

God's Special Time

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2010 Summer Conference - Dynamic and Enlightening

So much to do and the time is flying by! That is how most attendees of the 2010 Summer Conference felt. The Texas Summer Conference Committee, under the leadership of Chuck Roach, also found themselves busy just trying to keep up with all of the events.

The Conference was held at Trinity University in San Antonio. The Texas Committee did a wonderful job and were great hosts.

The Conference began on Tuesday, the 27th, with all day registration and the KI Manual Ad Hoc Rewrite Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. Following dinner, the volunteers enjoyed fellowship and music.

Wednesday was busy with Board, IC Sub-Committee and Committee meetings. The newly formed KPMI Foundation Board met Wednesday evening, with Country Western music/entertainment rounding out the day.

The IC meeting was the main focus for Thursday morning and early afternoon. The agenda was full but the Council presented, discussed and voted on five motions, including the revised Inside Program Manual. They also were updated on the various committee and sub-committee meetings, as well as two pilot programs.



Pictured above is the vote on the Updated Inside Manual at the International Council Meeting on Thursday, July 29th. As the picture denotes by the show of hands during the vote, the Red Manual gained overwhelming approval, 52-2. Later the same day, the Board of Directors passed the motion to approve the manual as well, 13-1.

The Board of Directors meeting immediately followed the IC meeting. The Board welcomed it's three new members: David Garmus, Jim Miller and Rev. Albert Holmes.

A memorial service was held Thursday evening to commemorate our Kairos volunteers and other loved ones who have recently passed. Rev. Tom Damrow was the featured speaker.

Friday was the beginning of Kairos Workshops, with nineteen sessions taking place. All were heavily attended—some were standing room only. A

delicious banquet topped off the evening with Rev. Jim Capps as the key-note speaker.

More Workshop sessions took place on Saturday morning and early afternoon. For those who stayed an extra day, Saturday afternoon and evening provided a little "down time" for them to relax or take in the local attractions and cuisine.

The 2011 Summer Conference is slated for July 26-30, 2011 at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Check out the Conference pictures on pages 10 and 11.

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Dear All:

These last few months have been a very busy time for your office staff.

I thank Judy Bartlett, Ann Kreller, Brett Beemer, Christina Bermudez, Brenda



Campbell, **John A. Thompson, Jr.** Janet Santiago, Kevin Resnover, Jo Chapman, Daniel Garcia and Bill Rushing for their hard work and dedicated service to Kairos.

At the present time we are working on ministry opportunities in Minnesota, Wyoming, Oregon, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. It is exciting to see even a small piece of God's vision for this ministry.

We are now beginning to sort through our new governance structure. The committee charters are being formulated and written. Some committees like the governance committee, chaired by Ed Keefer, are off and running.

The International Council, led by president, Steve Gabriel and the board of directors, led by George Brown are getting organized and seem to be well underway. I would like to publically welcome our three new board members, Rev. Albert Holmes (GA), David Garmus (FL) and Jim Miller (GA).

Reverend Holmes was a chaplain in Texas for many years and now pastors a church near Stone Mountain, GA. David Garmus and Jim Miller have long business careers and have served as state chairpersons and IC members.

I wanted to share a few thoughts about what is currently going on in the State and Federal prison systems. The State and Federal systems are conscious of being good stewards of tax payer funds. This has lead them to fund and support programming which is "evidenced-based".

Cognitive based behavioral programs which can show effectiveness through statistical models are considered very desirable – the statistics "prove" they are "evidence-based." This is all well and good, but where does it leave faith-based programs? This is an important question for us and the various departments of corrections.

As Kairos, we have always believed that true reconciliation with each other and society comes from accepting the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. This acceptance calls us, motivates us and enables us to live a new life.

As Christians, there are no us and others; we are all sons and daughters of Jesus Christ (He created and loves the "worst" person as much as He loves me).

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The challenge of "evidence-based programming" is not insurmountable. We are not able to financially support a major research project. One estimate we received was a \$ 300,000 cost over three (3) years.

What we are thinking about is a more anecdotal study where we survey participants/guests during different stages of our program. Potential surveys might include other stakeholders. Our IC Program Evaluation Com-

mittee, under the leadership of John Kennell and Paul Hubbard, is considering how best to do this.

This is an exciting and challenging time for Kairos. We have an opportunity to purchase a building here in Orlando for our international headquarters. If we purchase the building with no financing, we would save \$ 60,000 - \$ 80,000 in yearly operating expenses, and have the space we need to oper-

ate more efficiently.

The effort is being called Project Goliath. The project is being directed through our Kairos Foundation and everyone is being given an opportunity to participate.

Please have a blessed Fall season.

In Christ,

john

What Message Is Our Agape/Palanca Sending?

When I do an AKT training, I frequently make a comparison between Kairos and a Christmas tree. In my home we prefer a blue spruce for Christmas. We get excited about shopping for our tree, purchasing it, taking it home and putting it into our stand. We do the same with Christmas presents.

Probably in Kairos we feel the same way. We anticipate team meetings, seeing old friends, sharing food, grouping with them and hearing the latest news.

We enjoy putting ornaments on our Christmas tree. We string popcorn or cranberries and use bright colorful lights and icicles. Sometimes we use so many presents and decorations we can hardly see the tree. Even now at my age it's a wonderful event, especially when my wife and children participate – I love to hear them be excited and laugh as they open presents. It brings such joy and pleasure.

In Kairos we often get similar pleasure decorating the room and offering our presents of food, cakes and candy. We see the participants and guests enjoying them, too, and these experiences bring joyful feelings. It is appropriate that we do some of this, but we must be thoughtful about how we do things.

In Kairos we frequently see the un-churched or those who have negative emotional issues with the church, clergy or with God. Many of these participants and guests feel detached from people - they function in a kind of emotional isolation.

It is not surprising that participants and guests react positively to the love and presents offered during a Kairos Weekend. Sometimes what we offer is completely overwhelming for them; and using the comparison of the Christmas tree, it can become difficult for them to sepa-

rate the ornaments from the tree (God).

Here is the tricky part: because we are faith-based, we want each participant to leave with a new sense of relationship with God. As in AA or NA, that sense of the greater power (GOD), and understanding who it (HE) is in relation to me is frequently a process requiring time, patience, piety, study and action.

Our job is always to encourage their spiritual journey. We should never obscure or vaccinate them against the difficulties they will experience on that journey. In Kairos, we do not give presents to bring pleasure – we sacrifice to serve God. When we get confused about what agape really means, we put their journey at risk.

In Christ,

john

WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN

Well, my friends, it looks like we're finally headed for some relief from this hot summer we've had. Come on into the barn, grab an empty cup, pull up a chair and let's visit about the new Kairos Inside 2011 Red Program Manual that was approved by the IC and the Board of Directors this summer in ol' San Antone.

First of all, we brought back and updated some talks that we used to have years ago. Of course, that means we had to remove some to make way. And we combined the *Christian* and the *Action* talks into one *Christian Action* talk.

The purpose in writing this new manual was multi-fold. First, with all due respect to the authors of the Blue Manual, we've been experiencing some difficulties with the way some of our volunteers have interpreted policies; and folks have complained that some important pieces of the Inside ministry were left out of the Blue Manual and put into EZRA. The answer to that concern is a "yes".

But the problem for some is that those important pieces were not being handed out or being made available to them at team meetings. So while our Weekends are still dependent on the wonderful EZRA software for getting Team meetings and the Week-

ends organized and staying within the riverbanks, we have put some special items from EZRA back into the new manual.

Second, for the last 5-6 years, we have received some serious concerns about the *Footprints in the Sand* talk, its placement on the schedule, and its tie to the old *Lifelines* talk that it replaced.

The original purpose for *Lifelines* and *Footprints* was to be a vehicle to promote vulnerability among the incarcerated as a prologue to getting them involved in the Prayer-and-Share fellowship groups. But it got to a point that the problems that came with those talks began to outweigh their benefits, so we have replaced *Footprints* with a clergy-led prayer for *Healing of Painful Past Memories* and a short, but poignant meditation called the *Rooster Story*.

