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KAIROS OF GEORGIA NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Telling Jesus' Kairos Story

By Pete Pfeiffer
International Representative

The first weekend of February, I attended my first International Winter Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting of Kairos Prison Ministry International in Orlando, Florida. As you would expect, I met a lot of wonderful, committed, loving people. I attended prayer and music services and committee meetings, as well as the board meeting. The entire weekend was bathed in prayer and was a joyous experience. Besides eating way too much, I actually learned some things that I want to pass along.

The number one topic of the weekend was recruiting. It did not surprise me that most Kairos communities (there are 401 now) have difficulty recruiting adequate volunteers. It did surprise me what the communities that do not have such difficulty are doing. They are simply telling the stories of what Jesus does during the weekends! They are actively engaged in going to diverse congregations and ethnic groups and sharing the miracles that they have witnessed during the weekends. All Christians want to "see" Jesus, and we in Kairos, whether it be through Inside, Outside, or Torch, are privileged to see Jesus a bunch. I know that my life has been completely changed by my encounters with the power of God's Spirit during the weekends. And I believe that we all want our

brothers and sisters in Christ to have the opportunity to share in these experiences. I also learned that the teams that are telling Jesus' Kairos story are not having difficulty in raising the funds necessary for the ministry. There are great resources that we can get from KPMI. But the greatest recruiting resource of each Advisory Council is the remembered experience of its weekends. For the KPMI resources, look at the website www.kairosprisonministries.org.

I also learned what seems to be going on organizationally with the Kairos ministry, and it is pretty much what is going on in Georgia. What started out as a few Advisory Councils has exploded; as a result after 30 years KPMI is now a corporation with about 25,000 volunteer workers raising about \$5,000,000 a year in contributions. The consequence of that growth translates into the requirement of accountability--accountability to the corporate laws, accountability to the tax laws, accountability to the contributors, accountability to our team members, accountability to the prisoners, accountability to the prison administration, and accountability to Jesus. None of us got into Kairos to do administration; we are a "do-it" group. But we are accountable for the ministry which Christ has

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METRO #8 Elaine Harbin	Mar. 5-8, 2009 Leader
HAYS ANNEX #3 Pat Bolden	Mar. 12-15, 2009 Leader
WARE #32 Jack Mounts	Mar. 12-15, 2009 Leader
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SCOTT #8 Tom Atkinson	Mar. 19-22, 2009 Leader
ROGERS #20 Fred Daniel	Mar. 26-29, 2009 Leader
CENTRAL #2 Robert Washington	Apr. 2-5, 2009 Leader
VALDOSTA #18 Roger Quick	Apr. 2-5, 2009 Leader
WILCOX #20 David Mann	Apr. 2-5, 2009 Leader
AUTRY #20 Curt Scott	April 16-19, 2009 Leader
PHILLIPS #7 Don Macleod	Apr. 6-19, 2009 Leader
KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #23 Mary Turner	Apr. 17-19, 2009 Leader
CALHOUN #11 Bill Wilson	Apr. 23-26, 2009 Leader
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LEE #31 Sammy Lee	Apr. 23-26 Leader
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LEE ARRENDALE #6 Nellie Blakely	Apr. 30-May 3, 2009 Leader
WASHINGTON #3 Bob Losser	Apr. 30-May 3, 2009 Leader
KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH #6 Sarah Godwin	May 1-3, 2009 Leader
HANCOCK #32 Perkins Williams	May 14-17, 2009 Leader
MEN'S #6 Matt Pippins	June 11-14, 2009 Leader
ASMP #45 Jeremy Wall	Aug. 13-16, 2009 Leader
PULASKI #28 Lisa Essick	Aug. 20-23, 2009 Leader
VALDOSTA ANNEX #11 David Hendley	Sept. 10-13, 2009 Leader

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MONTHLY REUNIONS

If you wish to attend a monthly reunion please contact the Institutional Liaison for that institution (not the Chaplain or Security) for a clearance form in order to be placed on the list. Names and phone numbers of Institutional Liaisons are listed below.

