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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT By Tom Liner

Report on Kairos International Board Winter Board Meeting January 27, 28, 2006



When you go to the Winter Board Meeting in Orlando, they will feed you well, and you will enjoy the camaraderie and sharing from Kairos, Kairos Outside, and Torch volunteers all over the country and out of the country. Like Kairos people wherever you find them, they are friendly, enthusiastic, and in love with the Lord and each other. The two days are joyful, sometimes intense, but generally filled with open hearted sharing and laughter.

Friday afternoon is given to committee meetings, and they are all open to you. I sat in on the Organization meeting chaired by our friend Jack Revell from Texas. This one was on the new Advisory Council Operating Procedure that we have been talking about in Georgia. So why change expectations for the Advisory Councils? Simply to be obedient to our calling wherever we serve. Jack says, "The point is to keep the focus on Jesus." What did I learn there? Our Advisory Councils in Georgia need to meet and function as they are asked to do for the good of the ministry, the volunteers, and those we serve.

The Torch meetings are always lively, and they met all afternoon. I sat with them very briefly and cannot give you a coherent report from their discussions. Johnnie Duncan and Mary Jane Skidmore were in the Kairos Outside meetings, and they last all afternoon as well.

Late Friday afternoon found me in the Long Range Planning meeting. Steve Gabriel from Colorado chairs that group, and right now the committee keeps its finger on the pulse of the recent changes in Kairos and the ministry's growth. We did talk about

after care. Some of us know there is a need there, but do not know what, if any, part Kairos volunteers can play in it.

Saturday is the Board meeting itself, and that really is what I need to tell you about. Cameron Cooke from North Carolina is the President of the Kairos Board, and he steers the proceedings with a gentle touch. We elected some people to the Board who had been nominated in one way or another, among them a retired policeman from Florida and a former probation officer from California; and we elected an executive committee that operates during those months between Board meetings. They meet monthly by telephone.

What most affects the lives of volunteers and their Advisory Councils are the motions that are passed at that meeting. We passed seven of them. The first action was to adopt the Accounting and Financial Procedures that your State Committee has been briefed on. We have a finance committee for Georgia that you will hear more from shortly. A checklist and manual for finances will follow, probably within the year. There also will be software coming called **Donor** to keep up with things. Don't be afraid of this change. It is good sound practices for any charitable organization, and it keeps us accountable to each other. The second motion passed allows a change in the representation on the Kairos Outside board. Advisory Council Operating Procedures were modified slightly, and so were the State Committee Operating Procedures. Advisory Councils have been trained by some of us from the state committee, and our state committee has already changed our by-laws to comply with the new procedures from National. My per-

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SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION



June 2 – 4, 2006
 JACKSONVILLE, FL
 Location:
 Marywood Retreat Center
 Register with Jan Thrower;
 plainjan@yahoo.com; 352-473-7896.

June 23 – 25, 2006
 WAVERLY, GA
 Location:
 Honey Creek Conference Center:
 Register with Jan Thrower;
 plainjan@yahoo.com; 352-473-7896.

August 18–20, 2006
 Norcross, GA
 Location:
 Simpsonwood
 Register with Jan Thrower;
 plainjan@yahoo.com; 352-473-7896.

October 6 – 8, 2006
 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL
 Location:
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL:
 Register with Jan Thrower;
 plainjan@yahoo.com; 352-473-7896.