We found out through the 12 pilots that were conducted that these two, working together, actually helped the Residents open up and share better and deeper than ever before.

We've also added some discussion questions to *The Wall* meditation, and boy, has that



fostered deeper and more sincere discussion at the Family Tables.

We have filled out Sunday with 3 old resurrected talks that some of you old veterans may remember: *Obstacles to Accepting God's Grace*, *Means of Grace*, and *Hang in There*. And this leads to the third reason for rewriting the manual: an effort to bring back even more spirituality to the Weekend and the ministry.

The following is a listing of some of the new additions to the Red Manual. These are not necessarily changes, but deeper, clearer explanations and enhancements of topics we've always had in previous manuals:

*Update of the 2009 Interdenominational Policy

*Update called the Institutional Memorandum of Understanding replacing the old Institutional Agreement

KAIROS MEN'S INSIDE CONTINUED

*Detailed definition of what are the KPMI clergy requirements

*Inclusion of the old Kairos Penetration Plan

*Inclusion of the Talk and Meditation Preview process

*Update on the old section on Team Size and number of Families

*Deeper explanation of team member behaviors and those who are a potential risk including a section on Anonymous Servanthood

*Reintroduction of the 3-legged stool on 4 separate talks to enhance spiritual tools that Residents can always have at their disposal

*Detailed instructions on: (a) prayer-and-share simulation on Sunday along with (b) a modification of the Family Affirmation Prayer circle putting the focus on them and not us

*Added a script for clergy conducting the Isaiah 49 Homily

*Added an optional meditation for women's Weekends called the Prodigal Daughter

*Further clarification of Open Mike instructions and what to say to prevent Residents from thanking us for the Weekend and what they have experienced

*New clergy homily and Leader instructions for the Forgiveness Windup on Saturday

*Detailed instructions on Personal Agape time and the inclusion of *The Wall* with it

*Improved preparations and instructions for the Closing

There are other smaller details that I could include, but you'll just have to wait until the Red Manual is printed for all of you. (Do you see my sneaky plan to get you to read the manual?) The date for the first printing is around the mid-October; and we will have our hands full for the next 3 months.

If you're in the neighborhood, come on in and share a cup of hot coffee with us. You're always welcome here.

Bill Rushing,
Men's Inside Coordinator

Successful Kairos #1 held at Red Rock Correctional in Eloy, AZ



Team members pictured from left to right are Steve Haralson, Barbie Spining, Brian Nikkari, and Marcia Andree. Outside Team members not pictured: Barbara Haralson, Randa Ray, and Elaine Roberts.

This picture is of 2700 dozen cookies sorted, counted and packed by the #1 Red Rock Team. They also sorted and prepared both general and personal agape to take into the prison.

Head cooks were Barbara and Steve Haralson who planned the menus, purchased food and supplies and supervised the preparation of 6 meals for transport into the prison. In addition they prepared meals for the team as needed.

The support they provided to the Inside Team was absolutely tremendous, as essential to success of the Weekend, as anything done by the Inside Team.

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

By Jo Chapman,
Women's Ministries
Coordinator

Sally Boutin (Kairos Board of Directors) and I spent two weeks training KO Trainers in England, interfacing with both KI and KO volunteers and leadership in England and Northern Ireland.

Though Belfast, Ireland was cloudy and a little overcast, there were bright spots shining through the spirit of Kairos Inside Volunteers, as we talked about the potential for Kairos Women's Ministries in Northern Ireland.

The Kairos leadership is considering and exploring the possibilities for both, Kairos Inside for Women and Kairos Outside. The female prison population is very small in this area of Ireland while the numbers of women affected by incarceration through the large population of men in Maghaberry Prison is much greater.

The catalyst for interest comes from Cindy and Rick Johnston, recent transplants from Southern California, where they were both involved in Kairos Outside. They went to Belfast as missionaries to serve in a new church. Rick is a faithful KI volunteer on a weekly basis. Cindy is planning to be "back

in the USA" in April, where she is going to attend an Advanced



Kairos Outside Training . Rick and Cindy, of course, will face the time commitment necessary to get the ministry started, while balancing the duties of their church.

One cannot help but notice the murals depicting the long term struggle between Catholics and Protestants in Belfast. The volunteers, in fact, mentioned that the men of Kairos Inside were confronted with some of the old struggles upon release. While the Kairos men had made changes and viewed others differently, some of their families were still caught up in the feelings of the past and skepticism about Christianity.

It became apparent to us, as we toured the neighborhoods,

with a Kairos volunteer, who had firsthand experience, that the struggle in Northern Ireland is much more complicated than we might think. Many factors are at play, partly religious, partly political, partly economic, perhaps even which neighborhood one is born into, which affect how the people view the world.

We know these things affect many who experience the Ministry of Kairos, make important changes, come out and find their families struggling with ever increasing challenges: financial, social, etc., not to mention the struggle of having someone in prison. The entire family does time, not just the one on the inside!

Sally and I were royally hosted by Bruce and Monica Acton who arranged the 3 day Kairos Outside Training for Trainers meeting.

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I worked with the trainers to establish a consensus for a culturally "Negotiable – Non-Negotiable" list that will help keep their community in the



Kairos Outside Riverbanks.

The trainers were anxious to receive copies of KO Ezra, which we reviewed in detail so that they could use this new tool with their upcoming leaders. We spent considerable time exploring Guest recruitment when faced with challenge of only one prison in the UK where

Kairos Inside is active and that is in Northern Ireland. Sally and I want to express our heartfelt thanks to both the Kairos volunteers in Northern Ireland as well as the faithful KAIROS Outside community of Southwest England, whose hospitality was God's gift to us.

Our prayers are that God will smile on the Kairos Outside Ministry in UK and that the Kairos Women's Ministries in Northern Ireland will match the smiles that are in all the Irish eyes.

I Don't Really Want To Be Here

(By a Guest on Kairos Outside NH #17)

Like so many who were "Guests" on a Kairos Outside Weekend, I'm sure we're doing it to "appease" someone close to them, thinking that they will do this and that will be the end of it.

HA! LITTLE DID WE KNOW IT WAS GOING TO CHANGE OUR LIVES FOREVER!!!!

The first night I kept saying to myself, "Man, I really don't want to be here. I could be home, where I'm comfortable, not standing here with a big knot in my stomach." I kept pretty much to the back of the room and away from people.

As the night went on, I got somewhat comfortable with the people and my surroundings. Oh yeah, this was also the beginning of the "flood gates" opening. I never cried so much in my life as I did on that Weekend. Needless to say, a box of Kleenex went with me wherever I went!!! You know what they say, "tears are a sign of healing." Well, I guess I started doing some major healing.

I went from "I don't really want to be here" to "I'm really glad I came and this is where I need to be." Eventually, the nerves went away, I started to really relax and really enjoy the Weekend and the people who were there with me.



It truly was amazing to see people go from "I don't want to be here," to really changing right before your eyes and you could just feel all the love and acceptance of all the women that brought us all together.

Well, it is five years later and you guessed it, I'm still here, keeping in touch with all the people I've met along the way. Today, I also sit on the Kairos Advisory Council and on the Summer Conference Committee.

So, I guess, "I don't really want to be here" has definitely gone to "boy, I'm really glad I came!"

Latin America Experiences Their First Advanced Kairos Training

At the request of Kairos in Costa Rica, the first Advanced Kairos Training in Latin America was held August 20-21, 2010 at the Jesucristo es el Señor Church in San José, where Carlos Cunningham is the pastor.

Rey Bonachea of Hialeah, Florida and Daniel García, Kairos International Coordinator, led the training. Since the AKT for attendees' manual had not been translated into Spanish, Rey Bonachea, John Jaquet (volunteer), Carlos Cunningham and Daniel García translated the material, and Rey Bonachea translated the power point presentation.

A total of 64 persons signed in for the event, and there was an average attendance of over 50 each day and over 40 persons stayed for the duration of the entire training.

