

# God's Special Time

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### Kairos 2011 International Council

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Dear All:

Last week someone I love and respect sent me this quote:

"It seems to me that it is a minority that gets the true and full gospel. We just keep worshiping Jesus and arguing over the right way to do



it. The amazing thing is that Jesus never once says "worship me". He says, "follow me" (e.g. Matthew 4:19).

Christianity is a lifestyle – a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared and loving. However, we made it into a clever "religion", in order to avoid the lifestyle itself. One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain, and still believe that Jesus is their "personal Lord and Savior". The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great." - Adapted from CAC Foundation Set: Gospel Call to Compassionate Action

There really is nothing to add to this quote, but it does give us, as Christians, something to consider. In Cursillo we learn the three principles of Christian discipleship include study, piety and action. We share these same ideas in Kairos. In Cursillo and Kairos we encourage prayer and share accountability groups and reunions (a grouping of these groups)

as a way of maintaining a Christian lifestyle. This is our spiritual plan – not a "religion" or "denomination".

I am the first to acknowledge that at times I struggle. This "Christian lifestyle thing" is not always easy. It's only when I get back to Cursillo principles that I see hope to radically change myself to love God and others more and myself less.

This past month I have received various e-mails discussing two topics. One is, "why are we always asking for money?", and "why do we have so many rules?"

On the first issue, I will never convince those people who are angry and see the international office as unnecessary or over-reaching. I acknowledge that at times I and the staff do not show our best selves. When that occurs, we can only apologize, try our best to improve, and move on. But, I will suggest that those things will happen no matter what human being occupies these positions. So, the real issue is what are the ministry needs and how, as an organization, do we meet those needs.

Presently, we exist in 31 states and nine countries, but we are growing. In the next 12-24 months we should have Week-ends in Delaware, Wisconsin, Vermont and Oregon. The office is challenged with marketing, IRS, state and local statues and regulations, insurance issues for 25,000 volunteers, trail-

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ers and protecting our staff and leadership in a litigious era, websites, newsletter, fundraising, trainings (AKT, ACT, Financial), program enhancement and development, interaction with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and State Departments of Correction, attending DOC, ACA, 4<sup>th</sup> day movements, state chapter meetings and broadcasters conventions. I'm hopeful you understand performing to meet these ministry needs at a high standard is challenging. I am not complaining - just attempting to communicate that as our ministry needs grow our physical office space and staff will need to grow. To accomplish this we will need to raise additional funds. As long as Kairos exists, these needs will continue. It won't be very long before KPMI will need a \$2 million budget for its international office. This is exactly why we periodically request your help and why 5 years ago we saw the need for a KPMI Foundation.

The second issue concerns rules. I recently had the blessing of having lunch with IC member, Rey Bonachea. We discussed many things, but one of them was ministry rules and policies. Later, I wrote him and said something to the effect that when in 2001 I gave up my law practice in Miami and joined Kairos full time, I was excited because I saw myself serving inmates and forming friendships with other Christians who believed in the Cursillo method. I did not (at that time) see myself as someone enforcing rules. Actually, no one in 2001 had a good understand-

ing of what the ED was supposed to do!

Basically, rules serve two purposes in Kairos:

They define the riverbanks for all 25,000 of us; they give us a roadmap of where we're going and hopefully explain the why also. Our stakeholders want to see our program and financial riverbanks. The riverbanks include a test – how are we doing (financial statements and audit, excellence initiative, team reports, impact studies, governance structure and effectiveness).

The second reason is sometimes a negative one – we find volunteers who believe they can do whatever they wish if it's not specifically covered in the manual or it's easier to apologize than ask, or the Holy Spirit made me do it. People can be very creative in re-forming KPMI which then causes leadership to enact a new rule.

The most recent issue regarding rules is the one-on-one hosting contained in the Red Manual. This policy has been challenging for some volunteers and some AKT trainers. For clarification purposes for more than 10 years the ministry, through the board's wisdom as contained in our program manuals, has been that one-on-one hosting on the first evening (usually Thursday) is the ideal. There are reasons for this usually stated as: one-on-one is the most welcoming and intimate, and since it requires more Team members, it encourages recruiting.

As I listen to comments, I think most of us agree one-on-one hosting is "the best practice" if we can do it. There are some communities that see this as being disruptive to "the way we've always done it" or "it's impossible to get that number of Team" or "we do one-on-two or one-on-three all the time, and we don't see any problems".

They say these things about one-on-one hosting as if they think someone is going to shoot them if they fail. First, no one is planning to do anything to you except encourage you to try your best. In the Red Manual we understand there exist many last minute situations in prison ministry – under those situations we suggest keep your same number of tables and double host up to six inmates (1 full table). If you find out with plenty of advance time you will have a smaller team, then please consider reducing the number of tables.

To this, some volunteers have said, "but John, you don't understand. We have a small space and only so many Team members can fit" or the chaplain "demands" we invite 42 residents. I am sure in our over 300 prisons there is a variety of circumstances which challenge adherence to our model. My response is: please follow the one-on-one where possible, and if a special challenging circumstance arises, then take it to you state chapter committee for discernment and resolution, but don't

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## WELCOME TO BILL'S BARN

Hello, everybody. I hope you've had a good summer in spite of the serious climatic events all over the country with the heat and drought in the Texas/Oklahoma area and the hurricanes and subsequent flooding along the eastern seaboard. Prayers from this office have gone out and are continuing, asking for God's intervention with these serious situations.

For those who were not in attendance at the Summer Conference in Manchester, NH, let me tell you that you missed a great conference. Please allow me to give you some of the highlights for Kairos Inside that were stated there. The first encouraging news is that we will definitely have three new starts for Mens' Kairos Inside in 2012. We all should welcome Delaware, Wisconsin, and Oregon into the Kairos family as they are preparing for their first Weekends in 2012. Those responsible for bringing these states in are Bill Young, Harry Horton, Brian Schmidt and the crew for Delaware, Denny Fryman, Frank Rowe and the Indiana crew along with Todd Dzwonkowski, Merrilee Saccol, Syd Rauworth and others for Wisconsin, and Peter Wilson, Rob Michie, Dave Kiehle, the Washington crew and others for Oregon. I know that I have left some folks out, and so go my apologies. But this goes to show that Kairos people all over the US are willing to step out to bring

this God-given ministry to as many as we can.

The next bit of news is that the prayer-and-share portion of our Continuing Ministry, the heart and soul behind what we do, has been slipping in the last few years in attendance and long-term maintenance. Taking that into account, several of us have been working now for over a year to bring some additions to our program that can help promote the long-known value of getting the prison residents into and staying involved with the prayer-and-share accountability groups. We've approached two groups that have written materials with dedicated, well-written lessons that could help us with this. Both involve a valuable journaling piece so the residents can keep an ongoing account of their spiritual life while incarcerated with the benefit that the whole curriculum should have such an impact on their lives that they will take what they learn with them when they are released back into socie-



ty. Can you see how this really fits very well into our mission statement? I'm very excited about the potential of this; and we'll begin with 2 pilots this fall and others across the nation will be following.

We've had several Kairos visitors come by the office this summer while in Florida, and we put out the coffee pot. Please, if you get the chance, do visit us and we'll share a meal with you, and if you come on a Tuesday, you can join our prayer time at 11:00 am, praying and sharing all of our connected Kairos concerns and blessings. As always, the coffee will be on and hot.

### From the Executive Director

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throw out our ideal because it maybe difficult in a few communities. When these situations occur your first step should be to take it to your state committee not to an AKT trainer or staff person. If your state committee wants help, then they will contact the office or discuss it with their fellow state chairs.

To the many that have prayed for me following my injury (collar bone & ribs), I thank you very much. My wife and I have appreciated your concern and support. My healing seems to be progressing as hoped.

In Christ,  
john

### I Am So Proud

By Jo Chapman

I recently sat at a closing of KO #54 in Oakland, CA, in the area where KO started in 1990, and saw 31 Guests express their pain, isolation and sorrow, just as the 25 Guests did on KO #1. There were so many hurting mothers who were trying to make sense out of their children being locked up in prisons for many years.

They were missing their children and feeling a void in their hearts that could not be filled with anything but the presence of their sons or daughters. We heard from wives, who were trying to raise children without the fathers being around. They talked about the pain and suffering that the father's lack of presence causes in the lives of children whose parents are incarcerated.

I heard from women who had been incarcerated themselves and were still trying to find a community of support to help them get their feet on the ground. One Guest, who had been inside, said that she was worried about being judged and it had not happened during the KO Weekend. Thank you, Jesus.

I heard from the church and the un-church. I heard from young women and from older women. I heard from mothers, sisters, daughters, wives and close friends.