PHILLIPS #4 Apr. 20–23, 2006
 Chris Burgett Leader
 Don McLeod Obs. Leader
 Mike Smith Adv. Leader

 CALHOUN #5 Apr. 27–30, 2006
 Russell McNeal Leader
 Conner Collins Obs. Leader
 Bill Dixon Adv. Leader

 LEE #25 Apr. 27–30, 2006
 Bill Gahrng Leader
 Jack Teasley Obs. Leader
 Jud Peacock Adv. Leader

 TORCH Girls Macon #9 Apr. 28–30, 2006
 Kim Forehand Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Mickey Walker Adv. Leader

 D. RAY JAMES #8 May 4–7, 2006
 John Peterson Leader
 Brian Harlan Obs. Leader
 Bill Gross Adv. Leader

 KAIROS OUTSIDE NORTH #17 May 6–8, 2006
 Faye Storey Leader
 Vida Ellis, Vickie Holder Obs. Leader
 Sue Martin Adv. Leader

 GSP #14 May. 18–21, 2006
 Rodney West Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Dennis Shasteen Adv. Leader

 HANCOCK #26 May 18–21, 2006
 Bill Sims Leader
 Lee Hill Obs. Leader
 Wayne Pressley Adv. Leader

 METRO #3 June 29–July 2, 2006
 Pushpa Danes Leader
 Nan Wallace Obs. Leader
 Ruth Patton Adv. Leader

 ASMP #39 Aug. 17–20, 2006
 Roger Ervin Leader
 Doug McAfee Obs. Leader
 Paul Balducci Adv. Leader

 PULASKI #22 Aug. 24–27, 2006
 Terry Lees Leader
 Karen Chaplin Obs. Leader
 Donna Tanner Adv. Leader

 LOWNDES #5 Sept. 9–12, 2006
 Dennis Webrand Leader
 Bill Newcomb Obs. Leader
 Greg Sheppard Adv. Leader

 WARE #27 Sept. 7–10, 2006
 Jerry Peterson Leader
 Mike Scott Obs. Leader
 Scott Johnson Adv. Leader

 SCOTT #3 Sept. 14–17, 2006
 Tom Spohn Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Adv. Leader

 Gene Brannen Adv. Leader

 DOOLY #16 Sep. 28 – Oct 1, 2006
 Eddie McLemore Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Adv. Leader

 Elliott Canterbury Adv. Leader

 WILCOX #15 Oct. 2006
 Larry Grace Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Adv. Leader

 Bob Beauchamp Adv. Leader

HAYS #15 Oct. 26–29, 2006
 Kelvin Thompson Leader
 Austin Robinson Obs. Leader
 Chuck Self Adv. Leader

 AUTRY #15 Nov. 2–5, 2006
 Eddie Simmons Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Adv. Leader

 Clarke Liles Adv. Leader

 VALDOSTA #13 Nov. 2–5, 2006
 Ricky Mathis Leader
 Obs. Leader
 Adv. Leader

 Chris Wiggins Adv. Leader

AGAPE

Agape letters for Kairos weekends should be sent to:

Ron Walling

**Kairos of Georgia Agape Chairman
 3204 Sterling Ridge Dr.**

Augusta, GA 30909

(706) 855-1075

ronwalling@yahoo.com

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.

ADVISORY COUNCIL LIAISONS AND CHAIRMEN

If you wish to attend a monthly reunion please contact the **Institutional Liaison** for that institution or the **Leader** of the short course (*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	Adv Council Chairperson	Phone Number
Augusta	3rd	1:00 PM	Ron Walling	706-855-1075	Harold Gibson	706-486-2412
Autry	4th Fri	6:00 PM	Kirk Beckham	229-226-4774	Bob Hodges	229-294-0952
Calhoun			Mark Meagher	229-888-9515	Tommy Dale	229-995-2469
Dooly	4th	9:00 AM	Charles Jones	229-645-3303	Ken Carter	229-273-0957
GSP	1st	10:00 AM	Bruce Hallford	912-876-5659		
Hancock	3rd	8:30 AM	Carl Clayton	770-663-7753	Tom Kibler	770-719-8266
Hays	1st	8:30 AM	Jim Miller	770-777-0621	Paul Daniels	770-641-0086
D Ray James	4th	8:30AM	Bob McKie	912-729-4218	Hubert Clark	912-729-2884
Lee	3rd	10:00 AM	Tom Liner	229-439-2574	Mike Jones	229-924-0120
Lowndes			Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Metro	1st	12:00 N	Anne Armstrong	770-579-9624	Beth Maycumber	770-830-8985
Phillips	3rd		Warren McClellan	770-497-0025	Joe Sheridan	770-491-0025
Pulaski	4th	12 Noon	Sheila Canady	478-788-5439	Joyce Bryant	912-264-4564
Rogers	2nd	9:00 AM	Fred Karst	912-728-4153	John Ross	912-897-3568
Scott			Randy Griffin	478-986-9374	Randy Griffin	478-986-9374
Valdosta	1st	8:00 AM	Tommy McNeal	229-247-2414	Vic Jameson	229-249-9441
Ware	2nd	10:00 AM	Jack O'Brien	912-449-3577	Horace Godfrey	912-778-4330
Wilcox	2nd	9:30 AM	John Clements	912- 568-7617	Russell Clark	912-568-7440
K Outside No.					Johnnie Duncan	706-788-2641
K Outside So.						
Torch					Marilyn Lewis	770-412-7354