All of the AKT was presented except for the information on Ezra, which is not available in Spanish and therefore not used in Latin America.

The attendees represented several churches in the presence of members of Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, and Reformed churches.

Kairos in Costa Rica has strong leadership and plans are in place for the next several events (not Weekends!):

February 1-4, Kairos Inside, El Buen Pastor Prison

April 19-22, Kairos Inside, San Sebastián Prison

May 6-8, Kairos Outside #5

July 5-8, Kairos Inside El Buen Pastor Prison

October 20-24, Kairos Inside, San Sebastián

November 4-6, Kairos Outside #6.

Free to Love Again

Free to love....

Don't you know how scary it is, my friend

To rehash feelings and emotions of love, Once again.

You see, I gave before so openly and Was hurt so badly back then.

I swore I would never, ever feel again...

Until God's still, small voice came and said, "You are FREE, free to love again".

It came as sweet lyrics in my head,

Over and over again,

The lyrics grew stronger and stronger

And I began to sing more and more...

"You are free to love again,

You are free to love again!"

It's alright to open your heart again,

I knew it was safe to let go of all

Emotions inside.

*I knew I could open up again,
I knew I could be honest again,
Saying things like, "I'm not good at this
And may never tell you enough, so
help me please,
Because I'm just learning to love again."*

*It just came about, you see,
This overwhelming feeling of security,
Even the beauty of nature allowed me
to know I was FREE, free to love
Once more.*

*I was so entangled in these emotions
Though I wanted to reject it
Yet my heart would beat this
Incredible pounding of love...
I AM FREE TO LOVE AGAIN.*

Sherry

**Central Virginia Correctional Unit
Kairos 2010**

Spiritual Training For Laypersons

The new “red” manual in Section II-27 states the criteria for choosing the right volunteer to fill the seat that would otherwise be filled by a KPMI qualified clergy in the “rare” case that the team does not have enough qualified clergy to sit one at each family table. The bulk of the requirements are the same as for a table leader, with the exception of the statement that that person be “spiritually mature and ecumenical”.

When the question was asked at the KPMI Summer conference IC meeting: “How many of you have had to use lay persons to sit at tables when you only had the minimum number of qualified clergy?” The answer was clear when nearly every hand was raised. So we have an issue, and only one sentence dedicated to solving it... until now.

Chaplain Jack Olafson of Colorado has developed a short course designed to train folks for the role as lay persons to sit at a family table when there was an insufficient number of qualified clergy to sit at each table on Kairos Weekends.

During a pilot program conducted in Colorado over the last couple of years, Jack developed the course and wrote a workbook to be completed by the candidate in the weeks leading up to an intensive 2-3

day weekend of lecture, and discussion. It is strictly ecumenical and scripturally based using standard methods of Bible study. This voluntary course is now available for folks that would like to participate.

The course also encourages a more robust method of selection of these lay persons than is likely in use now. In Chaplain Jack's course, candidates should be selected by recommendations from the AC. Additionally, the candidate requires two other recommendations, including their own clergy's letter of recommendation.

Candidates receive a workbook and study for several weeks. Then the program culminates with an intensive Weekend course with the instructor.

The three primary objectives of the course are to teach an **Ecumenical** vocabulary for Kairos, share **God's Word** as an authoritative reference for Kairos Ministry, and guide to **Know God's Will**. There is no intention to replace the teaching authority of your pastor or denomination.

Nearly as important as what the course teaches these lay persons to do, is what it teaches them NOT to do, which is try to replace KPMI qualified clergy. The course

emphasizes the value and necessity to involve clergy when appropriate.

We already thrust Kairos volunteers into the situation of sitting at “the third seat” at the table without any training. This course does not try to replace qualified clergy, but instead, it gives the volunteer good advice and methods of study. This will full-fill the manual requirement of “spiritually mature and ecumenical”.

No policy change came about with the offering of this course, so a Weekend will still need the minimum number of ordained clergy to go ahead, but at least now, the lay persons asked to fill that special role at the family table will have chance to spend valuable time studying with their Bible before they go serve Him in prison.

For more details see the training schedule or contact Chaplain Jack Olafson in Colorado for a schedule of planned courses or to invite Jack to travel to your site to hold a training. The training was acknowledged by the KPMI - IC as being worthwhile, but it is purely voluntary and is not required by KPMI to fill any position on the team.

M. Jeffrey Holley
Advising State Chair of CO

2010 Summer Conference: Busy and Entertaining



Above: Lee Turner (GA) and Bryan Wheeler (OK) visit during an IC meeting break.



Above Right: Steve Gabriel, IC President, leads the International Council in their meeting.



Above: Rev. Tom Damrow presided over the Memorial Ceremony. Below, David Palmer

Right: Ed Keefer, KPMI Board VP, Wayne Park (CO), International Liaison and Daniel Garcia, KPMI International Coordinator take a break in the Tiger's Den.



(KS) lights a candle in memory of Bob King, who was instrumental in bringing Kairos to Kansas.



The Steer Riders.....



Above: Rey Bonachea (FL), Teann Yeager (AL) and Juan Camacho (Peru).



Above: Ed Davis, (TX). Below: Dick Hunter (NH), future Summer Conference Committee Chairperson.



Bettye Keefer (TX)



Mary Ketter (NC)



Marion Reyes Mendoza, (Nicaragua)

WHO WE ARE CONTINUED



There were no shortages of workshops to attend Friday and Saturday. Kairos Volunteers enjoyed a large selection of Ministry-related workshops and were able to take a great amount of information with them.



Right: Marvin Barnes “The Man Behind the Scenes” kept busy the entire Conference with scheduling, room set-up, taxi service, taking pictures, etc. He also created and maintained the Conference website.



Below: Two very hard-working volunteers, Leah Harbison and Maritha Tate, take a minute to enjoy the County Western entertainment Wednesday night.



Above: Kathy Whatley, TX Conference Comm. volunteer, provided “transportation with a smile.”



Above: Foundation Board Chairperson, Denny Fryman, introduces Rev. Jim Capps, Keynote Speaker for the Friday evening banquet.



Above: Everyone enjoyed a delicious banquet meal and fellowship with other Kairos volunteers on Friday evening. Lower Right: Executive Director, John Thompson and Ann Knoebel, Director of Conferences and Special Programs at Trinity University.





Lewis "Lew" E. Diley

Longtime Navy officer turned focus to inmates The Jenks resident spent decades helping prisoners find and keep faith.

Capt. Lew Diley, a retired Navy submarine officer, moved to the Tulsa area in 1988 and became a prominent figure in a faith-based

prison ministry in the state. Diley died Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at the age of 79.

By TIM STANLEY World Staff Writer

Having spent nearly two decades of his life on Navy submarines, seven years of it below the waves, Lew Diley knew how to live in tight quarters. In that sense, at least, the career Navy officer could readily relate to the people he later made it his personal mission to serve.

Diley, a former submarine commanding officer, spent much of his last 25 years away from the water, working with prisoners through KAIROS, a nonprofit Christian prison ministry. Regardless of whether they would ever walk free again, Diley wanted to help the inmates he met free themselves of any barriers to growing spiritually.

With one young man, named David, whom Diley and his wife, Nancy Diley, counseled at the L.E. Rader Center in Sand Springs, they took it a step further, though. After David was released, they took him in as a foster son.

Eventually, partly to show his appreciation, the former inmate legally changed his last name. "They had already made me their family, and I wanted to take this step as a way to make them mine," David Diley said.

He now works in construction, helping pour concrete for new Sonic restaurants around the region.

But David Diley is just one of many inmates who discovered hope because of the couple, family members say.

Capt. Lewis Edwards "Lew" Diley died Wednesday, June 9, 2010 of cancer. He was 79. Lew is survived by his wife, Nancy Diley; one son, Jim Diley; two daughters, Cynthia Pilkington and Elizabeth Seymour; one foster son, David Diley; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Although living underwater for as long as six months at a time sounds confining, submarines suited Diley. His 18 years aboard the crafts included the Navy's first nuclear-powered submarines.

