I realize it may be too early to talk about the upcoming gift-giving season but what I am referring to is “the reason for the season.”

Would you like to give a relative, or a friend or a co-worker the perfect gift that will:

- Change their lives forever
- Introduce them to a group of some of the finest individuals they will ever meet
- Offer them the opportunity to go on a mission trip without boarding a plane (or leaving the country)
- Allow them to have a major impact on someone’s life
- Allow them to receive frequent (recurrent) personal blessings
- Give them the opportunity to help a young adult make better choices
- Confirm our God is a forgiving and loving God
- Erase the walls between Christian traditions
- Give them the opportunity to witness a miracle
- Allow them to actually live Matthew 25:33-40

What is the gift? It is the opportunity to become a volunteer in the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Kairos volunteers have been serving in state institutions in Georgia for over 20 years. Some of the men and women currently serving have been involved from the very beginning. They will tell you it is very difficult to quit once you have experienced a Kairos weekend.

Today, in Georgia, Kairos is in three women’s and twenty men’s prisons and one youth detention center. Currently there are two Kairos Outside communities ministering to the female family members of those incarcerated.

We estimate there are between 800 and 1,000 volunteers statewide in Georgia.

Kairos of Georgia has a goal of increasing that number by 33% in the next 12 months.

In 1998 I was living in California and was invited to participate in a Kairos weekend at San Quentin prison. I was asked again in 1999 and both times I responded with “thanks but no thanks” (what I was really thinking was “are you nuts?”). I had no desire or interest in going inside a prison, especially San Quentin.

My wife and I moved to Georgia in 2000 and the very first couple we encountered at a church function was Hal and Kathy Benson. Hal asked me if I knew anything about Cursillo and when I said yes, his next question was have you heard about the Kairos prison ministry? What if Hal had not asked me the question? The following month I began serving in Kairos and have continued to serve for the last 8 years.

Hal gave me the perfect gift.

Please think about giving this wonderful gift to someone.

If you are not currently involved, please pray about this decision and if you feel led, please contact me. There are Kairos communities all over the state of Georgia.

Jim Miller
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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.

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Kairos of Georgia Agape Coordinator

Kairos offers a wonderful opportunity to help Christians respond to Christ’s calling by communicating His love through their gifts of Agape.

The Agape Coordinator’s job is to gather and receive the prayers of visible Agape and deliver it to the Kairos Team Agape Coordinator, who presents it to the Kairos Participants on the weekend.

This is a critical part of the Kairos ministry. We are in need of someone who feels led to serve the Georgia Kairos community and ensure those expressions of love are delivered to the participants.

Please consider if you are being called to offer your time and talents in this way.

You may contact James Miller, Chairman, Kairos of Georgia State Committee at jfmiller23@bellsouth.net

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Kairos Outside Celebrates 10 Years

May 31st Kairos Outside of North Georgia celebrated its 10th Anniversary! Joanne Astalos, who was responsible for starting Kairos Outside in Georgia, was one of our featured speakers.

KO has been so blessed to have had Joanne answer the call God put on her for starting this special ministry. She is the first to say many others helped get this new ministry off the ground. We thank all of you!

Vida Ellis, a former guest from KO #5, was our second speaker; what a special day for Vida as she not only had her two daughters with her, but her son James as well, who had just been released from prison only a few days earlier!!

It was James, after going through Kairos Inside, who persuaded his mother & sisters to attend Kairos Outside. This was truly a life changing experience for all three of them & showed the rest of us that this is what the Kairos ministry is all about!

We were also able to have most of our former weekend leaders with us (one came from Tennessee to join us). As we called out each leader’s name, we also asked for the guests & team from that same weekend. It was fun to see how many women & men have made KO a part of their lives!

We had a wonderful time sharing & catching up with old KO sisters & brothers, great music, and of course, food!