sonal thanks to Warren McClellan and Walt Kessel for their tireless work for us in these areas. Then we approved several wording changes in the Kairos International ByLaws.

Now all of that may not be very exciting, but it is necessary for good stewardship of the ministry. We argued some over the motion that requires same gender teams on Kairos weekends and activities. Torch and Kairos Outside are excepted, and we did allow the Executive Director, John Thompson, to have some say so in the matter when he is appealed to.

Then we adopted a Statement of Faith (see below) which you will see very soon in Kairos publications.



Finally, we sent a motion back to committee that would have required states to send excessive state reserves to National. That is one item Georgia surely does not need to worry about.

For your information, Kairos serves 32 states and five foreign countries; Kairos Outside, 24 states and four countries. Some of you will also be glad to know that Kevin Reslover is doing a fine job with Torch. As you know, our Lord blesses all three ministries with all the growth we can muster.

I have a thick notebook from the meeting. If you want to talk about the business of the Kairos International Board of Directors, give me a call or send along an email. I am honored to represent you to the Board.

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.

Statement of Faith

The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry.

Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them, the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servanthood in Christian community.

We stand on the common ground of the following elements of faith:

We in Kairos believe:

The Bible is God's authoritative and inspired word for our faith and our lives.

In the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

In the deity, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ;

Friendship with God is a free gift, for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The love of Jesus Christ motivates His followers to provide food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes for the naked, and visits to the sick and those in prison.

In sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with all incarcerated individuals, their families and to those who work with them inside and outside the correctional institution.

WHAT'S AN SVC?

Introducing the well-known Bob Astalos

For those who still don't know, Bob Astalos (Conyers) is a Part Time member of the Kairos International Staff, and reports to John Thompson, Executive Director. He is assigned exclusively to Georgia, where he has been a Kairos volunteer for 20 years, and an Advanced Kairos Trainer for six of those years.

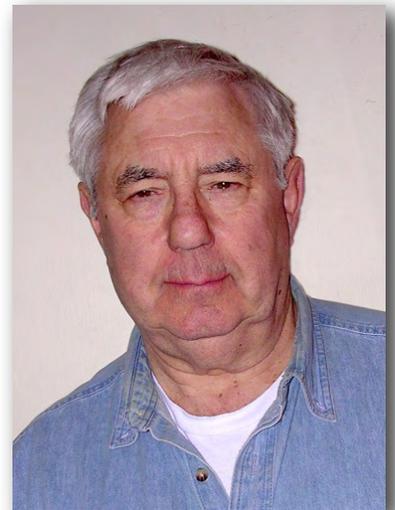
Bob receives a stipend and expense support, courtesy of the Cecil B. Day Foundation, located in Norcross, GA. National's goal is to have such a position in every state with active Kairos ministries, as they are able to find foundations generous enough to supply the financial support.

What's that? Oh yes, SVC. It stands for "State Volunteer Coordinator". The idea is to have National living right among our local Kairos communities, rather than being in a far-off ivory tower on a pedestal somewhere.