Prison Name	Reunion Dates-Sat	Meeting Time	Institutional Liaison	Phone Number
ASMP	3rd	8:30 AM	Paul Balducci	706-793-4582
Autry	4th Fri	6:00PM	"Woody" Wood,	229-294-1903
Calhoun	1st	10:00 AM	Turner Bostwick	229-725-4155
Dooly	4th	9:00 AM	Charles Jones	229-645-3303
GSP	1st	10:00 AM	Rodney West	912-977-0009
Hancock	3rd	8:30 AM	Larry Sullivan	770-599-9112
Hays	1st	8:30 AM	Kurt Yaeger	770-704-6730
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Pete Fayard	912-673-9599
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Harry Bryant	229-883-0017
Lee Arrendale	2nd	12:00 N	Teresa Osborne	706-486-2412
Men's	4th	9:00 AM		
Metro	1st	11:00 AM	Karen Miller	770-777-0621
Phillips	3rd	5:00 PM	Bill Hardison	770-751-1727
Pulaski	4th	12 Noon	Janet Stone	478-627-2743
Rivers	1st	7:30 AM	Ed Hall	478-452-4524
Rogers	2nd	8:00 AM	John Ross	912-897-3568
Scott	2nd	9:00 AM	Tom Adkisson	478-743-5579
Valdosta	1st	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Valdosta Annex	3rd	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Washington	1st	8:00 AM		
Ware	2nd	9:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	Ben Waller	229-385-6304

ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

Prison Name	Council Chairman	Phone Number
ASMP	Jim Schroeder	706-627-4625
Autry	Curt Scott,	229-886-2373
Calhoun	Mark Peak	229-435-6461
Central	Jim Watts	678-423-0475
Dooly	Eddie McLemore	229-273-2422
GSP	Ray Lancia	912-269-0371
Hancock	Bill Goodman	404-352-3119
Hays	John Timme	770-354-7624
D Ray James	Harold Langevin	912-729-7361
Lee	Roger Presnell	229-649-7151
Lee Arrendale	Dianne Gibson	706-486-2412
Men's	Gene Brannen	478-986-0300
Metro	Shirley Pettus	770-928-6187
Phillips	Hal Benson	770-664-9118
Pulaski	Joyce Bryant	912-264-4564
Rivers	Gordon Cook	678-423-1069
Rogers	Max Baldwin	912-598-8159
Scott	Keith Forehand	478-986-4611
Valdosta/V. Annex	Bill Newcomb	229-834-1933
Ware	Allen Dukes	912-294-7051
Washington	Edd Harrison	912-287-0440
Wilcox	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.	Alice Dickerson	770-214-1343
K Outside So.	Ginger Gleaton	229-725-4445
Torch	Steve Durham	229-853-7586

AGAPE NEWS



Hi—Just a short message from Chris and Corrie Burgett, your agape guys, asking for your continued support. We just completed the distribution of the majority of the wall agape for the spring weekends but more is always appreciated, and we are already collecting for the fall weekends.

To save costs, we are asking that most wall agape be designed to be emailed: 8 ½" by 11" black or white or color, preferably signed. This can be mailed to us at the state Kairos web site. Larger posters can be mailed directly to the agape coordinator listed on the web or directly to us at the addresses found on the website or brought to the next state board meeting to be distributed.

For the rest of you, we know that a lot of readers

of this newsletter are not currently active with any Kairos community for various reasons. If you still crave some connection, you can send agape from your Sunday school classes, small faith group, men's group etc. This wall agape can be dispersed to all prisons by the magic of email. You can write individual agape or collect children's agape—remember put only the first name and age on the agape. Remember that the most important part of Agape is prayer; we ask that people pray over their agape before they send it in to us or to the prison agape coordinator. What ever form of agape that you generate can be sent as described above so you can become part of the weekend when you can't be personally present.

Thanks again for your help!

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entrusted in our care. With 38 states and 8 countries having over 400 weekend communities, accountability is necessarily very high on the priority list of KPMI. There are basically two ways that the requirements can be met. KPMI can hire staff sufficient to monitor each advisory council, or each advisory council can provide self-monitoring through the State Board. I am a strong proponent of having the advisory councils take the responsibility for reporting to the State Board, which in turn takes responsibility for reporting to KPMI. If the Advisory Councils use the Excellence

Initiative form (which they can download from the Kairos of Georgia website) to observe each weekend, the areas that need work become obvious, and the reasons for each of the ways that Kairos sets out to conduct a weekend become apparent.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as your International Representative this year. If anyone has questions or comments you wish to share with me, please e-mail me at pfeifferguy@gmail.com.

LEAD, FOLLOW OR GET OUT OF THE WAY

—Thomas Paine



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

I have come to understand this quote quite well serving as a volunteer in Kairos. There is a need to do all three depending on the situation but I've found it most important to "get out of the way."

When I think about serving in Kairos, I'm amazed at how simple the Lord has made this for us:

Lead when you are called means calmly and humbly set an example for others by following the ministry guidelines.

Follow means to pray for the leadership in Kairos and be 100% obedient to the directions given.

Or another quote I'm fond of "if you're too big to follow, you're too small to lead."

Get out of the way means just that! Force yourself to transition from whoever you are in your daily life and become the quiet example of the peace and love we are called to be as a representative of the love of Jesus Christ.