Finishing his sea duty in 1971, Diley held other positions with the Navy, including his last, as the Navy attaché to a military aid mission in Turkey.

When Diley learned late last year that he had cancer and might not live much longer, it wasn't his career that was on his mind.

The retired captain began writing letters to all the inmates and former inmates he had worked with through KAIROS.

Diley wanted to help the inmates he met free themselves of any barriers to growing spiritually.

"There were so many that towards the end, Mom had to write the letters for him and he would sign them," said Diley's son, Jim Diley. "He just wanted to tell them about his cancer and that while he might not be there for them anymore, for them to keep the faith."

David Diley is having a hard time with Lew Diley's death.

"My original family had basically deserted me," he said.

He said staff members at Rader had recommended him for the KAIROS program because he didn't have anyone visiting him. The Dileys would change that, though.

"They began mentoring me, and as our relationship grew, I began to see how much Lew and Nancy really cared," David Diley said. "It wasn't false. It took me a while, even after getting out, to see that."

Lew Diley got involved in KAIROS through his church after he retired from the Navy and moved back to Charleston, S.C., in 1985.

His involvement really took off after he moved to Jenks three years later.

On August 28, 2010 hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the life of a servant of the Most High God. Our friend and Kairos Indiana volunteer, A.P. Drennen, passed from temporal life to eternal life on August 23, 2010.

The church was filled to overflowing; chairs were placed in the aisles and a closed circuit broadcast was provided for those in a spill-over room.

Kairos volunteers from Branchville CF and Wabash Valley CF led the ceremony. A band and choir of 50 Kairos volunteers sang songs of praise to God for the friendship, love and witness A.P. brought to our lives.

The service was planned by A.P. and the Kairos Prison Ministry was focused and promoted. It was upbeat and joyful and the choir sang Pharoh/Pharoh, Shackles, This Is My Kairos and The Old Man is Dead.



A. P. Drennen

Not only did he help hundreds of inmates, Diley took a leading role in the organization, serving as chairman from 2001 through 2004 and as its representative to KAIROS International's board.

Jim Diley doesn't remember his father taking a big interest in spiritual matters when he was younger.

"But he really went gung-ho for this," he said.

"I think there was a deep satisfaction for him in seeing someone take the steps to turn their lives around and knowing that he helped them do it."

There was "an open mike" and many shared including three former offenders. In lieu of flowers, attendees were encouraged to donate to Kairos.

A.P. became a Kairos volunteer four years ago when he served on Branchville CF #1. Even with his struggles with Parkinson's Disease and later, cancer, he went on to serve on several Branchville Weekends and rarely missed an opportunity to go behind the fence.

He served on Wabash #1 and several subsequent Weekends. He rarely missed an opportunity to go inside to share God's love with those behind the walls. A.P. had accepted the invitation to serve on the upcoming weekends at both Wabash and Branchville.

In addition, he and his wife, JoAnn, had volunteered to serve on the Kairos Outside Southern Indiana later this month.

We rejoice in having had A.P. Drennen in our lives. He will be missed.



Kairos: Yard Pastors Make it work at Donovan

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Under the leadership of Chaplain Buzz Brewer, R.J. Donovan became one of the few, if not the only one, to have a Kairos Weekend in three separate facilities simultaneously. How did he do it? The answer: Yard Pastors made (and continue to make) it possible.

Of course, it must be said that without a vibrant community of volunteers, no Kairos Weekend will happen. But, in addition to the team members doing all that they do, much happens in the background, managed by the Yard Pastor, that contributes significantly to the success of Kairos Weekends at Donovan.

Selection of the Inside Team of inmates who serve along side the Kairos team of volunteers, and the selection of the candidates and alternates is directed by the Yard Pastor who knows each inmate in the facility where he serves. Since he is the pastor who is there with them, ministering day in and day out, he knows the inmates far better than the chaplain who comes by from time to time to take care of paperwork.

Weekly Inside Team meetings are directed by the Yard Pastor who directs the preparation of the inmates, resolving conflicts, teaching, training, and

preparing each one to make a unique contribution to the Weekend.

While the Kairos volunteers are presenting the Kairos program, the Yard Pastor is supervising the chapel, giving direction to chapel clerks, keeping in regular communication with correctional staff, addressing a variety of issues and problems that would otherwise hinder the success of the program. Although the Chaplain is present some times and is able to take care of some matters, he cannot be in all chapels when situations arise. But the Yard Pastor is there and being known to staff, he is respected and effective in addressing most problems.

After the Kairos Weekend, it is the Yard Pastor who meets individually with each candidate, following up on decisions, en-

couraging and praying with each. It is the Yard Pastor who teaches discipleship classes for new believers. It is the Yard Pastor who is there to facilitate weekly Prayer and Share groups, encouraging the inmates to continue their participating in the Kairos program.

Likewise, it is the Yard Pastor who is there to facilitate the Two-Day Retreat, ensuring that the chapel is open, volunteers are escorted, and that inmates are released to attend.

Without Yard Pastors at R.J. Donovan we would be hard pressed to provide the high quality Kairos Program that is there.

Bill Brown
Protestant Chaplain
R.J. Donovan Correctional
Facility



In Loving Memory

Kairos Prison Ministry International

Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one.

Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.

A memorial Letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, together with the name or names of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. People making a donation will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry of their tax-exempt contribution.

ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

October 1-3, 2010 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL **Kairos Inside**

Housing: Marriott Hotel 4000 RCA Blvd. PB Gardens
Training: St. Marks Church, 3395 Burns Rd., PB Gardens

Cost: \$194 per person for double; \$285 for single; \$105 for commuters. Includes 5 meals, 2 nights lodging and training material. No lodging for commuters.

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

Notes: Applicants need to bring personal items only-no linens.

October 1-3, 2010 WOODWORTH, LA **Kairos Inside and Outside**

Location: The Wesley Center, Woodworth, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth, LA 71485

Cost: Double Occupancy, including meals \$204; Single Occupancy, including meals \$236. Registration Deadline: September 20, 2010.

Contact: LindGregg, 225-276-1042 gregg7@cox.net, or lindagregg@la-umc.org

Notes: Nearest recommended airport: Alexandria International Airport, Alexandria, LA. All bedding and towels are provided. Please bring personal items with you, including your current Kairos/Kairos Outside Manual. Check in between 3:00-5:30 PM on Friday. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM followed by the first training session. Participants must be present for all 15 hours of AKT to be certified for weekend leadership. Download universal AKT Registration from KPMI website, complete the form, and mail to: ELAKO, Attention: Linda Gregg, P.O. Box 1905, Prairieville, LA 70769

October 22-24, 2010 GREENSBORO, NC **Kairos Torch**

Location: Jamestown Presbyterian Church, 1804 Guilford College Road, Jamestown, NC 27282

Cost: \$75.00 Includes snack Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday

Lodging: Recommended hotels (all on Big Tree Way): Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Marriott or Microtel Inn. Torch will provide transportation from these hotels to the church. There are shuttles from the airport to the Hilton, Holiday Inn and Marriott. Will try for group rates for hotels at a later date.

Contact: David Farmer: kotakids@att.net or 336-834-3225 or Send applications to: David Farmer, 3805 Waldenbrook Road, Greensboro, NC 27407.

October 22-24, 2010 MYRTLEBEACH, SC **Kairos Inside and Outside**

Location: Springmaid Beach Resort, 3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (just a short taxi ride from the airport--about 5 minutes).

Cost: Double Occupancy \$235; single occupancy \$315. Includes room for two nights, snacks Friday night, three meals Saturday, breakfast and lunch Sunday and course materials. Mail completed registration form to: P.O. Box 6211, Columbia, SC 29260.

Contact: Mackie Manning at wellsu1@gmail.com; P.O. Box 2828, Cashiers, NC 28717; 828-743-0430.

Note: Bring personal items only.