We are looking forward to our next Weekend, #22, Oct 17 – 19th. Cindy Credille will be the leader, Mary Turner OL1 & Artie May Storey OL2. Please pray for the leadership, team, and especially the guests whom God has ordained to have their own Special Time!

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Now you can easily get a map and directions to any institution in Georgia that has a Kairos presence. Just go to our website

http://www.kairosofgeorgia.org

and click on Directory. Then click on any Institution’s name and you will get a Google map of it’s location. You can zoom in or out as needed.

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Hopefully the website has become a place that you regularly visit in order to receive updates on the ministry, download the latest forms and guidance or just simply to look up a phone number of one of our key personnel.

I want to talk about a component of the website that many may not be aware of. As part of our website hosting plan, we are allotted a certain amount of storage space for our website files. Our allotment is 1024MB.

The MB is not all that important to understand, think of it in gallons. Of that 1024 we are only currently using 75. What is the other 949 used for? Certainly we will use some of it for growth as the website expands and more information is included on the site.

This brings me to the point of this article. I can give you many examples of situations where people have lost their data because of a computer failure and an inadequate or non-existent backup system. I have always said, "Anything worth keeping is worth backing up."

I sort of paraphrased this from my dentist who always said, "Only brush the teeth you want to keep."

For those that maintain computerized data concerning this ministry, what is your backup plan? How do you safeguard the records, the documents and files that are so vital to Kairos of Georgia in today’s electronic world?

Many people do not think of disaster recovery until it is too late. So how do we connect our website storage space to backup/disaster recovery?

Our website storage space is backed up continuously. This makes available a large amount of storage space, without any additional charges, available to those who create and manage the information that Kairos of Georgia uses in the day-to-day management of the ministry.

Armed with this information, there should be no reason for us to lose any of the information created and maintained by those serving the Kairos of Georgia Ministry. If you feel like your backup plan is inadequate and you want to discuss using our storage space to backup your critical ministry-related files, then give me a call at 229-245-1903 and we can discuss ways to secure your data.

Coming up—kairosofgeorgia.com e-mail addresses.
As followers of Christ, we recognize that everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God. Stewardship is defined as “the conduction, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.”

God has entrusted Kairos to our care. We are temporary managers entrusted with not only conducting the Kairos program according to His plan, but to managing His finances with care.

The managers who have preceded us have brought the ministry to a place of prosperity and growth. Since the first Kairos weekend at Union CI in Raiford, FL in September of 1976, the ministry has grown to be in 33 states and in the countries of Australia, Canada, England, Costa Rica and South Africa. It is active in over 300 prisons.

I can’t help but be reminded of the parable of the talents that Jesus spoke about in Matthew 25:14-30, where the servant who was given five talents, put them to work and gained five more talents. When the master returned he said, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.”

Kairos has been blessed by increase, but it has also been forced to change to accommodate such growth. The Kairos program itself has not changed since the first weekend over thirty years ago. Even though we, the managers, have tried to change the program along the way to suite our desires, the Lord continues to gently steer us back to His original plan.

But the changes that are taking place now in Kairos are in the area of accountability. The more responsibility we acquire, the more accountability required of us.

In the area of finances, we are accountable to God, because it is all His, to the ministry, because it needs to be able to perform audits, and to the US government, because they say so.

We, Leonard Cole and I, want to make the accounting procedures as easy as possible for Kairos volunteers, who already give so much of their time and talents to the ministry. As we are moving into the fall weekends, we want to update you on some procedures that need to be followed to accurately account for the money donated and to assure reimbursement of expenditures.

The first thing to do if you have been asked to lead a weekend is to go to the kairosofgeorgia.org website, where you will find an abundance of information. There is a section with leader’s information under the forms and downloads link. There you will find a Leader’s Planning Guide that will be a very useful tool.

Other forms that you will find are an Expense Reimbursement form and instructions on how to properly fill it out. This is for reimbursement of weekend expenses, instructional reunion expenses, and other expenses associated with Kairos programs.

