



GEORGIA NEWSLETTER

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

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Chairman's NOTES

Greetings in Christ to my Kairos brothers and sisters!

One of the benefits of being involved with Kairos for some 18 years is to see how the "torch" is handed on from one generation of volunteers to the next. My first invitation to work with Kairos came from Pat McDermott, a state committee member and a member of my church. At the time we were only in two prisons – Stone Mountain (now closed) and Augusta Medical. As you know that number has multiplied ten fold! And while at times it seemed there was more work than workers, for the most part we have been blessed with volunteers willing to do what they can for their neighbor.

With the passing of time and the changing of life situations, people move out of

Kairos ministry and others take up the torch. With apologies for harking back to the "old days," when I began working with Kairos there were 15 people in my own parish who worked with Kairos, now there are only three.

This in some small way reflects the natural ebb and flow of ministry in various Christian communities. It is up to us who are engaged in Kairos ministry to continue to invite more people to consider Kairos as their Christian ministry. Sowing the seeds now will bear fruit in the future! This Christ promises us: if we spread the good news of Kairos ministry and its success in prisons, Christ will inspire the hearts of this next generation of Kairos volunteers.

Keep in mind when discussing Kairos

with people, it is not only the ministry inside prisons where volunteers are needed, we also need people to take over key leadership positions such as agape chairman, book-keeper and more.

These are not positions which require inside prison ministry and yet they are vital to the smooth operations of Kairos of Georgia. These positions and others require 6 to 8 hours a week, but can be done from home. I know Bob Astalos is looking for volunteers for the Observer Program. Training is available for those willing to step up to the plate.

In closing, I thank all of you for your continued support of Kairos. And I thank Don Bowen who has agreed to be the State Volunteer Coordinator. Don has worked hard to help get two prisons started and his main objective will be to provide pointers to advisory councils on ways to recruit clergy and other volunteers. Don's e-mail address is bowendg@bellsouth.net. He will be happy to share his experiences with you.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy summer!

In Christ's peace,
Jim Mauldin
State Chairman

AKT ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

AKT-INSIDE

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June 22 - 24, 2007—WAVERLY, GA
Location: Honey Creek Episcopal Conference Center.
Contact: Jan Thrower,
plainjan@yahoo.com, 352-473-7896

July 13 - 15, 2007—RALEIGH, NC
Location: Peace College, 15 East Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27604
Contact: Ted Cashion,
ted.cashion@ncmail.net, 919-859-1709
or Bob Clinkscates,
clinkscates@inteliport.com, 252-426-7720,

Aug. 24-26, 2007—TAMPA, FL
Location: Day Spring Episcopal Retreat Center, Bradenton, FL
Contact: Jan Thrower,
plainjan@yahoo.com, 352-473-7896 for addition information including application form and mailing address.
Note: Attendees will need to bring personal items and sheets and towels.

AKT-OUTSIDE

AKT-Outside is for Kairos Outside volunteers who are in or will be in a weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council

SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

ASMP #41 Ray Clemons Gene LeFort Doug McAfee	Aug. 16-19, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	HAYS #17 Larry Theisen John Timme Austin Robinson	Oct. 25-28, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	ROGERS #17 Rich Sioufi John Sheehan Bill Hinesley	Nov. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
PULASKI #24 Judy Hastings Susan McCutchen Karen Chaplin	Aug. 23-26, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	LEE #28 Keith Pinkhard Trent Jennings	Oct. 25-28, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	MEN'S #3 Ralph Carroll Doug Edenfield	Dec. 6-9, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader
METRO #5 Karen Miller Della Riemersma Nan Wallace	Sept. 6-9, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	AUTRY #17 Ray Mann Vernon Biggers David Grantham	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH #3 Jodi Anderson Wendy McLeod Ginger Gleaton	Sept 14-17, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	D. RAY JAMES #11 Fred Richard Hal Langevin	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
LOWNDES #7 Charlie Merwin Vic Jameson	Sept. 14-17, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	VALDOSTA #15 Tyson McLane Heath Sellars	Nov. 1-4, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
WASHINGTON #1	Oct. 4-7, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	CALHOUN #8 Matthew Barnes Loyd Kirkland	Nov. 8-11, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
PHILLIPS #7 Bill Hardison Chris Shiver Bob Bolter	Oct. 18-21, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	LEE ARRENDALE #3 Peggy Shipman Debbie Seay	Nov 8-11, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #20 Diane Womble Cynthia Sturm, Cindy Credle Mary Jane Skidmore	Oct. 19-21, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	GSP #17 Arthur Pope Richard Roberson	Nov. 15-18, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		
TORCH Boys Sumter #10 Tim & Jennifer Griggs	Oct. 19-21, 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader	HANCOCK #29 Butch Evans Doug Shenker	Nov. 15-18. 2007 Leader Obs. Leader Adv. Leader		

