



# God's Special Time

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## New and Improved

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Bright!  
Shiny!  
Fresh!  
Improved!  
New!



We all love something new. Our throw-away culture teaches us that newer is always better. Each of these words brings a sense of something superior — something which has been improved upon:

A bright floor.  
A shiny new car.  
Freshly squeezed oranges.  
Improved cleaning power.  
A new house.

Can you close your eyes and smell that lovely new car smell? Taste that pulp-filled, tart orange juice? Feel the excitement of creating a home out of a new house?

But all of these pleasures are just *things*, and we know that, as much as we enjoy them, things are not what truly matter in this world.

And like all things, they will eventually lose their luster. The

car will have coffee spilled in it, the floor will need to be mopped again, and that improved cleaning power will be improved yet again.

But what if instead of things, we applied this to ourselves? Since we're constantly growing older, how can we ever be new again? Not one of us is as bright, shiny or new as we were before.

Even Nicodemus questioned Christ, *"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"* John 3:4

The answers lie in rethinking our definition of the word "new." Not something unused and perfect, such as a new car, but rather something which was once used and undeserving, but is now perfected. If we have chosen to accept the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ in our hearts, we are:

Saved.  
Born Again.  
Cleansed.  
Redeemed.  
Forgiven.



We are all sinners, and we all fall short of what God would have us be. We don't deserve this rebirth in the Lord, not even the very best of us. And yet God in His grace still forgives us, and we are made new again.

Through you, our volunteers, Kairos brings this message of God's love and forgiveness into prisons and youth correctional facilities, and to women impacted by incarceration.

When you *listen, listen, love, love*, inmates learn that no matter what they have done in the past, or how far they have drifted into darkness, God loves and forgives them. Hearts are changed and lives are transformed.

Only then can prisoners do as Paul commands in Ephesians: *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* Ephesians 3:31-32

As you rejoice in the resurrection this Easter Sunday, remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made so that you could live your life "new and improved."



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As we move into a busy springtime for Kairos Weekends and continuing ministry, I ask that we be diligent in praying for the Weekend Leaders, volunteer teams and participants/guests. We know God is blessing this ministry, but keeping focused on Him as our leader and seeking his direction will keep us all unified in Christ.



As we pray, we also better understand how to give God our very best in our service and in conducting the ministry. When we do the small things with excellence for God, He will give us more as we show we are honoring Him with our work. This leads us to doing the ministry with excellence.

We have wonderful Kairos volunteers serving daily and we are so grateful for the hearts and passion of each one. With the numerous Weekends many volunteers have served on, it can be easy to think we know how to do the program without the team formation meetings or without the manual's guidance. Team formation meetings are critical for the current team to both meet and learn how to work together, to go over the manual and the details of the work, and to focus spiritually to come together in unity.

I also want to caution us to always use the program manual as our guidebook and to follow it

diligently. Please make sure every volunteer has a manual, and has both read it and uses it at team meetings. In this way we know we are doing the ministry with excellence in the very best way for God.

The scripture tells us to use our time, talent and treasures diligently in order to serve God completely in whatever we do. It means doing our daily work out of love for God. This is illustrated in Matthew 25: 21, *"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.'"*

Kairos is 40 years old this year, and many years of learning and observing the best way to conduct our three programs has taken place across the world.

It is exciting to think of the thousands of incarcerated persons (men, women, and youth) and their families that Jesus Christ has touched through the work of Kairos over the past 40 years.

I trust that God has led the ministry to refine our program over time to optimally share Jesus Christ and impact the incarcerated. We are truly blessed to be a part of a huge army of people sharing God's love and hope to those impacted by incarceration, and we definitely see God at work at Kairos. May we each be blessed as we serve.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to the completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

(Philippians 1:3-6, NIV)

Greetings from the Board of Directors! We are pleased to welcome Kathleen Cabraja from Arizona as a new member. She was elected to serve on the Board by the International Council at the end of February. We are excited that she will be joining us as we gather in March to learn and grow as a governing body, and to consider the strategic issues of the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Earlier this year Kairos also welcomed many new faces to the International Council and to State Chapter Committees. We appreciate the dedication of these men and women who have stepped forward to lead and serve in their states and at the national level.

Additionally, Advisory Council leadership began a new year of service as they work at the local level to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Wherever we serve across Kairos, we are unified in the mission to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as

their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Each of us who serve in this ministry is a volunteer. We all have active and busy lives, so from time to time someone may ask you "Why Kairos?" What is it that draws volunteers to serve God through this particular ministry?

