

The Spirit...

.....of Connally Kairos

November 1, 2010

Let us forever stay connected through communication!



The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

Lamentations 3:22 - 24

Looking for Volunteers

To serve' & 'to give' should define our lives.

By volunteering either on a Kairos Team or in Kairos support role, you could help change a prisoners life. The experience could change your life too.

Together with other passionate Christians and faithful supporters we can bring new life to men and women aching for change. If you would like to stand with us send a \$10 gift of support today. Please write your check to KPMI, and send to Leslie Hoy, 8026 Winter Park, San Antonio, Tx 78250

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Leslie Hoy – Financial Secretary
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Connally Kairos #16

The team is selected, the team is trained, the stewards are selected the participants are selected and they all are waiting in anticipation of the weekend to come.

It is now time for all of us to offer up our prayers to our Father that these 42 brothers in white be touched with the Holy Spirit in such a way that their lives are forever changed.

Let us pray also for the team and the stewards in white that they retain a servant's heart in all that they do throughout the weekend as they perform their duties and share God's love with all those they come in contact with.

Upcoming Connally Kairos Events:

#16 Nov. 4th-7th

*#16 Instructional
Nov. 13th.*

*December Reunion
Dec 11th.*

*4th. Qtr. UAC Mtg.
Dec. 11th. 8:30 AM*

Just a \$125 Donation covers an inmate for a Kairos weekend.

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Please consider giving.

Contact Leslie Hoy our

Financial Secretary

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Connally Kairos Shepherds

#1 Robert Cody

#2 Jack Tudor

#3 Joe Luna

#4 Joe Dorsett

#5 Craig Brubaker

#6 Darrell Tarver

#7 Jerry Fedrick

#8 Ron Carter

#9 Sam Powell

#10 Skip Cox

#11 Bill Taggart

#12 Warren Wundt

#13 Dale Vickers

#14 Kelton Lange

#15 Danny McQuay

#16 Jimmy McFadin



*Table of St. Jack Socializing: September 25, 2010, Connally #16 Team Meeting
Jack Tudor... Jack Wood... Jack Pool...*

Save the Date January 29, 2011

We are planning a major Kairos fellowship gathering along with a spirited program.

Full details will be in the December newsletter but please save the date as we are looking for 200 + in attendance. You won't want to miss this special celebration time.

My Kairos by Jack Kapanka

You don't know me
But I bet you think you do
If you did

Then you'd see that I'm like you.

I've made mistakes
Now I pray the things I've done
To be forgiven
By God and His great Son

As I search for my salvation
I surrender to my Lord
Every breath I have inside of me
And all that I can afford

When my heart feels empty
I have faith that He will fill
Every void there is within me
I believe that is His will

This is my Kairos
My special time with God
This is my Kairos

I know someday I'll get the nod
To enter heaven
Where I'll bask within His love
This is my Kairos
This is my Kairos

Try to believe me
That my faith it gives me worth
He will absolve me

Of all my actions here on earth

I am regretful
For all the many things I've done
I've made excuses
But honestly there's none

No I don't deserve His graces
So I thought back when I fell
Till he taught me through His actions
How to leave the gates of hell

I was trapped within my sorrow
I was too blind to see
With pride He gave His only son
To live and die for me

This is my Kairos
My special time with God
This is my Kairos

I know someday I'll get the nod
To enter heaven
Where I'll bask within His light
This is my Kairos
This is my Kairos



Watch it Jim Pastor Harry is
getting in your pocket.



Calling for Stories

If you have a good success story of a past Kairos participant making a success in the free world please write up the article and send it to me for publication in next dmcquay@beecreek.net



My friend Tony, a success story

I met Tony on Kairos #6, or #7 in 2000 or 2001 at the Torres Unit out near Hondo. (In case Tony should need protection for any reason, I will not use his sir name nor refer to any specific locations that could conceivably place him in jeopardy) I believe he was at my table but I can't remember for sure. At any rate, a short while later he wrote me what was to be the first of many letters over a period of about 6 or 7 years. Tony was not unlike so many of the fellows in prison, in that he grew up without a father at home. In these cases, when they establish a close relation with an adult male from the free world, it's almost natural that they see us as a father figure. It was this way with Tony. I explained to him, very carefully, that I didn't mind that he thought of me as a surrogate, or substitute father, but that our relationship would always be one in which Jesus Christ would stand between the two of us, that our relationship would always be Christ centered. I took a few repartitions, but he finally got it.

