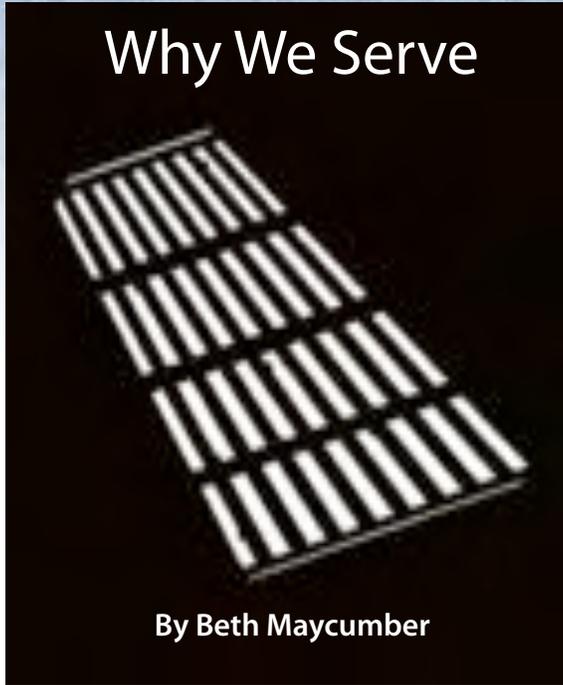




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## KAIROS OF GEORGIA NEWSLETTER

### Why We Serve



By Beth Maycumber

The first time I served on a Kairos team I was nervous, anxious, and somewhat apprehensive. I did not know what to expect, but I certainly did not expect what I found. In prison I found Mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters.

I found people just like me that for whatever reason, decision, choice or circumstance, are now behind prison walls and separated from their families and loved ones. As I began to listen to the story of their lives my anxiety began to wane and I knew that I was entering a holy and sacred place with them. That very place where God resides.

Every story was different and every path as unique as our own fingerprint. No way could I be judgmental, as I have made too many bad choices in my own life. So my concern became could I love them?

I found the answer as my heart began to melt when I shared in the pain and sorrow of their past hurts. Then my heart began to rejoice as they found God waiting for them at the bottom of that pain. It was as if He was waiting to be uncovered from the pile of hurt, so He could begin to comfort and heal.

As I watch in amazement time and time again, God transform the lives of those incarcerated individuals, I can't help but notice my own life being transformed. And I learn that yes I can and do love them.

Kairos is dedicated to bringing Christ's Love to incarcerated individuals and their families. Those of us who serve in Kairos do so because we have seen the work God does in the lives of the residents that attend a weekend.

We get to witness first hand how love conquers hate, how anger is tamed, how sadness becomes joy and how unforgiveness just dissolves away. We hear testimonies at closing about restoration, healing, and freedom and we know that

even though they are still behind locked doors, they have been set free. That is why we serve.

Of course, not everyone is called to serve inside the prison, but we are called to do something for the poor, the sick, the incarcerated, the least of these. If you would like to get involved, it costs approximately \$125.00 to put one resident through the Kairos program. A full Kairos is forty two residents. We host two Kairos weekends a year at each prison and are currently serving in twenty two prisons in Georgia. Kairos is a 501-C3 non-profit organization and more information can be found on the [kairosgeorgia.org](http://kairosgeorgia.org) website. If you would like to make a donation you will surely be storing up treasure in Heaven. Checks can be made payable to KPMI, Inc. and mailed to:

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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

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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
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Wilcox	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.	Alice Dickerson	770-214-1343
K Outside So.	Ruthie Spell	229-759-8544
Torch	Steve Durham	229-853-7586

## Communications and the Program Committee

The Program Committee is established to encourage the presentation of the Kairos programs in our state consistent with the manuals and policies of Kairos Prison Ministry International. That's it, that's all. As we get organized, that is what we are charged with and that is what we will strive to do.

Unfortunately, that will be a very tough job for us until we improve our ability to communicate effectively with weekend leaders, advisory councils and those that have a direct hand in administering the various Kairos programs.

Because we are such a geographically separated group of volunteers, communications is one of our biggest issues. Kairos volunteers do not operate in a vacuum and neither do Advisory Councils, State Committees or even the leadership at the International office. How can we improve our ability to communicate? Here's some thoughts

**1.** If you are an Advisory Council Chairperson or a State Committee Representative for your Advisory Council, please make sure we have the "BEST" phone number to reach you and an e-mail address. If you don't check your e-mail address regularly or even at all, please consider providing us with someone on your Advisory Council who does check their e-mail regularly and can relay information to the Advisory Council members and community volunteers.

Which brings us to a critical point concerning communications — please communicate information received to your community volunteers. Some will eventually become weekend leaders and hold elected positions on the Advisory Council and State/International positions. Keeping them in the loop about what is going on within the ministry is critical to its success.

**2.** If you are a Weekend Leader, check out the *This Just In...* and **Kairos Kronicles** information on the website. Each one of those have been archived for your review on the Newsletter page of the website.

