*How long, LORD, how long? Psalm 6:3*

Hello!

Above is a question that many in the Kairos community in this state as well as all over the country and in 13 countries continue to ask when it comes to going back in or even going into correctional institutions for the first time to share the love of Christ. Some of us have made some connections with Chaplains in a couple institutions with hopes of going inside sooner rather than later however it seems we are to continue to develop those relationships with those in corrections for a bit longer in most areas until the Lord says it is time. Then as a couple doors have temporarily closed, a window has opened. From what looked like a rocky beginning for Kairos in WI this year, we have seen the Lord come through and bring many blessings. Here are just a few that have happened:

* We praise God for at least 8 volunteers who have stepped forward to build a stronger Kairos Outside Advisory Council
* We Praise God for the work that Fran Grittinger, James Kilpatrick, and Barb Williams have done to sort out the finances for the state and the councils.
* We praise God for the passion of some volunteers to listen to God’s guidance and are starting a new **Advisory Council for KI of REECC** in Union Grove.
* We praise God for ability to get setup to have a booth at **Lifefest** in **July** in **Oshkosh**.
* We praise God for the generous support of churches, corporations, and individuals to continue to send out devotionals to institutions and provide for the travel of a volunteer or 2 to receive Advanced Kairos Training on the near future.
* For the continued support of **Spencer Lake Christian Center** who will host the next **Kairos Outside Weekend** to happen **Sept. 20-22, 2024.**
* We praise God for our **Kairos Outside** Guests and volunteers to meet for a **Reunion** on **March 16th** at the **First Global Methodist Church** at **700 W Linwood** in **Oshkosh** at **noon** with an **Advisory Council** meeting to follow.

**For those of you who would like to receive the Kairos Prison Ministry International newsletter called “Gods Special Time” to hear more good ministry news and to learn more about this ministry, you can subscribe to it by emailing** **marketing@kpmi.org** **. Believe me when I say it is an awesome one. We also encourage you to visit** <https://kairoswi.org/> or <https://www.kairosprisonministry.org/> **as well to learn even more about this ministry**.

We all know that this ministry is still in great need of prayer and would appreciate your continued prayers. A few requests would be for:

* Continued funds to provide institutions with **Prisoner-to-Prisoner** devotionals.
* Direction, knowledge and volunteers to help with the new KI Advisory Council and continued direction for our KO team.
* The staffing situation in all the correctional institutions to get better soon.
* For more volunteers to come forward soon to be a part of the **Kairos Outside #8 Weekend** team that will have required meetings starting this summer. Dates for training are **July 13th, August 10th, August 24th and Sept. 7th** starting at **9AM** at the **Faith Global Methodist Church** on Tullar Rd in Neenah. Also pray for a place to have one of the meetings in the southern part of the state.
* For more guests to attend the **#8 Weekend.** Remember this is free to all volunteers and guests.
* For the funds to send the **State Chair** and a few others to the **2024 Kairos Prison Ministry International Annual Conference July 24-27** in **Louisville, KY.**
* For God’s direction in getting Kairos Torch started as well in WI.

**To be a part of this amazing ministry, I strongly encourage you to reach out to:**

**Patte Evans (****patteevans@gmail.com** **or 920-277-6498) to be a part of the Kairos Outside #8 Weekend team**

**Mary Evenson (****mmaryannee@new.rr.com** **or 920-809-7004) to refer guests to attend the next Kairos Outside Weekend**

**Barb Williams (****barbwilliams1025@yahoo.com** **or 920-819-1912) to help Kairos Outside of Eastern WI Advisory Council**

**Mary Wilson (****marywilson@ourjourneychurch.com** **or 262-989-4048) to be a part of starting up Kairos Inside REECC**

**Carlene Griffith (****carlenegrif@gmail.com** **or 920-810-9242) if you have interest Kairos Torch in other parts of the state or to help the state committee in any other way**

**Or Pastor Glenda McCracken (****mccrackeng4@netscape.net** **or 608-214-1309) to help start up Kairos Torch in the Madison area.**

If you have interest, **Kairos Torch 101** is being offered to those who are interested in learning about the program. This is a broad overview of the Kairos youth program from initial volunteer recruitment to mentoring. It is designed to give new volunteers an understanding of the requirement and key elements of Kairos torch using many visual and interactive demonstrations. Please check out the KPMI newsletter **In** **God’s Special time for registration links**. The dates are as such and the times are in Eastern time zone:

Thursday, March 14th, 1-3:30PM

Saturday, April 20th, 1-3:30PM

Thursday, May 23, 7-9:30PM

Saturday, June 15th, 1-3:30PM

Thursday, July 18th, 7-9:30PM

Saturday, August 17th, 4-6:30PM

Thursday, September 19th, 7-9:30PM

Saturday, October 19th, 1-3:30PM

Thursday, November 14th, 4-6:30PM

Saturday, December 14th, 1-3:30PM

I have **attached** a **volunteer application, a KO Team Application, Day Angel Application and a guest registration form to give to any potential guests**. Please share these opportunities with everyone you know or your churches. Please know you are all invited to attend the State Committee meetings or any of the Advisory Council meetings without having to hold a position but to learn about what we do.

The next State Committee meeting is April 6th at 3:30pm via zoom although some of us will be in the Janesville area for this meeting. Place TBD.

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated!! May 2024 be an exceptional year for you!