



GEORGIA NEWSLETTER

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

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ECUMENISM & CLERGY TRAINING: THE IMPLICATIONS

By Bob Astalos, State Volunteer Coordinator

Kairos is an "Ecumenical Ministry in Prison". The word "Ecumenical" comes from the Greek "Oikoumen", a political or military term which means: the ground we hold or occupy in common. That is a great definition for Kairos, which means we only talk about or do those things that all Christian denominations have in common. It's the only basis on which we can be Ecumenical, and all join together in one Christian community. That commonness is Jesus Christ.

The Ecumenical-ness then requires that ALL denominations be willing to give-up those practices that are specific to their particular denomination. For example, Catholics must be willing to give up prayers to and about Mary. All denominations must give up communion, because different denominations believe different things about communion. In a Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian or Episcopal church, you would virtually NEVER hear an altar call, slaying in the spirit or deliverance service. You also would not have speaking in tongues, casting out of evil spirits, or healing services. Likewise, we do not do baptisms because there is not an "in commonness" about how baptisms are done.

We do not try to be a final authority on Christian doctrine. Clergy who participate in Kairos must be willing to support and uphold the ecumenical nature of Kairos. That means that to serve as clergy on Kairos, it is necessary that clergy (and lay people) be willing to AVOID, for the sake of our ecumenical-ness, those practices which you truly love and value in your own denomination, but which we do not practice "in common". We understand that in certain denominations these practices may be the heart and soul of how Clergy see their role, and we in no way de-value your practices. We support you in your denominational practices ... it's just not Kairos.

One of the reasons for this policy is that such practices can be frightening to those not familiar with them. We do not want to

alienate those participants who come to us suspicious and skeptical and who are just looking for some excuse to find fault with us. Likewise, these practices can also seriously alienate team members who come from other denominations, and drive wedges between mem-

bers.

Common practices from more charismatic denominations can be shocking to team members from mainline denominations. It would be very easy for Catholics or Episcopalians, etc, to drop out of Kairos because they see us as charismatic or weird. The blue Kairos Program Manual, on Page II-21, goes so far as to say "... Kairos recognizes that there are clergy who are well "qualified", but who find it difficult to work in an ecumenical setting and without the particular practices of their denomination. It is best for them, and for the ministry, for their ministry to be placed in areas other than Kairos".

Clergy are critically important to the ministry, and we love and treasure each one. It's just important that they understand how Kairos functions and their role in it.

Clergy Training- A weak link in the Kairos organizational system is that we have no systematic way to teach our clergy the Kairos method. Even the thought of needing to "train clergy" sounds distasteful. After all, they are the EXPERTS at sharing God's love. But Kairos is neither a church service nor a revival. It is a unique process.

Our task in Kairos is to take 42 convicts and coax them into the loving arms of Jesus. Those who come to us already having an inclination to seek Jesus are READY. It is a joy to give them encouragement and information. They will be easy to reach. It's the half-dozen who come with no church background, or perhaps very negative church experiences, and whose attitudes are cynical, suspicious, and sometimes even hostile, we need to be primarily concerned about.



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SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

RIVERS #1 Eugene Brannon	Oct. 5-8, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
WILCOX #15 Larry Grace Roy Jardin Bob Beauchamp	Oct. 5-8, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
TORCH Boys Sumter #8 Steve Durham Tim & Jennifer Griggs Sue Solomon & Fran Kinservick	Oct. 13-15, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
PHILLIPS #5 Don McLeod Bob Bolter Chris Burgett	Oct. 19-22, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
CALHOUN #6 Conner Collins Lloyd Kirkland Russell McNeal	Oct 26-29, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
HAYS #15 Kelvin Thompson Austin Robinson Chuck Self	Oct. 26-29, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
LEE #26 Jack Teasley	Oct 26-29, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
Bill Gahring	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
AUTRY #15 Eddie Simmons	Nov. 2-5, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
Clarke Liles	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
D. RAY JAMES #9 Brian Harlan	Nov. 2-5, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
John Peterson	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
GSP #15 Jerry Oldham	Nov. 2-5, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
Rodney West	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
VALDOSTA #13 Ricky Mathis	Nov. 2-5, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
Chris Wiggins	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
LEE ARRENDALE #1 Marva Oglesby	Nov. 9-12, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
Dianne Gibson	Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
HANCOCK #27 Lee Hill Doug Shenker Bill Sims	Nov. 16-19, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
ROGERS #15 Kirk Duffy Bill Hinesley Bill Wright	Nov. 16-19, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
MEN'S #1	Dec. 7-10, 2006 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
ASMP #40 Doug McAfee Ray Clemons Roger Ervin	Feb. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader

METRO #4 Nan Wallace Karen Miller Pushpa Danes	Mar. 8-11, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
WARE #28 Mike Scott Mark Nickelson Jerry Peterson	Mar. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #19 Shirley Barrett Diane Womble, Cynthia Sturm Vida Ellis	April 27-29, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
PULASKI #23 Karen Chaplin Judy Hastings Terry Lees	Feb. 22, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader

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Please, letters only, no envelopes, folded **once** with the resident's name on the outside; or else general agape for all on the weekend. No tracts or pamphlets, etc. are permitted. Ron Walling, as District Agape Chairman, will coordinate General Agape with the Council Agape Chairmen.

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Prison Name	Adv Council Chairperson	Phone Number
Augusta	Harold Gibson	706-486-2412
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The Kairos method is to make a friend, be a friend, and slowly and gradually bring them along, until they become ready to hear our message and be introduced to Jesus..

When clergy are invited to give a meditation or talk on Thursday evening or Friday, the natural thing for them to do is to do what clergy are trained to do. After all, they have a captive audience of convicts and they are eager to urge them to open their hearts to Jesus, make a decision, and accept Him into their life.

Some clergy use the meditation or talk as a jumping off point with a missionary zeal, and strongly encourage participants to open their hearts and give their lives to Jesus. But wait...it's only Thursday evening or Friday morning, we haven't even gotten to know them yet. Those hostile ones came in suspecting that's what we would do. We would try to push them into getting saved ...and they aren't

having any of it. If we don't win their trust they may very well drop out somewhere along the way.

We need to be sensitive to the hostile ones. The meditations as given in the manual are confronting enough. The Kairos program is designed to be very gradual. As you know, the first talk doesn't even mention Jesus. We need to take it easy and primarily be making friends, winning their trust and showing we accept and love them. That's why the program takes three days. There are many other meditations and talks coming along. Each one will add to the process.

Even though it may seem obvious, we need to be sure our clergy...and our highly exuberant lay brothers and sisters, understand and accept this process.

**D. RAY JAMES #8
May 4 7, 2006
John Peterson, Leader**

This was truly a time set aside by God, as His special time for the 42 participants of Kairos #8 at Prison, Folkston, Georgia. The Thursday night meeting of sponsors and participants started one and a half hours late, due to problems that could come on any day in a prison setting. But God and the Lt. in charge of our Kairos #8 weekend graced us with additional time that night to finish all of the Thursday evening activities!

It was wonderful to see how the Holy Spirit, and the love from God flowing through the team broke down walls. The talks, meditations, and sharing of our life's darker experiences, as well as the resulting victorious peace in Christ, melted the hearts of of participants, guards, and sponsors as well. Listen listen, love love was truly the hallmark of Kairos #8. Their love and joy showed on the face of each and everyone of the participants, as all but one accepted the cross, and stated that they were counting on Christ! The one who did not accept the cross was given a Kairos hug by the Leader and told that he loved him. He responded, with tears in his eyes, that he had never seen so much love shown like this at anytime in his life!

Many similar, from the heart comments were made at open mike and at the closing, about how special the agape love of Christ shown through the Kairos #8 Team was to them. A few also spoke of how much they had learned during the weekend; others thanked the the prison staff and the Warden for just having the opportunity to have experienced such a life changing weekend. One new brother in Christ said that no male or female had ever been more blessed by God than he had for all the attention and love shown him by the team. The most honest and memorable food comment was, "I got blessed with K.F.C. "

Special thanks to Bob Astalos for his Monitor's Report. His comments and recommendations will be of great value to those who come after us, to improve upon these past efforts. God has richly blessed the team!