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
Augusta	3rd	8:30 AM	Ron Walling	706-855-1075
Autry	4th Fri	6:00PM	Kirk Beckham	229-226-4774
Calhoun			Mark Meagher	229-888-9515
Dooley	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	Chuck Clement	770-516-3725
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Hubert Clark	912-729-2884
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Harry Bryant	229-883-0017
Lee Arrendale	2nd	12:00 N	Teresa Osborne	706-486-2412
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
Rivers	1st	8:00 AM	Ed Hall	478-452-4524
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
Washington				
Ware	2nd	10:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	John Clements	912- 568-7617

ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

Prison Name	Council Chairman	Phone Number
Augusta	Ray Clemons	706-790-6395
Autry	Bob Hodges	229-294-0952
Calhoun	David Barnes	229-446-0223
Dooley	Ken Carter	229-273-0957
GSP	Dennis Shasteen	912-876-8623
Hancock	Chris Parker	770-775-6219
Hays	Jim Cheetham	770-739-2939
D Ray James	Harrel Butler	912-778-4449
Lee	Mike Jones	229-924-0120
Lee Arrendale	Dianne Gibson	706-486-2412
Lowndes	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Macon		
Men's		
Metro	Beth Maycumber	770-830-8985
Phillips	Hal Benson	770-664-9118
Pulaski	Joyce Bryant	912-264-4564
Rivers	Gordon Cook	678-423-1069
Rogers	John Ross	912-897-3568
Scott	Mike Newsome	478-474-9006
Valdosta	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Ware	Horace Godfrey	912-778-4330
Washington	Edd Harrison	912-287-0440
Wilcox	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.	Mary Jane Skidmore	678-947-8567
K Outside So.	Ginger Gleaton	229-725-4445
Torch	Marilyn Lewis	770-412-7354

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

By Tom Liner



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

—Ephesians 2

You may or may not be aware that the Kairos International office in Winter Park, Florida, has moved. The new address, in case you need it, is: Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc., 6903 Winter Park, FL 32792. The phone number at headquarters is: 407-629-4948. FAX: 407-629-2668. You never know, that kind of information might come in handy sometime.

Your International Board of Directors had a routine conference call, May 17. Denny Fryman (Indiana) is your Board president; he led the discussion. **Kairos Donor** is the software for Advisory Councils to help with our financial reporting obligations, and it was talked about more than anything else. I hope your Advisory Council's treasurer and financial secretary will be trained soon. For my part, the sooner the better. Georgia has the third largest number of Kairos sites in the country, and we are behind in compliance with Advisory Council guidelines. Make no mistake, those Financial Policy packets are important. But, in the meantime, just be sure you have two people count the money and keep careful records. We are obedient, and accountable to each other.

Most of you know that "Los Hermanos" is the name of the international effort of Kairos to answer God's call to serve overseas. Your Advisory Council can partner with volunteers in Asia, Latin America, Africa. Check with me if your group is interested. Honduras will have a weekend in June, Number two, I believe. Nicaragua will have their first weekend in September. And Uruguay is interested. The main need for these poor countries is, of course, money.

Back at home, my main concern for the Kairos of Georgia State Committee is communication (so what else is new?) Did your Advisory Council have someone at the last state committee meeting? If your rep cannot make the meeting, do you have a backup? Has your group met in a while? Is your Advisory Council following the guidelines from International? Does the leader of your next weekend have the Planning Guide for Leaders? Do we keep our promises? Are we obedient?

As always, bless you for your service!

Tom

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or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos Outside program. AKT-Outside gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry, describes the unique elements of the KO ministry, and then focuses on the details and techniques of leading KO weekend retreats. Kairos policy requires that all weekend leaders must have attended an AKT-Outside prior to leading a weekend.