I heard many women declare that Christ had helped them to begin to forgive the deep pains of their lives. So many women talked about wanting to be a part of a community that understood the reality of their lives. One woman, who had made her KO Weekend a couple of years ago, got up and told the Guests the "You can't **Not** come back." She said this is a place where women can laugh with you, cry with you, pray with you and walk with you. This is your **Support Community!!!!** I looked around the room and noticed a lot of heads moving up and down, agreeing with the Team Member's words. I noticed how many former Guests were there to be angels and attend the closing.

### A Testimony of God's Great Faithfulness

In November 2005, I was one of the guests invited to attend Kairos Outside of Maryland #1. As a part of the three fold mission of Kairos Prison Ministry International, and to complement the Kairos Inside programs already in place inside three Maryland prisons, this was to be the initial Kairos Outside Weekend in my home state. I had been told that the purpose of the weekend was to support women whose lives had been impacted by the incarceration of a family member or friend. It was also explained that Kairos is a Greek word meaning "A special time, set apart for something to happen". I had no idea what an incredibly special time set apart and incred-

As we formed a huge circle around the gymnasium I had tears in my eyes, because I remembered the first circle that was much smaller in size, but not in the love that Christ had showed the women who attended. God shows up over and over and over again at all Kairos Weekends (Inside and Outside).

Mary Jane Brown, the Leader of KO #54 and wife of George Brown, chose the theme of "The Power of His Love" and that power was felt at the closing. I would like to congratulate Mary Jane and her Team for a job well done. I am so proud of all the KO Communities and I believe that Jesus would feel the same way.

ibly awesome Weekend would happen indeed!



A volunteer arrived at my home and drove me to a beautiful, modern and comfortable Retreat Center in Northern Maryland. From the moment I arrived at the conference facility, I was showered with Christ's grace, agape love and treated as if I were truly a queen.

Woven through various activities during the Weekend, were opportunities to express the many hurts, pains, and emotions that I was experiencing at that time in my life. I realized that I was not alone as I was blessed to be sur-

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## What Youth In Prison Say Would Help Them Succeed

By Kevin Resnovor

Many studies have shown that youth involved in the juvenile justice system are more likely to suffer problems in adulthood, such as unemployment, alcoholism, and dependence on welfare (*Kazdin, 1992*). Researchers suggest that programs teaching youth life skills may be a critical component in reducing recidivism, but when developing programs for youth, the important step of asking participants what they think offers critical and often over-looked information. In particular, youth in the justice system are rarely asked what they think would be effective approaches to helping

them succeed once they are released from detention or complete the term of their parole.

A few years ago foundations and grantors interested in funding youth programming realized the wisdom in getting youth involved with the development of their own programs. Out of that wisdom were born Youth Summits and some very effective Teen Courts where youth evaluated and judged themselves. After all, who could tell more about what effectively worked for youth than youth, and it only stood to reason that when youth were granted a real voice to ad-

dress their own issues it would yield the greatest impact on their lives.

As you study the chart below please note that counseling with parents while incarcerated ranked the second highest among these youth as being **very helpful** in their becoming successful once they get out. Parents have always played a powerful role in the stability of their children's lives. Even those children that have lost their way see the value of a two-way conversation with their parents.

*Journal of Extension*, "What Incarcerated Youth Say Would Help Them Succeed: Can Extension Play a Role" by Eric Killian, Randy Brown, and William Evans. (Extension Journal, Inc. ISSN 1077-5315)

Activity	Very Helpful	Helpful	Kind of Helpful	Not Helpful
Job training inside facility	65.3%	20.2%	5.7%	8.8%
Counseling with parents inside facility	52.4%	23.8%	16.7%	7.1%
Books-reading material inside	47.6%	24.6%	13.6%	14.1%
Recreational activities inside facility	47.4%	30.5%	18.9%	3.2%
Computer training inside facility	45.4%	26.3%	14.9%	13.4%
Art and crafts inside facility	39.4%	29.8%	23.9%	6.9%
Individual counseling inside facility	38.1%	29.6%	21.7%	10.6%
Personal time with staff inside the facility	29.9%	36.1%	22.2%	11.9%
Group counseling inside facility	19.6%	32.0%	26.3%	22.2%
Classroom instruction inside facility	15.5%	42.5%	29.0%	13.0%

So, what does this have to do with Kairos Torch volunteers and our role as mentors with these youth?

According to the Peer Resources Network in Canada, there are four stories that tell the origin of mentoring. The most common story is the one by the Greek storyteller Homer. The tale speaks about

Odysseus, the King of Ithaca. During the Trojan War, Odysseus asked his friend Mentor to watch over his son Telemachus while he fought. Mentor was a companion of Odysseus who was left behind on Ithaca as Telemachus' tutor. Mentor is described in the story as a faithful, wise and loyal friend.

While Kairos Torch Mentors

do not take over as parents to the youth we mentor, we are often called upon to guide these youth, many times in absence of a parent. Your calling to love and listen to each of these youth can be paramount in their becoming positive, productive and well-adjusted adults.



## Teleconference Availability

Have you ever wonder if there is an easier way to communicate with other volunteers in your Advisory Council or state

with out having to meeting face-to-face?



The Kairos International

office has several teleconferencing lines available for use for all U.S. Kairos volunteers. This has been set up in order to save our volunteers time and the money involved with travel, which can sometimes really add up.

To use the teleconferencing system, just contact Ann Kreller at [ann@kpmi.org](mailto:ann@kpmi.org)

Please include the following information:

1. **Your name**
2. **Name of AC** (or state or committee that you will be using the call for)
3. **Date**
4. **Time**

Once this call is scheduled, you will receive an email with the call-in numbers that you will be using for the line that has been assigned to your group for this meeting. You will then be able to forward (by email) this information to all of those you wish to have on the call. It is that simple!

This service is very convenient for those who cannot afford the time involved with driving to a specific meeting place or who don't care to drive after dark. It also eliminates having to use a meeting place all together.

Just a couple of rules to keep in mind when scheduling a call:

- ◆ Check the availability of those who you want on the call prior to setting up the call.
- ◆ Please keep your call as short as possible since Kairos does incur expenses per minutes used.
- ◆ **Be sure to schedule every conference call.** Do not save the numbers and use them on your next call—they may already be checked out to another group.
- ◆ **These lines are to be used for Kairos business only. This is ABSOLUTELY NOT intended for any personal use.**

## International Update

During this summer, besides attending the KPMI Summer Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire, I was also able to attend the *Kairos South Africa* Winter Conference in Johannesburg (July 2) where I was also able to enter a men's prison and visit Kairos graduates.

I also attended the annual meeting of the *Kairos Canada* Council in Toronto on August 20th.

*Kairos Peru* had the first women's inside at the maximum security prison August 22-25. Reports indicate that this event was a blessing to all participants, residents, Inside Team members and Outside Team members. There was good support from the prison administration and staff and they are anxious for Kairos #2 to take place. Access to the Weekend was given to all but some of the most violent terrorists who are isolated.

The *Kairos Honduras* board has a new chairperson, Mario Palma. They are now planning for a Kairos Inside Weekend in the women's prison in November.

Let us continue to pray for all Weekends. Please check the Kairos Kalendar web page for the ones that have been scheduled, and let us remember Kairos International in our prayers.

### Comments From Those We Serve.....

Hello, I am a parolee here in Stockton CA and I was recently at a drug rehab here in town. While I was there I got into some trouble and was sent back to jail for a couple of weeks. While I was in jail my mom would come to see me. When she showed up, a friend of hers who is a guard that checks people in, told her about this program called Kairos Outside and gave her a piece of paper telling her about an outing that they were going to have just for the mothers of men and women who are or have been locked up. At first I thought "Oh boy, what's this all about? What are they going to try and put in my mom's head?"

Well, this past weekend my mom went to this Weekend event in the Oakland Hills and she had a blast. It was just what she needed. So I want to thank all the people who had anything to do with the Kairos program. You are all truly a blessing from God.

When my mom came home she had a look of peace and this awesome glow to her that I never get to see because I am too involved with other things (BAD THINGS). When I saw this joy in my mom it made me realize a lot of things. I had to walk away because I could not cry in front of my mom. So before I start to ramble, I just want to give thanks to the Kairos program. You have done so much that I could never in a life-time repay you. Hopefully, more people find you and give this program a chance, because it is worth it.

Yours Truly,  
Christopher G. Pitts

I would like to thank Kairos for coming into prison. The warm welcome is a positive change from prison where life is harsh. The time I spent with the volunteers was the best experience in the seventeen years in Florida's prison system. Thanks once again.

Scott C.