**3.** If you are a regular Kairos volunteer who just wants to keep up with what is going on in the ministry, sign up for the Kairos of Georgia *This Just In ...* and/or **Kairos Kronicles** notifications. These automatically go to the State Committee Reps and Advisory Council Chairs and **Kairos Kronicles** goes to those who complete AKT, but many have asked to be added to that mailing list. Just send an e-mail to [kronicles@kairosorgia.org](mailto:kronicles@kairosorgia.org) to be added.

Blessings as you continue to serve.

Your 2009 Program Committee is:

Lee Turner - Kairos Inside (Men) and Chairman  
 Susan McCutchen - Kairos Inside (Women)  
 Alice Dickerson - Kairos Outside  
 Sheila Durham - Kairos Torch

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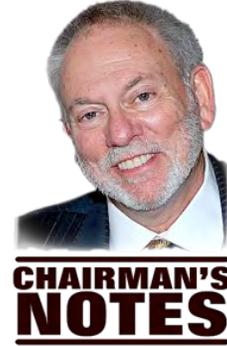
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# MISSION TRIPS

## (MADE EASY)

By Jim Miller



Did you know that over 1,000 of your friends and neighbors participated in 28 mission trips and not one of them boarded an airplane?

Whether they served in Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside or Kairos Torch, these 1,000 volunteers had a mission trip experience without traveling more than one hour (by car) from their home.

Did you know there are currently 28 mission fields located throughout the state of Georgia?

If you've never been on a Kairos Weekend, I want to personally invite you to join Kairos for the experience of a lifetime.

The best news, you won't need :

- a passport
- vaccinations
- to learn a new language
- to deal with hassles at airports
- to fly across a large body of water
- to pack for two weeks before the trip
- to be concerned about drinking the water

All you need to bring on the trip is:

- the love of the Lord and a servants heart

More good news, we leave for the same 28 mission fields again in the Fall of 2009.

If you have ever wanted to witness a miracle we can promise that you will witness many miracles when you join us on a Kairos mission trip.

Please,

- pray about joining Kairos
- visit the website [kairosgeorgia.org](http://kairosgeorgia.org) to learn more
- or send me an email or call me and I will handle all your arrangements.

Thank you for considering service in Kairos and God bless you,

Jim Miller

State Chairman

Kairos of Georgia

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# Will You Reach Out?

Sister Pat Thompson, RSM (NACC certified chaplain)



Who of us, called to full-time ministry in God's service, does not want to lead those with whom and for whom we minister to a deeper understanding of God's love for them? Who of us is not concerned about those who go astray? We have all met and been with individuals who worried that either they were going to hell or someone they loved was going to hell because of having broken God's commandments and not repenting.

Only as we sit with them, listen to them, and allow them to get to know us and trust us, will such individuals begin to believe God is a merciful and loving God who understands and accepts each one of us, who loves each one of us more than we can comprehend, and who calls each one of us to change our ways of living and thinking. We are to put on Christ.

Every time I participate as a clergy person during a Kairos Inside weekend and the subsequent monthly reunions, I am awed and brought to tears by the miracles that unfold right before my eyes. Here are just two examples.

A woman who has never been to Church and who knows little about God stands up at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday and before everyone

says, "I know for the first time in my life that I am loved and God is my father. I forgive my abuser."

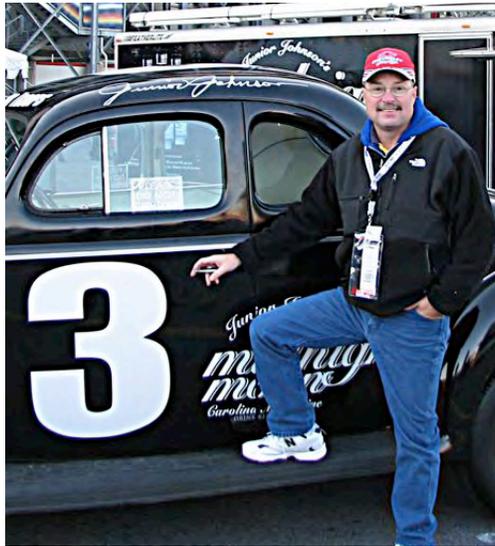
The power and presence of God is so evident when a young woman says, "I came in here Thursday night with my head down, with a frown on my face, and with a lot of anger. I didn't care if I lived or died. Today, I stand here in front of you, smiling, and wanting to live so that I can praise God. I am a new person. I am alive now, really alive."

The stories are endless. I leave the prison, knowing I have been where God wanted me to be. I was only asked to be myself, to listen and to love the way God listens and loves each one of us.

If you are a clergy person, please consider reaching out to those who have gone astray. Consider becoming involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry as a member of an Inside Team, an Outside Team, or a Torch Team.

If you aren't sure you are being called, join in a Closing Ceremony on the Sunday of a nearby Kairos weekend. You will have the opportunity like no other to imitate the Good Shepherd. In His name I ask you, "Will you reach out to those needing and waiting to be brought into fold?

