

Kairos Inside Prison Ministry

The Kairos Inside Prison Ministry (KPMI) is composed of well-trained volunteer teams of men and women from the communities surrounding an institution who conduct programs that introduce the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ. This inter-denominational team of volunteers – both clergy and laypersons – work in cooperation with the Chaplain who carefully selects the 42 inmates to attend. A well-organized follow up program is part of this ministry.

Kairos is a ministry of Christ's love, delivered by His family. Everything we do is to be done in the spirit of God's love.

When Kairos is in the prison, the meeting area is holy ground, and the Holy Spirit's presence is felt. Lives changes. God's light, demonstrated through the ministry team, drives back the darkness, and the inmates see the change.

LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE is a fundamental principle each Kairos team member adheres to. This principle is an essential element of every Kairos weekend and reunion.

Get Involved In Kairos

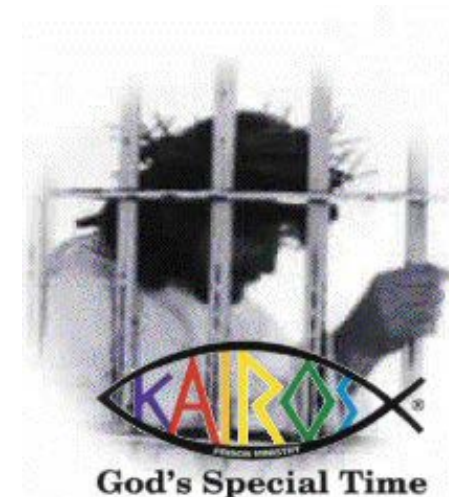
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☐	I will be a prayer partner for the Kairos Ministry.
☐	Send me information about becoming a Kairos team member.
☐	Contact me about being a support volunteer – baking cookies, etc.
☐	I will help financially.

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KAIROS OF VIRGINIA
 In the memo section of the check, be sure to indicate the name of the Kairos team serving the prison you wish to support.



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

A Life Changing Experience

Matt. 25:36

"I was in prison and you visited me."

The mission of Kairos is to bring the Gospel and Love of Jesus Christ to incarcerated men and women through a well organized continuing ministry.

Reflections on my First Kairos Ministry

By Tom Oster

Seventy-five men are standing with arms locked around each other's shoulders, black and white mixed together like some giant piano keyboard, in a large circle around the perimeter of a concrete gym inside a Level 5 Maximum Security facility singing "Sing Hallelujah To The Lord" at the top of their voices. The chorus echoes round and round as the two guards in the overhead tower at the back of the gym look on in amazement. Sing hallelujah, indeed!

"Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost" (Matt. 9:12-13). It's not the healthy who need a physician, but the sick, those whose souls are heavy with guilt and shame, who in the words of Paul are "without God and without hope in this world" (Eph. 2:12). Sinners need Jesus. That's what He's still doing in places like the gymnasium at a "Big Max" Penitentiary on top of a mountain in Virginia.

To say the least, I expected something much different than all this. I expected to walk in there in fear, but I can honestly say, that I never once had half a second of fear. Indeed, I almost forgot I was inside a prison at all once the Spirit of the Lord began to move among us. We were just a bunch of men, finding life, together.

When the mission was over, we welcomed 12 men into the family of God. In addition, we heard many men go to the 'open mic' and talk about how this experience had changed their lives. One in particular really stood out. I learned that he had been on Death Row for five years and then had miraculously been reassigned to life imprisonment. The Lord put him on my heart all weekend, even though he wasn't one who sat at my table. Sunday morning, I looked over at him and saw him laugh. Amazing! I saw a man whose whole countenance had changed. He literally looked like a new man (2 Cor. 5:17)! He said in his testimony that he "wouldn't let us down. He knew exactly what he was doing in surrendering his life to Jesus." Glory to God!

Resident Testimonies After Attending a Kairos Weekend at Wallens Ridge and Red Onion State Prisons in Virginia

"All my life I was told I was doing something good when I did something evil. This weekend is the first time in my life when I've felt good about doing something good."

"I'm leaving with a sense of humility and humanity."

"I came for cookies but am leaving with a heart filled with Jesus."

"This is a great memory. I received love and know that somebody cares."

"I lost my focus on what is important in life. Kairos helped me to put my life back on the right track. I thank God for good people like the Kairos team. Thank all of you for not giving up on me."

"When I gave myself to the Lord on April 7th, I was happy. You and the other brothers did not judge me or look down on me because of my race. I am glad you are my brothers in Christ. I learned a lot from all my brothers about God, I knew very little before."

I have served 20 years in here and trust me, I almost gave up because there was nothing else to live for. But guess what? God showed me a lot that week I spent with all of you.

I repented and gave myself to the Lord, because this is the life I want to live."

How You Can Participate...

Be a team member.

Kairos volunteers come from all walks of life.

They all share a desire to follow Christ's admonition in Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison and your visited me." If you feel God's call to minister to the incarcerated as a part of a Kairos team, contact the Kairos Virginia Chapter to be put in touch with your local Kairos community.

Be a prayer partner.

All Kairos activities are covered with prayer. You can be a part of that prayer effort. Contact us!

Be a support volunteer.

Each Kairos retreat weekend has opportunities for outside support, such as baking cookies, writing letters, and preparing meals.

Be a ministry financial booster.

All Kairos activities are funded by donations. If you would like to support this ministry by your donation, make your check payable (any amount is appreciated!) to Kairos of Virginia and send it to the address below. In the memo section, be sure to indicate on the check Red Onion and/or Wallens Ridge State Prison(s).

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