INSTITUTIONAL LIAISONS
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
Augusta	3rd	1:00 PM	Ron Walling	706-855-1075
Autry	4th Fri	6:00 PM	Kirk Beckham	229-226-4774
Calhoun			Mark Meagher	229-888-9515
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	Jim Miller	770-777-0621
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Hubert Clark	912-729-2884
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Harry Bryant	229-446-8388
Lee Arrendale	2nd			
Lowndes			Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Macon				
Men's				
Metro	1st	12:00 N	Anne Armstrong	770-579-9624
Phillips	3rd		Chris Burgett	678-297-9091
Pulaski	4th	12 Noon	Sheila Canady	478-788-5439
Rogers	2nd	9:00 AM	Fred Karst	912-728-4153
Scott			Randy Griffin	478-986-9374
Valdosta	1st	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414
Ware	2nd	10:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	John Clements	912- 568-7617





Chairman's NOTES

The Four Ls: Listen Listen, Love Love

Bob Astalos described Kairos very well in the last news letter with his article on the Kairos Principle of Gradualness. Basically this means that Kairos is a process which has, over time, proven to be effective.

In 1 Corinthians 3: 5-7: "After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? Simply ministers through whom you become believers, each of them doing only what the Lord assigned him. I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. This means that neither he who plants nor he who waters is of a special account, only God, who gives growth."

This scripture passage is a good reminder that Kairos is God's ministry – and we who work in Kairos are the ministers – doing only what the Lord assigns us.

I make this point because in the 17 plus years I have been involved in Kairos, I myself have experienced the temptation to add to or change the Kairos process. Sometimes we may feel inspired by God to do something that is not in the manual – "the Lord told me to say this prayer... to lay on hands... to have a healing service." While team members have only the best intentions, any deviation from the process is an interruption of God's work. If one persists in believing that something is missing from a Kairos weekend, the proper channel is to communicate with the advisory council, who can bring it to the State Committee.

If we are committed to the ministry of Kairos, we must be obedient to our manual. Adding something at the wrong time could be detrimental to the conversion process. The Kairos manual is biblical

and well thought out. There is no need to change things on the spur of the moment.

The weekend is not for us to have a mountain top experience, but is for the residence of each institution. It is easy for everyone to get caught up in the moment and forget that conversion does not always happen dramatically as in Paul's experience. Conversion happens in God's time. My conversion happened over time, God's time, not because someone wanted me to be a Christian right that very moment. God's presence is very obvious each Kairos weekend. Let's live up to our commitment and not get in His way

Our commitment goes beyond the weekend; it goes on for the next year when we attend reunions each month. We are to help nurture these new Christian so that they can grow in their faith. It is here that conversion is nurtured and I believe that we all have something to offer at the right time.

I feel that it is almost impossible to be on teams of more than one institution at a time. I ask you to strongly consider your role and do the best you can at one institution at a time. If you decide to make this decision, you can continue to contribute to the second institution by finding a replacement for yourself when you leave. God bless you all and let us remember – we can best serve God by doing the job he assigns us.

—Jim Mauldin

ASMP #39 August 17–20, 2006 Roger Ervin, Leader

This was the first time that EZRA had been used. EZRA proved to be a very fine organizational tool. The program has some flaws but as these flaws are addressed, EZRA has the prospect of becoming one of the finest programs of it's kind. Keep up the good work Mike Springer and the Kairos home office.

We were able to go into the prison with

22 lay people (4 of those new people) and 5 clergy.

