



KOCT

Kairos Outside Central Texas



Jo Chapman KO Outside Women's Ministry Coordinator Kairos Prison Ministry International

Just imagine how it feels to get the news that someone from your family has been arrested and will be going to prison for a long time. A mother might feel shame or embarrassment, that if she had been a better parent, this might not have happened. If you are a wife, you might be worried about how the bills are going to get paid and how your children will survive. If you are a sibling, you might be angry for your family having to go through this pain. Then on top of all these feelings, in most situations, you are afraid to tell anyone outside of the family for fear of judgement. Sometimes your own church could turn their back on you and your family.

Kairos Outside is a place where the women whose lives have been affected by incarceration of a relative or friend, can come and share their stories and their pain. It is a safe place that everyone knows the Guest's "secret" and does not judge her. It is a place that the grace and peace of Jesus Christ is so present that you can see it and touch it through the KO volunteers.

Kairos Outside provides the Guests with a loving, Christian community who walks the journey with them and prays for them in the joyful times and supports them through the painful times. The Guests are treated as Christ would treat them and life can begin to flow back into their broken hearts.

Kairos Outside provides an on-going support system for the Guests as they walk this journey of incarceration. These families are sitting in our churches, in our work places, and in our neighbourhoods and we may not even know it. Their lives are tired and heavy burdened and Christ and the KO community give them a safe place of rest and spiritual support. Kairos Outside is needed in all communities since the numbers of families affected by incarceration is on the rise. Please consider being a Kairos Outside volunteer or attending a weekend retreat scheduled twice a year.

God blesses the Guests when they have the courage to attend a KO weekend. God also blesses the faithful KO volunteers for believing that Matthew 25:36 about ministering to those in prison applies equally to those who are in prison on the outside, because of the actions of the relatives or friends. Thank you, God, for caring about all your children, no matter where they are in this world. Amen

**Jo Chapman will be here from Florida at the first meeting of Kairos
Outside Central Texas in Belton Texas at the First Baptist Church.**

KOCT # 1 Locations & Times

- **Feb 22-24, 2013**
- Three Mountain Retreat in Clifton, TX

The Team Meetings will be held at the following location & time:

- **8:00am First Baptist Belton; 506 N Main Belton, TX 76513 @ exit #294 off I-35**

