 7:00 pm.

☐ Cost: Double \$155; Single \$185; Commuter \$95. Please make checks payable to Kairos of NC. Price includes materials, 2 night lodging (Friday and Saturday) and 4 meals (3 Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast). No Friday night meal.

☐ Contact: Ted Cashion: 919-859-1709 ted.cashion@ncmail.net or Bob Clinkscales: 252-426-7720 or clinkscales@inteliport.com

Notes: Attendees will need to bring personal items. Bedding and towels will be furnished.

## August 1-3, 2008 BRADENTON, FL

☐ Location: Day Spring Episcopal Retreat Center, 8411 25th St. East, Parrish, Fl. 34219

☐ Cost: \$176 for dorm, \$186 for youth cabin, \$240 for double, \$310 for single, \$140 for commuter.

Includes: 5 meals, 2 nights lodging, training materi-

als. Please make checks payable to: Kairos of Florida.

☐ Contact: Jan Thrower; plainjan@yahoo.com 352-473-7896 for additional information including an application and mailing address.

Notes: Attendees in dorms and youth cabins will need to bring sheets, towels and pillow cases as well as personal items.

## September 12-14, 2008 BUFFALO, NY

(Combined KI, KO and Torch)

☐ Location: Harvest House, 1782 Seneca Street, South Buffalo, NY 14210. Please make checks payable to: Kairos of New York. Those preferring a hotel can contact the Hampton Inn South Buffalo, 1750 Ridge Road, West Seneca, NY 716-824-2030 (located approx. one mile from Harvest House).

☐ Cost: \$110 Includes: Six meals and snacks; two nights accomodation (mattress on the floor dormato-

ry style) deluxe showers available; training materials.

☐ Contact: June Dumbrowski: dmbrowsk@localnet.com or 716-542-9115

Notes: Nearest airport is Bullalo International.

Directions can be given upon receiving your registration form.

## September 26-28, 2008 ODENVILLE, AL

(Combined KI and KO AKT) (near Birmingham)

☐ Location: Springville Camp & Conference Center  
☐ Cost: \$150.00 per person - for double; \$175.00 - for single occupancy; Commuters - \$110.00. Fee includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging.

☐ 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 Alabama.

Notes: Applicants need to bring only personal items.

## KO Garage Sale provides more than money



The advisory council of Kairos Outside of West Tennessee has been busy getting the word out about Kairos Prison Ministry International. West Tennessee has held three weekends since 2002 and is prayerfully preparing for weekend #4, which will be held November 9, 10, and 11 in Memphis, Tennessee.

In an effort to raise funds and community awareness, the council recently held a community garage sale. The West Tennessee Kairos community donated items, a church facility for the sale, and volunteer hours to support the event. Some other faith communities who share a love for this ministry also pitched in to help. The garage sale helped to fund West Tennessee Kairos Outside Prison Ministry while also providing affordable and fun shopping for people in the community. The volunteers told shoppers about Kairos Prison Ministry and distributed ministry brochures as well as English and Spanish Bibles that had been donated by local churches.

One of the most wonderful benefits for our relatively new Kairos Outside community was the camaraderie and hilarity that was shared in the process of working long hard hours side by side. As you can see in the picture, Sue Williams, Brenda Wood and Janet Johnson seem to be enjoying the day.

The day ended with a reunion, where team members and guests from weekends 1, 2, and 3 were present to laugh, fellowship, and pray together. Kairos Outside of West Tennessee is grateful to God for His provision for the ministry through this garage sale. He, again, did abundantly more than we could have imagined. We are grateful to our wonderful Mid-South community of faith that supported this event in many ways as the body of Christ joined together to love others on behalf of Christ. God was honored.