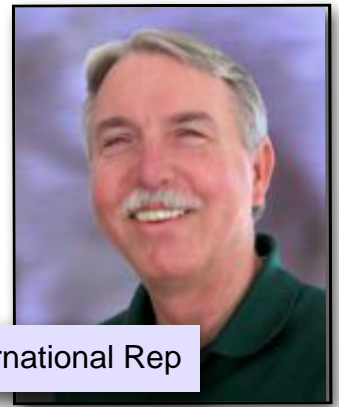
A week before we went into prison we were given a list of 42 participants with the understanding that a couple could change by being sent to other prisons. We arrived at the prison around 3:30 pm and were surprised to find that the Participants list was undergoing major changes. We started with 42 Participants and ended the weekend with the same 42 Participants. This was the first time this had happened since anyone can

remember. We were told toward the end of the weekend that over 50% of the 42 Participants were not Christians. Several had serious problems in prison. Four were in wheel chairs. One was close to accepting the Muslim religion (but not any more. Praise God)

The names of the outside supporters that were praying for us was given to the agape team. The agape team constructed a prayer chain with the names. The prayer

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Report from Glory : International Summer Conference



Tom Liner, International Rep

Actually the name of the place is Glorieta, and those of you who are Baptist may recognize the name of this retreat center near Santa Fe, New Mexico. It is well named. I am grateful to Kairos of Georgia for sending me there for the July conference. The conference marked the thirtieth anniversary of Kairos from our beginnings at Rayford, Florida. The actual date was September 30, 1976. Tom Johnson, who led the first weekend, his wife Laverne, and Clarence Hodges were there for the celebration and to give us history lessons. From Georgia, Johnny Duncan and Mary Jane Skidmore for Kairos Outside and Steve and Sheila Durham for Torch were also

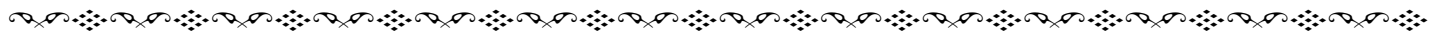
there. Unfortunately, our friend Bob Astalos was ill, and he and Joanne could not attend.

We are indeed international. Representatives from Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, Northern Ireland, South Africa, and the United Kingdom were there. There are 52 voting members on our Board of Directors from eight countries and 32 states. Although the board meeting takes a working day, most of the business before the Board this time seemed routine. Highlights of interest to volunteers include a new song book promised this October (copies are already ordered for Advisory Councils), DVD training on Kairos Financial Policy and Practices is coming, Kairos Out-

side and Torch become more important in how the state plans the ministry, and Ezra training will be available at some point for Lay Leaders.

We did discuss the use of the group photograph for Kairos Inside, but for now only the residents and the team members are given one, where permitted. The 20% rule, allowing some team members who have not had a fourth day weekend, was affirmed.

As always when Kairos folks get together (about 350 of them in New Mexico), it was a time of worship and fellowship in our Lord. Glorious indeed. Bless you for your service!



ASMP #39

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

God is truly blessing Kairos. Praise His Holy Name. This year we have seen donation after donation come in and we know it's because of him, don't we? Fellow Kairos Brothers and Sisters it's time we face some facts. To all who fax, phone, email, or call me and ask how much is in their account, meaning how much has been donated and how much has been spent from their teams account, I say this:

Kairos of Georgia will never fail to cover any teams expenses, no matter how much money is in their account, no matter how much is not. As long as God blesses, we will do this. We need to get off the idea that we have a certain amount in our account and concentrate more on supporting Kairos of Georgia as a whole.

Suppose you are a blessed team, one that has great support from all over, that can survive on its own. That's just great! But suppose you lose that support base, what then? We feel, all too often, that if there is money in our account, we can be free to ask for it. That has nothing to do with it. Your team will be supported as long as we have the money.

Therein is the problem. Some team members have been very faithful in asking their church, Sunday school class, their employer, or friends to donate to Kairos. They not only ask for a one time donation, but continuing donations as well. It's unfair for you and me to rely on the sweat of others to support Kairos. Every team has the responsibility to grow this ministry. We should be promoting team donations on a constant basis.

Please consider this, if 7 donors, a group or individuals, gave \$120.00 per month, or 14 donors, a group or individuals, gave \$60.00 per month, your team would not only have more than enough to pay for each weekend, but also have enough to help a team or teams that are not as fortunate. We must not forget our own team needs, strive for that first, but also begin to think of the bigger picture and our responsibility to help grow Kairos throughout this state and indeed the world.