My service in Kairos has been solely involved with Kairos Inside but as the state chairman I've had the opportunity to learn more about our companion ministries, Torch and Kairos Outside.

This past month, I had the opportunity to hear the testimony of a family that experienced the wonders of both a Kairos Inside and a Kairos Outside weekend. The son was incarcerated and attended an inside weekend and was so impacted by the experience he insisted his mother and sister attend a Kairos Outside weekend. What none of them realized was that by opening up to this experience they were taught (while seated at table families) how to communicate with each

other. Once the son was released they were equipped to use those communication tools to work through the many issues that affect families of incarcerated individuals. They learned

how to talk to one another on a deeper level they never applied in their family life. They testified that without the Kairos Inside and Outside experience they would have struggled trying to resolve old issues.

The Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside experience is a full circle event that many of us don't understand. What I've learned is that Kairos Outside is not just this great nurturing weekend for the female family members but a life changing experience that will equip families to succeed when their loved ones are released.

Kairos Outside is solely dependent on Kairos Inside for their participants and after hearing the impact the weekend had on this family, why wouldn't we want all families to be able to experience Kairos Outside? We need to focus on the participants and encourage them to invite their families to attend a Kairos Outside weekend. This should be mentioned at every reunion. Each community should bring pamphlets and be prepared to talk about Kairos Outside.

Another companion ministry that does not receive the focus from Kairos Inside is Kairos Torch which focuses on youth in detention centers.

Kairos Torch ministers to youthful offenders and offers unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting. The most important element of Torch is the establishment of a mentoring relationship between each of the youths and a

Financial News

By Leonard Cole, Georgia State Financial Secretary

The members of the Georgia Chapter of Kairos Executive Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation for the services provided by Beth Maycumber as Treasurer during the year of 2008. Beth will be transferring responsibilities as Treasurer to William (Bill) Dixon effective March 1, 2009, but will continue to provide the outstanding level of service that she has provided to Kairos in other areas where needed.

Throughout the year 2008 the Georgia Chapter of Kairos has continued to follow the Kairos Financial Policy and Procedures Manual that can be found at the International website "kairosprisonministry.org".

Several of the Treasurers and Financial Secretaries representing the 27 Advisory Councils in the state of Georgia are receiving donations directly and are sending acknowledgment letters to donors through the Kairos Donor software program. Bill Dixon will continue to process donations that are not sent to the Advisory councils and will send the deposit information to me for issuance of the

acknowledgement letters.

All donations received by team members or volunteers should be sent to the appropriate advisory council Treasurer/Financial Secretary or to William (Bill) Dixon, 3301 Westgate Drive, Albany, Ga. 31721.

All requests for cash advances and reimbursement for expenses should be processed using forms that can be found at the following website <http://www.kairosforgeorgia.org/>.

Bill and I look forward to serving the Georgia Chapter of Kairos as State Treasurer and Financial Secretary during the year of 2009. We will continue to serve our Advisory Councils and our donors with Christian principals, gratitude and respect for all you do to support the ministry. We will also continue our commitment to make deposits and reimbursements expeditiously.

Please join us as we move forward in 2009 with our continued commitment to God and our beloved Kairos.

LEAD, FOLLOW OR GET OUT OF THE WAY Continued

mature, Christian volunteer. The mentoring program continues for a minimum of 6 months following the Weekend or until the youth is released, whichever comes first. Following the 6 months of mentoring, there can be an additional 6 months of Bible study inside the institution (*excerpt from Kairos of Georgia website*).

The next Kairos of Georgia state meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 and will be held in Dublin, Georgia. The meeting will focus on the Kairos Torch ministry. We have invited great speakers who have first-hand experience in the

ministry. Please plan to join us and learn how to get involved in our effort to introduce the love of Jesus Christ to incarcerated youth.

I am praying that everyone reading this newsletter will open their hearts to the possibility of serving and by inviting a friend to join us in participating in one of these ministries.

Please visit our website kairosforgeorgia.org to learn more about these ministries.

God bless you,
Jim Miller

What's On The Site?

www.kairosforgeorgia.org



By Lee Turner, Webmaster

Breaking News! I am starting an e-mail notification list for important things around Kairos ("This Just In..." postings, Newsletter posting, etc.) If you want to be added, send an e-mail to lee.turner@kairosforgeorgia.org and ask to be added.

Now for the rest of the story.