## The KPMI Foundation Celebrates Its One-Year Anniversary

One year has passed since the KPMI Foundation hired Bill Pockrus as a full time Executive Director and began intentional outreach on behalf of Kairos. The Foundation exists to protect the assets of KPMI and to raise funds to support the growth of the ministry. Its board consists of the 5 officers of the KPMI board as well as 5 “term” directors (members serving 3-year terms) with Mike Springer, Acting Chairman and Bill Pockrus as the Executive Director.



Over the past 12 months the Foundation has accomplished the following:

The Foundation raised more than \$200,000 in ‘seed money’ for the purchase of a permanent home for KPMI through Project Goliath. The original building that was targeted in Project Goliath has not proven viable. God has blessed KPMI by providing an effective, short-term solution to its space needs. When an optimal location and plan are defined, the Foundation will pursue Project Goliath in earnest.

The Foundation has established a relationship with the National Christian Foundation ([www.nationalchristian.com](http://www.nationalchristian.com)), the largest Christian grant-making foundation in the world. Founded by Larry Burkett, Ron Blue and Terry Parker in 1982, NCF guides

individuals on giving from their net worth specializing in non-liquid assets—things such as real property, closely-held stocks or businesses. This often produces a powerful blessing: the ability for you to give more to the causes God has placed on your heart while paying less taxes.

The Foundation submitted its first grant request to fund the start-up of Kairos Torch in Texas; the submission is still pending. *It was announced at the*

*summer conference that KPMI has received an unqualified audit for 2010. This audit is the product of broad cooperation in the KPMI family, stands as a strong symbol of fiscal accountability and will streamline dialog with certain Foundations and major donors. A second milestone event for both KPMI and the KPMI Foundation was the first transfer of funds from the Foundation to KPMI. During the summer conference the KPMI Foundation board approved our first transfer in the amount of \$50,000 to the ministry. This transfer is the first unrestricted transfer to support operations and growth of the ministry. Pray that this transfer begins an outpouring of blessings through the ministry’s financial partners.*

A newly released book, “*More God, Less Crime, Why Faith Matters and How It Can Matter More*” provides independent,

scientific proof that programs like Kairos are effective in rehabilitating offenders. Dr. Johnson is one of America’s leading criminologists; his book provides in depth analysis of 296 studies done over a 60 year period, 90 % of which came to the same conclusion: God makes a difference. This book validates what volunteers have witnessed and known for 35 years. In a brief time, Dr. Johnson has become a good friend of Kairos.

KPMI’s new motto “*Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World*” has greatly aided volunteers, correction officials and donors understand what Kairos does and our impact. As we shower participants/guests with God’s grace, love and mercy on the Kairos Weekend, He *Changes Hearts*; in their “4th day” God then continually *Transforms Lives* of participants/guests through the ongoing ministry of the accountability/support groupings as Kairos volunteers mentor and disciple. The outcome is this change of heart and transformation of lives of participants/guests positively *Impacts the World* around them.

Join us as the KPMI Foundation celebrates its first anniversary. Please pray for the Foundation as it serves Kairos Prison Ministry International—helping provide the funds to sustain, enhance and expand the ministry.

# 2011 Summer Conference Celebrating 35 Years of “Listen, Listen, Love, Love”



Kairos Board Chairperson and banquet emcee, Ed Keefer, presents Beth Hunter, NH Conf. Chairperson, with a bouquet of roses in appreciation for all that she did to make this conference successful.

A special “thank you” to Marc Payeur, and Laura and Conrad Ducas, for doing a wonderful job with the spiritual gatherings and the Friday evening memorial service.



Kit Cummings explained the Kairos Forty Days Peace Initiative during the IC meeting.



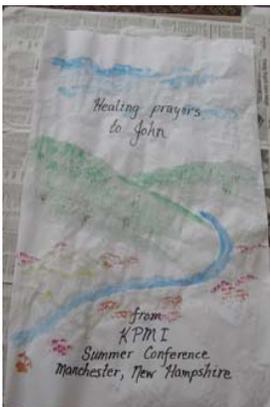
Above: The New Hampshire KO women provided lively entertainment during the Thursday dinner program.



Loved ones of the Kairos Community were remembered during the memorial service. We placed their names on smooth stones and reminisced with each other about what that loved one meant to each of us.



Hard-working Kairos Board Members: Above: Sally Boutin, Jim Hankins and Greg Moser. Below: Jim Miller and Priscilla Durkin.



Left: A healing card full of get well wishes for Kairos Executive Director, John Thompson, who was unable to attend the conference.



Signing Agape Posters: Emma Jones, CA; Julie Torres, NM; and Rey Bonachea, FL IC Rep.



Below: Bev Seppenwoolde, new Kairos Canada IC Rep and her husband Will.



## WHO WE ARE CONTINUED



Torch volunteers: Fred and Dianne Yosua, ME, Kevin Resnovor, Torch Coordinator and Ida Wheeler, OK.

Right: Catherine Ross, TX; David Ross, TX IC Rep, David Foster, OH and Bob Dana, OH IC Rep.



Left: Joyce Page, MO IC Rep; Inez Thompson, FL; and Lynne Johnson, AR

**If you couldn't make it to this Conference, you missed out on a great time. Just look at all of these smiling faces!**



Left: Mike Springer, KPMI Foundation Chairman of the Board and Teann Yeager, Alabama State Chair

Right: Busy volunteers, Bryan Wheeler, OK, and Jackie Collins-Riddick, NH. Thank you, Bryan, for supplying the photos and Jackie for working the registration table and transporting our volunteers all around Manchester.



Right: Pat Shaughnessy, FL, seemed to really "get into" the KO program by sporting a pink carnation and a big smile.



Left: Gene and Pat Coe, TN; and Bob and Dar Sheetz, KS

Below: The NH Conference Committee also honors Beth Hunter for all of her hard work and perseverance.



Sharing Lunch: Jack and Judy Steele and Darlene and David Garmus all of Florida. David is also the KPMI Board Vice Chairman for Planning.



**John Edgar Meeks**, 65, died on Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Vanderbilt University Hospital of complications from leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn and three sons. Please remember his family in your prayers.



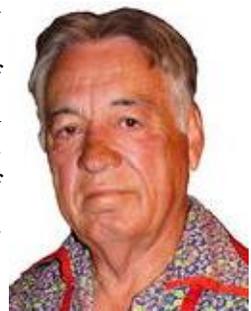
John devoted his professional career to serving the public and God. He began teaching in 1976 and coached football and girls track. In 1981, John began serving as an Alderman for the town of Collierville and in 1983 he joined the district office of Shelby County Schools. John had long felt called to the ministry, and he began taking divinity courses in 1995. He received his M.Div. from Memphis Theological Seminary in 2000 and was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2003. John served as pastor of the United Methodist churches in Moscow and Rossville, and St. Matthew's in Memphis. Most recently he was pastor of Andrew Price Memorial UMC in Nashville. John was also active in Kairos Prison Ministry in both the Memphis area and Nashville. As a part of Kairos, he ministered to the spiritual needs of prisoners at West Tennessee State Prison and at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution.

**Ken Carson** passed away May 11, 2011 after a 20 year battle with cancer. Ken served as a team member on Kairos #1 at Oklahoma State Penitentiary in the fall of 1994. After moving to West Palm Beach, Florida in May 1995 Ken searched for Kairos there. He served on the team for Kairos #1 at Martin Correctional near Indiantown, Florida in January, 1996 only several weeks after surgery for colon cancer. He was the liaison to MCI from the Gold Coast Kairos Board and visited the prison weekly in spite of taking chemotherapy every week. Please remember Ken's wife, Marilyn and his family in your prayers.

**John H. Dawson** passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 10, 2011. He was a native of Jacksonville, IL, a former resident of Metairie, LA and for the past 5 years a resident of Covington, LA. John served on the Kairos Inside Angola Prison Team for several years and will be dearly missed by his fellow Kairos Team volunteers. Please keep John's wife, Kathleen, and his family in your prayers.



**Paul Gray** passed away on Friday, July 15, 2011 in Houston, Texas, at the age of 69. He was actively involved in Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc., The Heart of Texas Foundation and Keryx Prison Ministry.



Paul was a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and Certified Licensed Clinical Social Worker (CSW). He received his MSW from the University at Buffalo and retired from a career with the New York State Department of Corrections. His areas of clinical expertise were corrections, chronic mental illness and personality disorders, therapeutic interventions for crises, and chemical dependency.

Paul was also a member of the National Association of Native American Social Workers, the University at Buffalo Social Work Alumni Association, and the National Association of Social Workers.