Bob's role is to work with Advisory Councils and to sit in on Kairos weekends around the State to be encouraging, supporting & helping, as we all try to present the Kairos gift in the best possible way.

Many of you have already seen him in your Advisory Councils and weekends or State Chapter Committee meetings. If you haven't, you'll surely meet him before long.

Bob is well experienced in the Kairos method, and is available, active and eager to be supportive wherever and however it might be helpful to our ministry. Bob can be reached by phone at 770-922-8246, or by e-mail at teamcom@mindspring.com.





Chairman's NOTES

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Dear Kairos Sisters and Brothers,

With this passage from 1Thessalonians, I offer my own prayers for all of you for the dedication you have to the Kairos prison ministry. For some twenty years, Kairos of Georgia has labored to bring the Gospel of Jesus to our sisters and brothers in prison. Thousands of lives are being touched and changed by Christ working in and through us in our labor of love. This is a powerful witness to what the Spirit can do with a few willing workers. As of this writing, Kairos is active in 16 prisons with more prison doors still opening to us. Our work extends also to Torch and Kairos Outside. Praise God for this success!

Success in our ministry, however, comes at a price. The sacrifice of time comes first to mind. Many of our hours spent with Kairos are hours spent away from family and other commitments. My concern is that we are too few laborers with a too-plentiful harvest. Many of us are working with two prisons at the same time and when you add up the team formation meetings, the weekend itself and the ongoing reunions and then that times two, that becomes too much. We become tired and burdened by our ministry and we risk burnout.

What I believe we need at this point in our growth is a concerted effort to call more laborers to join us. If we look within a 25-30 miles radius of each prison we serve, and invite the churches in that community to get involved, I believe we can find many willing souls to become part of this joyous ministry.

My call to you, then, is to think about how you can make contact with Christian churches and communities and in whatever way you think is best, invite them to learn more about Kairos. Perhaps you can meet with pastors, social justice committees, or make a presentation to a Bible study group. If you are uncomfortable with public speaking, ask your advisory council for assistance or call me and I'll help you line up a speaker. We can give you literature as well.

So let us pray about it and see where and to whom the Spirit will lead us. We know that the Spirit is opening those new prison doors I mentioned earlier – we have an invitation to come into River's State Prison and Men's Prison, both in the Milledgeville area. We need to begin recruiting in those communities so that we can answer this call. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and suggestions. I can be reached evenings at 770-477-9884 and by email at jlmauldin@comcast.net.

In the love and peace of Christ,
Jim Mauldin, State Chairman



Scott #1 Team

SONGBOOKS

Carla von Hoffmann talks about music and answers all your questions... well, some of them, anyway.

The ongoing question: Will National put out a song book? This is the question that has no real answer yet. We will continue to wait and see.

In the mean time, the state of Ga. has a song book on CD that was given to each Advisory Council member a couple of years ago. This has a song book on it with many of the songs in the 1997 green version.

There are also some more contemporary songs added. We continue to have four CCLI licenses for our four regions in our state. This will allow access to many of the recent songs as well as a couple of thousand others. With this resource, a music team should be able to put together some great music.

We are not licensed for any other music so please make sure that all songs used on a week end have a CCLI license. If you are unsure about a song, go to www.ccli.com and put in the region license number. You will have access to song select too. If sheet music is needed, please contact Carla von Hoffmann or Carl Engel as we are the music contacts

for the state. Carla can be reached at cvhbuggie@aol.com and Carl can be reached at engecarl@us.ibm.com. We will be happy to help you out.

There are several different avenues for using music from CCLI. The green 1997 versions of the Kairos Song Book are still legal as long as they have been stamped with the new copyright information on the inside. Your group can have a stamp made or we can let you use the one that we have. Let us know.

You can also make powerpoint presentations, overheads, song sheets and of course, a song book from the CD. If in doubt about what is legal, checkout the ccli website or call them using the number on the site. They are very helpful.