There is also a cash advance request form that is for advances for Ezra, AKT, leaders and coordinators. These forms must be approved by your advisory council chair before being submitted to Leonard. If you want to send them electronically, you can email them to your council chair and have him/her email them to Leonard.

There is a supply order form for supplies ordered from International, i.e. crosses, Freedom Guides, dissolving paper, etc. This form must be filled out and sent to Leonard Cole. International will not accept an order from anyone other than Leonard unless the order is accompanied with payment in full, in which case you would not be reimbursed.

Each prison community is encouraged to raise enough money to pay for their weekends, which includes all food and supplies used for the weekend, supplies ordered from International and all affiliation fees associated with the weekend.

I have observed over the last six months that the most successful communities are the ones using the sponsorship program. When you do receive donations, you may turn them into the financial secretary on your advisory council, if they are currently operating through the Donor Program. If not, mail the donations to me, Beth Maycumber, 346 Berry Ct., Villa Rica, GA. 30180.

Please do not hold donors’ checks for several months. If need be, send them in two or three times during the collection process and I will make sure they are credited to the correct institution. If you have any questions or concerns about the reporting process, please feel free to contact me or Leonard.

Let’s all be good stewards of that which has been entrusted to our care.
“Now you are the Body of Christ, and each of you is part of it.”
—1 Corinthians 12

Two facts I hope you will remember about your International Board of Directors: First, all members are volunteers who work weekends. So does all the staff in Orlando. Secondly, it is a Group effort. There is no individual ministry in Kairos. Just like your Advisory Council and your weekend team, your board representatives work together to find and do God’s will.

I asked three questions in the Spring newsletter and at the May State Committee meeting. Let me repeat those to give you information about what your Board of Directors did and did not do in Oakland, August 6—9.

1) How important is it to you that Georgia have a voice in the routine business of Kairos International?

You told me it was important that Georgia have a voice and a vote. Forty-five seated members of the board (out of 57) debated the issue of board size for two days and met to vote in the board meeting the third day. Every voice was heard, every opinion listened to. The consensus was that the day-to-day business of the board and the ministry should be overseen by a smaller group, about the size perhaps of the Executive Committee, which, in fact, is doing that job now. However, Georgia does keep our vote in the larger board, perhaps to be called a “Council of Delegates,” that would meet twice a year, as we do now. The smaller, leaner Exec, or whatever it may be called, will be accountable to the Council.

Exactly how all that will work will take some time to work out. A committee chaired by Bill Young, Virginia, will bring a tentative plan to the board at Orlando, February 2009; and the final board structure and operation will not be completed until next summer. So this shall be carefully and prayerfully done.

2) Do you object to changes in your International Board of Directors?

There was not a lot of response to this question, except that implied by the wishes for as small a board as possible and to keep the one-state-one vote status. So your board will change.

3) What changes would you like to see in how Kairos International conducts business?

The Georgia State Committee asked for as small a board as possible, and I should address the issue of at-large and ad-hoc members on the Board of Directors for your information. I came back from three days on that board convinced that we do need the at-large members and ex officio members, even though our board is very large. Ex officio members do not vote. They typically are members added by the president of the board with the Executive Director John Thompson because of specific gifts or for a limited time to chair a particular committee. Pastors, who are our spiritual advisors, are examples. So are two past-presidents of the board. At-large members do vote. The same rationale applies, at least in my thinking. Examples of at-large members are Diane Criss, Alabama, who is a strong voice for Kairos Outside; our Treasurer George Brown, California; Mike Springer, who authored Ezra; and President Steve Gabriel, Colorado. Thornton Crouch, South Carolina, also comes to mind. At 86, Thornton has served Kairos for over 25 years and is a wealth of information and inspiration.