## MEN'S INSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
12/6/07	GA	Men's State Prison	3	Ralph Carroll
01/17/08	AK	Wildwood CC	2	Scott Earsley
01/24/08	FL	Wakulla CI	12	Dave Busch
01/24/08	TX	Wallace Unit	18	Richard L. Cooper
2/6/08	NC	Central Prison	27	Derryl Walden
2/6/08	OK	Jordan	23	Bill Moore
2/7/08	CA	Centinela	3	Mike Benedict
2/7/08	GA	Lowndes State Prison	8	Kyle Breeden
2/7/08	TX	Jim Rudd Unit	2	Wayne Fillingim
2/14/08	AL	Limestone Special Unit HIV	17	Paul Marques
2/15/08	CA	FCI Dublin	42	
2/15/08	CA	USP Lompoc	26	David Rogers
2/15/08	PA	USP Allenwood		Mike Jeske
2/21/08	TX	Hutchins	5	Duncan Tandy
2/28/08	FL	Martin CI	28	Brad Clifton
<b>2/28/08</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Hays Annex</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Tom Davis</b>
<b>3/1/08</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Yazoo City Federal Prison</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Humphreys McGee</b>
3/6/08	AL	Elmore CF	4	Terry Walker
3/6/08	CA	R.J. Donovan Yard 1	73	Peter Wraith
3/6/08	CA	R.J. Donovan Yard 3	74	Robert Ziegler
3/6/08	CO	Rifle CC	6	Kent Autsin
3/6/08	FL	Lake CI	51	Elwood Sundeen
3/6/08	GA	Rogers State Prison	18	John Sheehan
3/6/08	NC	Penders CI	15	A.Q. Smith
3/8/08	TX	Carol Vance	34	Murdock Baker
3/13/08	FL	Hardee WC - Main Unit	16	John Wolfley
3/13/08	OH	Trumbull CI	13	Gary Myers
3/27/08	MS	CMCF Men	18	Henry Shotts
3/27/08	MS	Parchman Unit #29	23	Jimmy Gant
3/27/08	MS	SMCI	5	Rick Norton
3/27/08	OH	Southern Ohio CF	7	Michael Lindahl
3/27/08	VA	Wallens Ridge	5	Peter Stoebe
3/27/08	WA	Clallam Bay CC	4	Tom Anderson
4/3/08	GA	Valdosta State Prison	16	Charlie Crews
4/3/08	TX	Boyd	12	Don Erwin
4/10/08	AL	Donaldson CF	47	Doug McKinney
4/10/08	AZ	ASPC Lewis	3	
4/10/08	IN	Miami Adult	2	TBD
4/10/08	MS	Parchman Unit #32	2	Mike Maynard
4/10/08	SC	Perry CI	21	John Peden
4/17/08	FL	New River CI	8	Albert Miller
4/17/08	AL	Limestone General	45	Chris Taylor
4/17/08	IN	Plainfield CF	2	Don Altman
4/24/08	FL	Polk CI	26	Rick Rupp
4/24/08	IN	Branchville	4	TBD
4/24/08	PA	SCI Chester	8	Brian Schmidt
5/1/08	AZ	Red Rock CC	4	Gene Etter
5/1/08	GA	D. Ray James Prison	12	Walter Bare
5/10/08	AR	Tucker Unit	24	Charles Hood
5/23/08	CA	CMF Vacaville	31	Dan Mahoney
5/23/08	CA	San Quentin SP	31	Chuck Papalardo
6/2/08	AUS	Mid North Coast	4	Marshal Hodgkiss
6/13/08	TX	Carol Vance	35	Butch Alexander

## WOMEN'S INSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
12/7/07	TX	Hobby	23	Dee Hefferman
<b>2/15/08</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>Central Cal. Women's Facility</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Jacquelyn Collins</b>
2/15/08	CA	FCI Dublin (Spanish)	42	Maria Gamboa
<b>2/15/08</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Dwight Women's CC</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Marie Caronti</b>
2/28/08	FL	Hernando CI	22	Eva Drueding
4/9/08	MS	CMCF Womne	22	Erma Davis
4/10/08	CA	Fluvanna CI for Women	16	Mary Anne Templeton
4/24/08	LA	LCIW	26	Lisa Trahan
5/1/08	OH	Ohio Reformatory for Women	28	Julie Slagle
5/20/08	AUS	Emu Plains	16	Leonie King
5/23/08	CA	Valley State Prison for Women	6	Michelle Berry
5/29/08	CO	Denver Women's CF	8	Sandy Miller

## KAIROS OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

Date	State	Institution	Wknd #	Leader
12/14/07	CA	KO Desert	12	Kristin Cook
2/1/08	FL	KO - NE Florida	7	Elinor Ayew
02/29/08	AUS	Karios Outside - Melbourne	3	Sandy Lewis
03/07/08	TN	KO - East Tennessee	11	Paula Reagan
03/07/08	TX	KO - Corpus Christi, TX	4	Cheryl Deal
03/14/08	MS	KO - Mississippi	7	Jean Harvey
03/28/08	AZ	KO - Tucson AZ	21	Debra Price
03/28/08	CA	KO - North	43	Jean Heine
3/28/08	IL	KO - Illinois	12	Mary Simonis
3/28/08	TX	KO - Houston	20	Mary Miller-Baggett
3/28/08	TX	KO - North Texas	12	Jenny Jordan
3/28/08	TX	KO - San Antonio	15	Lucy Arrellano
4/4/08	SC	KO - Carolina	3	Victoria Allen
4/11/08	CA	KO - San Diego	22	DeeDee Hartland
4/11/08	FL	KO - Dowling Park	5	Cheryl Shepherd
4/11/08	GA	KO - North Georgia	21	Jean Jennings
4/18/08	AZ	KO - Phoenix AZ	4	Elizabeth Weir
4/18/08	CA	KO - South (Spanish)	40	Magarita Lizarraga
4/18/08	NH	KO - NH	22	Sandy Guptill
4/25/08	AL	KO - Alabama	22	Donafay Parker
4/25/08	CA	KO Palm Desert	13	Karen Gilliland
4/25/08	MO	KO - Eastern Missouri	13	Beverly Lynch
4/25/08	NM	KO - New Mexico	18	Linda Mitchell
4/25/08	TX	KO - Midland TX	18	Connie Awalt
4/25/08	VA	KO - Central VA	21	Jean Walker
5/2/08	CA	KO - South (English)	41	Sandra Corrazza
<b>5/2/08</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>KO - East Louisiana</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Marisa Pineda</b>
5/2/08	TX	KO - Wichita Falls	4	Carol Sue Hibbs
<b>5/16/08</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>KO - Victor Valley</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Jo White</b>
5/16/08	IN	KO - Northern Indiana	4	Leila Buford
5/16/08	TN	KO - West Tennessee	5	Becky Craft
5/24/08	AUS	KO - S. Queensland, AUS	15	Sylvia Kelvin
5/30/08	MD	KO - Maryland	5	Deby Brooking
6/6/08	OK	KO - Western Oklahoma	17	Veronica King