As we represent Kairos Prison Ministry and most importantly, our Father in heaven, may we consider all aspects of keeping our agreement with the CCLI people. If you have any questions that we can help you with, please contact Carla or Carl. Rejoice In the Lord always.... Phil. 4.4



Pulaski # 21



Valdosta #11

MONEY MATTERS

The Georgia Chapter is now following International procedures in handling our finances. Accordingly, we now have three people responsible for handling our monies.

If you have money FOR Kairos, send it to

John Struzick
Kairos of Georgia
3916 Applecross Road
Valdosta, Ga 31605
email: struzick@mchsi.com

If you want money FROM Kairos, contact

Edd Harrison
802 Lee Ave.
Waycross GA 31501
(912) 287-0440
email: hhlins@yahoo.com

Tom Crankshaw is now Auditor — do not ask him for money or send any to him. Acknowledgment letters will be sent only for donations of \$250.0 or more. Acknowledgments for less will be sent upon requests sent to John Struzick.

WEEKEND•REPORTS

KAIROS OUTSIDE SOUTH #1
FEB 17—19, 2006
LIZA MARCHANT, LEADER

When I first started seeking God about starting a Kairos Outside in South Georgia, someone told me that many people had been praying about that for years. After about one year of prayers, meetings and preparation, the team gathered on February 17, 2006 at Kamp Kirksey in Albany, GA for Kairos Outside of Georgia-South #1.

Our first guests started to arrive by 5:00 PM and we were all anxious to meet these strong women who we had been praying about for many months. We had sixteen guests and it was obvious to them and to us that this was truly "God's Special Time" for them. Even on Friday evening we could tell that most of these ladies were ready for this. It was as if they had been waiting for Kairos Outside to come to their area for a long time. We had a few women who weren't sure that they could open up and trust us. As the weekend progressed, they warmed up to us and allowed themselves to be loved by the team. It was hard for them to understand how the team could love them with such a selfless, unconditional love. This, along with the Agape love shown from communities all over the state, country and the world is what finally broke through their "wall."

The theme for our weekend was "Behold what manner of love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God." The ladies truly felt like daughters of the King as they were tucked in on Friday night with a teddy bear and a bedtime story. It was an amazing weekend of sharing, music, laughter, tears, food and fellowship with one another and with God.

HEARD AT CLOSING

"God has rekindled me. I carried a bottle of pills around with me in my purse, but today I flushed them all down the toilet because I want to live."

"I have found priceless healing and spiritual growth, unconditional love and I know that I am special."

"I am 63 years old and have never felt love like this."

"I thought I came here to support my friend, but I found out that God wanted this for me."

"This weekend will be with me for the rest of my life. I felt as if the angels were cheering for me. My life is changed."

"Before I came here, I was asked to be the 'Mother of my church' and until this weekend I never knew what the women of the church could do. Now I know how to go back and be the 'Mother to my church.'"

"I know that I was holding back from the church, but now I am a testimony and I am going to go back and fix that problem with the church."

"I had built up walls, but Kairos Outside broke down all of my walls, and now I love everybody!"

Thank you to everyone who prayed and sent agape for this weekend.

God is Good – All the time!

TORCH SUMTER BOYS #7

MAR. 10—12, 2006

STEVE & SHEILA DURHAM, LEADERS

God had a real special time during the weekend. Several gave their lives to Christ and all of them were changed young men. We had the privilege of having Kevin Resnover the director of Torch, plus an energetic and spirit-filled music group, very busy and dedicated King's men (servant students) and a very harmonious, loving team.

HEARD AT CLOSING

"The best choice I ever made was coming here to Torch."

"God forgives you and gives you another chance. I'm going to make changes."

"I can trust again. I'm going to choose more positive people."

"I can't hide and isolate myself anymore. I found other people who love me besides my family."

"Don't wait to give your life to Christ. I'm gonna stay with Christ."

"I'm going to learn from my mistakes."

"Don't take blessings for granted."

"I learned more about God."

