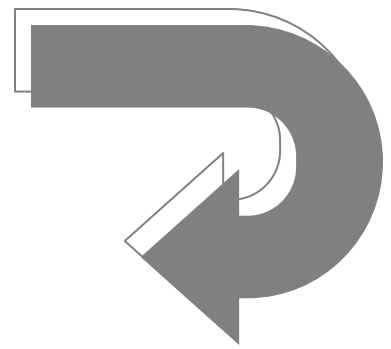




Kairos Outside Midland

Newsletter
May 2008



Kairos Outside is designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are or have been incarcerated in state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and youth offender programs. The spouses, parents and other relatives of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their loved ones. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian community that cares.

Loved ones who are invited to participate are called Guests. Guests share with each other how the incarceration of a loved one is affecting family life. Weekends become a "safe place" where unconditional love and acceptance is given toward encouraging the sharing of one's life journey. We hope to create opportunities for fostering a relationship with God, spiritual growth, as well as, promote participation in support groups. We are dedicated to women impacted in any way by incarceration.

"And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation; namely, God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (N.A.B.)

Upcoming K.O. Weekends/Leaders:

- ♥Fall/08 Gloria Cork,
- ♥Spring/09 Gloria Nunez,
- ♥Fall/09 Vicky Frazier

Kairos Outside Reunion

- ♥Saturday, May 10th, 2008
(3:00-5:00pm)
- ♥Bring family, finger foods, smiles, and hugs.
- ♥door prizes and a drawing
(Means Memorial Methodist Church/Andrews)

Thoughts from Guests of K.O. #18:

1. "I have been very weary of people; you all are no more strangers, but my friends." 2. "witnessed amazing things because of the goodness of hearts. I'm ready to do His work, and I am growing in God."
3. "God bless you all. I give God all honor and praise, He is the victorious One. Families of prisoners need Kairos. He is moving in an awesome way, and has moved in me and my son."
4. "Awesome, can't get over it, didn't know what to expect, and the Holy Spirit has moved in me."
5. "came broken down, I am encouraged now".
6. "Didn't know what to expect, I came broken, angry, hurting" It has been a blessing, God has done marvelous things."
7. "received the best surprise of my life, got that letter from my son, he and I live for the day we receive each others letters"
8. "I've been praying for friends, now I have them."
9. "I am very blessed, have lots of friends, we've cried, laughed, smiled, talked, it's been a while since I've done these things."
10. "God set this time apart, I've been blessed, and you won't find this out in the world."
11. "I came in with a heavy load, it's been lightened now."
12. "I have saved \$200.00 ...better than going to a Psychiatrist."
13. "learned about forgiveness and peace"
14. "came with a heavy load, then all this food, thank God I didn't back out."
15. "came empty, leaving with happiness and joy"
16. "came angry, anger is gone, more excepting of God"
17. "blessed abundantly."

Reflection of K.O. Weekend 18

Dear Kairos Outside Family,
What a wonderful time we had on KO #18!
The Lord seemed to begin blessing us from Thursday set up right through the Sunday clean up. I am so thankful to all of you who helped in so many ways to make the weekend go so smoothly and quickly, it seemed to zip by. Our seventeen wonderful guest were such a blessing to us as we all "Walked Before the Lord in the Land of the Living", Ps. 116:9.
It is my prayer that each of you will continue to walk and not look back on those things we left at KO 18. We are so thankful to add you to the Kairos Outside Community. What a wonderful team of servants God sent and those wonderful outside angels. I am blessed beyond measure. We look forward to seeing all the team, guest, and -all our KO community at the reunion on Saturday, May 10, 3-5 pm, Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. Remember to let that "River of Life" flow through you everyday to renew and refresh you as you "Walk before the Lord in the land of the living."
God bless each of you,
Connie.

Looking ahead to Weekend 19

Dear Kairos Outside Sisters, WOW! What a blessed Weekend we had, listening, loving, laughing, crying with one another and knowing that God loves us all the same.

We all have been blessed to be a part of Weekend 18 and now it is time to begin planning for Weekend 19. Please be in prayer about serving on the team.

The scripture for K.O. 19 is Luke 9:23:

Then Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23

K.O. #19 is October 24-26, 2008. The team meeting dates are: 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, & 10/11

♥Please contact Gloria Nunez @432-355-6249 if you have someone that would like to attend as a guest for #19. A completed application can also be sent to Gloria Nunez @: 900 N.W. 11th, Andrews, Tx 79714
Your Sister in Christ,
Gloria Cork

♥ COME TO THE FIRST EVER!!!

Kairos of Texas will hold its first state conference on November 7-9, 2008 in Austin. All Kairos Outside volunteers are invited to attend. The Conference will be held at the elegant Omni Hotel and will be aimed at providing an opportunity for all of Texas Kairos to come together and share our common goals. We hope all of you will be interested in attending. You can go to www.kotconference.org for more information or contact Kim Roubison, Kairos Outside-Midland state representative (ROUBISON@aol.com).

HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

- place Newsletter in your church foyer or Sunday school class.
- share with mission groups at your church or share with co-workers, family and friends.
- Sponsorship
- Help with a team members expenses for the weekend.
- Your monetary donation will help with basis expenses of a guest for a weekend. Guest are never charged.
- Your financial support is a tax deductible contribution used for food and housing costs.

There are many ways to support this ministry:

- ♥Serve as a Team Member on a weekend;
- ♥Share information with potential guests;
- ♥Provide transportation for guests;
- ♥Volunteer as a Day Angel for a few hours to help where need;
- ♥Provide Agape (snacks & craft items)

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