As I write this, I had a reminder of just why we serve in Kairos. I again saw the transforming love and power of Jesus Christ at a Kairos Inside Men's Closing. I heard over and over the impact of God's love on that particular group of men. One of them said "We are a group of guys that most people don't count worth much." He continued, "But God does, and we have felt His love through you." These men spoke not only of the love of God that they felt as never before, but also of the kindness they experienced from the volunteers who were the hands and feet of Christ to them.

God calls us to serve in different ways, in different places, in different seasons of our lives, and to different people; but really, He is calling us to serve Him. The question becomes "How will you and I respond?" Will we step forward and say "Here I am, use me" or will we sit back? Will we share the Kairos story and invite others to join us or will we keep quiet and just keep doing what we



**Vicki Spurgeon,  
Board Chair**

are doing? Will we use our spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ or will we say "Maybe later?" As I pondered on my own responses I was reminded of the words used by a warden to challenge Kairos graduates as they prepared to take the love of Christ out to their yards and pods — "Your actions speak louder than your words." Let us serve, do, and be a people of action.

This ministry continues to grow and we are in a good place, Kairos volunteers! But we cannot be satisfied with "good enough," when we can reach greater heights and more hearts for God as we continue building together upon the foundations laid for ministry excellence. It is not about you and it is not about me. It is about walking humbly with our God. Working together for His glory we see and experience the transforming power of Christ's love in many lives and in our own.

May the peace, power and love of the risen Christ be with us all.

Vicki



## Who is Clergy?

By Ken Rocks,  
Men's Ministries Coordinator

As our Spring Weekends unfold, team formation is in full stride. Now is the time we get together with old and new Christian brothers and sisters to facilitate the team formation process. The Weekend Leader is tasked with providing the environment for spiritual formation of the team into one body of Christ, the church. Along the way, the Weekend Leader will be praying and searching for clergy to be part of the team.

While the Kairos ministry is a lay-led ministry, clergy are absolutely essential for the success of the Kairos programs, but it is very important to ensure that the ecumenical nature of the Kairos ministry be upheld. This requires that the clergy come from a variety of denominations. While serving as a Kairos volunteer clergy they must refrain from activities that are unique to their particular tradition.

The question of who is clergy and how they qualify is also an important issue. Persons who serve as clergy on Kairos Inside teams frequently come from very different theological backgrounds. Although Kairos is not a church, we also have a special responsibility to the participants and the institutions

to make careful selections of those persons we call clergy.

We are always concerned about a resident who chooses to share information with Kairos clergy. While we do not administer liturgical practices from any Christian denomination, we do recognize that residents seeking God's forgiveness may share confidential matters with persons designated by us as clergy. Because of this fact, we must be thoughtful about those persons we designate as clergy.

Clergy are called to *listen, listen, love, love*, as are all team members. As God's representative and shepherd in the institution, they are called to listen to the flock and their concerns. Only through listening can we get to know and love our participants. Listening with a true servant's heart will be a blessing to the Participant and to the team member. In Kairos, we don't preach to our participants. As clergy, they are expected to follow the talk guidelines as any other team member. When someone follows their own agenda for a talk, then the carefully developed sequence of the talks is disrupted. Each talk is the foundation for the next.

In essence, we have adopted a three-step analysis to be considered Kairos clergy:

1) Any Christian Kairos clergy:

a) should have received formal training from their Christian denomination or church authority (by this we usually mean seminary or Bible College), **or**

b) be ordained by their Christian denomination or church authority, or be licensed by their state as clergy, **or**

c) be recognized as clergy in good standing by a Christian religious order (usually refers to a community of priests, nuns, monks), **or**

d) be actively engaged in or retired from ministry by a recognized Christian church authority,

2) Be able to work effectively in an ecumenical or interdenominational setting,

3) Qualify under their state law as being covered by the privileged communication statutes.

We are thankful and blessed to have Clergy who are so dedicated to be a part of the Kairos program.





## Male Volunteers in Kairos Outside



By Gina Brockmeyer,  
Women's Ministries Coordinator

As I talk to volunteers from across the country I often receive questions about how men can become involved with Kairos Outside. Many are interested in helping, but don't fully understand how they can become involved and be an important and active part of their local Kairos Outside community.