November 19 – 21, 2010 GRANBURY, TX **Kairos Inside**

Location: Camp Crucis, 2875 Camp Crucis Ct., Granbury, TX 76048. Arrive by 6:00pm and start at 7:00pm.

Cost: \$215.00 per person. Commuter \$155.00. Price includes all training materials, 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), Sandwiches Friday evening; Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, 817-860-3500 or 817-247-5403 or mstubaugh@sbcglobal.net 526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information.

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items only.

January 7-9, 2011 COLUMBUS, OH **Kairos Inside**

Location: Martin de Porres Retreat Center, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219

Cost: **Early Bird Registration \$150.00, registration must be received by December 1, 2010**, after December 1st registration will cost \$165.00 per person. Deadline to register is December 31, 2010. Registration fee includes all training material and meals and is due with the registration form. Make checks payable to Kairos of Ohio.

Lodging: Best Western, Port Columbus - 614.337.8401 Double and King Size rooms are available for \$79.00 (tax not included) per night. The hotel will provide shuttle service to and from the airport and to and from the Retreat Center. Please indicate if you will need a room at the time of registration and provide airline information if you are flying. **Lodging is separate from the registration fee and participant is responsible for payment.**

Check-in - Check-in will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday, January 7th and training will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. (Pizza and soda will be provided during check-in).

Contact: Dawn Gallen, gallendawn@yahoo.com or [614.561.5539](tel:614.561.5539), 659 Citation Drive, Pataskala, OH 43062

Feb. 18-20, 2011 NORCROSS, GA.

Kairos Inside

Location: The Lodge at Simpsonwood 4511 Jones Bridge Cr. NW, Norcross, Ga.

Cost: \$265 for double, \$330 For single, \$195 for commuter. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals and training materials.

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

Note: Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

February 18-20, 2011 WILLIAMSBURG, VA

Kairos Inside

Location: Lexington George Washington Inn & Conference Center, 500 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (*Recommended airport – Richmond, VA*)

Cost: Double occupancy \$250; Single room \$315; Commuter \$180. Fee covers hotel room and course materials. Double or Single occupancy covers continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and lunch on Saturday. Commuter rate covers listed breaks, meals and materials. Eat before you arrive on Friday. 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 Kairosva.org.

February 25-27, 2011 INDIANAPOLIS, IN.

Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch

Location: Camp Camby, 10740 East County Road 700 South - Camby, IN 46113

Cost: Early Bird Registration \$150.00, registration must be received by January 1, 2011, after January 1st registration will cost \$165.00 per person. Deadline to register is February 15, 2011. Registration fee includes all training material, lodging, meals and snacks are provided throughout the weekend. The registration fee is due with the registration form. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Indiana.

Lodging: INCLUDED IN PRICE! Please provide airline information if you are flying so we can make arrangements to pick you up - airport is 7 minutes from Camp Camby.

Check-in - Check-in will begin at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 25th and training will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. (*Dinner will be provided*)

Contact: JoEllen Rowe, jrowe13@sbcglobal.net - phone 317-213-3105 - address 89 Arnold Street - Morgantown, IN 46160

March 11-13, 2011 OAKLAND, CA

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: Holy Redeemer Center, in the Oakland hills. 8945 Golf Links Rd, Oakland, CA.

Cost: \$150 per person, this includes Lodgings, meal Friday thru Sunday lunch, and all course materials.

Notes: Bring bedding and pillows unless flying, then they will be provided. Transportation is from Oakland Airport only.

Please go to kairosprisonministry.org click on AKT registration form. Please send form and checks to: Golden State Kairos, P.O. Box 1774, Pacifica, CA. 94044

Contact: Nancy Marzillo @ marzi2@earthlink.net or 650-994-8798

April 1-3 2011 HOOKSETT, NH

Kairos Inside

Location: Sarto Center 17 Londonderry Turnpike Hooksett, NH 03106

web site www.sarto-center.org

Cost: Overnight Fri-Sun \$160.00; Commuters \$110.00

A Check from your SCC or AC must be included with the application.

If paying by personnel check costs are: Overnight \$188.50, Commuter \$130.00

Fee includes training material, 2 nights lodging, light snack on Friday, 3 meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Training starts at 7 pm Fri and ends approx. 11:30 Sun. All participants need to stay for the entire training to receive credit for attendance.

Contact: Nate Chapman, nhchapman@comcast.net (603) 485-9086

Notes: Participants staying over night need to bring linen and towels, other bedding is provided.

April 8-10, 2011 WAVERLY, GA (40 miles north of Jacksonville, FL.)

Kairos Inside

Location: Honeycreek Episcopal Conference Center 299 Georgia Episcopal Conference Center Rd.

Cost: \$250 for double, \$290 for single, \$165 for commuters. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals and training materials.

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

Note: Participants need to bring only personal items. All linens are provided.

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April 15 – 17, 2011

AMARILLO, TX

Kairos Inside

Location: Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring, Amarillo, TX 79107, 806-383-1811. Arrive by 6:00 pm and start at 7:00 Pm.

Cost: \$245.00 - single, (limited number of available) \$195 - double, (each) and \$165.00 - commuter. Fee includes two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday), all training materials and the following meals: Sandwiches Friday evening; Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast.

Contact: Mike Stumbaugh, mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net or 817-860-3500 (home) or 817-247-5403 (cell), 526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information. Checks should be made payable to KPMI – Texas

Note: Attendees need to bring personal items only.

May 13 – 15, 2011

DENVER, CO

Kairos Inside and Outside

Location: American Motel and Broomfield Conference Center, 10101 I-6th Ave. rjborden@comcast.net or 303-469-7540

70 Service Road North. Wheat Ridge, Co. 80033. Price includes all training materials. (Please bring your Kairos Manual) 5 meals, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Cost: are as follows: Commuters: \$139.00, Double Occupancy Rooms \$199.00 or Private Room \$249.00 Late fee of \$25.00 will be charged for anyone registering after May 1st. Please go to kairosprisonministry.org and click on Advanced Kairos Training, then click on AKT Universal Registration Form, print it out, fill it out and mail in. Please make checks payable to: Kairos of Colorado then US Mail the Completed Registration Form and check to: Randy Borden C/O Kairos AKT 1805 W.



NOTE: The above listed trainings are for the remainder of 2010 and through May of 2011.

Please visit the Kairos Prison Ministry website at: www.kairosprisonministry.org for more information and other trainings taking place in 2011.

ONE BODY

The Rahab family would like to thank everyone for the love of God all gathered into one. Parts of the body were all willing to share the gifts that God gave to show how they care.

How beautiful are those who work hard on their feet delighted you are to serve a four day retreat. Whatever we needed, you served with a smile, willing to walk that extra love mile.

Cheerleaders and singing while hanging the chain of those who are praying in the sunshine and rain. Sharing a scripture in the house of the Lord, each of you armed with God's mighty sword.

For we were hungry and you fed us food continued to smile no matter our mood. We were thirsty and your gave us drink this has to be love we started to think.

I was in prison and you visited me everywhere I looked this scripture I'd see. Surrounded by love that Jesus brought in Kairos we thank you for our new treasured friends.

Have you ever seen love walking around look in the mirror and there it is found. You gave from your heart by serving with hands no matter the rules and all the demands.

I fee like I'm at the wedding where God turned water into wine the love was demonstrated by the signature on each sign. Un-forgiveness was drowned in Gods' grace today as the Potter embraced us as one ball of clay.

God, whatever you are doing in each heart that is here don't ever let up, just draw us more near. May our voices keep on singing "We Are the Church" while our hearts are still starving for lost souls we will search.

How do we describe this four day retreat? Like when Jesus kneeled down to wash Peter's feet. You've all set an example that we all are the same and that we love one another in Jesus Christ's Name.