The short answer is that things will change somewhat, although how much in practical, day-to-day ministry remains to be seen. My personal opinion is that your (and it is yours) International Board of Directors will not miss a beat in serving you, the states, seven foreign countries, and our Lord. Also, remember that you are always welcome at board meetings and committee meetings of Kairos.

There were many more blessings from that gathering, and I am grateful that you let me do what I do. As always, I am available to you at: 229-439-2574 and tomliner@msn.com
On Thursday night in the women’s prison we ask the participants not to judge the weekend until Sunday, to think of the weekend as if we were baking a cake. First we measure the ingredients and then we mix them. If they were to judge the cake by tasting a little of the flour and salt they wouldn’t think it was very good.

Well, EZRA, also, is like baking a cake. The leader needs to add the right ingredients to produce something wonderful.

As Kelvin Thompson likes to say, EZRA provides a roadmap for executing a weekend. If you skip ahead and don’t follow the roadmap, it won’t make any sense. You can’t jump ahead to planning meetings unless you’ve laid out your team formation and assigned specific jobs to the team.

EZRA requires effort but once the information has been entered it produces all the team formation meeting agendas, options for spiritual exercises during the formation process, suggested skits for the team and handouts for the volunteers to present to the team.

If a leader doesn’t take the time at the beginning to enter the volunteer information and follow the basic steps of building the database they will not be able to take full advantage of EZRA.

Most importantly, EZRA produces a customized manual for the leader and the observing leader to use on the weekend. It is concise and easy to read.

**EZRA TIP**
EZRA does allow you to email documents but first you will need to download a free program. Go to www.PDF995.com. (Scroll down to find FREE downloads) and click the download option. Select the PDF printer driver and the free converter. Save it to your desktop. You will need to install the software following the directions provided by the program. There are two parts; be sure to install the second part. Once installed PDF995 creates a new printer on your system, this is not a physical printer but a software printer.

When you want to share a document from EZRA, select the document and go to print, pull down the menu and select PDF995, it will ask you where you want the file it is going to create to be placed; give it a file name — for example, #7 team roster. Once you’ve saved the file to the folder you choose, you can go to your email program, write the email and attach the roster just like any other document.

I’m no computer expert but I was blessed to work with EZRA and as Mike Springer assured us at AKT I was able to relax (a little bit) while leading a weekend because the hard work had been done. EZRA provides the leader with the ability to experience the weekend rather than spend the entire four days putting out fires.

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Georgia EZRA Support Team

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can stay up-to-date on Kairos goings-on by visiting our website often?
One great feature is called THIS JUST IN… and is the first thing you’ll see. You’ll find the latest info here.

And you can download all sorts of forms and other information you need with just a couple of clicks. Plus all kinds of information about the ministry.

Visit the web page and EXPLORE! http://www.kairosofgeorgia.org
Despite our long history of knowing that prayer undergirds the success of our ministry, we have to make sure the agape aspect of this talk gets the attention it needs.

a) It is crucial to communicate with the State Agape Coordinator several months before the weekend to alert him to be anticipating agape for your weekend and be sure he knows who is serving as the community Agape coordinator.

b) The agape team should select 10 or 12 items for the speaker to present, organize it in the geographic order of nearest, then gradually more distant (it’s amazing how often this preferred order is overlooked), and make sure they are immediately available to the speaker when the talk is given.

c) This is a Clergy talk, and the “preacher” needs to exercise some restraint. The 10 minutes allowed to “set up” the You Are Not Alone theme needs to be focused on the required theme and must not just be a general “sermon.” (We dearly love all of our Clergy and they are invaluable to us. But getting a preacher to stop can be a lot harder than getting them started!)

d) The speaker is then allowed 10 minutes to hold up the carefully selected agape items, summarize the message being offered, and share where they are from.

e) The items are to be immediately posted in a conspicuous, easy-to-get-to place on the walls so participants can easily verify the messages presented.

Please don’t take this high-impact process for granted. It is crucial to the development of our message and takes intentional focus and effort.

