

Kairos Outside Presentation for Closings 2018 – “Better Together”

Have you had a great time this Weekend?

Have you come to understand or maybe to better understand how much God loves you and cares for you?

Do you have a better understanding of His grace and His forgiveness?

Do you have renewed hope that your life can be different from now on?

And I am sure you have probably heard many times throughout this Weekend that you are not alone... Am I right?

God does not want you to live in isolation.

God wants to be in relationship with you, and He wants you to be a part of His family.

He also wants you to be actively involved in Christian community –because that helps you grow and deepen your relationship with Him.

By continuing your involvement in Christian community, you will continue to receive love, hope and support, like the support you have felt this Weekend, from Christian brothers and sisters.

One of the most important things Kairos does is to establish Christian communities in prisons and youth facilities – and so now that you have done a Kairos Weekend you are part of the Kairos community here at _____, and you will be hearing a lot more about the continuing ministry of Kairos, and how you can stay connected and be a part of it all.

Now, besides helping you here, we also want to let you know how we can help you in some other ways...

How many of you have someone, a female family member or a friend, who loves you and who has been supporting you while you have been incarcerated?

It is often said, your family members and your friends do time right along with you – and as you all know, much better than we do, life can be very difficult and stressful for them.

And, they have a lot going on – right ...

They must manage working, taking care of kids, coming to visit, being available for your phone calls, making sure you have money on your books, and many other things

And maybe some of you have female loved ones or a friend that is angry at you because you are here, and your relationship with them has been damaged...

How would like to give those ladies the opportunity to be a part of the Kairos community, the same Kairos community that you are now a part of?

How would you like for them to experience God’s grace and His forgiveness, and to feel the same love, hope and support that you have felt this Weekend?

How would you like to make your relationship with them better, or to fix or restore a broken relationship with them?

Well, we have an opportunity for you to do that.

There is an opportunity for you, and your family, to experience some or all the things I have mentioned by inviting your female family member or loved one to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend.

Kairos Outside is one of the other programs conducted by Kairos Prison Ministry, International.

Kairos Outside was started because a Chaplain at San Quentin, after the first Kairos Weekend there, felt the inmates who became involved with Kairos were open to family unity.

So, he asked Kairos to develop a program that would minister to the female family members and friends of the incarcerated.

You will receive more information about how you can invite your loved ones and friends to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend. And if for some reason you don't, talk with the Chaplain, or the Kairos volunteers the next time you see them. They will be happy to help you.

Gentlemen/Ladies, as one Guest said, "Kairos Outside was the greatest gift my brother ever gave me, and there are not many gifts or things that an inmate can do for his/her family from the inside", she went on to say, "I have had a front row seat to watch to watch God at work in the life of my brother and in my family through Kairos..."

Gentlemen/Ladies you and your loved ones or friends can have the same experience that she talked about.

I want to encourage you to pray about inviting your loved ones and friends to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend –

The Weekend is free –

We provide transportation...

We do the program all over the world - so even if your loved one or friend lives somewhere else we can probably find a Kairos Outside Weekend close by...

*(Insert your **short** personal testimony about Kairos Outside's effect on your life if you have one)*

As I leave you today, I want to encourage you to reflect upon the following scripture....

And then ask yourselves:

Who do you need in your life to support you, and who in your life needs to have support?

He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.
2 Corinthians. 1-4

Thank you and God bless you.