"I leaned about forgiveness. I won't hold grudges anymore."

VALDOSTA #11

NOV. 3—6, 2005

KENNY DRESSEL, LEADER

Leader Thoughts: God truly blessed the efforts of everyone involved in Kairos #11 at

Valdosta State Prison. The Spirit united the team early on, and the spiritual health of the team going into the institution was sound. The community participation in the way of donations, prayer and Agape (cookie and letters/posters) support were rock solid. We recruited and received strong support from several Christian Valdosta State University ministries. If I could summarize the group of residents who were selected to attend KI 1, 1 would say in general this group was more troublesome than previous groups. Troublesome, because poor choices had led to their incarceration. Then, once incarcerated, they resisted authority and challenged the institution rules once inside, more so than previous groups. It was amazing to watch the transformation of these wayward men as the team showed them the Love of Christ. These men responded to the Christian message with hearts aching for acceptance. By the time the Closing Ceremony was completed, God's Glory was reflected in the relationships the men of VSP had established with the volunteers.

The instructional reunion was completed the Saturday following the weekend and the residents of Kairos #11 continued to amaze me at their openness and willingness to adapt their daily lives to the leading of Jesus Christ through His Spirit. They picked up on the requirements and process of share and prayer groups and were well received by the Kairos community. God showed up in a powerful way to challenge, reach, and indwell the hearts of the men of Kairos #11 at VSP.

We started the Thursday night introductions with 42 residents. Friday AM, one of the original (primary list) residents showed up, after having been replaced Thursday by an alternate. I was led to keep all 43 residents, and all 43 finished the weekend!

We were determined to include college men and women into the weekend's schedule so that our younger people would be stirred to God's service to the incarcerated. We had two men from Auburn University and one from the University of Georgia included as team members. In addition, 1 Valdosta State University, and 4 Auburn students participated at the eighth table. Finally there were 20 – 30 Valdosta State University men and women who participated in our Serenade and Closing Ceremonies.

The communication between the Chaplain and the team was solid. The Chaplain had a comprehensive list prepared in time, for the team to deliver sponsor (host) invites.

About the only thing that was troublesome to a degree was the coordination, and communication, between the team and the officers as it related to the schedule. The officers would announce 'pill call' and we would hold the schedule until all residents returned; the institution requirements would put us behind regularly. Early on we didn't question the timing of the required event, and our schedule would suffer. However, we did begin to ask the officers if we could hold off on specific events until a better time in the schedule, and they were very amenable to our requests and needs. It just took us a couple days to figure this out.

EZRA, although being a tremendous help in planning and orchestrating Team meetings and weekend requirements is not a panacea just yet. I was very frustrated by the initiation of the volunteer database into an EZRA friendly format, and quite frankly I gave up after realizing I didn't have the time to see this transformation through to an end state.

The EZRA database is required for Team mailings and assignments and I reverted to locally produced software helps to complete the weekend scheduling(s). Also, the EZRA help disc goes through the introduction every time you load the software, this needs attention.

PULASKI #21
FEB. 23 — 26, 2006
DONNA TANNER, LEADER

Kairos # 21 was an awesome weekend. We had lots of good and interesting team meetings using the Ezra Program and we enjoyed the new things that Ezra helped us to do involving skits, and getting the clergy involved more.

We had 43 team members to go into the institution ready to show the love of Jesus to the participants. The women arrived on Thursday night a little angry, lost, unsure, nervous but ready to see what Kairos was all about. We had 42 participants to arrive but on Sunday we ended up with 41 who completed the weekend.

The conference room was extremely hot for February, so we had to deal with heat and some team members beginning to get the flu and colds.

Everything went on schedule and as God had it to go. Several team members got sick but insisted on staying the weekend to see what God was going to do. The first time music leader did have to leave due to illness but the others jumped right in and even clergy helped with the singing. God was good and at the instructional we saw a different group of ladies eager to learn and get involved in Prayer and Share grouping. It was awesome on the weekend to see the tables pray for each other and bond together. The table families united and prayer counseling began right away.