**Kairos: God’s Special Evening**

Location: Mt. Paran Church of God  
2055 Mount Paran Road Atlanta, GA  
Date: October 25, 2008  
Time: 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Please mark this date on your calendar: October 25, 2008. That will be "God's Special Evening" for Kairos Prison Ministry!

This free "Sit Down Dinner Event" is being presented by Friends of Kairos. It will be a spirit-led, spirit-filled night of food, music and worship featuring powerful testimonies about how Jesus Christ, through the ministry of Kairos, has given hope and renewal to incarcerated men, women and youth throughout Georgia.

If you are a Kairos Inside, Outside or Torch "veteran," this event will also serve as a great introduction to these ministries for any of your friends or church family who may be thinking about getting involved.

More information about this exciting and informational event will be coming by e-mail very soon.
DON'T HATE US BECAUSE WE'RE BEAUTIFUL— IT'S THE MAKE-UP

We've all belonged to groups we couldn't wait to get out of or Boards that were boring. But every once in a while, you find yourself in the right place, doing the right thing and smiling about it.

I'm taking the liberty to say that's how the Advisory Council for Metro feels. We got a good start with Beth Maycumber as head and she built her council slowly. Some experienced and some fairly new people, and a good racial mix with a widespread denominational blend. If positions were not filled or became open, there was no panic but thoughtful, prayerful consideration for just the right person.

While most of us knew someone on the council, not all of us knew everyone. That may not seem so important but the familiarity factor was low. What we all had in common was a love for Kairos and a desire to see that since we had gotten into Metro, to not only stay but to forge a strong relationship between the community and prison personnel.

Just recently, there was an “Officer Appreciation Day.” Although this was not a “Kairos” activity, our Liaison, along with the rest of the community, felt that we should participate. We wrote notes, baked cookies, and even showed up to greet the officers as they came on duty. This was not just “brownie points” for Kairos, but a genuine concern for Metro.

We've just added a “communications position” to our council. Always ready to share ideas and take suggestions.

Shirley Pettus, Advisory Chair

CALHOUN SP FINDS DONOR PROGRAM BOOSTS DONATIONS

Mark Peak, next Weekend Leader, is hard at work. He has been to AKT and is finalizing the team building dates. Mark is an outstanding Christian brother and we, the Kairos Calhoun community, are very excited about the leadership and commitment Mark brings to the Kairos program.

The previous Weekend, Calhoun #9 led by Bill Rowley, was a great success. We've seen an increase in the attendance of residents at the monthly reunions. I don't want to talk about the attendance of the volunteers at the monthly reunion, that's something we need to work on. Really, how much trouble is six hours one Saturday a month?

Kairos Donor was used for the first time on Calhoun #9 and was very successful. Checks and cash donations were deposited promptly and a letter of thanks along with an IRS acknowledgement letter was sent to those who donated. Advisory Councils that are not using Donor are missing a golden opportunity.

The Sponsorship forms have been a very useful tool in fundraising. One can go to different Sunday School Classes in their church and share about Kairos Prison Ministry and leave the form with them to decide if they wish to sponsor a resident for the Weekend. For Calhoun #4,

I gave my wife a Sponsorship form to share the information with her Ladies Sunday School class; after Sunday School she, with tears in her eyes, handed me $125 in cash, three five dollar bills one hundred ten one dollar bills.

With Donor, a letter of thanks along with an IRS acknowledgement letter (showing the amount of cash) is sent to the Sunday School class. How many times have you made a cash contribution to something and you're not sure that it reached your intended purpose?

Kairos of Ga. Website (kairosogorgia.org), EZRA CD and the “Planning Guide For Leaders” (Downloads page of the Kairos of Ga. Website) are tools available to Weekend Leaders to assist them in leading their Weekend.

W. S. (Bill) Dixon Jr.
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Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. (Carl Bard)
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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