A couple of years before he was released, he asked me if I would come to Huntsville, to the Walls Unit, to pick him up and take him to his mother, and sister in central Texas. I agreed. When that time came Jeanne and I went there, not having any idea what we were to do. Thanks to help from a very kind individual, who knew a lot more than me, I managed to find Tony. We first went to the bank, and cashed his \$100.00 check. Next, we went to Wal-Mart where we put him in some new duds – head to foot. Then we hit the road. Stopping for lunch, Tony was so excited he couldn't eat, only 2 or 3 bits.

Arriving at our destination we went to the wrong place first, but with some help from a cousin we found our way to the mobile home park where mother and sister were busy preparing a big pot of menudo for his coming home celebration. The yard was full of cousins, mostly under the age of ten, and of course didn't recognize him as we approached them. Finally one of the older ones realized who he was and ran in the house to announce this arrival. Here came mother and sister wiping their hands on their aprons, and smiling from ear to ear. The three (mother, sister, and Tony) embraced in a fit of laughing, and crying. Then mother's body began to quake, and her legs started to fail her. We all grabbed for her, and in that very close encounter, the aroma of Cumino and Chili Powder was powerful. In a few moments, mother regained her composure. At that point, Jeanne backed away, and I retreated to our car. Then we just stood there and watched. It was a moment we shall never forget.

Some years ago Tony married Nora, and moved to the oil patch in West Texas where he has a responsible job with a firm that repairs pump jacks. He is faithful to the Catholic Church which is the faith of his upbringing. I am ever so proud of Tony, and pray God's blessing on he and his family.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dale Vickers





4th. Qtr. Kairos State Board Meeting

Over 100 participants attended the recent Kairos of Texas Board meeting in Austin, Texas, October 16th. Here are summary highlights.

- **Guest Presentation:** At the request of KOT President Louis Esquivel, our UAC Chair Danny McQuay was invited to discuss the recent volunteer recruitment event in Fredericksburg and make his presentation briefing to the KOT community. Everyone enjoyed Danny's presentation and the recruiting event was touted as a model for other units.
- **Kairos of Texas (KOT) elections:** The Kairos of Texas community elected new officers for the coming year:
 - o **Chair:** *Bill Salser*
 - o **Vice Chair:** *Jim Irwin*
 - o **Treasurer:** *Robert Robinson*
 - o **Financial Secretary:** *Bob Cole*
 - o **Secretary:** *Tom Perdue*
 - o **I.C. Rep:** *John Kennell*
- **Volunteer prescription drug policy:** Volunteers who bring their own prescription drugs into a unit should bring the drugs in the original container with the Rx on the outside.
- **TDCJ on-line volunteer training:** TDCJ is offering on-line training for volunteers needing "refresher" training. Initial training, however, must be completed at a unit. Go to the TDCJ website. www.tdcj.state.tx.us
- **TDCJ volunteer handbook:** TDCJ has published a new edition of the volunteer handbook, which is available on the TDCJ website. www.tdcj.state.tx.us
- **Volunteer letters to inmates:** Kairos is asking volunteers to print the word "**volunteer**" after their name in the return address on letters to inmates. As additional reminders, do not use home addresses.
- **Parole chaplains:** TDCJ has established five regional chaplains to help parolees with transition to life on the outside.
- **Kairos of Texas website:** Check out the redesigned and updated KOT website www.kairostexas.org.
- **New Red manual:** Kairos International has published a new Red manual to replace the Blue manual we've been using for several years. Most changes are in Section IV. The KPMI website has a two-page summary of changes. www.kairosprisonministry.org
- **Food handler's course:** KOT suggests one member of the outside team complete the Texas Food handler's Course on line (cost \$10), then refresh other outside team members how to handle food safely. www.texasfoodhandler.com

Presented By,
Skip Cox
UAC State Board Rep