Men who serve on a Kairos Outside Weekend play a very vital role, and there are two ways they can serve. They can serve as members of the Kairos Outside Team, or they can serve as Angels on the Weekend. There are some very significant differences in the responsibilities of these two groups.

First, the male members of the Kairos Outside Team are officially called the Kitchen Team. They are responsible for feeding and serving the Kairos Outside Team and Guests both physically and spiritually. They must attend all the team formation meetings so they become a part of the actual team, the unified Body of Christ that comes together to serve our Kairos Outside Guests during the Weekend.

The Kitchen Team usually has the responsibility of preparing and serving the meals in most communities. They assist with set-up and clean-up before and after the Weekend, they assist the Agape Team as they are needed, they provide entertainment at meal times, and they pray for all the speakers before and after their talks on the Weekend. Male team members also take part in all the special events of a Kairos Outside Weekend including Walking in Love, Flowers at Dawn, the Birthday Party on Sunday, and the Elegant Dinner on Saturday evening.

While the men of the team do not go into the community room where much of the talks and other discussions take place, they are very much a part of the Weekend ministry. Men who serve on the team are servants, and they must always treat the Guests on the Weekend with dignity, respect, and love. This is a new concept for many of the Guests, who may never have been treated by men with love and respect before. The male members of the Kairos Outside team truly help the Guests understand that they are valued by God, and that they are worthy. In some cases the men

may even inspire a Guest to see God, her heavenly Father, in a very different light because of the men's attitudes and actions.

I often hear Guests on a Kairos Outside Weekend say how blessed they were by the men who served on the team, and I know the female members of the team feel the same way.

If men are unable to attend all the team meetings, but still have a desire to serve, they can also serve as Angels. Angels are not officially a part of the Kairos Outside Weekend Team, and can work for as little as two hours or a full day during the Weekend behind the scenes. Angels are never seen, and they never have direct contact with the Guests. Male angels never escort Guests at the Elegant Dinner.

Kairos Outside Weekends would not be the same without the wonderful and committed men who serve in the program.

By serving on a Kairos Outside Team or as an Angel, our male volunteers are blessed, and truly come to understand the value, the importance, and the impact of Kairos Outside.

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\* *In the Mailbox* \*  
\* We have a friend who is currently at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, \*  
\* OH. She has done a Kairos Weekend and is now an Angel. She can't tell us enough \*  
\* wonderful things about your program. We are very impressed and want to donate \*  
\* this money. \*  
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## The Need for a Huddle

By Kevin Resnover,  
Youth Ministries Coordinator

*"In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body." Romans 12:5*

In 1892 football quarterback Paul Hubbard of the Gallaudet University for the deaf created what we refer to as the huddle. Before the huddle was created, teams would talk back and forth, and in the deaf schools sign to each other. Simply because he did not want the opposing teams, who were also schools for the deaf, to see what the play was going to be, Hubbard ordered his team to line up in a circular formation known as a huddle so he could receive and relay information to his fellow teammates easily without any worries.



While the huddle is the time when the team players gather behind the line of scrimmage to hear from the quarterback what the next play will be, it is also the time that the team uses to quickly strategize, readjust, motivate and/or celebrate the latest play. Just like the rest of the game of football itself, the huddle has taken many turns. It is now seen in many different styles and used for many different reasons.

The 40 hours of team formation meetings, in a large sense, are the huddle for the Kairos Torch Weekend. It is the time that those committed to serving on the team come together to hear the plays, learn the course of action, affirm each player in their perspective role on the field and encourage each other to play as an organized team. It's also a time of accountability where prayer partners huddle together to discuss their

concerns with the Head Coach (God) and deal with issues that sidetrack them from keeping their head in the game.

Sometimes we hear the seasoned player in Kairos Torch express that there is no need for them to come to the huddle because they have been to so many of them that they already know everything they need to know in order to serve on a Weekend. All they really want to do is get on the line of scrimmage and play ball.

Can you imagine the horror of a football center declining to huddle with the rest of the team? The quarterback could yell out numbers until he turned blue in the face, but the center would never know when to snap the ball because he refused to huddle and get the information that would put the game into play. Or suppose the wide receivers decided they would ignore the huddle? They would never know where they needed to be on the field to receive the ball once it was thrown.

Team formation (the huddle) is vital to the success of Kairos Torch. The strength of any team rests with their ability to bond together, understand their role and their place, receive directions from the team leader and function together as a unit. A good huddle is also a place where each team member is affirmed in their sharing and encouraged when they are struggling with their assignment.