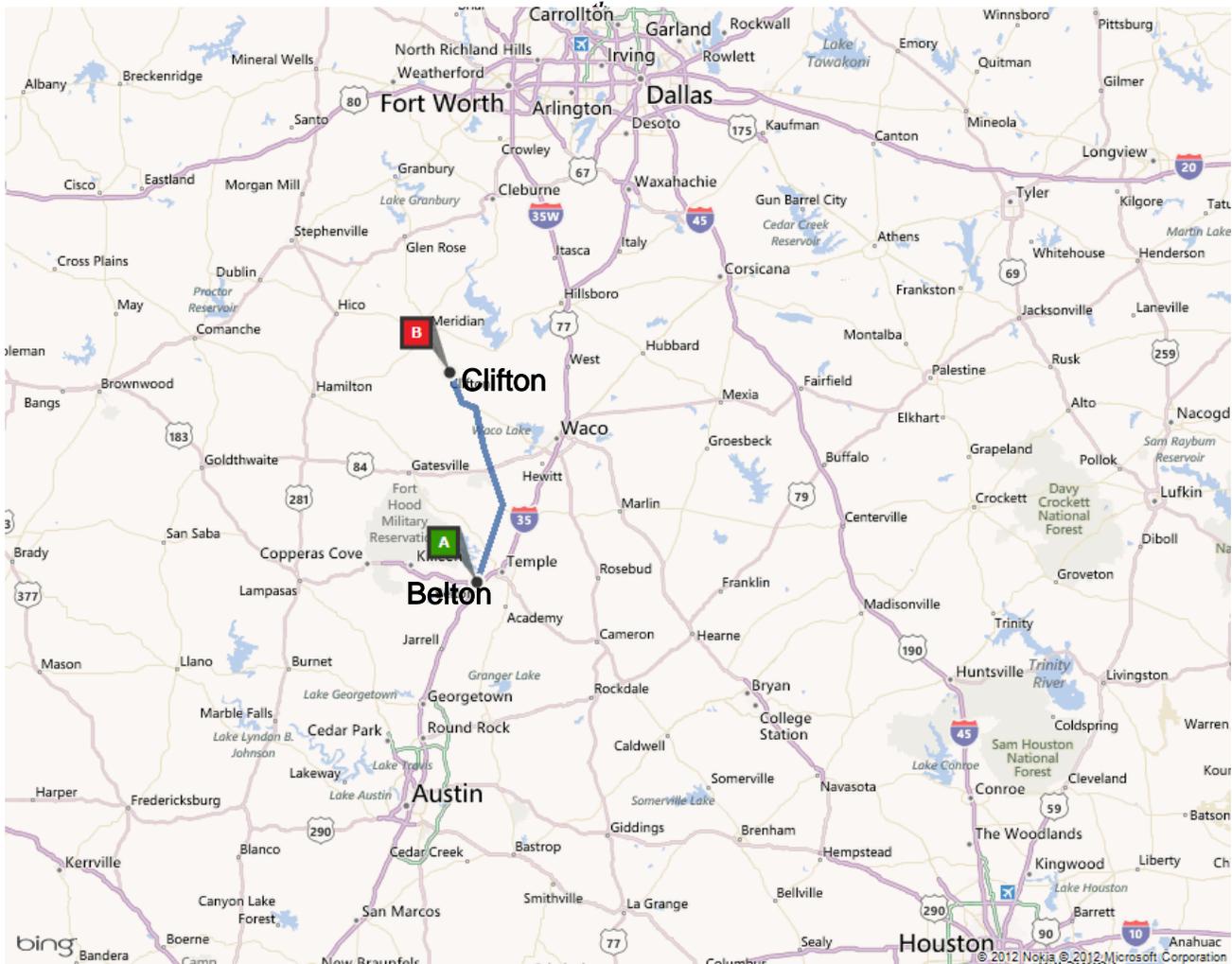
On the following dates:

- **Nov 3, 2012**
- **Dec 8, 2012**
- **Jan 5, 2013**
- **Jan 19, 2013**
- **Feb 9, 2013**

Contact Bettye Keefer if you have information or questions concerning this newsletter: ewkeefe@yahoo.com
I especially would like to hear any "God" stories from your weekends.

We would also like to invite you to 'Walking in Love:

***Three Mountain Retreat, 1684 FM 182; Clifton, TX 76634 (GPS use 109 Private Road 4231)
Saturday Feb 23, 2013 @ 8:15 pm***