August 10-12, 2007—WICHITA, KS
Location: Church of the Magdalen, 12626 East 21st Street, Wichita, Kansas
Contact: Pamela Turkle 316-524-3771, or jpturkle@yahoo.com for additional information or mailing address is 705 Gordon Bennett Dr., Haysville, Kansas 67606

November 2 - 3, 2007—ALBUQUERQUE, NM
Location: Montgomery Church of Christ, (2 Blocks East of Louisiana Blvd.) Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Vonni Roth; RichlyBlessed@plateautel.net, or Kathy Wilson; kwilson@dfn.com, Mailing Address: P. O. Box 4226, Roswell, NM 88202

AKT-TORCH

AKT-Torch is for all Kairos Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos Torch program. AKT-Torch gives the what, who and why of the Kairos Torch ministry. Kairos policy requires that all weekend leaders must have attended AKT-Torch prior to leading a weekend.

June 22 - 24, 2007—UPLAND, IN
Location: Taylor University
Contact: Chris Reeder; 317-594-9431; abreeder@comcast.net

In 2003, Kairos volunteers donated over 3.5 million volunteer hours to the various departments of corrections here and abroad. If you multiply 3.5 million times the minimum wage in the USA of \$5.15 per hour, our ministry donated \$18 million in volunteer time. Volunteers paid \$2 million for supplies, bringing the total donation to \$20 million.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL HUB FOR KAIROS EFFECTIVENESS: THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

BY BOB ASTALOS, STATE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



In monitoring Kairos Inside weekends across Georgia, the most pressing difficulty I see, is those communities that do not have a fully staffed and functioning Advisory Council (AC).

The heart of Kairos Inside is the development and functioning of on-going Prayer and Share Groups.

In order for that to happen, all aspects of the ministry need to be functioning well. There needs to be a plan for:

- Recruiting – Many of our teams operate short handed.
- Sponsorship Program/Outreach – Inviting others to participate in the ministry.
- Agape Coordination – It's a huge & enormously important function.
- Financial accountability – It's crucial we do it right.
- Mentoring —of team members w/o street weekend experience.
- Etc. A total of 11 positions are the required minimum for a properly organized AC.

A weekend Leader cannot possibly do all these activities. It takes at LEAST the 11 required people to get all the work done.

See the International website, < kairosprisonministry.org>, to download the "Advisory Council Operating Procedures" as approved February 3, 2007, for the complete document on how AC's are required to function. Get a copy and see what your AC needs to do to become more effective.

It is clear that those communities without well organized Advisory Councils are the ones who suffer the most difficulties.

The reasons these communities have poorly functioning AC's vary greatly. For some it is truly a lack of finding community members who are willing to take on the responsibilities.

For others, it appears that the leadership of the AC really

likes to be hands-on, and do everything themselves. Some of us Kairos "junkies" don't want to let go, all the while complaining about the workload!

For still others, it may be they are not good organizers, and don't see what actions need to be taken in order to get organized.

For some, it appears that the true and trusted old-timers have decided how Kairos

should be conducted and may not want any other people participating. New people just create more problems.

And some may still resent the International Office and the authorized program, and simply want to do things their own way.

One fundamental problem viewpoint is that Kairos simply means putting on weekends, and we already know how to do that. And we can get from weekend to weekend with the people and organization we already have.

Getting well organized will enable you to field larger teams ...for 42 participants, there needs to be 44 outside team members. It is impossible to give participants the loving, individual attention they need if a team member is hosting more than one participant. (See page III-27 in the Blue Program Manual for the policy on team size and number of participants.)

The larger team will gather-in the resources needed to properly support and give stability to the continuing ministry.

Talk with your AC Chair to ask how you can be helpful. Offer your own resources to make and keep this ministry functioning at the level it needs to be. If your AC is functioning at less than the ideal level, take some initiative and push for more complete organization.

God bless you for your faithful commitment, servanthood, sacrifices and energy!

Bob Astalos

WEEKEND•REPORTS

GSP 15

Nov. 9–12, 2006

Jerry Oldham, Leader

What an awesome time we had on this weekend! We had a total of 30 residents come down for the weekend and 29 of them completed the 3 day course.

