



Kairos E-News #49 - Current News for Kairos Volunteers – September 2015

***May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Roman 15:13 NIV

Kairos Celebrates 40 Years of Ministry

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2015 Annual Conference (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – The Annual Conference was really great. We had many more people in attendance across the country by going to one conference. The atmosphere was one of unity, joy, positive spirit, learning, sharing, and blessings. Our theme was *Reflections of Light* where we focused on Jesus Christ as the leader and our light, and how we are to reflect Him. Throughout the conference, the speakers, workshop leaders, and committees used Bible verses focused on Light. We are blessed with the wonderful hearts, love, and commitment of the Kairos volunteers and we felt the unity at the annual conference. Thanks for all who participated and the diligent work of many to carry out a successful annual conference.

Kairos is Growing (Evelyn Lemly, Executive Director) – At the conference we shared that in 2014 and 2015 we have 55 #1 Weekends that have taken place or are planned. These are across 17 states and three countries outside the U.S. In the U.S. we have broken the 400 Advisory Council level in 2015. The Kairos ministry is on the move – recruiting new volunteers and resources, finding new opportunities for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch, and positively impacting lives of thousands of men, women and youth incarcerated and their families. Go Kairos! Praise God!

New Phone Conferencing System (Ann Kreller, Executive Administrative Assistant) – In an effort to continue providing Kairos volunteers and leadership with the availability of audio conferencing, the International Office is in the process of switching over to Citrix Conferencing from the BT Conferencing that you have been using. The protocol remains the same, you still send an email request to use a line, and include the time, date and whom the call is for (example: Advisory Council, State, etc.). The process for users is still the same with the exception of an additional pin for the Organizer (Chairperson for the call). The Citrix system is not only more economical, but can handle more participants on the calls with improved reception. We will begin using the Citrix Conferencing in the upcoming months.

Board of Directors Update (Vickie Spurgeon, Chair) – As the Kairos Board begins a new year I would like to thank Joe McNemar, Greg Moser, Lee Turner and Peter Wilson for their season of

service. They brought to the Board a variety of gifts, talents, skills and abilities for which we are truly thankful and from which we and the Ministry have benefitted. We also welcome to the Board Von Brister, John Miller, Buck Rogers and Don Setterlof who were elected at the conference. Barbara Jensen also joined the Board just prior to that. I know that in their seasons of service they will bring gifts and talents to move us further into the future that God has in store for us in His ministry.

I ask that you would pray for us as a Board as we pray for all of you. We seek wisdom as decisions are made that we may continue to pursue the Vision of Kairos of being *“A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope and faith found in Jesus Christ”*.

We look forward to praying for more and more weekends this fall and in the months to come as we continue to grow!

International Council Update (John Miller, International Council President) – What a wonderful summer conference it was! We were very busy and very productive. We were even blessed with a visit from Cleve Bell who is the last of the original “Nine Old Men” and were able to hear part of the history of how the ministry began. We all benefited from the training that took place for all of the International Council. The many workshops were great opportunities for learning the many of the facets of the ministry. These are just some of the many ways that we are trying to make this ministry as excellent as we possibly can. In the upcoming months, we are looking forward to exciting growth in the ministry. The committees are working hard to help with that. We continue to receive requests for Kairos and you can help by making others aware of Kairos and how they can help as volunteers. Please remember that your International Representative is your representative to the council and as such is your pipeline of information from the council to your states and vice-versa. If you have questions about what is happening, they will be able to help you with the information that you need and where you can find it.

Men's Ministry Update (Ken Rocks, Men's Ministry Coordinator) – As we swing into the Fall Weekend schedule, this would be a good time to remind you that a program manual should be available for all volunteers at the Team formation meetings. A box full of program manuals sitting at the entrance to the room is a great way to greet the old and new volunteers. What better way to assure that all of our volunteers are on the same page as to what our program is all about? Speaking of new volunteers, how about bringing that friend along? Who you have talked to in the past about the Kairos experience? Now is the perfect time to share that experience with another Christian.

Women's Ministry Update (Gina Brockmeyer, Women's Ministry Coordinator) – **Preparing for Advisory Council Elections** - September is upon us, and so is the time to begin the process of electing new members to our Advisory Councils. Pages 19 and 20 of the Advisory Council Operating Procedures, which can be found online at mykairos.org under the downloads section, carefully detail the process for nomination and election of Advisory Council members as well as the qualifications necessary to be an Advisory Council member. All elections should be completed by December 1st and newly elected members of the council begin their term on January 1st of next year.

Please read the Advisory Council Operating Procedures, and begin praying about who God is calling to serve on your local Advisory Councils.

Kairos Torch Update (Kevin Resnover, Youth Ministries Coordinator) – Bill Salser of Texas was honored at the 2015 International Conference with the Kairos Torch Excellence Recognition. Bill has served faithfully for many years within Kairos and has worked in all three ministry programs with a diligent and humble spirit. Too numerous to name, Bill has served in several positions with the heart of a servant leader. Whether serving as a dish washer in Kairos Outside; a table leader in Kairos Inside; a mentor in Kairos Torch or the state chair of Kairos of Texas, Bill has given his all and continually demonstrates a spirit of excellence in his service to Christ and this ministry. Please keep him in your prayers and join with me in honoring him for his service of excellence.

New on the Website – How many times have you heard, “It’s on the MyKairos.org website”? Are you looking for something to use when talking to a group about the ministry? Well, it really is on the website. There are many videos that are available on www.MyKairos.org in the Newsroom under Videos. These are easy to use and you can find a video specific to any of the programs (Inside, Outside and Torch) to help in your effort to get the word out about this ministry.

Kairos in the News – Here’s some links to news stories about Kairos and Kairos volunteers around the nation:

<http://www.picayuneitem.com/2015/08/prison-ministry/>

Is Your Weekend Listed? – If your upcoming fall 2015 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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