Kairos #2 Candidate
Southern Correctional, August 12-15, 2010

Men's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/26/10	CA	Cal. Inst. for Men	5	Dominic Portesi	10/14/10	FL	Hardee Main Unit	21	Chip Kohler
9/27/10	Aus	Grafton		Bob Small	10/14/10	FL	New River Main	4	Dale Freeman
9/27/10	Aus	Mobilong	12		10/14/10	FL	Sumter CI	14	Jim Furtado
9/30/10	AL	Limestone CF	50	Scott Hagood	10/14/10	GA	Burruss CTC	1	David Panter
9/30/10	GA	Baldwin SP	2	Tanner Shultz	10/14/10	GA	Central State Prison	5	Jim Watts
9/30/10	NC	Pender	20	Bob Remmilard	10/14/10	GA	Phillips SP	9	Tony Singleton
9/30/10	NH	Concord	48	Chris Young	10/14/10	IN	Indiana SP	8	
9/30/10	So Afr	Modderbee	21	James Mngadi	10/14/10	IN	Miami CF	6	Rob Little
9/30/10	So Afr	PMB	9	Kurt Wittig	10/14/10	MD	MD CI Roxbury	2	Tim Pickett
9/30/10	So Afr	Westville	1		10/14/10	ME	Maine SP	22	Ron Bilodeau
9/30/10	TX	Allred	19	Wade Tidmore	10/14/10	OK	Cimarron CF	13	Frank Denney
9/30/10	TX	Polunsky	25	Tom Sayre	10/14/10	TX	Hughes	27	John Oliphant
9/30/10	WA	Clallam Bay CC	10	Barry Smith	10/14/10	TX	Michael	37	Bruce King
9/30/10	WV	St Mary's CC	12	Ralph Gentz	10/14/10	TX	Robertson	31	Don Kiles
10/7/10	CA	FCI Victorville	16	John Miller	10/14/10	WA	WSR-Monroe	48	Pat Carroll
10/7/10	CO	Delta CC	38	Dick Bussing	10/16/10	MS	Yazoo City FCC	6	Julian Crawford
10/7/10	CO	Territorial	50	John Parker	10/18/10	Aus	Mid North Coast	7	
10/7/10	FL	Columbia	18	Ribert Griffis	10/21/10	AL	Donaldson CF	52	Bob Henger
10/7/10	FL	Dade CI (Spanish)	45	Rafael Vigil	10/21/10	AL	Fountain CC	51	David Smith
10/7/10	IN	Plainfield CF	7	Ray Land	10/21/10	AL	Staton	27	Chuck Moore
10/7/10	MO	Missouri Potosi CC	1	Warren Westrup	10/21/10	AL	St. Clair CF	52	Nelson McClure
10/7/10	SC	Perry CI	26	Michael Helms	10/21/10	CA	R J Donovan Yd 1	83	Mar Vale
10/7/10	TN	NECX	21	Terry Muse	10/21/10	CA	R J Donovan Yd 3	84	Aaron Baker
10/7/10	TN	SE TN State Reg. CF	4	Jason Graham	10/21/10	FL	Marion CI	4	Bud Ryan
10/7/10	TX	Daniel	14	Gary Scherf	10/21/10	GA	Hays SP	23	Jeff Hartert
10/7/10	TX	Hightower	5	Stuart Leonhart	10/21/10	IL	Stateville CI	10	Ed Caputo
10/7/10	TX	Neal	25	Joel Wright	10/21/10	IN	Wabash Valley CF	5	Phil Stiver
10/7/10	TX	Torres	23	Jim Lodovic	10/21/10	LA	Angola	50	Checo Yancy
10/7/10	VA	Wallens Ridge CC	10	Bruce Sharp	10/21/10	NC	Marion CI	5	John Klees
10/7/10	WA	Special Comm. Cen.	2	James Sipe	10/21/10	OH	Southern Ohio CF	11	Mike Hays
10/8/10	CA	CSP Sacramento	8	Warren Schwegel	10/21/10	So Afr	Rustenburg	7	Walter Vermaak
10/8/10	CA	San Quentin	36	Marcus Jackl	10/21/10	SC	Ridgeland CI	1	Archie Peir
10/8/10	CT	Osborn CI	9	Richard Pangretic	10/21/10	TX	Coffield	30	Alan Tucker
10/8/10	PA	Allenwood USP	16	Jim Chamberlain	10/21/10	VA	Sussex II	1	Paul Smith
10/8/10	TX	Vance	42	Mark Lowry	10/25/10	Aus	Bathurst	19	
10/11/10	Aus	Tamworth	6	David Langford	10/27/10	MS	SMCI	10	Dennis Garrard
10/14/10	CO	Limon	11	Mark Raymond	10/27/10	TN	Morgan Country CC		Jack Garchie
10/14/10	FL	Avon Park	35	Tom Johnston	10/28/10	FL	DeSoto CI	55	Tom Pitney
10/14/10	FL	Charlotte CI	33	William Campbell	10/28/10	FL	Madison CI	26	Ken Klos
10/14/10	FL	Glades Correctional	51	Mark Castiglione	10/28/10	FL	Zephyrhills CI	59	Joe Romero

KAIROS KALENDAR

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/28/10	FL	Zephyrhills CI	59	Joe Romero	11/4/10	NC	Scotland CI	2	Robert Macy
10/28/10	GA	Lee SP	34	Richard Moorefield	11/4/10	PA	SCI Albion	32	Rick Skladanowski
10/28/10	ID	Idaho SCI	11	Al Barba	11/4/10	TX	Bartlett	13	Bob Sharp
10/28/10	KS	El Dorado CF			11/4/10	TX	Connally	16	Jimmy McFadin
10/28/10	KS	Hutchinson CF	18		11/4/10	TX	McConnell	30	Ed Gorny
10/28/10	LA	Winn Correctional	33	Glenn McCalman	11/4/10	WA	McNeil Island CC	28	
10/28/10	MS	CMCF	23	Mike Lewis	11/11/10	CA	Ironwood	23	Marty Gentleman
10/28/10	MS	Parchman Unit 29	28	Robert Rhett	11/11/10	FL	Putnam	19	Ridge Corbin
10/28/10	NY	Fishkill CF			11/11/10	GA	Calhoun SP	14	Steve Neal
10/28/10	NY	Shawangunk			11/11/10	GA	Georgia SP	19	Joe Cremeans
10/28/10	TN	MCCX		Ralph Rayborn	11/11/10	LA	Angola	50	Checo Yancy
10/28/10	TX	Boyd	16	John McClelland	11/11/10	NY	Coxsackie CF	21	Bill Harrison
10/28/10	TX	Darrington	46	Hank Jamieson	11/11/10	PA	SCI Greene	10	Dan McCollum
10/28/10	TX	Lynaugh	24	Robert Winkler	11/11/10	TX	Beto	43	Bill Pockrus
10/28/10	TX	Stiles	26	Phil Hilliard	11/11/10	TX	Briscoe	6	Bill Havard
10/28/10	WV	Mt Olive		Ken Connelly	11/11/10	TX	Dalhart	23	Bob Ulrey
11/4/10	AR	Tucker Unit	29	Art Williams	11/11/10	TX	Eastham	20	Jim Austin
11/4/10	AZ	Red Rock CC	8	Dennis Foster	11/12/10	CA	Cal Med Facility	36	Harry Stice
11/4/10	CA	Centinela	8	Jerry Emery	11/12/10	PA	SCI Waymart	12	Ned Bessmer
11/4/10	CA	FCI Terminal Island	37	Jan Stolzenburg	11/15/10	FL	Moore Haven	20	K C Conartoni
11/4/10	CO	Sterling West	27	Rob Bradley	11/18/10	CA	Atwater	3	Jerry Collins
11/4/10	FL	NW FL Reception	13	Don Witmeyer	11/18/10	CA	Calipatria	12	Dick Jacobson
11/4/10	FL	Okeechobee English	45	Wayne Portch	11/18/10	FL	Everglades CI	17	Wilson Alvarez
11/4/10	FL	Tyger River		Barrie Heinzenknecht	11/18/10	FL	Moore Haven	20	K C Conartoni
11/4/10	GA	Autry SP	23	Todd Humphries	11/18/10	GA	Hancock SP	35	Jerry Bowles
11/4/10	GA	Coastal SP	2	Walt Morris	11/18/10	GA	Rogers SP	23	Roy Paul
11/4/10	GA	Dooly SP	23	Paul Story	11/18/10	MD	MD CI Hagerstown	13	Joe Markwordt
11/4/10	GA	Valdosta SP	21	Jeff Hornsby	11/11/10	TX	Clemens	10	Chuck Pugh
11/4/10	GA	Washington SP	6	Arthur Stroud	11/18/10	TX	Montford	24	Jim Gordon
11/4/10	IN	Branchville	9		11/25/10	So Afr	Drakenstein	18	J. du Plessis
11/4/10	IN	Pendleton CF	9		11/29/10	Nic	La Modelo	7	Eliodoro Garcia
11/4/10	IN	Westville	13	Raymie Richards	12/2/10	CA	Victorville USP	8	A. Castelazo
11/4/10	MO	Crossroads CC	8	Mike Bryant	12/9/10	FL	South Bay Corr.	20	Dan Dowling
11/4/10	NC	Nash CI	1	Wilus Luster	12/9/10	NY	Wende	47	Ron Opferbeck
11/4/10	NC	Pasquotank	22	Bruce Wilis	12/16/10	TX	Estes	1	Frank Cedillo
11/4/10	OH	Marion CI	6	Tom Clinch	12/30/10	TX	Ferguson	50	C.J. Salzman