We had dropped down the number of tables from 6 to 5 and it worked out real well for our Kairos weekend. At times we seemed to fall behind schedule but the Lord redeemed the time and we would end up 30 to 45 minutes ahead of schedule and we didn't skip a beat, we were able to cover everything without cutting the time on anything.

During one of our times of singing it seemed like we were just hitting the ceiling with our songs and felt a bit disconnected, but as soon as we had the inside team come and join us and we all stood together as one body in worship, the atmosphere changed and the presence of the Lord swept through and things began to break.

God's love, compassion and grace were very evident within the testimonies and talks of the team members and could also be seen in how they interacted and shared with the residents within their table families. It was truly amazing to me to see God bring a bunch of Christians together from different backgrounds and denominational beliefs to minister in unity His love, mercy, compassion, acceptance and forgiveness to a bunch of guys who were hurting in ways we could only imagine. God is so good!

One last thing I would like to share, the meals that we all shared together were unbelievable. Each meal we ate was eaten in almost total silence, not because of any rule or regulation but because of the awe and the expression of love that was poured into each meal. The most memorable meal was the Thanksgiving dinner we planned for them on Saturday evening. When we brought in the turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, you could literally hear a pin drop in the room. Very few spoke while eating it and few could finish everything they had, even the

dessert.

When I shared with the ladies who were cooking the meals, it brought tears to my eyes. Just amazing what a little expression of agape such as home-cooked meals can do for someone.

This weekend was a total blessing and we are looking forward to the weekend coming up. God bless!

KAIROS OUTSIDE OF NORTH GEORGIA #19

April 27–29 2007

Shirley Barrett Leader

North Georgia Kairos Outside # 19 was a weekend that I find hard to describe with words. A few that come to mind are, delightful, awesome, so filled with love! God's love was shared this weekend, through both the team, and guests.

The team came and went but God was always there, from the first, "Hello, we're so glad you're here" on Friday night, to the last song on Sunday afternoon, God was at this weekend! And hopefully the ladies took Him, and all they felt on the weekend, home with them.

We started with about 40 names, knowing the some would go away, for one reason or another, and it seemed like God wanted 17 guests on this weekend, and that's how many were there on Friday, and the same 17 were there for the closing, to tell what this weekend meant to them.

Finally, It was a pleasure to serve as leader on this North Georgia Kairos Outside # 19, I received such a blessing. My team was great, but we give all the credit to God! Thank You for the opportunity to serve.

PULASKI #23

Feb. 22–25, 2007

Karen Chaplin, Leader

Kairos #23 was a weekend of warfare and miracles. Most of the participants came in ready to receive from the Holy Spirit. A few came in ready to spiritually attack because of different demonic backgrounds. As the team prepared each morning to go in to the prison, we put on each spiritual garment

for warfare and stood fast in prayer and in God's mighty promises in His Holy Word. As God became stronger, Satan became weaker. God broke the demonic strongholds and the walls came tumbling down and the participants were able to receive from the Holy Spirit and crossed over from walking in a life of darkness into a life of light and Godliness.

The team members grew through this awesome progress and I believe each one of our faith became much stronger and we realized, as we saw one after another, that God is still performing miracles today!

Heard at Closing

- * What I was looking for at my life – love. He has been calling me. spent 45 years of my life Leading people to Hell. I'll spend the rest leading people to God.
- * Today I know I can stomp on the devil and give people my love and my God.
- * I now know who I am. I was the enemy's pawn, but now I'm a part of God's army. I will need other's help – get thee behind me, Satan!
- * I didn't know what to expect. I hated a lot of people – mostly officers but now I don't.
- * I had a lot of hate and anger. I felt nobody loved me but my mama.
- * Now I know that a lot of people love me. I am a leader and can lead one to Christ. I'm here for a change. Satan can't stop this. I am HIS daughter.
- * I didn't have time to think about coming to Kairos – I had 15 minutes before coming on Thursday night. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn. I can dance and sing and have a good time.
- * God pushed me here. Kairos has done a lot for me – so strong that it is shaking me to my toes.
- * Beyond words, spiritual high, don't want to come off clouds; you are never alone and I give glory to Jesus Christ.
- * I am not at a camp but at an army. I closed doors, and very bitter and hated officers – God lifted my sadness, hurt and guilt, and I received forgiveness.
- * I got a breakthrough! I didn't know I could be loved this much in prison.