

# Kairos Outside Newsletter

Spring 2010



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

Psalm 25:17

## Kairos Outside Weekend # 21

Hi, my name is Karen Urquidi and I have been with Kairos Outside since 2003. I was a guest in April of 2003. Boy, did that really change my life! You bet. I was ready to work one as a team member. I wanted to help in any way. Just looking at the women's faces before and afterwards was awesome. This ministry Has really changed my life. I give God the glory. Kairos Outside has made me a better person .I really love my life now, serving the Lord and this is what he has me doing. I LOVE IT! Well I'm so excited. The Lord has blessed me with an Awesome Team. We have guests signing up already. God is Awesome. I know the weekend is going to be an Awesome one. God is in Control. I will ask for all your prayers for our guests and also the Team. Please pray for me too. Thanks. Karen Urquidi

## **Hello from Advisory Council Chair Lori Wetzel:**

Here we are, well into 2010, with New Mexico Kairos Outside #21 fast approaching! And what a weekend it will be! I am humbled and honored to be a part of this ministry, working with so many faithful women and men. We have such a privilege to be a part of this work and to see the love of our God transform the lives of our guests.

The ladies who come to our weekends are my heroes; they face overwhelming difficulties and find strength to face each day regardless of how hard it may be. They care for their children and offer encouragement to their loved ones both inside and outside. Often they have little or no support for themselves. At a KO weekend they can learn more fully of the love and support from God as well as find comfort from others who have been where they are. Many find new faith as a result and that is what makes it worthwhile!

There is much to do to keep our work alive and I am privileged to be working with an awesome group of people on the Advisory Council who are dedicated to getting things done to ensure that our weekends will be successful. I expect exciting things in 2010! We have an amazing group in Northern New Mexico working to start a NEW KO in that area. This will enable us to reach even more ladies in that part of the state and allow those in the Southern portion to concentrate their efforts more effectively. Fund raising efforts are being stepped up, watch for some new and exciting activities! And with growth, we will need to work even harder to bring workers to the cause.

Please keep the work of the Kairos Prison Ministry in your prayers. Most especially, pray for Kairos Outside in New Mexico as we grow and continue working for the Lord. Pray for our Advisory Council and the Committee in Northern New Mexico and pray for me that I will follow God's will and lead by his hand. God Bless you all.

**In His Service,**

*Lori*

## 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](http://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](http://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**

**May 22 10am-2pm**

**Wesley Foundation**

Las Cruces, NM

Contact: Elsie Williams 575-496-4051

**Albuquerque**

**May 15 10AM-2PM**

First Baptist Church of West Albuquerque

Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Rosemary Torres 505-306-3615

**Lincoln County**

**Methodist Church**

220 Junction Rd, Ruidoso, NM

Contact: Peggy Najar 575-937-7986

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

## NORTHERN NEW MEXICO – AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION

Rosemary Torres along with many past Kairos guests have initiated an ad hoc committee to form a Northern New Mexico Kairos Outside. They will be electing a council, searching for a facility and finding four (4) future leaders.

The hope is for this to be completed in the spring of 2012 so that a spring weekend may be held.

Anyone interested in being involved please contact:

Rosemary Torres – (505) 306-3615

Marge Tarr (505) – 831-1318

Your prayers also are encouraged.

### *Mountain-Top Experience*

*You ask who is this God we cannot see...*

*This God who says he loves you and me.*

*You say this God can turn my life around.*

*This God I've searched for, yet never found.*

*In times of pain and sorrow I've cried out His name.*

*Yet there was no change; my life stayed the same.*

*I cried out even louder and didn't hear a sound.*

*Then a small voice in my spirit said,*

*"I'm here all around."*

*Julie Torres, Kairos #19 Guest*

## 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](mailto: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: MAY1, 2010

PLACE: METHODIST CHURCH  
CARRIZOZO, NM

### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: JULY 10, 2010

PLACE: TBA

### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

PLACE: TBA

### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2010

PLACE: TBA

### KAIROS OUTSIDE #21

DATE: APRIL 22-25, 2010

PLACE: FORT LONG TREE  
CAPITAN, NM

### KAIROS OUTSIDE # 22

DATE: OCTOBER 1-3, 2010

PLACE: FORT LONE TREE  
CAPITAN, NM

To the Volunteers of Kairos Outside:

It is my great pleasure to personally congratulate all of you on your selection as "2010 inaugural Lincoln Country Heroes With Heart."

Much too often, we forget about the families of incarcerated individuals who, through no fault of their own are indirectly punished by loved ones' actions. Your work with these family members provides much-needed stability at this disruptive time in their lives by providing the tools needed for them to cope under the circumstances. I am sure the knowledge that their community recognizes the stress they are under is a source of comfort for the families.

This Award is well deserved, and I join all New Mexicans in thanking you for your concerns and your participation in Kairos Outside.

With warmest regards,

Barb Richards

## SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION & MEETINGS

Ruidoso	Lori Wetzel	575/491-3069
Roswell	Kathy Wilson	575/622-8180
Carlsbad	Vonni Roth	575/887-8551
Las Cruces	Elsie Williams	575/496-4051
Bernalillo	Josie Torres	505-8672066
Albuquerque	Mariana Archuleta	505/232-4095
El Paso	Angie Jaquez	915/598-7830

*Agape*

KO # 21 Green Agape for this weekend is currently being accepted. Any of the ladies listed above will make sure your agape donation gets to the #21 weekend.

Green agape (monetary donations) to NM Kairos Outside are welcome at all times. Please pray about

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

What a pleasure it was to serve as Leader of Kairos Outside #20! We had many challenges along the way and we struggled to get our team together, but as always God came through! We needed a team of at least forty people so I sent out two hundred and twenty five invitations and made countless phone calls, but only thirty-six people signed up. After our first meeting two people dropped and by the time of the retreat we had a team of thirty and a confirmed guest count of twenty-eight. Sixteen of the twenty-eight guests showed up, a little more than half of what we were expecting! We had guests from Estancia, Albuquerque, El Paso, and Ruidoso. At first the ladies were a bit apprehensive, but by the second day they were participating in all the activities and their faces were glowing! The guests opened up and shared amongst themselves during table discussions, crying with one another, and in turn touching our hearts so that the whole room was filled with tears. Our team bonded at our very first meeting, each of us sacrificing at times to travel up to three hours to attend meetings, but we all did it with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a smile. Friday evening, before our guests arrived we had a delightful time of fellowship and a blessed hour of prayer. Things were changing by the minute regarding our guest count and some team members became very ill and were unable to attend, but after praying we all felt refreshed and ready to be used by God, knowing it was all under his control. The team worked very hard over the weekend, but the work didn't compare to the amount of blessing we received from helping! The team serving in the kitchen did a wonderful job!

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Through their acts of service, their smiles and positive attitude, and wittiness when entertaining, God was glorified. A guest testified that she found the Lord there, in the kitchen! Praise God for such a wonderful kitchen team! I thank God for the opportunity that he gave me to serve, and to Him be all the glory, Amen!

Respectfully yours, Angelina Jaquez  
Leader, Kairos Outside #20

## **Kairos Outside Advisory Council 2009**

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### **Important to Remember**

Plan to attend KO #21 closing at Fort Lone Tree, **April 25, 2010, 2 PM**. Remember how important closing was for you. Let's all support the KO #21 guests and team with our attendance.