Some of you still may not be familiar with the information that has been put on the website in the last year or so, and may not have thought about returning to check out what may be available to help you advertise, recruit and administer a Kairos weekend. Well here's a synopsis of what you can find on the Kairos of Georgia internet web site (<http://www.kairosforgeorgia.org>):

- Advisory Chairs and State Committee Rep contact information for every institution we serve
- Agape Coordinator contact information
- An institution listing with a link to Google maps
- A calendar for everything going on in Kairos of Georgia as well as International events that effect us in Georgia
- Every updated form that you'll need (these are updated all the time, so please use the most current form...it is only available from the website)
- Minutes of past state meetings

- An institutional reference map
- Newsletters back to January 2006
- A "This Just In..." archive of important and urgent notes
- Links to International, State, community and overseas websites as well as links to other 3-day movement websites

I listed this information so I could tell you this. If there is something you need on the website to facilitate your weekend, let us know.

Here's some information on the three newest additions to the website. Mike Nix has compiled a list of all residents that have ever attended a Kairos weekend in Georgia...WOW! It is in MS Excel and in Adobe Acrobat formats. Weekend Leaders will need this information to verify that none of their weekend candidates have already participated in a Kairos weekend. Please help him out when he asks for information. The new and improved Planning Guide for Leaders is posted. We took information from the original Leader's Planning Guide that Bill Dixon created, EZRA, the Kairos Program Manual, state requirements and past leaders knowledge to have in 1 easy to use document. Your weekend leader experience will be instrumental in fine tuning this for future leaders. The most recent addition is a Jobs page for those looking for employment and those that may have jobs to offer...check it out.

AKT SCHEDULE

April 3-5, 2009

WAVERLY, GA

Contact: Jan Thrower, plainjan@yahoo.com, 352-473-7896

June 5-7, 2009

JACKSONVILLE, FL

Contact: Jan Thrower plainjan@yahoo.com or 352-473-7896

July 29-Aug 2, 2009

BRADENTON, FL

Contact: Chuck Bradley, hcikairos@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 214-7087

October 2-4, 2009

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL

Contact: Jan Thrower at 352-473-7896 or plainjan@yahoo.com

EZRA

ARCHIVAL SUPPORT

By Karen Miller

EZRA was designed so that when a weekend leader finishes the weekend, they pass on their updated information to the next leader who loads it on their computer. The new leader receives an updated history of the previous weekends (providing those used EZRA). This information should be made available 6 months prior to the actual weekend.

It is very important that all weekend leaders follow the same procedure so that the system does not break down and to ensure that the historical information is safe guarded.

It is suggested that a member of the Advisory Council who is familiar with EZRA be elected to fill this position. These volunteers can act as the archival resource for their Kairos community keeping the latest copy of EZRA in a safe place (preferably on a flash drive). We all know that computers do crash and leaders lose information, so

by following this process it will prevent the loss of valuable information about your community.

Previous leaders are a logical choice because they already have EZRA on their computer. If a previous leader is not available, Advisory Councils are authorized to obtain a working copy of EZRA for this purpose and the Secretary or Data Coordinator on the Advisory Council can be elected to handle this task.

Step by step instructions are available on the KairosOfGeorgia.org website.

Heads up to New Leaders New leaders please do not enter any information on your new copy of EZRA prior to receiving the information from the Secretary or Data Coordinator of your community. If you do, all your efforts will be erased by EZRA when the files are imported from the previous leader.



KAIROS AND THE CHAPLAIN



By Bob Astalos
State Volunteer Coordinator

The Chaplain is Kairos' best friend.

Our ministry in prison is totally dependent on building and maintaining a positive relationship with each Chaplain, whether they are new to the prison or already an old friend, and we do everything within our power to nourish that relationship.

We acknowledge the enormous pressure and time constraints our Chaplains are required to live with. So we support the Chaplain in every way possible:

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- ☼ We gladly comply with all “paperwork and administrative” requirements.
- ☼ We jump through hoops to meet whatever requirements they put before us.
- ☼ We build their credibility in the institution in every way we can.
- ☼ We follow ALL institutional rules & policies, and keep them uppermost in our mind while in the prison.
- ☼ We NEVER forget that security is the number one priority of the prison administration.
- ☼ We consistently promote the Chaplain as Pastor of the resident community.
- ☼ We support the Chaplain with extra hands, hearts & hours when appropriate.
- ☼ We encourage and honor the Chaplain in every way possible as they struggle to carry out an almost impossible role.

A frequently heard Kairos motto is...“We are cheerfully flexible!”

As a Kairos community we continuously preach and teach that message to our new volunteers. We don’t EVER want to hear about any Kairos volunteer interacting with a Chaplain...or any other prison staff member...in any other way.

I thank you and praise you as Kairos communities all over the State for the wonderful ways you keep inventing to carry out this never-ending support of our Chaplains. You keep demonstrating that “Listen, Listen, Love, Love” also applies to the Chaplain!

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*Amen, I say to you, whatever you
did for one of these least brothers
of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40*



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