

Kairos E-News #31 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – April 2014

Busy Spring Season (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – It is a busy time for all Kairos communities. There are many Weekends, State meetings, Advisory Council meetings, and final Team meetings occurring. Also, Advanced Kairos Training is taking place for all programs. As the spring season arrives and the busyness continues, let's remember to take a moment each day to remember we are here serving God so that many can hear about the love, hope, and truth of Jesus Christ. Let's pray for this ministry, our teams, other communities, and our role, and that everyone will conduct the work with excellence as we serve. Thanks for all the hard work. We know many will be changed by the Lord through this work of Kairos. Don't forget the main thing—we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

Artwork in the New Office (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Some of you may recall we asked for artwork from incarcerated talented persons to hang in the new office. We received 20 pieces from various locations, and these are what we see each day as we work. They are beautiful, and we are thankful for the reminders of the people impacted by incarceration that Kairos is sharing with daily. We continue to welcome new artwork over the months and years. Photos will be in the next newsletter.

Endorsements of Kairos (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Through the state chairs we have been working to get various endorsements from people of the Kairos work and impact. These are posted as we get them on MyKairos.org under Newsroom/Endorsements. If you know any leaders in the states, influencers in business, sports, denominations, or others who know Kairos and would do an endorsement, please let us know. These are used for talking to new states and facilities, for recruitment, and for funding needs.

Women's Ministry Coordinator Announces Retirement in Late 2014 (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – Jo Chapman, Women's Ministry Coordinator, announced her desire to retire toward the end of 2014 in order to spend time with her grandkids and family and simply slow down a bit. Jo says that after much prayer, she thinks it is time to support someone else in leading the Women's Ministry and using their gifts. This is not an easy decision for Jo, as she started the Kairos Outside program. Jo has been with Kairos staff since 1992 and has done incredible work in starting Kairos Outside, working with Kairos Inside Women, and helping Kairos Torch. Jo's desire is to leave the ministry well and wanted to give us plenty of notice, which is much appreciated. Her exact retirement date will be worked out over time.

Sometime in the near future, we will begin recruiting for this position. Please join us in thanking Jo and praying during this transition. Jo's will not be easy shoes to fill.

2014 Summer Conference (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – July 15-19, 2014, Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel, Indianapolis, IN (just 5 minutes away from the Indianapolis Airport). The tentative schedule is now posted on the MyKairos website via this link:

[:http://www.mykairos.org/conference_registration.html](http://www.mykairos.org/conference_registration.html)

The registration form will be available next week. More information will be posted at www.MyKairos.org as it becomes available.

Board of Directors Update (Jim Hankins, Chairman) – The Kairos Board will attend its Spring Retreat on April 4-6 in DeBary, FL. Friday night we will participate in a spiritual growth session led by Kevin Resnover and Ken Rocks. As we pursue Ministry Excellence, we will participate in training on Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) guidelines. We will also be led in a training session on our role, as a Board, in fundraising.

We ask that you pray for our understanding of God's direction as He guides us personally and as a body.

International Council Update (Lee Turner, International Council President) – The day I got certified as an Air Traffic Controller, my boss shook my hand and said, "Now your job is to train your replacement." Really? It took me a few weeks to understand what he meant. How are we training our replacements? Recently, I had to come to grips with how well I had done in training my replacements. I could have done better. As soon as I was elected to be the International Council President, I had to handover almost every responsibility within the IC that I previously had. Al Kolff became the Communications Improvement Committee Co-chair, Karen Rayer took over responsibility for the managing the E-News, and I was no longer on the Long-range Planning Committee. I discovered that I was only somewhat prepared to turn over those responsibilities to someone else. Hopefully, I made up for it pretty quickly and the transition won't be noticed too much.