Paul experienced a re-birth into the Christian community in the early 1980s. Since then, he inspired thousands to follow Christ. Paul overcame many obstacles during his lifetime. He lived the scripture, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. Kairos remember Paul for inspirational CD which is still widely used by Kairos volunteers.

**John F. Bartlett**, age 78, of Potsdam, NY, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. John was involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for many years. He greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing as well as spending time with family and friends.



John was active in Kairos Prison Ministry serving in Clinton CF, a maximum-security facility, for several years and three years in Gouverneur CF, a medium security facility. John had arthritis and was crippled because of it and several other health issues but he was called to serve Jesus there. The residents really connected with him, as they knew he was in pain and still was very active. If he was absent from a reunion, several men would ask; "How is Little John?" John is survived by his wife Kay Bartlett of Potsdam, NY. Please remember her and his family in your prayers.

**Deacon James Flynn** died on Monday, August 8, 2011 in North Carolina after suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He was ordained on May 19, 1985 in the Diocese of Orlando by Bishop Thomas Grady and served faithfully for more than twenty-six years.

Deacon Flynn served at a number of different parishes including St. Andrew Catholic Church in Orlando, St. Gerard Mission in New Smyrna Beach and the Basilica of St. Paul in Daytona Beach. He and his wife, Lois, guided many of the deacons through formation as class mentors. Deacon Flynn was also a committed volunteer of Kairos Prison Ministry International, where he served for many years on the Lake CI Team. Please keep his wife, Lois, and the rest of his family in your prayers.

**Louise W. Bignon**, 91, entered heaven August 17, 2011. Louise was a faithful and dedicated member of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

in Jacksonville, FL. Additionally, she worked for many years with Kairos Ministries, until her health failed. She dearly loved her family, her students, and God. For so many years (almost two decades) Louise was in charge of Agape. The early days were different because there was no internet to use for agape purposes. In spite of all of the challenges, Louise was able to receive and send her community's love letters around the U.S. and the world. She was truly one of God's special gifts to our ministry and those who knew and loved her.

**Tom Phemister**, Reston, VA, returned to the Father on Friday August 26 after a lifelong chronic respiratory illness took his life and sent him home. Please keep Tom's wife, Lois, his adult children and his family in your prayers. Tom was active with Kairos at Augusta CC in the early years. Tom served on almost all the teams up to about Kairos #10. Tom always brought in an electric drum set which he enjoyed playing and letting the residents play as well. Tom enjoyed bringing Christ's message to the residents.



### 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, along with the name or names of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed. Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.

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AKT is for Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos program. Advanced Kairos Training 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.

**Principle Statements Concerning AKT Expenses**

1. All AKTs are essentially free to any and all attendees.
2. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for AKT should be borne by the sponsoring Advisory Council (or State Chapter Committee in certain hardship cases), just as it is done in meeting other Weekend expenses.
3. This means that all Advisory Councils should be budgeting, not only for the expense of conducting Weekends, but also for any AKT expenses deemed necessary for future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council wants to attend.
4. If an attendee wishes to make a personal gift to help defray the costs of attending an AKT, he/she should make their donation directly to his/her sponsoring Advisory Council, and NOT to the State hosting the AKT.

The Advisory Council will make the payment to the hosting State, as in 2. above. Since an attendee's gift to the Advisory Council is a donation, it is subject to an affiliation fee due from the Advisory Council or State.

**Be sure to bring your Kairos Manual. If you do not have one yet, extra copies will be available for purchase at the training.**

**Musicians: Please feel free to bring your instruments with you.**

**2011-July 2012 Advanced Kairos Training**

**September 16 – 18, 2011 COLUMBUS, OH  
Kairos Torch**

**Location:** Martin de Porres Retreat Center, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219;  
**Cost:** Early Bird Registration \$150.00 – Registration must be paid 30 days prior to training. Late Registration Fee \$165.00. There may be an increase in the in fee for the retreat center in January, 2011. If there is any change in the fee, that will be added to this information in January.  
**Lodging:** Best Western, Port Columbus 614-337-8400 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.  
**Contact:** Dawn Gallen, [gallendawn@yahoo.com](mailto:gallendawn@yahoo.com) or 614-561-5539; 659 Citation Drive, Pataskala, OH 43062.

**Oct 7-9, 2011 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL  
Kairos Inside**

**Housing:** Marriott Hotel, 4000 RCA Blvd. PB Gardens, 33410.  
**Training:** St. Marks Church, 3395 Burns Rd. PB Gardens  
**Cost:** \$200 for double, \$290 for single, \$110 for commuter. Please make checks payable to Kairos of Florida. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.  
**Contact:** Jan Thrower [plainjan@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**November 4 - 6, 2011 TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Kairos Torch**

**Location:** Ramada Inn Convention Center, Downtown, Topeka, KS  
**Cost:** \$140 includes Friday drinks: Saturday snacks, lunch, and dinner; Sunday drinks..  
**Lodging:** Ramanda Inn Convention Center. Your cost per night is \$72 plus tax. Room includes hot buffet breakfast. Reservations made after October 13th will not receive the special room rate. You can make reservations by calling 1.800.432.2424 and give the discount code number 6664 or tell

them you want the Dynamic Computer Solutions rate for the Kairos Torch event.

**Transportation:** From MCI (Mid Continent International airport) you can take the KCI Roadrunner Express shuttle. Current cost is \$83 round trip. Check their e-mail ([www.kciroadrunner.com](http://www.kciroadrunner.com)) for times and to make your reservation. All of the major car rental companies also have cars for rent at KCI. If you are driving go to Google maps and print out your travel route. The Topeka address is 420 SE 6th Topeka, Kansas 66607.

**Contact:** Bill Norris, 785.286.2986 E-mail [wsnorris@swbell.net](mailto:wsnorris@swbell.net). Mail your form along with your check made out to Kairos Torch of Kansas to Bill Norris, 4331 NW Valley Road, Topeka, KS

**Nov. 11 – 13, 2011 GRANBURY, TX**

**Kairos Inside and Outside**

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

**Cost:** \$225.00 per person. Commuter \$165.00. 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](mailto:mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net) or 817-860-3500 (home) or 817-247-5403 (cell), 526 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013 for application and additional information. Make checks payable to KPMI Texas

**Note:** Attendees need to bring personal items only.

**January 6-8, 2012 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 paid 30 days prior to training.** Late Registration Fee \$165.00.

**Lodging:** Best Western, Port Columbus 614-337-8400 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.

**Contact:** Dawn Gallen, [gallendawn@yahoo.com](mailto:gallendawn@yahoo.com) or 614-561-5539; 659 Citation Dr, Pataskala, OH 43062

**Feb. 10-12, 2012**

**FORSYTH, GA**

**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** Ramada Inn Convention Center, 480 Holiday Cir. I75 exit #186.

**Cost:** \$205 for double, \$275 For single, \$150 for commuter. Please have AC or State make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals and training materials. **Contact:** Jan Thrower [plainjan@yahoo.com](mailto: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 17-19, 2012 WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

**Kairos Inside**

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

**Cost:** Double occupancy \$260; Single room \$330; Commuter \$190. Fee covers hotel room and course materials. Double or Single occupancy covers breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Commuter rate covers all meals and materials. Eat before you arrive on Friday. For application and additional info, go to [www.Kairosva.org](http://www.Kairosva.org) Please have your check come from your Ad Council or State Chapter addressed to Kairos of Virginia.

**Contact:** Jim Templeton at [Kairos531@comcast.net](mailto:Kairos531@comcast.net) or 540-349-9623.

**February 24 - 26, 2012 INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** 10740 E County Road 700 S, Camby, IN 46113

**Cost:** \$170 per person. Registration fee includes 2 nights dorm-style lodging with towels and linens, dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, & training materials. Payment should come from your respective Ad Council and made out to Kairos of Indiana. Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.

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**Contact:** Please send your application (found at [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org) under AKT-Universal Application) to Susan Dyer, 3714 E Devonshire Ct, Bloomington, IN 47408; or email to [sdyer@ecs2way.com](mailto:sdyer@ecs2way.com); for questions call 812-322-1154.

**Note:** Attendees need bring personal items only and Red Manuals. Linens & towels are provided. Musicians, bring your music makers!

**April 27-29, 2012** **WAVERLY, GA**  
(40 miles north of Jacksonville, Fl.)

**Kairos Inside**

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

**Cost:** \$220 for double, \$305 for single, \$145 for commuters. Please have AC or State make checks payable to Kairos of Georgia. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals and training materials. Contact: Jan Thrower, [plainjan@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**April 27 – 29, 2012** **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:** \$260.00 - single, (limited number of available) \$225.00 - double, (each) and \$175.00 - 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](mailto:mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net) 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. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEKEND LEADER**

**May 18th – 20th, 2012** **DENVER, CO**  
**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** American Motel and Conference Center. Located at 10101 I-70 Service Road North Wheat Ridge, Co 80033. (Please bring your KI Manual) Price includes all training materials. 5 meals, which are as follows, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.