Torch Youth Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/15/10	AR	AR Juv. ATC Girls	16	Jimmy Dean	11/5/10	CT	Manson		Greg Pierce
10/15/10	NC	C.A. Dillion	5	Scott Ruppert	11/5/10	IN	Pendleton JV		
10/22/10	MS	Walnut Grove Corr	3	Charleen & Daryl Whitford	11/5/10	OH	Circleville Juvenile CF	7	C.F. Carlson
10/29/10	TN	Central OK JC	12	Van Nguyen & Shirley Leonhardt	11/5/10	TN	MVKT Torch	21	Gary Johnson
					11/19/10	So Arf	Drakenstein	14	
					12/3/10	FL	Brevard CI	14	George & Lori Palesh

Women's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/30/10	FL	Hernando CI	27	Jerri Edwards	10/21/10	TX	Mountain View	21	Alice Finley
9/30/10	NY	Beacon CF	28	Kate Lamour	10/28/10	KS	Topeka CF	7	Chelle Tedrow
9/30/10	TX	Murray	11	Phyllis Neugent	10/28/10	TX	Hobby Women's Unit	28	Nancy Forrester
10/6/10	MS	CMCF	27	Joanne Papa	11/3/10	CT	York CI	14	Donna Speaks
10/7/10	FL	Hillsborough CI	12	Barbara Fox	11/3/10	VA	VCCW	30	Julie Lynch
10/7/10	FL	Homestead CI	20	Jodie Beltran	11/4/10	AK	Highland Mountain	10	Nan Peters
10/7/10	PA	SCI Cambridge Sp.	12	Debbie Greenwald	11/4/10	FL	Lowell CI	12	Cynthia Fowler
10/7/10	SC	Camille G Graham CI	43	Rhonda Smith	11/4/10	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	9	Carol Boelter
10/8/10	CT	Danbury Fed. Prison	11	Brenda Braun	11/4/10	MD	Maryland CI	5	Barbara Ruark
10/8/10	IL	Dwight W CC	6	M. Hugh Dwight	11/11/10	AR	McPherson Women's	22	Norma Cutrer
10/9/10	CA	FCI Dublin	47	Irene Anderson	11/11/10	IN	Rockville	13	Loretta Ferree
10/14/10	FL	Broward CI Women's	80	Kriste LaMay	11/18/10	NY	Albion Women's CF	62	Linda Gonzalez
10/14/10	NC	NCCI Women	33	Jenelle Boykin	12/2/10	CO	Denver Women's	14	Carol Minner
10/21/10	SC	Leath CI	17	Susan Rush					

Kairos Outside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/1/10	AL	Alabama	26	Ginger Lowe	10/22/10	VA	SW Virginia	8	Stephanie Lann
10/1/10	IN	Central Indiana	1	Becky Luca	10/29/10	MO	Eastern MO	17	Barbara Murray
10/1/10	MO	Western MO	3	Linda Case	10/29/10	SC	South Carolina	8	Delores Whitaker
10/1/10	NM	New Mexico	22	Elsie Williams	10/29/10	TX	Corpus Christi	7	Tracey Womack
10/1/10	TX	No TX (Dal/Ft Worth)	28	Shy Wilson	11/5/10	Aus	Riverina NSW	4	Clarice Manglesdorf
10/8/10	IN	Northern IN	9	Nancy Norris	11/5/10	Aus	So Queensland	20	Robyn Teese
10/8/10	OH	Community	10	Barb Cooper	11/5/10	CA	Desert	17	Marlene Stewart
10/8/10	TN	East Tenn	16	Mary Humes	11/5/10	FL	N Cen (Tallahassee)	10	A. Cannon-Erikson
10/8/10	TX	Houston	24	Julie Burke	11/5/10	MD	Maryland	9	Catherine Pitt
10/15/10	Aus	Melbourne	7	Marion Drake	11/5/10	NC	Eastern NC	13	Laurie Baldrige
10/15/10	CA	Northern California	51	Rosa Valdez	11/5/10	OK	Western Oklahoma	21	Jennifer Hunter
10/15/10	FL	Northeastern FL	12	Michele Ganas	11/5/10	TX	Wichita Falls, TX	9	Barbara McGowan
10/22/10	FL	Central Florida	32	Bonnie Zicheck	11/5/10	WA	Washington	28	Karen Whitley
10/22/10	FL	SW FL (Ft Meyers)	6	Diann Samples	11/12/10	CA	So Cal - Pamona	48	Angela Reyes
10/22/10	OK	Eastern Oklahoma	10	Lori Peters	11/12/10	UK	SW UK	14	Muriel Gover
10/22/10	SoAfr	Krugersdorp	16	Hannah Kruger	11/19/10	Aus	Sydney	24	Robyn Morris
10/22/10	TX	Midland, TX	22	Carolyn Quine	11/19/10	NC	Western NC	3	Jeanne Patterson
10/22/10	VA	North Virginia	1	Linda Smith	11/19/10	TX	San Antonio, TX	20	Linda Harper

Kairos Hosts Special Weekend Event at Scotland County

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Ex-inmate Ed O’Keefe is living proof that love changes everything. “If you would have told me 30 years ago that I’d be in love with the Lord, I’d tell you that you were full of crap,” he says. “I wouldn’t have used those words though,” he adds with a laugh.

In 1990, O’Keefe was incarcerated for possessing over \$350,000 worth of musical equipment he had stolen from various churches in South Carolina. He had every intention of selling all of it and was in the middle of recording an album with his band before his arrest. During his 19-year sentence at Evans Correctional Institution, two things happened.

First, O’Keefe was able to drum for a new band he met inside the prison system. Then, through a Christian ministry called Kairos, he became a changed man — even when violence was all around him. “I’ve been in the dungeons, and I’ve walked in the darkness, but I’ve felt the presence of the Lord in the county jail,” he says.

When O’Keefe was released in March 2009 with nowhere to call “home,” one of his Kairos mentors, Chuck Chichester, of Conway, S.C., adopted him as his own son. Today, although a couple of O’Keefe’s band-mates are still incarcerated, “Defenders of the Faith” are working on putting their second album together via sound-board. Needless to say, now

O’Keefe plays to the beat of a different drum.

“I was called to be a musician in the Lord’s house, but I went to the devil’s house to play instead,” he says, noting the irony of his first band’s name — Rocky Spirit. “I was that rocky spirit,” he says.

On March 9, both O’Keefe and Chichester attended the Sandhills Congregation and Faith Community in Action luncheon hosted by Habitat for Humanity in Pinehurst. Chaplain Don Jordan, senior chaplain of the Scotland County Prison, in Laurinburg, and August “Gus” Brown, Kairos mission developer, spoke on the ministry’s much-anticipated reception at Scotland Correctional Institute (SCI) that begins Thursday, May 20.