How are you doing in training your replacement? In your Advisory Council? In your Area Committee or State Chapter Committee? In whatever part of the organization you serve? It speaks to the core of what we are doing in terms of recruiting, training, and equipping our next volunteer leaders. In the IC we just completed a process of developing and revising our committee charter—those charters are only one of several continuity documents our replacements will use to move forward. Excellence is not simply presenting our programs well, it's also being a good steward of the volunteer positions we hold.

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – The new 2015 Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) schedule was just released to the State Chairs. We have added new cities, and some locations have training twice a year. Locations chosen are not based on individual host state needs, but on the needs of the ministry as a whole. We want to cover the most Advisory Council locations possible within a 200-mile driving radius. For those who may have to fly, they are also located near airports where possible. Assume the 2016 AKT schedule will be the same except as noted on the schedule. All three programs strongly recommend having leaders attend AKT 12-24 months prior to their Weekend. AKT training will give our future leaders the skills they need to lead a Weekend and inspire them to true "Ministry Excellence."

Women's Ministry Update (Jo Chapman, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – We are growing. Kairos Outside added a new community in Philadelphia in March. A group of wonderfully devoted volunteers have worked over a year in preparation for this first weekend. Congratulations on the hard work that allowed the guests to receive the love that Christ has for them.

Wisconsin is hoping to add Kairos Outside to its community. Delaware is working to add a Kairos Inside at the women's prison. Tennessee is in communication with the Warden of a second women's prison in hope of adding another ministry to their state. Please keep all these communities in your prayers. It is good to see future growth for the Kairos ministries.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Kairos Torch of Oklahoma was honored to welcome and host Alastair Bulley and Rachel Brookings of the United Kingdom for four days of intensive training followed by the Torch 2½-day Weekend and ½-day of debriefing. Alastair has accepted the responsible for opening up Torch in three youth facilities in the United Kingdom, and Rachael will serve as their lead trainer. Please keep them in your prayers as God's Word is spread to incarcerated youth in the UK.

Kairos Torch Ministry Excellence (Kevin Reslover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Ida Mae Wheeler from Oklahoma was honored at the Winter Meetings with the Kairos Torch Excellence Award. Ida has served faithfully for many years with the Torch ministry, serving as the local Advisory

Council chair, AKT Trainer, co-writer of the Kairos Torch Program Manual, co-writer of the AKT-Torch training manual, and representative on the International Kairos Torch Sub-Committee. She possesses the heart of a humble servant of the Lord and is particularly concerned that her work is marked with excellence for Him. Ida is a worthy recipient of this special award. Congratulations for a job well done.

Volunteer Need—Liaisons to Kairos Affiliates in Latin America (Wayne Park, Chair, International New Starts Committee) – KPMI is seeking experienced Kairos volunteers who are fluent in both English and Spanish to serve as liaisons between KPMI and Kairos affiliates in Latin America. The responsibilities of each liaison include regular e-mail correspondence and a once-a-month telephone contact with a leader in a Kairos affiliate in Latin America to share current information about activities in KPMI and to hear updates of activities, programs, new developments, challenges, etc. of Kairos in the country of the affiliate. Once a month, the liaison is responsible for submitting to the KPMI Executive Director a summary report of the information shared and learned.

Those interested and/or wishing to know more are asked to contact Wayne Park at waynepark@aol.com or by telephone at 970 577 1483.

New on the Website – Did you know there are downloadable and editable KO letterheads for State Committees' and Area Councils' use on www.MyKairos.org? Other letterheads are available from the KPMI office by request.

As Evelyn mentioned above, we've recently added a number of endorsements from those impacted by this ministry, including one from Brian Owens, the Georgia DOC Commissioner who spoke at Winter Conference. We also moved them to their own location. Look in the Newsroom and then click on Endorsements.

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming Spring or Summer 2014 weekend is not listed on the Kairos Kalendar, complete the electronic registration on the www.MyKairos.org website so we can adequately publicize your weekend. **This is especially important for #1 Weekends.** We create a banner-type advertisement especially for those #1 Weekends.

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