

Kairos Outside Newsletter

Fall 2009



*"Relieve the trouble of my heart
and bring me out of my distress."*

Psalm 25:17

Kairos Outside Weekend # 20

Weekend # 20 is here and we've come a long way. I can still remember when I was invited to Kairos Outside # 3. What an awesome weekend that was! It marked the beginning of a love for this wonderful ministry. Throughout my life I've been involved in server ministries, but this is where my heart is. I know that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God has led me to be a leader for this weekend. Being a leader is a big responsibility, but with God on my side, nothing can go wrong. We have many challenges and need more guests, but God will bring them. Please pray for the weekend, specifically that God will supply our needs, protect the team members, and prepare the hearts of our guests. Thank you very much for all your support and prayers. May God bless you always.

In His love,
Angie Jaquez

Hello from Advisory Council Chair Lori Wetzel:

I had the honor of attending the Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. 2009 Summer Conference in Ontario, Canada in August. What an opportunity to fellowship with others who are devoted to the ministry and hear their stories, triumphs and struggles. I had the chance to learn many new things as well. The time was exciting and encouraging for me!

Eight countries were represented at the conference, and the ministry is active in ten. I learned how fortunate we are to be here in the United States. While we face many challenges, they are greater in other countries. It is inspiring to see that in spite of difficulties, they overcome and bear fruit through Christ because God is in control!

One of the highlights was learning about EZRA - a great computer program to guide our weekend leaders through the entire process. From preparation and team formation to final reports after the weekend, each planning step is included. EZRA should be available for use by our leader in the spring of 2010 and will be a great tool!

Something else exciting - we have entered into a partnership with Dare Mighty Things and Caregivers Choice Program to increase mentoring opportunities for children with incarcerated parents. So many of our guests have children who suffer when a parent is incarcerated. This program will connect care givers with mentoring programs which have screened and trained adult mentors, who are now available. What a blessing this will be!

The KPMI Board passed several motions, the most significant of which was the new organizational structure.

Encouragement

It's Volunteer Recruitment Time

Have you ever considered working on a team for a Kairos Outside weekend? Do you want to bless others as you have been blessed? Well, now is the time to choose to give of your time to bless others. All you have to do is complete the Volunteer Questionnaire and mail it to NM Kairos Outside, PO Box 4226, Roswell, NM 88201. It is just that easy. You will be contacted about upcoming weekends and have the opportunity to say "yes" to this rewarding experience. The Volunteer Questionnaire can be printed from www.kairosprisonministry.org

Want to be an Angel?

Now you can!! You can be a Kairos Outside Angel. Outside Angels are behind the scene volunteers who are not seen by guests. They contribute by helping with guest transportation, working in the kitchen area, and assisting Agape when guests are not present. To serve as an Outside Angel, just print the Kairos Outside Angel application from the Kairos Prison Ministry website:

www.kairosprisonministry.org

Complete it and mail to NM Kairos Outside, PO Box 4226, Roswell, NM 88201.

Reunions, Reunions, Reunions

Would you like to be more involved in Kairos Outside but the distance to reunions makes it hard for you to attend? Worry no more. Three reunions will be held following Kairos Outside #20 in different locations in the state on the following dates:

Las Cruces/El Paso

October 24, 2009 10 am – 2 pm

Wesley Foundation

2425 Jordan Rd., Las Cruces, NM

Contact: Elsie Williams 575/496-4051

Albuquerque

October 31, 2009 10 am -2 pm

St. Mark's on the Mesa Episcopal Church

431 Richmond Place, Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Rosemary Torres 505/306-3615

Lincoln County

November 7, 2009

10 AM – 2 PM J

Bar J Country Church, HWY. 70

Ruidoso, NM

Contact: Peggy Najar 575/937-7986

Laurie Wells
Spiritual Director

What Is Your Address?

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. Psalm 90: 1-2

Is God my dwelling place? What does that really mean? My dwelling place frequently seems to be a house that requires constant attention: cleaning, repairing, and weeding the yard. Am I preoccupied with my earthly home to the exclusion of my God?

I started a new job this month which is great, but while I was between jobs, I was sometimes depressed. There were days when I was more worried about whether an employer would want me than about my eternal position in God's sovereign plan! Do I dwell at work or in God?

Am I conscious of God's constant presence? Am I relying on Him for my sense of worth and fulfillment? Or am I dwelling in the world? Am I relying on how I dress, where I live, and what sort of job I have to feel good about myself? Am I seeking the approval of the people around me or am I seeking approval from God? Is God my dwelling place, or do I just visit Him occasionally?

If God is my dwelling place, the outward conditions of my life aren't the real story. My home has been constant throughout all generations. My home is from everlasting to everlasting.

Where do you live?



INFORMATION REQUEST

We need your updated information! Due to the high cost of printing and postage, the KO Newsletter will be distributed by e-mail to those with an e-mail address. Please send your address to the following e-mail account so we can add you to our distribution list: nmkairosoutside@gmail.com

Those without e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter by postal mail; however, we need updated address information. Please send any address changes to the following address:

New Mexico Kairos Outside
PO Box 4226
Roswell, NM 88201

If you do not wish to continue receiving the KO Newsletter, please let us know. Thank you for your help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
PLACE: METHODIST CHURCH
CARRIZOZO, NM

KAIROS OUTSIDE #20

DATE: OCTOBER 2-4, 2009
PLACE: FORT LONG TREE
CAPITAN, NM

KAIROS OUTSIDE REUNION – LAS CRUCES/ELPASO

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2009
PLACE: TBD

KAIROS OUTSIDE REUNION – ALBUQUERQUE

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2009
PLACE: TBD

KAIROS OUTSIDE REUNION – LINCOLN COUNTY

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2009
PLACE: ANGUS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
RUIDOSO, NM

KAIROS OUTSIDE # 21

DATE: APRIL 23-25, 2010
PLACE: FORT LONE TREE
CAPITAN, NM

There will now be a Board of Directors composed of 15 members, and an International Council whose members are elected at the State of International Country Level with one representative for every 15 programs. In addition, there will be subcommittees for each program with one representative from each state representing each ministry.

At the conference, I was reminded that Kairos Outside is only a part of the Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. There is also Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch, which ministers to youth in juvenile detention or correctional facilities. As such, we are part of a program that works from many sides to accomplish the same goal - to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

Once again, I am humbled by the work we do and the amazing people in our Kairos Community. Regardless of where we are in life, Christ loves each of us and desires only to set us free! I am greatly blessed to be a part of this work!

In His Service,

Lori

SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION & MEETINGS

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Kairos Outside Weekend # 19

The Kairos Outside weekend #19 was wonderful in every sense of the word. As the team and guest can tell you, I was a cry baby all through the weekend.

The 23 guests were blessed in so many ways and the healing that took place was tremendous. The KO #19 closing truly topped off the weekend. I've never attended a closing where so many of the guests spoke about the weekend and what it meant to them. That really touched my heart. Several guests immediately turned in team applications to work KO #20. They have also sent guest forms to family and friends. To me this proves God is still working in the lives of the guests.

Kairos Outside is such a WONDERFUL and needed ministry. We must remember this is God's ministry and we are His servants. By doing this, there will be no end to all the blessings and the healing that will occur on these weekends. I ask you to keep Angie Jaquez, leader for KO #20, her team and the guests in prayer.

God bless each of you.

Helen Gonzales

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Plan to attend KO #20 closing at Fort Lone Tree, **October 4, 2009, 2 PM**. Remember how important closing was for you. Let's all support the KO #20 guests and team with our attendance.

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