



KAIROS OUTSIDE OF LUBBOCK

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives/friends who are or who have been incarcerated, and to former residents of correctional institutions who did not have the opportunity to attend a Kairos Inside Weekend while they were incarcerated.

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Greetings KO Sisters!!

It has been a while since our last newsletter and we have had two awesome Weekends, KO #16 and KO #17! Here are few words from those Weekend Leaders...

From Ann Laurence...

Kairos Outside #16 took place in September 2018. We welcomed 15 ladies as our guests and were amazed at the way they embraced participating in the Weekend activities from the beginning to the end. God was present every step of the way as the Holy Spirit began ministering to all of us as only He can!

We had many sacred moments which have left us with wonderful memories. Watching the Core Team work together while observing the way the Holy Spirit operated through them was amazing. Some of my favorite moments were the skits of the hilarious Kitchen team, the love and leadership of the Spiritual Directors, worshiping together with our wonderful Music Team, and getting to act a little bit silly when we sang "Crocodile Rock."

Throughout the Weekend we felt the support of the Kairos Outside, Kairos Inside and Emmaus communities as they served as angels, provided food and pillow agape, and lifted us up in prayer. Was there laughter? Yes, a lot. Were there tears? Yes, many, but tears and laughter can both be very healing. As the Weekend came to a close, I was so, so thankful for the joy and freedom that our guests exhibited, and for God's love and power that made the Weekend a success.

From Melissa Wachholtz...

It was an honor to be the leader of KO #17. The team was made up of some incredible volunteers with hearts for KO. The weekend was full of the Holy Spirit and Christ's love was ever present. The weekend brought fifteen beautiful ladies into our community. Their hearts and bellies were full by the end of the weekend. Nine of the fifteen were present for the first reunion after the weekend. It was amazing to see the bonding just as strong at reunion as it was on the weekend! God showed up and is ever faithful!!

Continuing Ministry

Reunion is about building relationships within the community. After the Weekend, the women join together by attending Reunion monthly. It allows the women to grow in their Christian faith and become active members of the Kairos Outside ministry.

Our community gathers together the 2nd Tuesday of every month. First we pray and then we enjoy a potluck dinner and catch up with our KO sisters. It's a blessing to see the faces of these guests as they radiate their love for Jesus.

As part of our time together, we are currently doing a study entitled "Your Journey to Freedom". After the study we break into small groups and discuss how it pertains to our lives. And as always, our rule of CONFIDENTIALITY is shared with the community to make sure everyone knows that what is said at **Reunion**, stays at **Reunion**. We always want the KO sisters to feel comfortable and confident in sharing.

At the end we gather in a circle and sing our song, "In this room." **Reunion** is a wonderful way to keep the KO fire burning in our hearts!

In Christ - Della Rios

Fundraising Update

Did you know that Kairos Outside Weekends are completely funded by donations and the fundraising events held each year? KO would not be possible without generous donors who give because of their love for God and their belief in this ministry to impact the lives of women.

In addition to these donations, KO Lubbock holds different fund-raising events each year to supplement the coffers!

As a result of last year's efforts we raised:

Buttered Braids Bread sales = \$936

Pancake Breakfast @ Applebee's = \$1,500

Our next fundraiser will be in the Spring when we will hold another Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's, so be ready to get your tickets, sell some tickets, and bring your all your friends and family!

If you or someone you know would like to donate to KO Lubbock, please contact Ronda Menefee, the Fundraising and Sponsorship Coordinator, or any Advisory Council member.

Donations of any size are always appreciated and are tax deductible!

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!

Reunion: 6:00pm, 2nd Tuesday of Each Month, Oakwood United Methodist Church

Bring a snack to share and as always, children are welcome to come and eat dinner - childcare provided during the meeting!

Kairos Outside #18 – September 27-29, 2019

Please plan to attend special events at KO weekends

Walking in Love: Saturdays at 8:45pm and Closing: Sundays at 2:30pm

Want to be more involved in KO Lubbock?

Let's do it! Here are just a few ways to get involved -

Attend Reunion – It's a great way to stay connected with your KO sisters!

Join us on Facebook – Contact Poppy Beard or Christi Taylor to join the private KO Lubbock Facebook group.

Volunteer

Team Volunteer - Working a team requires members to meet for 36 hours to prepare for a Kairos Outside Weekend. Members share their special talents – musical, spiritual, social – with Guests and each other. For a volunteer application, email us at the address below.

Angel Volunteer – “Angels” are special volunteers who work behind the scenes during a weekend. They help prepare Guest quarters, set up tables and chairs, clean, cook, run errands, pray during the Weekend and help with Guest transportation during weekends.

Prayer Partners – In Kairos Outside, we depend on God to make things happen, so we recruit volunteers to pray for us from start to finish.

Agape – Agape is a sacrificial “love” that takes many forms. It could be prayer or working as an angel. Or it could be making little gifts such as bookmarks or homemade goodies for our Guests on the weekend. All Agape is welcome!

Provide a meal for a team meeting – Reach out to an upcoming Weekend Leader for her team meeting dates and provide lunch for the team.

Get involved in KO Outreach – Share about the Kairos Outside ministry at your church, your work, or anywhere else you think will be impactful.

Work a Fundraiser – Volunteers are needed to help with our annual Pancake Breakfast

There are so many ways to be involved and KO is always looking for new volunteers. So come and you WILL be blessed!

If interested, please reach out to any Advisory Council member or email KO Lubbock at kairosoutsidelubbock@gmail.com to get started today!

***Kairos Outside T-shirts and Name Tags are here and available
for a small donation***

T-Shirts - \$15

Name Tags - \$5

Look for order forms at the next Reunion meeting!