*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph 4:2*

Hello!

This past month we have faced a few challenges in our state chapter that have reminded us that we need to bear with each other in love and gentleness. Listening to God’s instruction in all things has been crucial as we face those challenges. We have been humbled by some of the happenings but know when we listen to the Lord’s still quiet voice, we can better discern what our next steps should be. There have been some other windows that are opening as we focus on recruiting and fundraising. We still have many blessings that are happening. Here are a few things we are so thankful for:

* We praise God for a stronger **Kairos Outside Advisory Council** that will continue to reach more women with Christ’s love on **Sept 20-22** at the **KO#8 Weekend**.
* We Praise God for Lois Hilger (and her team) for stepping forward to plan more Kairos Outside reunions so past volunteers and guests can stay in touch and help each other out.
* We praise God for the passion of some volunteers to listen to God’s guidance as they continue to start a new **Advisory Council for Kairos Inside of REECC** in Union Grove.
* We praise God for the talents of James Kilpatrick and Patte Evans on our state committee who took the initiative and made connections so we will have a booth at **Lifefest** **July** 11-13 in **Oshkosh**.
* We praise God for new connections with those people who may start the setup of **Kairos Torch** and **Kairos Inside** in Racine where I know there is a huge need based on the Angel Tree numbers I have seen from that area.
* We praise God for the planning that is taking place for some volunteers to participate in the **Distance for Deliverance walk a thon** to benefit our state and advisory councils. Please join a team by visiting [***www.DistanceForDeliverance.org***](http://www.distancefordeliverance.org/) or to donate funds to a specific team or person. We plan to walk **June 15th** for at least 2 miles for now.
* We praise God for every volunteer that has a heart to reach out to those who are broken by incarceration or the families whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. We know they are hurting and many are lost with a need for a Savior.

**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**.

Remember when I said we have experienced some challenges? We are overcoming them with you all continuing to pray for this ministry. We know Jesus has overcome it all and has paved a way for us all to overcome those and all challenges that come our way. Please help us pray for:

* Mary Anne Evenson who will be going through a life and death heart surgery on Thursday April 18th. Pray that the surgery goes well and healing will happen so that she can return to volunteering with Kairos in the future.
* Continued funds to provide institutions with **Prisoner-to-Prisoner** devotionals.
* The staffing situation in all the correctional institutions to get better soon. Not just in this state but all around our country.
* For more volunteers to come forward soon to be a part of the **Kairos Outside #8 Weekend** team. They 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 who will be willing 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 funds to do more promotional sponsorship with **LifeFest in Oshkosh July 11-13**.
* 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 and 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 or to attend meetings to see what they do**

**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 use the links after each date to register ahead of time to attend a session.** You will have to copy them and paste them into a browser.

Saturday, April 20th, Noon-2:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItceirqjssHNarKWXv7Aw5bzLrVLErKvqb#/registration**

Thursday, May 23, 6-8:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudeygqDspH9IrPG3zP0njnEWudVyekWE-#/registration**

Saturday, June 15th, Noon-2:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcuyspzkvGN1CYzP08a9AWKBX4-IIp1\_i?\_x\_zm\_rtaid=l32KW2PVQ7Ku1bXvyTuwyQ.1708715416746.0ae0d1c7392f5041fa1ec54a6f9bc6cf&\_x\_zm\_rhtaid=853#/registration**

Thursday, July 18th, 6-8:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0od-CtrTktG9biclaxUUmJN\_9HrcXk2Hsw#/registration**

Saturday, August 17th, 3-5:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdOurqTgpGNYznSIost5AoK28AxZ5YFMb#/registration**

Thursday, September 19th, 6-8:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrf-2vrzIiHtJzbBHaQA75Ti2D-JAeM8i5#/registration**

Saturday, October 19th, Noon-2:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lcu2qqDkqHtDxDrMn3s\_MDMAEKkonMyo9#/registration**

Thursday, November 14th, 3-5:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd-GgrT0oGNcShsixtBGqbjA9GpT-u8yv#/registration**

Saturday, December 14th, Noon-2:30PM CST **https://kpmi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkd-mhqzgoG9djZ-C\_DVHxbZ4dRzfsv85l#/registration**

I have also **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 28th at 3:30pm via zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Just please reach out to me so we can make sure you get the link.

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated!!