**Cost:** Commuters: \$155.00, Double Occupancy Rooms \$209.00 or Private Room \$259.00 a late fee of \$25.00 will be charged for anyone registering after May 1st. Please go to [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.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. 6th Ave. Broomfield CO 80020-1712.

**Contact:** Randy Borden; [rjborden@comcast.net](mailto:rjborden@comcast.net) or 303-469-7540.

**June 1-3, 2012** **JACKSONVILLE, FL**  
**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** Marywood Retreat Center, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns, Fl. (on the beautiful St. John;s River).

**Cost:** \$225 fordouble, \$280 For single, \$150 for commuters. Please have AC or state make checks payable to Kairos of Florida. Fee includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and training materials.

**Contact:** Jan Thrower, [plainjan@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**June 29 – July 1, 2012** **HUNTSVILLE, TX**  
**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University. Housing in Hotel operated by Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Arrive by 6:00 pm and start at 7:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$315.00 for single (limited number available). \$245.00 for double (each). \$175.00 for commuters. 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](mailto:mstumbaugh@sbcglobal.net) 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. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE TO BE CERTIFIED AS A WEEK-END LEADER**

**July 13-15, 2012**

**RALEIGH, NC**

**Kairos Inside**

**Location:** Peace College – 15 East Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27604

**Meals:** Friday evening, NO meals; Saturday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sunday, Breakfast.  
**Lodging:** 2 nights – Friday and Saturday, linens provided.

**Cost:** Room and meals – double occupancy - \$185 per person; single occupancy - \$225; commuter – meals and conference costs - \$135.00; spouse accompanying, but not attending conference \$95; late fee \$25 after July 1. Price includes training materials.

**Notes:** Make checks payable to Kairos of NC. Out of NC attendees should provide a check from their Ad Council or State Chapter, not a personal check. NC attendees will be paid by their AC. Check in after 2:00 pm. Plan to arrive by 5:00pm.

**Contact:** Ted Cashion: 919-859-1709; [tedcashion@nc.rr.com](mailto:tedcashion@nc.rr.com) or Bob Clinkscales: 252-426-7720; [mmbros02@gmail.com](mailto:mmbros02@gmail.com)

### **A Testimony of God's Great Faithfulness** continued from page 4

able to share, in complete confidentiality, similar fears and challenges. The Kairos motto of, "Listen, Listen, Love, Love" shone through the entire tapestry of "God's Special Time". It was through the bonding created as part of this wonderful three day experience that I regained my strength and confirmed my testimony of God's Great Faithfulness to me.

On the last day of the Weekend, all guests were encouraged to and informed as to how they could stay in touch with our newly formed Kairos Outside family. It was also revealed that God enables a supportive Christian community to provide the funds and resources to present this weekend. Through them, the Kairos Outside Weekend becomes God's prayer infused and prayer covered free gift to the guests and therefore, as a gift, there is no cost whatsoever to attend.

Enthusiastically making a commitment, I have invited many guests to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend, with the hope that they, too, would receive the blessings of "God's Special Time". As a volunteer serving in various capacities on many teams, I also have presented talks and meditations. In addition, I am an active participant on the Advisory Council and cur-

rently serve as the Outreach Chairperson.

Kairos Outside of Maryland #11 is planned for October 21–23, 2011. Of the many women who have attended Kairos Outside, I am honored to be the first former Guest to serve as the Weekend Leader. As you may have guessed, the theme for this Weekend, as well as the theme song, is based upon scripture reference Lamentations 3:22-23, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". Sprinkled with laughter, tears, surprises and more, I promise that it will be a Weekend that will never be forgotten. Please feel free to call me at 443-453-9490, or send an email to [VivianDavis1231@comcast.net](mailto:VivianDavis1231@comcast.net)

May the Lord use me to minister to many wounded women during their Kairos time, "God's Special Time". With sincere humility, I submit my will to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23**

Because of His Great Faithfulness and in His Service,  
Vivian Utsey-Davis

## Men's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/13/11	VA	Keen Mountain CC		
9/15/11	FL	Dade CI	46	Lester Kates
9/15/11	GA	Burruss	3	Raymond Gray
9/15/11	GA	Hays SP Annex	6	Joe Johnson
9/15/11	NC	Alexander CI	13	Doug Cooper
9/15/11	OH	North Central CI	7	Tim Mazik
9/15/11	S Afr	Drakenstein Prison	19	Gregory Snyman
9/15/11	SC	Lieber CI	46	David Kappel
9/15/11	SC	McCormick CI	36	John Franklin
9/15/11	TN	W. TN St. Penitentiary	28	Clifton Hardy
9/15/11	TX	Roach	24	Wendell Seitz
9/15/11	TX	Smith	29	Kiley Gruben
9/22/11	AL	Draper	12	Jack Hausen
9/22/11	AR	Quachita River Unit	9	Donnie Harris
9/22/11	CR	San Sebastian		
9/22/11	FL	Polk CI	32	Chris Stermer
9/22/11	FL	Union CI	71	Jack Tarr
9/22/11	GA	Central SP	7	Ivey Jackson
9/22/11	GA	Walker SP	5	Carrol Waddle
9/22/11	IL	Menard CC	3	Russell Rich
9/22/11	MD	Roxbury CI	4	Jay Weisensale
9/22/11	PA	Lake Erie CI	21	
9/22/11	SC	Kershaw CI	24	Reid Johnson
9/22/11	TX	Clements	36	Dale Duke
9/22/11	VA	Greensville CC S1		
<b>9/22/11</b>	<b>WV</b>	<b>Northern CF</b>	<b>1</b>	
9/29/11	OH	Hocking CF	7	Tim Peterson
9/29/11	SC	Lee CI	33	Mike Sheedy
<b>9/29/11</b>	<b>S Afr</b>	<b>Westville</b>	<b>1</b>	
9/29/11	TN	Southern Tenn SRCF	6	Roger Fuller
9/29/11	TX	Allred	21	David Looney
9/29/11	TX	Polunsky	27	Steve Brown
9/29/11	WA	Clallam Bay CC	12	Dick Prang
10/5/11	VA	Augusta CC		
10/6/11	CO	Delta	40	Bernie Schneider
10/6/11	CO	Territorial	52	Tom Guidera
10/6/11	FL	Hardee CI	23	Pat Taylor

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/6/11	S Afr	Groenpunt	12	
10/6/11	SC	Perry CI	28	Bill Watkins
10/6/11	TX	Daniel	16	Derek Hollingsworth
10/6/11	TX	Neal	27	Jeremy Hill
10/7/11	CA	CSP Sacramento	10	Rob Dunning
10/7/11	CT	Osborn CI		Alain Picard
10/7/11	PA	USP Allenwood	17	Jeff Hoyt
10/7/11	TX	Vance	45	Mark Corder
10/13/11	FL	Columbia CI	20	Art Dalo
10/13/11	FL	New River CI	5	Mike Slowik
10/13/11	GA	Phillips SP	11	Wayne Hillis
10/13/11	GA	Valdosta SP	13	David Peterson
10/13/11	IN	Miami	8	Dick Robisons
10/13/11	IN	Plainfield CF	9	Larry Schmalz
10/13/11	LA	Rayburn CC	12	Chuck Coleman
10/13/11	SC	Broad River CI	30	Laurel Irving
10/13/10	SC	Evans CI	36	Rodney Ranck
10/13/11	TX	Hightower	7	Lee Schafer
10/13/11	TX	Hughes	29	Bill Pickard
10/13/11	TX	Michael	39	Kent Davis
10/13/11	TX	Robertson	33	Dick Humphrey
10/13/11	TX	Stiles	26	John Adkins
10/13/11	WA	WA St Reformatory	49	Paul Wentland
10/18/11	VA	Green Rock CC	6	
10/20/11	AL	Donaldson	54	Joe Townsend
10/20/11	AL	Limestone CF	53	Ken Holcomb
<b>10/20/11</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Hudson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Steve Manzanares</b>
10/20/11	CR	San Sebastian		
10/20/11	FL	Tomoka CI	69	Bill Bramer
10/20/11	GA	Hays SP	25	Gordon Hamilton
10/20/11	IN	Indiana SP	10	Mark Rose
10/20/11	IN	Pendleton CF	9	Bob Case
10/20/11	IN	Wabash Valley CF	7	Joe Kastle
10/20/11	ME	Maine SP	24	Bob Fecteau
10/20/11	NC	Bertie CI	8	Duane Hamson
10/20/11	NC	Marion CI	7	Myc Klepper