Our Chaplain Judy Knapp was great to work with us and we shared the love of Jesus to these ladies that were eager to know more and grow in their relationship to Christ. We know that our God does reign and JESUS IS LORD.

HEARD AT CLOSING

"I felt I was on top of the world, a queen cleansed my spirit and I smiled a lot."

"I have grown a lot this weekend; I found so much love — more than any place in my life."

"I was broken and not trusting God and I was tired and bombarded; My trust is back. They love me but they don't even know me. The devil is busy 24/7 and I'll shoot him down cause he has no more power over me."

"I used to be worried what people say about me; My table let me know that God will help me with this."

"I had a lot of hate in me; I found love, peace, and happiness; I found peace of mind with a sincere heart and trust in God."

"I arrived very angry and bitter; I didn't want to come; I learned of humbleness, unity, hope, forgiveness; I must start with myself; a spiritual broom of forgiveness and start sweeping."

"I thank you for the men who support us; thank you for the other women who live with me and help me."

"I came in with an open mind and heart and a lot of conditions; my spiritual condition was dead; I found who Jesus is and what He is all about; I found agape love you feel it, it is perfect; I had doubts of the Christian faith and I was told the truth; I'm taking away the love that was pumped into me and I will use the words from their prayers; Need to submit and follow under control."

"I found forgiveness first time in my life."

"The Table Leader showed me love. I thought the Kairos ladies would be scared of us; I will open up the Bible and read it more."

ASMP #38
FEB. 16 — 19, 2006
PAUL BALDUCCI, LEADER

From my point of reference I could only say good things about the weekend. The closest possible negative was turned around by the Holy Spirit when two men seemed at first not to have any idea of the weekend being productive for them. They both were very much affected by the message of the Lord presented via the talks and other times of sharing.

One different aspect from other weekends was the number of Spanish speaking men that came to the weekend, Of the 42 residents there were 9 from Mexico, 1 from Honduras and 1 from Guatemala. Some spoke almost no English and others were better than others in various de-

grees of understanding the talks in English. There were 3 or 4 that knew enough English to interpret for their friends during the talks. I also gave a short recap in Spanish after the talks to make sure by questioning them if they received the point of the talks.

Everyone of the residents participated well enough to have the weekend make a difference in their lives.

LET IT BE NOTED: I am not a computerite. EZRA did not serve me more than 5%, if that.

I used a floppy disk from previous weekend and was able to make all the preparation I needed via the Program Manual, 2005 Edition. There are several discrepancies between this manual and the EZRA CD. I chose to go with the Program Manual for all of the weekend scheduling of events.

My personal opinion is that the EZRA is not for everyone. Some may like it if they want to try to use the computer for all the preparation of a given weekend. But I do suggest that someone proof read the manual against the information described on the EZRA CD.

METRO #1
JAN 12 — 15, 2006
RUTH PATTON, LEADER

I think the weekend went rather well in spite of not having a music person until the Friday of the weekend. We just prayed that if it was God's will for us to have a musician, then He would send one and He did just that. Halleluia! We truly had a great time. The participants were overjoyed with the worship and praise. One incident occurred: A Participant became very emotional during one worship and praise section and sort of frighten one lady, but we just surrounded her in a circle and let her shout and cry until she was okay. It worked out fine for all.

Over all, I would say we all enjoyed a great weekend.

HEARD AT CLOSING

"I was nervous when I first came and was not going to open up because I felt I didn't know these people and couldn't trust them. By the second day I was crying and opening up."

"I buried some things that happened to me at an early age. I learned to ask for forgiveness and let it go. I thought because the person I didn't forgive was dead I would have to die with that."

"Friday something jumped on me. I can't find the words in a million years. I saw Ms. Malone participate and realized Jesus was a prisoner and died for her. I realized this is a cakewalk."

"If you didn't get anything out of Kairos, you're not human."

"Pray for me. God is awesome!"