**No Torch Weekends are currently scheduled**



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\_\_\_\_\_ Metal - w/chains (\$6 each)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Kairos Outside - metal, w/o chain (\$5 each)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Shirts: (Polo \$28, T-Shirt \$14, L/S Denim \$25, Jacket \$35, Sweats \$25)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bumper Stickers (Kairos or Kairos Outside) \$3 each

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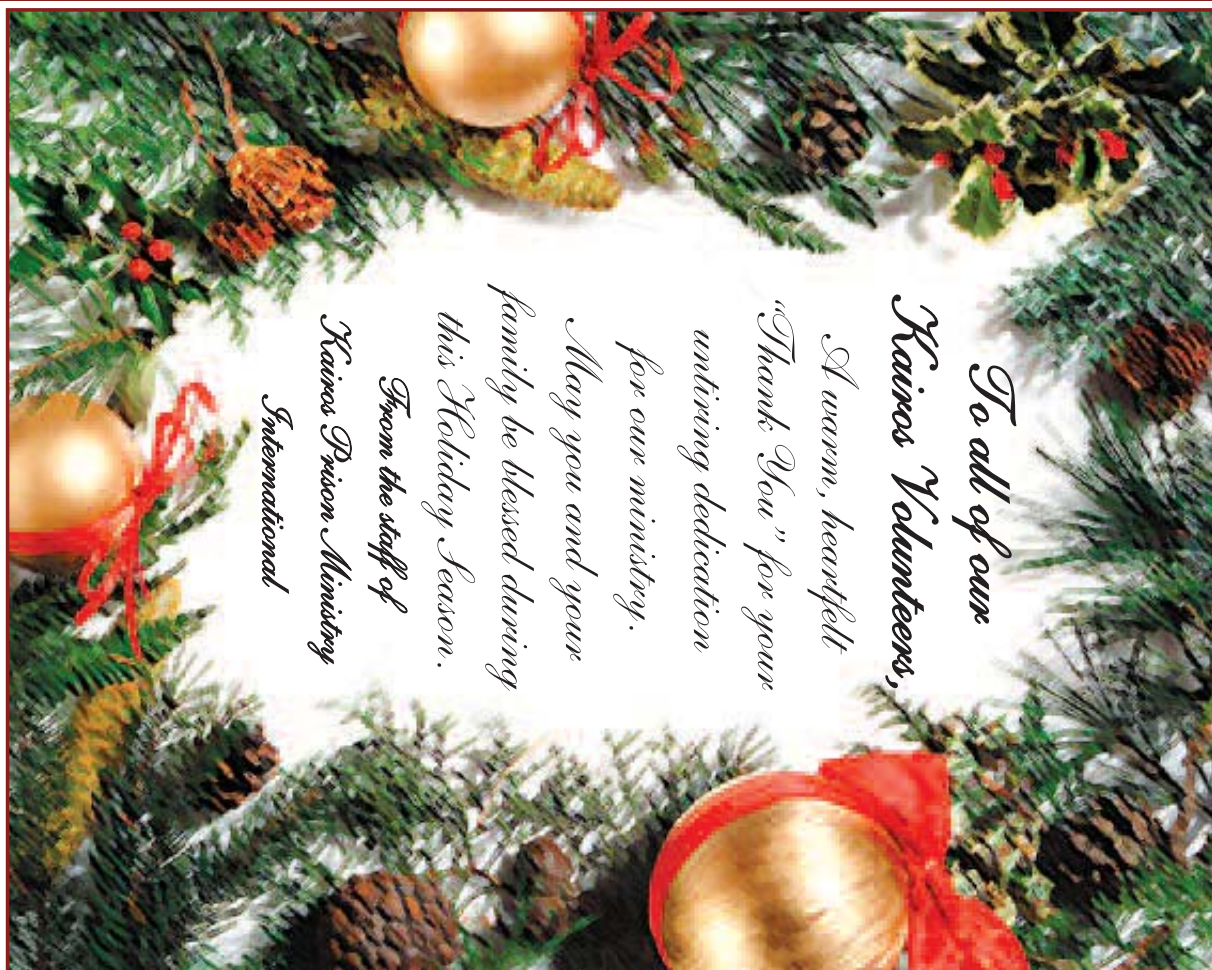
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