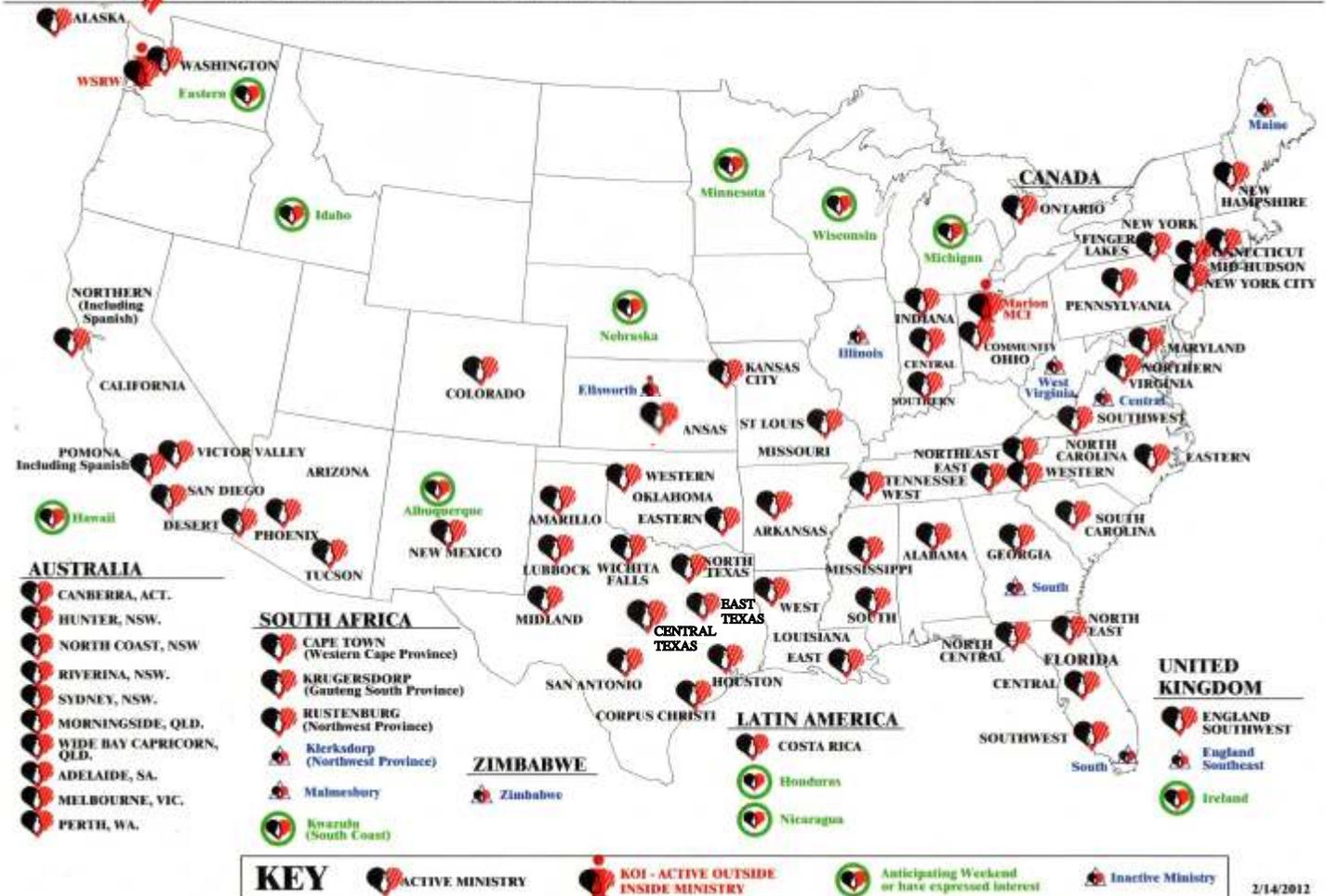


Julie Cole, Kairos Outside Chair

As Chair of Texas Kairos Outside Sub-Chapter Committee, I would like to welcome KO Central Texas to the Texas Kairos Community. These ladies have been in preparation, working very diligently, for well over a year to bring the Kairos Outside ministry program to this area. There are nine other KO locations in Texas – Amarillo, Corpus Christi, East Texas, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, North Texas, San Antonio, Wichita Falls – and this will fill a hole in the middle of the state that is so badly needed. Kairos Outside is a ministry for women who have been impacted by incarceration in some way and they are out there. They have been rejected by their churches and have isolated themselves from society to stop the hurt.

The ministry goals are to provide a safe place; to offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting; to encourage the sharing of one’s life journey; to create an opportunity for a relationship with God; to foster spiritual growth; and to promote participation in Support Groups. As always, volunteers will be needed to assist with the first weekend which will be February 22nd in Clifton and/or to notify the ministry of ladies that might attend as guests. Please check the contact information elsewhere in this newsletter. We ask for your prayers as we seek to serve the Lord by ministering to the broken-hearted.

Kairos Outside Mission Field



Contributions to KOCT

KOCT has been mightily blessed by contributions from many individuals and groups! God has been so good to us! Each gift has been an answer to prayer.