# KAIROS KALENDAR

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/20/11	NC	Pender CI	22	Rick Register	11/3/11	IN	Branchville	11	Warren Hale
10/20/11	NH	New Hampshire SP	50	Kevin Levesque	11/3/11	IN	Westville	15	Glenn Fadden
10/20/11	NY	Gouverneur	4	Gary Van Kennen	11/3/11	MO	Crossroads CC	10	Jim Gibson
10/20/11	SC	Ridgeland CI	3	Joe Cavallaro	11/3/11	NC	Pasquotank CI	24	Randall Hall
10/20/11	TX	Brisco	7	Bill Schultz	11/3/11	NC	Scotland CI	2	
10/20/11	TX	Coffield	32	Ed Kviz	11/3/11	OH	Warren CI	8	Mark Brooks
10/20/11	TX	Darrington	48	Larry James	11/3/11	PA	SCI Albion	34	Rick Estes
10/20/11	VA	Nottoway CC			11/3/11	SC	Allendale CI	10	Phil Pescarino
10/20/11	VA	Greensville CC S2			11/3/11	SC	Tyger River CI	14	David Schaub
10/20/11	VA	Sussex			11/3/11	TX	McConnell	32	Joey Nunez
10/21/11	IL	Stateville CC	12	Rick Bingham	11/8/11	TX	Connally	18	Robert Deming
10/27/11	AL	St. Clair	54	Russ Henderson	11/9/11	CA	CMF Vacaville	37	Travis Cox
10/27/11	FL	Moore Haven CI	21	Paul Gotcher	11/10/11	FL	Putnam CI	21	Mike Ramey
10/27/11	FL	Zephyrhills CF	61	Tim Larance	11/10/11	LA	Angola (Main)		
10/27/11	GA	Lee SP	36	Mike Albright	11/10/11	PA	SCI Greene	12	Dennis Walker
10/27/11	KS	Hutchinson CF	20		<b>11/10/11</b>	<b>S Afr</b>	<b>Ncome</b>	<b>1</b>	
10/27/11	IN	Pendleton CF	9	Bob Meister	11/10/11	TX	Beto	45	Allen Chick
10/27/11	IN	Putnam CI	3	Roger Bough	11/10/11	TX	Boyd	18	Lynn Gray
10/27/11	LA	Winn CC	35	Ronnie Langley	11/10/11	TX	Clemens	13	Chuck Pugh
10/27/11	MS	Central MS CF	25	Mark Propst	11/10/11	TX	Dalhart	25	E J (Jim) Campbell
10/27/11	NC	Eastern CI	7	Eric Seaman	11/10/11	TX	Eastham	22	Scott Baker
10/27/11	NY	Gowanda CF			11/10/11	TX	Lynaugh	26	Roy Nelson
<b>10/27/11</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>Greene CF</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Doug Patton</b>	11/10/11	VA	Nottoway CC		
10/27/11	S Afr	Pietermaritzburg	11		11/10/11	VA	Greensville CC S3		
10/27/11	TX	Bartlett	15	Bernie Davies	11/16/11	TX	Montford	26	Kenny Friar
11/3/11	AR	Pine Bluff Diag. Unit	24	Tony Davis	11/17/10	CA	USP Atwater	5	Sherrill Ankenman
11/3/11	CA	FCI Terminal Island	38	Ray Melberg	11/17/11	GA	Hancock SP	37	James Parker
11/3/11	CO	Rifle	13	William Kehr	11/17/11	GA	Rogers SP	25	Chris Roberts
11/3/11	CO	Sterling West	28		11/17/11	MO	Potosi CC	3	Ron Jones
11/3/11	GA	Baldwin SP	4	Roger Crumpton	11/19/11	AL	Holman Death Row	13	Jerry Darring
11/3/11	GA	Coastal SP	4	Artie helmey	11/29/11	NIC	La Modelo		
11/3/11	GA	Dooly SP	25	Shawn McNulty	12/1/11	MD	MD CI Hagerstown	15	Al Paterson
<b>11/3/11</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Smith SP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Cliff Hewitt</b>	12/8/11	NY	Wende CF	49	Brian Bunny
11/3/11	GA	Valdosta SP	23	John D. Holt	12/15/11	CA	USP Victorville	10	
11/3/11	GA	Washington SP	8	Ben Tanner	12/15/11	TX	Estes	3	Robbie Patton
11/3/11	GA	Wilcox SP	23	Steve Franklin	12/29/11	TX	Ferguson	52	Mike Ballensky

## Women's Inside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/15/11	OH	Franklin PreRelease Cen	13		10/13/11	TX	Lockhart	13	Pam Jackson
9/15/11	WA	Washington CC Women	43	Suzie Hubert	10/20/11	SC	Leath CI	19	Rhonda Cox
9/22/11	IN	Indiana Women's Prison	12	Brenda Huffman	10/20/11	TX	Mountain View	22	Martha Deller
9/29/11	CA	Camp Victorville	11		10/20/11	VA	Central Virginia CC		
9/29/11	TN	Mark Luttrell CC	22	Mary Nelle Cook	11/2/11	CT	York CI		Hilda Zeigler
9/29/11	TX	Murray	13	Ann Lesmeister	11/3/11	AR	McPherson Unit	24	Josephine Thornton
10/5/11	MS	CMCF	29	Sharon Scott	11/3/11	IN	Rockville	15	Dottie Stanfill
10/6/11	FL	Hillsborough CI	14	Christine Cook	11/3/11	LA	LCIW	33	Georgia Small
10/6/11	NC	NCCIW	35	Dawn Jernigan	11/3/11	VA	Virginia CCW	32	Judy Lamisure
10/6/11	PA	SCI Campbidge Springs	13	Cindy Larsen	11/3/11	WV	Lakin CC	17	Nancy Jameson
10/6/11	S Afr	Kroonstad	3		<b>11/6/11</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>SCI Muncy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Aneta Van Horm</b>
10/6/11	SC	Camille Griffin Graham	45	Karen Stanely	11/9/11	TX	Hobby	29	Sue Knight
10/7/11	CA	Valley SP for Women	12	Billie Hair	11/10/11	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	11	Cheryl Cole
10/7/11	IL	Dwight	8	Terri Campbell	11/17/11	NY	Albion CF	64	Cheryl Brown
10/7/11	VA	Fluvanna CC	23	Jenn Damme	12/1/11	CO	Denver Women's	16	Frances Armijo
10/13/11	PA	SCI Campbidge Springs	13	Cindy Larsen					

## Kairos Outside Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
9/16/11	AZ	Phoenix	11	Christine Coleman	10/21/11	AL	Alabama	28	Linda Johnston
9/16/11	AZ	Tucson	24	Sandy Allen	10/21/11	FL	SW FL (Ft. Myers)	8	Betty Gissendanner
9/16/11	IN	Northern Indiana	11	Shelly Callahan	10/21/11	MD	Maryland	11	Vivan Davis
9/23/11	GA	South Georgia	8	Dean Cox	10/21/11	TN	North East TN	6	Beth Arrowsmith
9/23/11	LA	East Louisiana	7	Judy Scholzen	10/28/11	LA	West Louisiana	23	Tanya Daley
9/23/11	MS	Mississippi	14	Bertha Smith	10/28/11	NC	Western NC	5	Jan Neisler
9/30/11	FL	Central Florida	33	Joannie Clements	10/28/11	TX	Corpus Christi	8	Bonnie Hodge
9/30/11	KS	Wheatstate	8	Kendra Goldsmith	10/21/11	TX	Midland	24	Barbara Hicks
9/30/11	MO	Western Missouri	4	Shelly Amundson	10/28/11	TX	North Texas	29	Donna Humphrey
9/30/11	NM	New Mexico	24	Caroline Carrillo	11/4/11	FL	North Central FL	12	Judy Steele
9/30/11	OH	Ohio Community	12	Betty Cunningham	11/4/11	IN	Central Indiana	3	Sulynda Harrison
10/7/11	GA	North Georgia	28	Kathy Huggins	11/4/11	OK	Western Oklahoma	23	Robin Gentry
10/7/11	NC	Eastern NC	14	Valerie Mulvaney	11/4/11	WA	Western WA	30	Wendy Lee
10/7/11	NY	Mid-Hudson	26	Fran Kwak	11/11/11	CA	South California	51	Virginia Fujiwara
10/7/11	OK	Eastern OK	11	Lori Tyler	11/11/11	TX	Wichita Falls	11	Mae Moffitt
10/7/11	TN	East TN (Knoxville)	17	Deborah Glenn	11/18/11	CA	South CA (Spanish)	50	Marina Zelaya
10/14/11	NH	New Hampshire	24	Therese Finegan	11/18/11	TX	San Antonio	22	Sue Anderson
10/14/11	NY	New York City	4	Kathy Cusano	11/25/11	CR	Costa Rica	6	Flory Lara
10/14/11	TX	Lubbock	2	Teddy Carson	12/9/11	PA	Western PA	2	Pat Mould

