



Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is a special weekend retreat designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. In a safe environment with loving people, women interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn to form small support groups to give them strength for the challenges they face.

The Program

The Weekend Retreat is a series of talks and activities by women sharing their life journey. Each Guest has the opportunity to review the talks in small family groups. However, sharing in the small family group is voluntary. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, fun activities and general pampering. The Weekend is Christian in nature, although no religious affiliation is necessary to attend. Those who attend are expected to stay for the entire program.

Origins

Kairos Outside began in 1989 as an idea from the chaplain at San Quentin State Correctional Facility in California after the first Kairos Prison Ministry retreat. He felt, as did many involved in the ministry, that those who became involved in the Kairos program were now open to family unity, more so than ever before.

Kairos Outside is designed to bolster the loved ones who are supporting those incarcerated persons. The women on the outside, in many ways, have to be stronger than those on the inside to survive in today's world.

Purpose

To demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved ones who are or who have been incarcerated.

Goals

To provide a safe place;

To offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting;

To encourage the sharing of life's journey;

To foster spiritual growth;

To promote participation in support groups;

To create an opportunity for a relationship with God.

Who may attend a Kairos Outside Weekend?

Any adult female 20 years old, or older, whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of relatives/friends, is eligible to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend. Women, who did not have an opportunity to attend a Kairos Weekend while incarcerated, may also attend. This program IS NOT limited to those women whose relatives/friends have attended a Kairos Weekend.

This support is first provided in a safe environment with Christian people during a Kairos Outside weekend. During this weekend, the guests will also have a chance to interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn how to form small groups to support and give them strength in their life's journey.

Location

Camp Echeconnee, 637 Mount Paran Road, Lizella, Georgia
(Macon area)