These groups have given financial contributions to our new Kairos Outside Unit:

Kairos Outside San Antonio
 Murray Unit
 Buda United Methodist Men
 Buda United Methodist Women
 Lockhart Men's Unit
 Hughes Unit
 Bartlett Unit
 Central Texas Emmaus Community
 Watermark Community Church – Dallas, TX
 Vista Community Church – Temple, TX

We will hold individual gifts in confidence. We greatly appreciate the support from all of our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Thank you, Lord for leading us to this ministry and for the blessings you have given us and will give our guests!



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Kairos Outside Comes to Central Texas

I was introduced to Kairos Outside in the year of 2009. It was then I felt tugging on my heart strings and God talking to me. This was something close to my heart and I was feeling passionate about. I wanted to share this ministry in the Central Texas area where there is no community of any kind like it. Women being able to come together with one another on common ground; to support one another in their good times and down times, to celebrate life together when their loved ones come home, to be able to call one another when they need to pray or share.

In Feb. of 2013 we will be having our #1 KOCT Weekend at " Three Mountain Retreat." We are excited and expecting a wonderful weekend, to see God's hand at work and for the guest and volunteers to see God in Action!!!

KOCT on the Radio

KOCT on the radio? Yes, thanks to the generosity of “Nubian Queen Lola,” Kairos Outside of Central Texas has been giving interviews and having our contact information given out on Gospel 1060 AM radio (KLIF), in the Austin area, since January! Lola has a Cajun Soul Food restaurant and a weekly radio show on Wednesdays, from 3:30 - 4:00 PM. She tackles many challenging and uplifting Christian topics every week. When Lola learned about the new unit of Kairos Outside forming in Central Texas, she offered to put us on her show. After a few months, she decided that she would dedicate one show a month, the second Wednesday, to Kairos. She speaks enthusiastically about how Kairos Inside has greatly impacted her husband’s life, and is anxious to get the word out to ladies who qualify for Kairos Outside so that they, too, can experience a Kairos Weekend.

Joyce Boelsche, the Outreach Coordinator for KOCT, has coordinated the speakers as well as talking on the show. Other guests have included Angela Johnson (from the Murray Unit KI), Judy Raine (from KO San Antonio), Val Corry (from KO San Antonio and soon-to-be KO Central Texas), Audrey Rivera (from the Murray KI and KOCT), Maren Raines (from Hobby KI and KOCT), Bernadette Urdy (from KO San Antonio and soon-to-be KOCT), and Steve Kincheloe, who has served in the Michael and Coffield Unit KI’s and has written a book about his Kairos experiences ([A Quest for Truth](#)).

We have reported to the Kairos State Committee on this wonderful gift of outreach, and they are very excited about it! We are awaiting the day that KLIF will be on the internet so that anyone can tune in and hear the Nubian Queen Lola show!

Nubian Queen Lola’s Cajun Soul Food and Ministries is located at 1815 Rosewood Ave. in east Austin. Her motto is “The Hands of God--Feeding the Homeless 7 Days a Week.” In fact, she closes the restaurant on Sundays to exclusively feed the homeless. You can contact Lola at the store at 512-474-5652 or on her cell at 512-483-4711. Her website is nubianqueenlola.com. If you would like to assist her in feeding the homeless, you can make a donation or sign up to help. There is a link on the website that goes to a place you can sign up.

In addition to her hosting KOCT on her radio show, Lola has placed an ad about KOCT in a local monthly newspaper, “Branching Out.” It is distributed to libraries, schools, and churches in Austin and the surrounding areas. In **November**, Lola is hosting a gumbo dinner fundraiser for KOCT. Look for details on that event!

Thank you, Lola, for your fantastic support! Thank you, Lord, for Lola!

ABC’s of Life

All persons need salvation. Everyone has a problem with what the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God’s authority over your life. The result of sin is spiritual death (Ezekiel 18:4B). Spiritual death means eternal separation from God.

Believe God loves you. God offers new life, although we have done nothing to deserve it. In the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross, God provided redemption for all who willingly repent of sin and place their faith in Jesus Christ.

Come to faith in Jesus for eternal life - salvation and redemption. Admit your sin of separation, and ask Jesus to deliver you from the consequences of your sin. Yield control of your life to Him, to become your Lord and savior (Romans 10:9-10).