Torch Youth Weekends

Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader	Date	Loc.	Institution	W/E #	Leader
10/7/11	OH	Siota YDC	2	Bill & Pam Johnson	11/4/11	GA	Metro YDC	1	Jim and Karen Miller
10/14/11	AR	Alexander YDC	17	Max Brown	11/4/11	IN	South Bend Torch	1	Hank Adams
10/21/11	NC	C.A. Dillion YDC	6	John Wisler and Robin Keith	11/4/11	S Afr	Drakenstein Torch	14	Jerry Gilbert
10/28/11	IN	Pendleton YDC	11	Aken Makinde	11/11/11	FL	Orange Academy	1	Danny Pope
10/28/11	OK	SWOJC	18	Reggie Lewis and Becky Jennings	11/11/11	NC	Chatham YDC	3	Karlan Barker
					11/18/11	OK	Tulsa Boys Home	1	John Wilkins

Kairos For Me

By Brian Crouch, Kairos graduate

I was saved prior to attending Kairos, but was in a severe drought spiritually and had always struggled at truly relating to Christ – or understanding what Christianity was all about, or felt like.

I attended Kairos #8 at Alexander Correctional Institution, which was a powerful demonstration of unconditional love. It was like a “spiritual vitamin” that I really needed at the time. Kairos provided an example of genuine Christianity – showing agape love and kindness simply because God has; and because God is those things. I met volunteers who had faithfully served at each Kairos Weekend since the prison opened in 2003. Amazed at how much went into these twice-a-year Weekend, I heard that an average of \$10,000 is spent – and is worth every penny if even one person gets saved.

I not only witnessed, but also experienced a lot of forgiveness; and letting go of past mistakes, regrets and old ways of thinking. For me, Kairos was about becoming fully conscious of who I am in Jesus Christ, exactly what He did for me and why that should impact my life for the rest of my life; until He

calls me home. 1 Corinthians 2:9 reminds me of the experience and the hope that comes with Christ: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I was very fortunate to be picked as a helper at Kairos #9 and #11 at Alexander and it was awesome to experience the “service” aspect of the ministry. It was cool to know ahead of time what the participants were going to experience – the letters, open mic night, the forgiveness bowl – all the things that make Kairos “Kairos.”

At each of these Weekends I truly enjoyed seeing some of the total transformations that took place in some inmates. I saw three men who used to practice witchcraft give their life to Christ as a result of a Kairos Weekend. I can only imagine the joy God felt watching the same thing. Verse 7 says “There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine oth-

ers who are righteous and haven’t strayed way.” And to me, THAT’S what it’s about! Kairos volunteers are vessels of God’s love who come into prisons to minister to His lost sheep. I found the closing ceremony on Sunday to be evident of just how many had in fact returned to the Shepherd of their soul. Praise God!

All I know is Kairos can amount to simply a “warm, fuzzy Weekend” if you let it. Or, it can transform your life and your spirit, if you let it. But we bear the responsibility of tending the seed that gets planted and cultivating it into something that produces fruit for the Kingdom of God. Read the parable of the four souls in Matthew 13:1 and see which one you are. Jesus explains it very clearly afterward in verse 18-22.

For me, kairos was where God reached me through the unconditional love and service of the volunteers and by watching His Spirit work in the lives of many of the participants – including my own. I thank God for the power of this ministry. Thank you.

## American Correctional Association Convention Report

Since I was completely unaware of the American Correctional Association Convention that would be taking place in Kissimmee, FL. in August, there were two chances that I would be attending - slim and none. However, because the folks from KPMI headquarters as well as those on the Florida State Council would be unavailable due to attending our own conference up in New Hampshire, a local volunteer was needed. Somehow, that turned out to be me. Although I was not sure that I would be the right person to represent Kairos, I was available, and Chuck Bradley, our State Chairman, seemed to think I could do it. So on Aug. 7, 8, and 9, I did indeed man the Kairos booth in the exhibition hall of the ACA Convention.

The convention was much bigger than I anticipated. One of the gals in charge of the exhibits told me that there were about 3,000 attendees from all over the country and 300 exhibitors. The Kairos booth was located in the far right, back corner of the huge exhibition hall and while at first I was worried that because of the location we wouldn't get enough exposure to the bulk of the attendees, that was not the case. From the beginning, there was a steady stream of folks going up and down the many aisles of the hall, checking out what the exhibitors had to offer.

The exhibitors included providers of every conceivable item

that would be needed by prisons - from buses, to fire-arms, to syringes. Also represented were many ministries, like ours, seeking to spread the word of the benefits to institutions of their particular ministry. Frankly, I didn't realize there were so many organizations competing for time and space at prisons. One interesting couple I spoke to represents the Saints Ministry, which is able to spread the Gospel to inmates as they play baseball (volleyball for women) with them. I was interested, because one of the prisons they will be going to is Hardee CI, where I am on the Kairos Team.

The attendees included correctional institution staffers - wardens, chaplains, correctional officers, and prison medical, administrative, and support personnel, from every corner of the USA. I met many wonderful people, some who had no knowledge of Kairos, some who knew of us but had not experienced the benefits of Kairos within their institution, and quite a few who couldn't say enough about how great it was to have the Kairos Prison Ministry active at their institution. I spoke with several people who wanted to know if there was an active Kairos organization within their state and, with one exception, I was able to say yes to everyone, and subsequently to provide them with names of Kairos representatives in their area. The one exception was a very nice lady chaplain from Pendleton, OR. I'm checking to see if the Washington

State Kairos can help her.

There were quite a few folks from the Salvation Army who stopped by and several were very interested in our program. One Major, a lady from the Northeastern Division, spent quite a while talking with me about how there could be a cooperative effort between our organizations. When I said that recruiting new volunteers seemed to be our most pressing problem, she commented that she believed she could help provide volunteers. This could be promising and we should know more soon..

Isn't it amazing how often we agree to do something for the Lord, thinking that we may be able to be a blessing to others....and then, we find that in the process, we receive unexpected blessings as well? That's exactly what happened to me at the ACA Convention. I can't even guess the number of people who stopped by the Kairos booth, just to say thank you for the good work Kairos is doing for their institution, as we share the Gospel of God's love, forgiveness and salvation with inmates. Those of you who are active in the Kairos Prison Ministry should know that you are truly appreciated. Those who are reading this, who are not participating, but are thinking that it may be worthwhile considering, please get in touch with the KPMI office to have someone in your area contact you.

In His Love and Service,

Don Meyncke, Florida volunteer

## Kairos Communications

*I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.*

3 John 13 & 14

I think most of us can sympathize with John's sentiment in his third epistle. It is surely more pleasant to meet a friend in person, shake their hand, give them a hug and even break bread with them. I don't think I'll get any arguments when I surmise that Kairos folks like to get together to talk (and eat!). However preferable this mode of communication is, it has become a simple necessity of modern society, for a ministry that not only spans states, but the globe, to communicate in a variety of modes, from conference calls to newsletters and emails.

It may be astonishing to us, but the Apostles availed themselves of the most modern of technology of their time to communicate their ministry, the letter. In their time, a letter was not an easy thing to accomplish. It required paper and ink, both of which were relatively expensive luxuries. The delivery was not done by a regular post office, but by a messenger. One had to know someone traveling to where you wanted the letter to go, in order for it to be delivered. The Roman *Cursus Publicus*, was only for the wealthy and military dispatches. So important were these communica-

tions, that some actually became part of the Holy Bible. The Christian leaders continued to be avid technology adopters when one of the first books using modern mass production methods was the Gutenberg Bible in 1455. For better or worse, the Gospel has made it to radio, TV and I even have the entire KJV Bible on my smart-phone now.

So with this in mind there is still the problem of, "How do I send the information, so that everyone can read it?" Computers have lots of ways to store information and often simple text, like a hand-typed email, is insufficient for the purpose. Often computer documents have tables, diagrams and pictures to organize complex information. While Microsoft has a pretty large monopoly over computer software and many folks have Office (Word), not everyone does. With this in mind, less monopolistic thinking folks in the industry devised open, standard methods of presenting documents for print.