When I was in prison, you came...."



## The Latest Website Stuff

By Lee Turner, Webmaster

The website continues to grow and evolve as more and more volunteers come to know more about what is on the site and how to find the information and then make recommendations for additional information. I don't know of a single productive website that is "finished." The Kairos of Georgia website is a work in progress and will forever be. Things are constantly updated and added. I learned early on that a website that is easy on the eye will attract people to your site but one that has current, relevant information will bring them back.

The newest addition is the Videos page. We have included 7 Kairos videos on the site. There are

some from our standard stable of promotional videos as well as an outstanding one from Australia. I encourage you to check them out. Just go to <http://www.kairosgeorgia.org> and click on Videos at the top of any page.

We are always looking to post any information that will be useful for Weekend Leaders, Advisory Councils and Kairos Volunteers. If we are leaving something out that you think would be appropriate, let us know. The e-mail link is at the bottom of every page.

Coming VERY soon - A Kairos of Georgia Facebook group and Kairos Shirt sales.

**HOW TO**

## Get More Volunteers!

By Mike Jones

The life blood of any non-profit organization is donations and volunteers. Without both, Kairos ceases to effectively serve those to whom we've been called to minister. Ultimately, it's the responsibility of the local Advisory Councils to recruit new volunteers and to raise the funds necessary to sustain the ministry. It's NOT the responsibility of each new Leader.

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# Taking Kairos Outside Inside

By Rev. Dennis Silvernail

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I wish to share with you God's success at Autry S.P. concerning the Kairos Outside Program. It started after our last State meeting, listening to the Kairos Outside speakers and the former residents and their families, I went back to Autry and asked God to help move the residents to participate in this ministry.

The next monthly reunion, I brought Applications & Brochures to the meeting and handed them to the Inside Leader. I then gave a brief talk to all the residents about the program, explaining that the Leader now has the applications and brochures, and to please see him to get them and fill them out. That week we received 3 applications, the next week we received 9 applications.

I talked to the residents again, explaining how this is probably the only gift that they will ever be able to give to those female acquaintances, and one they will cherish for the rest of their life. I was then lead by God to one of the residents, he had sponsored his mother for a Kairos outside weekend. I asked if he would be the next inside speaker

and talk to the residents about his mother's experience, and what it meant to her and how it brought the two of them closer together.

That next reunion, I talked to the men about Acts, 20:35, Jesus say's, It is more blessed to give than to receive. I told them they had been blessed to receive this special gift of being part of Kairos, and that now it was their turn to give that gift to those in their life that need it. I commented to them that those family members are being persecuted for staying with them, shut out of families, churches, work, and social groups. Now is the time to Give. Then the inside speaker I had chosen, talked about his mothers experience.

After that, out of 30 applications, I had none. They were coming up asking for 2, 3, even 4 applications at a time. I had 9 already filled out by the end of the night. There were still a lot of men that asked for applications and I had to tell them that they were all gone, but rest assured, I will come with even more. I will continue to mention Kairos outside at every meeting that I participate in at Autry.

## **Volunteers** Continued

But regardless of who takes the lead, if we don't ask people to volunteer or to donate, they won't! Our ongoing responsibility is outreach — to raise awareness of Kairos in the Christian community and plant the seeds of opportunity.

Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI) provides resources and guidance to help local Advisory Councils in both recruiting and fundraising. Those resources include videos, brochures, and even presentation scripts that can be easily modified to address local audiences and situations. Go to the Kairos of Georgia web site ([www.kairosoutside.org](http://www.kairosoutside.org)) and then open the "Volunteer Recruiting and Resource Building Guide" for an excellent primer on KPMI's strategy for growing the ministry. The "Outreach2 Presentation Guide" outlines a specific approach for presenting the Kairos ministry to many outside audiences. The site also contains an "Interest Card" that can be easily downloaded and reproduced as a tool for collecting the names of those who might have been touched by the presentation. There is also a list of DVDs and CDs

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## **Volunteers** Continued

available from KPMI. The list includes titles and descriptions of many resources that can be used in formal presentations and which are available at no cost from KPMI.

The primary strategy advocated by KPMI to further this ministry is that we as individuals and as corporate Advisory Councils must simply plant the seeds — tell God’s story of His work in the prison and in the families of the incarcerated. The Holy Spirit will produce the fruit, the persons He wants to be involved. And, finally, we must then harvest that fruit by pursuing those who have been selected and specifically offering them the opportunities to serve or donate.

Our task is simply to be obedient to God’s calling in our individual lives and in any way that God may use us to reach others. As we tell everyone we can about the amazing things that God is doing in restoring lost lives to His kingdom, God will deliver on His promises. When we give others the opportunity to be touched by the Holy Spirit, they will be inspired and motivated to join in on the work of God.

Please contact me by phone (229-924-0120) or e-mail (mandgjones@mchsi.com) if you want to discuss practical ways to spread those seeds.

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