

+ *Kairos Ministries* currently operates in 350 prisons in 31 states in the U. S and 8 additional countries: United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru and Canada. More than 170,000 incarcerated men and women have been introduced to Kairos, since its inception. The current number of volunteers exceeds 20,000 per year.

+ The *Men's and Women's Ministry* addresses the spiritual needs of prisoners. Kairos volunteers go into prisons in teams of 30 to 40 to pray, share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, share meals and fellowship with the incarcerated on a one-to-one basis. The first visit is a three-day event, during which time the team teaches a short introductory course on Christianity. Subsequent visits are monthly half-day reunions with the prisoners over a twelve-month period.

+ The savings to the taxpayer are substantial. **As one former prisoner put it: "It cost the government about \$1,000,000 to try me and to imprison me for several years, but a \$100 program keeps me out".**

+ *Kairos Outside* provides spiritual healing to families of the incarcerated, who often feel that they too are "doing time". Spouses, parents and other relatives of prisoners meet with teams of Kairos volunteers to share their faith and gain strength from Christian community.

+ *Kairos Outside* is active in 19 states, Canada, England, Australia and South Africa, and includes 35 programs. *Kairos Torch* is operational in 10 locations.

Kairos is ...

Christian - Kairos volunteers represent the Christian faith and present a Christian perspective.

Ecumenical - Kairos volunteers come from many Christian denominations, but present only those principles that all share in common.

Lay-led - Kairos leadership is drawn from lay persons, although clergy play a vital role.

Volunteer - Kairos is an overwhelmingly volunteer organization, with over 20,000 volunteers worldwide.

Ministry - Kairos ministers to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them.

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Kairos Prison Ministry International

Bringing the Light of Christ to the Darkness of Prison



Kairos is ...

... an interdenominational Christian ministry whose programs are designed to be presented in state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions in the U.S. with adaptations for other countries and languages. The ministry is conducted, in cooperation with the chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are selected, trained and certified by area governing bodies of Kairos and approved by correctional institutions as citizen volunteers.

Kairos Prison Ministry is a ministry by persons drawn from a broad range of denominational churches. Kairos volunteers have experience in renewal movements within their churches which focus on small group dynamics, prayer and share groups, personal witness and vulnerability in Christian community. It is a continuing ministry. The primary objective of the 3-day short course is to prepare selected residents for life in an ongoing Christian community.



The purpose of Kairos is to establish strong Christian communities among the populations of correctional institutions.

This is done through the impact of small, 3-to-5 person prayer and share groups of leaders resident in the institutions. These groups are to meet weekly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another, for other residents and staff in the institutions.

Get Involved! Volunteers are ...

Inside Team Members

Kairos volunteers come from all walks and strata of life. They all share a desire to follow Christ's admonition of Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison and you visited me."

Prayer Partners

All Kairos activities are covered with prayer 24/7. You can be a part of that prayer effort. Contact us!

Support Volunteers

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

Financial Booster

All Kairos activities are funded by donations. If you would like to support this ministry by your tax deductible donation, please make your check payable (any amount is appreciated!) to Kairos Prison Ministry International.

Cookie Bakers

Cookie bakers come in all sizes and ages! We need up to 5,000 dozen cookies for a typical Kairos weekend. That's **60,000 cookies!** Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in their daily lives.

Your loving gift will provide "bread" that shines the Light of God's Grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit.



Kairos is ...



Kairos is a ministry of the church ... a ministry of the apostles whom Jesus, the Christ,

called into community and sent forth into the environment of the correctional institution. The objective of Kairos is to impact the correctional environment through the action of the leaders, as apostles of Jesus Christ, in all areas of human activity in the prison.

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families



and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition to becoming productive citizens.

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

'... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40