

## **Kairos E-News #24 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers - 9/1/13**

**Focus for Kairos Prison Ministry** (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) - As we look to the future and build on the wonderful ministry God has provided us, we are focused on three health areas: Spiritual Health, Financial Health, and Operational Health.

The Spiritual health begins with each one of us ensuring we are spiritually strong in the Word, in our faith, and in prayer to carry forward in ministry to others. The Financial health is each local entity of Kairos to the collective Kairos, ensuring good stewardship, accountability, and use of all funds that God has provided for Kairos. We now have a foundational system to enable this to happen. The Operational health entails doing the programs correctly as we know they work, recruiting new volunteers, operating properly with the Department of Corrections, to all the operations of conducting Kairos properly. As these three basic health needs are monitored and properly administered there is no doubt we will be a stronger Kairos each day moving forward. We have numerous requests to do more Kairos ministry; we need to focus on doing it well and getting more volunteers. God is at work and it is exciting to see the positive impact of Kairos Prison Ministry.

**The Latest from the Women's Programs** (Jo Chapman, Women's Program Coordinator) - Indiana Women Prison KI had a successful restart in August. 24 Residents blessed with the love of Christ. Please pray for new starts in KO in South Florida, Oregon and Philadelphia in the near future. KI women will have a new start in Aliceville, Alabama in October. The women of Kairos need your prayers for their growth. God bless all the new Kairos volunteers that are giving their time, talents and treasures to start these ministries.

**Kairos Torch goes to Houston, Texas** (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Planning and negotiation meetings between the Department of Juvenile Justice in Houston, Texas and Kairos have been taking place since the early part of this year. We are excited to announce that on September 4, 2013 at 10:00 AM we will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the first of five youth facilities we intend on serving in Houston. Please block out that time and pray with us.

**The Latest from the Board of Directors** (Jim Hankins, Chairman) - Members of the Board have been working on their part of the Strategic Plan. Though we are still in the middle of this task, it has already had some interesting results.

It's been a challenge to look back and see results of what has occurred in the past. You can take these results and better understand what must be done to improve future outcomes. It has been very helpful to verbalize what each one considers an important objective. After all, we are all separate parts but one body? This exercise has caused us to evaluate priorities from others points of view.

The challenge is beginning to change from "How are we doing?" to "Where do we go from here?". Good questions to ask are; "How will we know that we are accomplishing a goal?" and "What do we need to measure?" We still have more questions than answers but plans are beginning to develop.

I want to thank the many different groups who are participating in forming our Strategic Plan. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm. We are creating a very helpful tool that will enable Kairos to better minister to those we have all been called by God to serve.

**Communications and the E-News** (Lee Turner, IC Communication Improvement Committee) - Encourage your community volunteers to subscribe to the E-News so that we can communicate

directly with a larger audience. It's important that they subscribe themselves instead of relying on someone to forward the E-News to them. It helps us understand how large our audience is.

**Recruiting News** (Ken Perduyn, IC Volunteer and Guest Recruiting Committee) - We had a great Summer Conference with lots of excitement generated regarding recruitment. Between the committee meeting, general session and workshop a lot of energy was seen. Our committee is busy like beavers working on our strategic plan and we are excited about our expectations over the next few years. The slides from Summer Conference can be found on [mykairos.org](http://mykairos.org) under the Downloads and Archive Library links. You will find some good ideas for recruiting which can be put into practice immediately. We welcome any and all suggestions as to how we can be more intentional and effective as we move forward in building the ministry bigger and stronger.

**2014 Winter Meetings** – Save the Dates: February 4 – 8, 2014

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel

(Just 5 minutes away from the Atlanta Airport)

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