Below I have corrected the actual cost of a Kairos weekend that I presented in the last newsletter

In the last Kairos newsletter I mistakenly stated the cost of a Kairos Weekend. The following is the average cost to put on a weekend.

Inside the institution costs, Food, Drinks, Food Service Materials, Poster Paper, Markers, etc; in other words those items that will be used or touched by the residents, the average cost is;.....	\$3500.00
Freedom Guides, Crosses, etc;.....	\$230.00
International's Affiliation Fees, we have to send International, \$15.00 for every resident who completes a weekend. If 42 residents complete a weekend we send, for each and every weekend.....	\$630.00
Leader Expense Money, which includes, Advance Kairos Training, Ezra Disc, and expense money.....	\$295.00
Total.....	\$4655.00

This is per weekend

You can see it costs more than you thought

Edd Harrison

Kirby Yocum who worked on Torch #2 at Sumter YDC was killed in an automobile accident in Utah in early September. He was a seasonal worker at Halls Crossing, part of the National Park Service's Glen Canyon Recreation Area. Kirby's dream was to be a park ranger. We offer our condolences to his patents, Kirby and Diana Yokum of Griffin, GA.

Dear Sponsor,

I came to Kairos, to see for myself what everyone's been talking about, once I got there, I was a little unsure if I belonged there, because we lived a life of sin, money, women, cars, life in the fast lanes, Etc, but once I sat there, and listen to what the Kairos Team had to say, and there life's stories I found how God changed them, in every way! and I really wanted in on what they had, so much that on Aug. 20, 06. I gave my life to Christ, because I wanted joy/peace/and Christ in my life, now I'm a new person thank to Kairos. We never picked up a bible before, But now I can't seem to put it down. Praise God! We struggled all my life thinking, I don't need anyone! I'm the man! So I thought? until the Kairos Team showed me I'm not in control of nothing, unless God lets me. But now I see why God let me mess up my life.

Thanks to Ron Walling who sent us a copy of this letter from ASMP #35, which is reprinted with permission.

because he knew I'd hit bottom sooner or later, and I did. and at Kairos #39 I discovered there was so much love there, we never seen so much of it in one place, and I wanted to be apart of it so bad, I gave my life to the Lord. Thank You Jesus!

I came to Kairos. with nothing in my heart. Lost, and hopeless. What I found was. Gods love, and new brothers. and I gave my life to the Lord so he can do his will. work threw me, so I can spread his ~~word~~ words. What I'm takes away is Christ, where I go, he goes, because he lives within me. Oh- what a joy it is to have Christ living in your heart! Praise God!

I can't thank Kairos Team enough for showing me the way to my new friend Jesus! Bless each and everyone of them. Sincerely, Brother in Christ
Randall Watson. Family of St. James
KAIROS #39 A.S.M.P.
Praise God! Thank You Jesus!
God is Alive in my heart!

ASMP Continued

chain extended around the conference room almost twice. Someone estimated that it was over 300 feet long and contained about 1200 names.

Heard at Closing

- I came here lost, found and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Christ is with me now and I am going to take him back to my dormitory.
- I have a fire burning within me to tell others of Christ.
- Came skeptical found that God loves knuckle heads, I am proof of that.

- Thank you Jesus for picking me to attend this weekend.

Many decisions were made but not voiced verbally. A very stirring 4th day talk was given by an inside Kairos Graduate. Warden Victor Walker came and spoke at our closing. Warden Walker took over the duties as warden of Augusta State Medical Prison in July of this year. Warden Walker came as a strong supporter of the Kairos prison ministry. This was the first time a warden of ASMP had spoken at a closing that anyone there could remember.

Chaplin Roy Norman a long time supporter of the Kairos program also spoke at closing.

The following Saturday August 26, 2006 we conducted our Instructional Reunion. We took in 17 team members and met with 38 returning Participants for a day of prayer and share teaching and learning. The Participants seem to be excited about becoming a part of Share and Prayer Groups in their dormitories.