“Kairos is a Greek word that means a special moment in time — God’s special moment,” says Brown. The ministry uses the touching of fingers in Michelangelo’s iconic image “The Creation of Adam” to represent the intimacy of the occurrence.

“In plain language, [Kairos] volunteers are a group of people coming in to ‘love up on’ a group of inmates,” Jordan says with a chuckle. “They come in smiling, talking about the goodness of life and the goodness of God and the joy of living. These inmates have been

depressed, angered or upset, and they see — some of them for the first time — an actual, real, genuine Christian love.”

Bringing it Home

An International Christian ministry, Kairos was created so that all incarcerated individuals might have a chance to be introduced to God’s love and forgiveness. More than 800 volunteers are currently serving 14 high-security prisons in North Carolina. With the inside and outside support of individuals and churches in neighboring counties, such as Scotland, Hoke and Moore, the first Kairos Weekend was offered at SCI, a men’s facility housing more than 1,700 inmates and a staff of more than 500 individuals. SCI opened in 2005 and continues to rapidly grow.

“This prison just started, and we’re just starting,” says Jordan, who has witnessed the effectiveness of the program through his time spent as chaplain at Sandhills Youth Center at McCain. He believes the one-on-one volunteer-to-inmate ratio is a key element to its success, measured by both testimony and recidivism rate (the percentage of inmates who return to prison).

A Kairos Weekend is a four-day event that occurs at least twice a year. About 40 inmates will be invited to participate, primarily those who the prison feels will benefit the most from it, says the chaplain.

“We ask the prison to give us their bad guys,” says Brown. “Give us the ruffians, the troubled, the gang leaders. We’d like them in there. They are the ones we primarily want to reach. Bring us anybody who is not a Christian, but would like to come.”

The Weekend is intense, the chaplain says, and involves activities such as singing and sharing meals, and introducing the inmates to God’s love through the relationships established with volunteers. But Kairos volunteers do not come bearing Bibles; instead, they come to “plant seeds,” as Chuck Chichester calls it. “Our goal is to acquaint them with Christ and God for the first time,” says Brown.

Volunteers return to the prison for a follow-up visit a couple of weeks after the Kairos Weekend to discuss the event and facilitate “prayer and share” groups. Monthly Reunions are held thereafter. A second Weekend is scheduled in early November.

Something to Celebrate

On Sunday, May 23, a closing ceremony was held at 4 p.m. to celebrate the end of the Kairos weekend. The public was invited to participate in the festivities.

Jordan shares an anecdote about a man who, prior to his experience with the ministry, was determined he would not be swayed by the event. After the Kairos Weekend, he rose up to make a speech on the final day about his change of heart. “I was

so mad, I was so angry, I didn’t want to have anything to do with God or anybody,” Jordan quoted the inmate. “But, that had all changed.” After the man’s testimony, he immediately wanted to stand up and make another speech. “I’d never seen anything like it,” says Jordan.

When the inmates began their Weekend, a paper chain was wrapped around the room. Each strip of paper composing the

MY NAME IS FORGIVEN



We were standing in the middle of a battlefield when the smoke cleared and we realized that our battle had ended. We had lost. We had fought valiantly together and against each other at other times. My husband and I wept and held tightly to our son until the guard whispered, “it’s time to go son.”

Everything you always believed in blows up in your face, rips out your heart, and pretty much leaves you a mute. I laid in bed for days not eating, just crying and praying, while my husband sat in his chair in another room, alone. We could not even help each other. After awhile, we realize that we had responsibilities and a life outside this nightmare. There are people who love us and people who also hurt so we stumble forward.

Somewhere along the way, the emotions began to return. This time it was like being on that dark battlefield again. The hate began to grow rampant. Self-blame, self-hate, as well as the

chain represented an individual who had committed to praying for the event. Hundreds did. “When they realized that many people care about them and are praying for them,” Jordan says, “it’s just a powerful thing.”

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finger pointing, and so on, and so on. It was not easy being called *enabler*.

After awhile I received a Kairos Outside invitation. Amazingly enough, I realized that this is where my life began... again. I arrived on a dreary, cloudy Friday afternoon only because I was looking forward to seeing Table Rock Mountain and escape for a while. But I had a few friends, Shame and Blame, who insisted on coming with me, so here we all are, together.

A perky little redhead met me in the parking lot and insisted on carrying my bag. (Even though I could have fit her in that bag!) We all settled into our first meeting of the Weekend. The rain fell and there was no sign of the mountain. We laughed, we sang, and we ate. I fell into bed and spent a listless night. You can easily leave the perfumes behind but you cannot leave the snoring. No one would hear me snore! Saturday morning, I arose tired but felt better after a shower.

Outside the weather was much the same and there was still no sign of my mountain so up the hill I stomped. The second meeting included more singing, more unexpected smiles, more laughter and more food. We shared, we laughed, we cried and then it hit me.... I am not alone. I am actually enjoying myself. My best friends Shame and Blame seem to be slipping away.

Before I knew it, lunch had rolled around and it was time to eat again. I was laughing, singing, and...introducing myself. All the while, someone was showing or telling us that we are special, that we are loved and that we are worthy. Everywhere we turned, we were reminded that someone was praying for us.

Skepticism seems to have followed my friends, Shame and Blame. Could there really be someone who thinks I am worthy of this attention and love? At some point, someone asked me "the question" and there it went. Gone were the hugs, and back came the forced smile, back came the knowing looks. Shame and Blame came back and escorted me home.

Off to the chapel we went. This is where I caught my first glimpse of the mountain. The cloud was beginning to lift just enough so that we could see the bottom and a little of the side. I introduced myself yet again. "Hello God, so nice of you to join us." "Hello, My Child" He whispered, "I have been here all along."

The rest of the day was full of much the same and the evening was enchanting. I have a new friend: meet Humility. Goodbye Insecurity.

Sunday morning brought a new friend: please meet Hope. I hoped this feeling would never end: Goodbye Fear. Outside the sun was shining so bright, and I ran down the stairs and around the building to see my mountain. However, that cloud was still there. Oh, you could see a little more...so God does have a sense of humor. Up the hill I went (I had to remind myself that I am far too old to skip). It was funny how the old friends will slip away when they are threatened. Goodbye Hate and Anger: Hello Joy!

More tears, more smiles, more laughter, more food. We crowded together in the chapel in the early morning. I got to make one more introduction in front of a beautiful mountain. I tentatively held up my picture, offered up my best "please don't hurt me" look and I said hello to Courage. I looked out into a small crowd of the sweetest faces and I introduced them to my "Heart".

After two and a half days, I had finally gotten to see Table Rock. It was worth the wait. In retrospect, I can not think of a better metaphor. Nothing else could explain what all this baggage was doing to my life. However, by turning it loose, I have discovered a brighter and much clearer future.

At the end of the afternoon, I loaded my car and lingered in the parking lot as long as I could and then I took one last look at My Mountain standing so strong and sure. How beautiful the colors were. I took a deep breath and turned onto Hwy 11 to head home. The road was long and straight. I looked at my reflection in the rearview mirror and was very glad to see my new friends with me. Yes, they were right there, staring back. Hello Security, Humility, Hope, Joy, Courage... Wait someone is missing...forgiveness. How could I not want to forgive after everything I have just experienced?

After driving a little further, I looked in the mirror and I asked, "Why should I forgive? No one has admitted what they have done; no one has asked me for forgiveness". I drove a little further and waited for my answer. Humility just stared at me. I smiled back. I pulled over, ran to the trunk and ruffled through my bag. I reached in, pulled out my anger letter, and filled in the final page. I looked into the rearview mirror and asked, "Are you happy?" The answer came quickly and easily, "Yes, very much so." Together, we all drove home.

My final page simply states... I understand that I want to forgive. My greatest desire is to never lose my new friends. Hello Kairos, I am... Forgiven and this is Peace.

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