In 1985, Apple Computers, in conjunction with Adobe and two other companies, created the Printed Document language PostScript. Some of you might remember printers of this name and files with a .ps suffix. This became a de facto standard for years. While this PS format

was great for printers, it was not such a great way to display the document, since PostScript was more than a document format, it was a complete programming language. This led to slow and complex calculations and sometimes huge files, making it hard to send them to others over slow communication links. So in

1995, the next and current industry standard started developing from Adobe. They realized a simpler, more compact method of presenting complex documents was necessary and thus the PDF or Portable Document Format was born.

Since then, PDF has become the universal standard method for distributing documents. Universities, banks, insurance companies, web-sites, governments and even the ISO (International Standards Organization) have all adopted it as the de facto standard.

The PDF Reader, called AcroRead is free and can be downloaded to any computer from [www.Adobe.com](http://www.Adobe.com). It installs in minutes and will even update itself. It is safe, no viruses come from Acroread, no spam from Adobe and no other negative impacts on your computers. Once installed, your web-browser (eg. Internet Explorer) will auto-magically let you view PDF documents that you click on in your email, on web-sites or on your computer.



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Often, AcroRead is pre-installed and people don't even know that they are using this simple, transparent tool.

For you leaders out there that have to CREATE documents, no one is going to tell you how to create them. Use the tools that make you most comfortable, that you are used to, or simply the only one you know. Usual suspects are MicroSoft Office (Word, Excel or PowerPoint). Others include fancier publishing tools like Acrobat (also from Adobe). However, to ensure that everyone else in our ministry can READ what you created, it is strongly recommended of all Kairos volunteers, and required of KPMI level contributors, to create a PDF of the document for dissemination.

This is also FREE and easy to do. You can download a PDF converter tool or have the file go through a web-site (www.doc2pdf.com) to convert your document to PDF. For those of you that this is a challenge, please ask your favorite local geek to help you do this. This is very easy for the computer literate to do for a friend, and it lets them feel useful. Whether that geek is that guy that you know with a the horn-rimmed glasses with tape on them and a pocket protector, or your 12 yr. old grandson, please feel free to ask for help if you need it.



Here's the one drawback, PDF files cannot be edited. In most

cases this is actually a blessing, as it protects the integrity of the original document, and comments can be done "off-line" and incorporated by the original author. In the case where large portions of a document are to be edited by several folks before becoming a final document, there is no substitute for that group agreeing upon a common document editor like MS Office Word. Since Word is a relatively expensive tool to buy, if it is not sold originally on the computer, a good alternative is OpenOffice from [www.OpenOffice.com](http://www.OpenOffice.com), which gives Word compatible reading and editing capabilities. Everyone can collaborate and one person can do the final conversion to PDF.

*I attended Kairos in prison in 2004. Needless to say, the experience, "God things", that happened at that Weekend changed my life forever. I never realized how real Jesus was or how much He cared about individual ME.*

*The reason I'm writing is that I want a purpose. After my release in 2005, 30 days before Katrina hit, I returned to my hometown of New Orleans. To make an incredible story short, I went to work for NBC Nightly News, covering the story, and worked for them for 2 years, then started my own business. It's the things that have happened since my release that are incredible "God things" and much, too much to put in an email. I just bought my first new car last year and this year, I will buy a home.*

*I, in NO WAY, can claim "I" did any of this! It's the most amazing thing. My credit report was mysteriously wiped completely clean and I have proof - they said I've never drive again, I'm fully insured as I write this and I'm a licensed driver. I could never even hold a job much less run a business! I have not had even one desire to use or drink since my spiritual healing Aug. 26th, 2003.*

*Another incredible story, to make short: when I woke up in the morning after crying my heart out to Him, the things I said to Him, I could feel it from my head to my toe, it was OVER. And it has remained so.*

*Dana, Kairos Graduate*

## The Story of the Paul Gray Video

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By Grove Norwood

**Paul Gray, Former Inmate—from reform school to five Penitentiaries in three states—then Christ, a Master’s Degree— and now, giving hope to others—How Paul found the forgiveness of God. And how Grove found Paul.**

This video is 18 minutes long. It was taken with a hand-held camera over 25 years ago. It tells the story in Paul’s own words— first arrested when he was 10 years old; a life of reform schools, and then penitentiaries in Texas, New Jersey, and New York.

He was the “toughest of the tough,” serving time in such infamous American prisons as Darrington, Walls, Attica, Albion, and Sing Sing. Then, unexpectedly, Christ did a heart transplant in Paul, exactly as described in [Ezekiel 36:26-27](#), where God says “**I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit.**”

After multiple incarcerations, *something else happened*. Christ changed his heart, and once he was released, he never went to prison again— except to share Christ with the inmates! Hear Paul describe

what happened in his own words by watching this video link, provided below.

But let us tell you— a copy of this little video footage was given to Grove by a veteran Kairos volunteer. The veteran had carried this video in his briefcase for years. He said, “Here, Grove, watch this. You can keep it. I’ve seen it many times.” Grove took it home, and late one night, he watched what you are about to see.

After watching this video, Grove could not get the man Paul Gray out of his mind. So over a period of time, late at night, Grove began to search for *this* Paul Gray on the web. It seemed impossible. Grove remembers, “There were ‘Paul Gray contractors,’ ‘Paul Gray lawyers,’ ‘Paul Gray accountants,’ as well as car dealerships, you name it - but no ‘*Paul Gray former inmate who had come to Christ.*’”

After many nights, late one night Grove found a Google-link to a “Paul Gray, Correctional Counselor” in New York. Grove thought, “HMMMMM. *Corrections. Counseling. New York. I’ll give this one a shot.*” So he sent an email some time after midnight. The next morning, as Grove drove to the Gulf for a fishing trip with his son,

Grove’s cell phone rang. A voice said, “This is Paul Gray.”

And the two connected that Saturday morning.

Grove learned that, after more than twenty-five years, Paul is still doing his best to walk as a believing Son of *The God of the Bible*. Paul has been into Texas prisons with Grove, and shared his testimony.

Now at age 68, Paul Gray continues to display that “new heart” he received years ago, during his Kairos weekend. You’ll be blessed to hear his testimony as a young man, still preserved in this hand-held video, taken some time in the early 80’s.

To receive a copy of the Paul Gray video, please contact Victor Reyes at Kairos Prison Ministry International Inc.: [victor@kpmi.org](mailto:victor@kpmi.org) or call 407-629-4948

Then, if you wish, call The Heart of Texas Foundation at 713-418-6990. We will make it possible for you to go into a penitentiary as a Kairos volunteer, no strings attached. Just be a servant, and watch what happens. Men and women, too!



## Kairos Corner

I remember my first Kairos prison Weekend as if it were yesterday, although it was over 20 years ago. Two years earlier I had been on my own Outside Weekend. There I had heard the call to 'Christian Action' and was about to meet my first prison resident.

He was huge, at least 6 feet 2, from an inner city, and as black as I had ever met. What could a short white guy from rural America say that would help him? He talked, I listened. He immediately tried to 'save me'. Wow, this guy was on fire and knew more scripture than I ever would.

Throughout the weekend, I found out he was the 'yard preacher'. He would tell anyone who would listen: "You better change your ways or you're going to hell!" - few people listened.

This gentleman had previously served a few years for burglary, was released, and then asked Jesus to be his Savior and Lord. He immediately turned himself in for a murder he had previously committed. "God told me to" was his motivation. As a result he was spending the rest of his life in a Florida prison.

During the Closing of the Weekend, this mountain of a Christian stood up and said: "Before this Weekend I wondered why I have had little fruit in my witness. Through this Weekend, I realized I shouldn't tell people they need to change their ways or they are going to hell - I need to tell them that they are loved by God. They can be pearls in His kingdom. They will be accepted and worthy if they will just learn to seek love and realize they need Jesus".

I was floored. This new friend had completely revamped the direction of his ministry towards truth and love in 3 ½ days. As John Thompson, the Kairos Executive Director likes to say: 'I had a front row seat to a miracle'.

When we get to heaven we will find out how everything turned out, but I am betting this prison saint has become incredibly fruitful.

I did little, just listened to a thirsty soul. God did it all. I would never be the same. I had learned to want the best for someone and was willing to be used by God to help them get it. I had experienced "Agape Love".

I have been blessed to be on over 20 Kairos Weekends since then. I have grown as a Christian through each one.

If you feel called to a particular mission that shows love to others, my recommendation is that you join them - you will learn a lot about yourself and be blessed as well. There will be problems - getting involved in other people's lives is always messy business. But in the end I can testify that 'Love never fails'.

Jeff Montgomery  
Central Florida Episcopal  
Cursillo #62 - Spring 1989  
and Kairos volunteer

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