

Fund Raising Ideas

- Ohio has concerts inside Marion Correctional Institution. Concerts last about 3 hours; musicians donate their time / talent. Free will offering collected.
- Florida prepares and serves dinners to Kairos Inside and Emmaus teams. A basket is passed for donations. Some success with silent auction with bake sale.
- Virginia collects donations from the Ministerial Association and local churches.
- California – Concerts and guest speakers. Admission to concert is free, snacks are served, and an offering is taken up. Guest speaker (e.g. Sister Helen Prejean) offering different pricing to meet the speaker at a reception (or dessert time) or to sit in and hear the speaker.
- Missouri - Fashion show (clothing donated by local department stores) and tea.

One woman's prison donates money from their canteen (store) fund.

Selling lanyards made by recycling church bulletins (or Weekend shields).

- Alabama – Display of nativities (all types / sizes) loaned from various people in the community. Set up in a church parking lot in December; free admission. Drinks and snacks are sold. Raffle tickets are sold for the silent auction of a nativity.

Develop a devotional book with comments / talks from previous guests (like "Chicken Soup For The Prisoner's Soul").

Barnes and Noble, B.Dalton, or Borders will allow you to pick one specific week to hand out vouchers. Whatever is bought using the voucher (except coffee, food and gift cards), the organization gets a percentage of the purchases (before tax). The vouchers cannot be handed out outside or inside the store.

- Texas - Weekend Leader purchased (Dollar Store) piggy banks for all team members and asked them to set out at work and/or church with KO brochures to collect loose change. Might title "Changing Lives Through Kairos Outside" or "Your Change Will Change Lives" or "Kairos Outside Changes Lives".