

What is Kairos?

THE MINISTRY

Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry designed to be presented in state and federal medium and maximum security correctional institutions for both men and women in the U.S. It has been adapted for other countries and languages. This ministry is governed by the international board of Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc. with headquarters in Winter Park, FL.

THE ORIGINS

Kairos Prison Ministry grew out of efforts to launch movements in prisons similar to the three-day Catholic, Episcopal, and Presbyterian Cursillo, the Methodist Walk to Emmaus, the Lutheran Via de Cristo, and the Ecumenical Tres Dias.

THE STRATEGY

The Kairos strategy is to identify leaders from the key environments of the institution who have the potential to impact their environments with the message of Christ's love. These leaders are then invited to attend a Kairos weekend.

THE METHOD

The Kairos method is to tell the story of God's unconditional love and forgiveness through a series of meditations and talks and to demonstrate this love and forgiveness through community involvement in prayer for the weekend and sacrifice of time to make posters, bake cookies and to write letters. The environment created by these activities allows the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those invited to Kairos.

Listen, Listen Love, Love

THE PURPOSE

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is 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.

Through a systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide residents the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and/or to renew that relationship—starting with the 3-day Kairos “short course in Christianity.” During the weekend and subsequent follow-up spiritual growth activities facilitated by Kairos volunteers and prison chaplains, residents are challenged to accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to staff during their stay in the institution and beyond.

As the mission of Kairos is accomplished in an institution, there is a positive impact on the total environment of the institution.

Wisconsin Kairos: www.kairoswi.org
International: www.kairosprisonministry.org



How to Respond to Christ's Call

Posters

Sunday Schools, Bible Study groups, Home Groups, or even companies can make a poster that expresses the hope found in Christ. These messages of God's love from the Body of Christ have a powerful impact on hardened hearts.

Placemats

Hand made place mats from children (no last names, please) are a powerful tool of the Holy Spirit that can break open a lifetime of sorrow.

Have a Church Cookie Bake

Home made cookies filled with prayer and love become tangible examples of the love of God poured out by His family. It takes about 2,000 dozen cookies for a 3-day weekend event! What a great way to teach children about loving your “enemies.”

Sponsor an Inmate into the Kingdom

You can help an inmate come “heart to heart” with the love of God by financially sponsoring them for the Kairos 3-day weekend. Families, Group Reunions, Sunday School classes and company groups can all be part of ushering a lost soul to the doors of heaven.

I am interested in learning more about ...

- Serving on team Inside Outside
- Attending a Closing
- Financial Support
 - Sponsoring an inmate
 - Sponsoring a table family
 - Sponsoring a weekend
 - Sponsoring expansion of Kairos
- Baking cookies
- Writing letters/posters
- Offering prayers for weekend

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (_____) _____ - _____
Email _____
Church _____

- Lay Person
- Clergy
- I have attended Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo, etc.
- I would be interested in acting as my church's contact person

Mail to:
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Consider Helping Kairos Prison Ministry in Wisconsin

Each Kairos Weekend has a team of 30 to 60 volunteers serving 18-42 inmate participants. A Kairos weekend costs about \$5000 for food, supplies and equipment; approximately \$150 per participating inmate. 2,000 to 8,000 dozen home-baked cookies are needed for each Kairos Weekend.

People are considered for service in the Kairos prison ministry if they have completed one of the following Christian renewal weekends:

Catholic Cursillo
Episcopal Cursillo
Lutheran Via De Cristo
Tres Dias
Walk to Emmaus

There are also other ways to qualify for serving in the Kairos Ministry. Ask a Kairos leader about these alternatives.

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Kairos

of Wisconsin



*I was in prison and you
came to visit me.*

Matthew 25:38