When your team leader calls the next team formation meeting, go with great expectations and prepare to huddle.



## Kairos in Nicaragua



By John Dodds (Texas Kairos Volunteer) — The room is long and narrow with open windows on one side but the single fan can't move enough air to moderate the heat and the stuffiness is almost unbearable. The speaker is presenting a talk in Spanish and I don't understand much of what he says. We just had lunch, beans and rice and a real treat — a small piece of chicken. A few of the participants are having trouble staying awake. *What am I doing here? Why do I keep coming back?* I know the men

look at me and wonder the same thing; *who is this gringo, and why is he here?* It is hard to tell the inmates from the team members because the prison does not provide clothes, or even beds, and most inmates sleep on the floor.

This is Kairos #17 in the prison in Nicaragua known as La Modela, and I am here because Kairos is bringing the Gospel inside. **Nicaragua is the 2nd most impoverished country in this hemisphere.** The people of this country are poorer than most Americans can imagine, and yet they face the same problems our inmates do; they are spiritually lost and looking for something to latch on to, some hope, some way out of the cycle of violence and street gangs and even just something to eat. The Kairos program was brought to La Modela, and is facilitated by, David Aguilar and Mario and Hortensia Mendoza.

For more information on how to help this program, please contact Kairos Prison Ministry International at 407-629-4948.

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:21

Since the first Kairos in Nicaragua in June 2008, to Kairos #17 in December 2015, 518 men have had a MIRACLE enter their hearts through meeting JESUS CHRIST!



## Spring Board Retreat



### International Office DeBary, FL March 17-19, 2016

**Front Row:** Vicki Spurgeon, Evelyn Lemly, Barb Jensen, Terry Crockett, Larry "Buck" Rodgers.

**Back Row:** Von Brister, Kathleen Cabraja, David Garmus, John Miller, Christine Money, Emma Jones, Jim Hankins, Inetta Reddell, Don Setterlof, James Miller, Doug Watson.

## Forever Changed

By Anita Goble  
Kairos Outside, North Texas

My life was forever changed on September 18, 2009. That morning there were ten FBI agents knocking on my door clad in bullet proof vests and guns drawn. My two-year old son was in the kitchen. We "entertained" several of these agents for about three hours until it was confirmed that my husband was in their custody.

Not knowing what to do, I took my little boy to his daycare at the Methodist Church. As soon as I dropped him off in his class, I started walking towards the door and began to fall apart. The precious ladies at that church introduced me to their Care and Concern Minister who first mentioned Kairos Outside

to me. I had to wait a year to attend a Weekend, but that experience changed my life. I have been in church my entire life, but I had never felt love like I felt at that Weekend.

With the support and encouragement of my Kairos Outside sisters, I was blessed to be a Weekend Leader. Oh, what a ride it was! Twenty-nine guests came to join the amazing team. We were faced with so many challenges and trials. BUT, we persevered and remained united. God blessed our efforts in amazing ways. We truly felt God's presence. There were so many wonderful stories shared at the Closing. We feel such gratitude for their presence and support.



We all need each other in this remarkable ministry. Those we serve need to build strong families that can withstand the challenges they face daily. What better way than to help them build strong families with God at the center?

Was the Weekend perfect? No, but thankfully God does not expect perfection from us. God just asks for our trust and faith in Him along with our dependence to do the work He has called us to do. This Weekend, I believe we experienced the ultimate Kairos gift — unity and support within the Kairos family. We saw the difference God's love makes in the lives of these beautiful, yet strong women.

To God be the Glory!



“He has saved us  
and called us to a  
holy life — not  
because of  
anything we have  
done but because  
of his own  
purpose and  
grace. This grace  
was given us in  
Christ Jesus  
before the  
beginning of  
time.”

2 Timothy 1:9



Kairos Prison Ministry International

### *In Loving Memory*

*Often, people who have lost a loved one ask that a tribute gift be made to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.*

*A memorial contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry pays thoughtful tribute to the memory of your loved one. Donations will support sharing Christ's love with the incarcerated.*

*A memorial letter will be sent to the family of the bereaved, along with the name(s) of the donors. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed.*

*Donors will receive a letter from Kairos Prison Ministry for their tax-exempt contribution.*



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## KAIROS PRAISE REPORT

Four #1 Weekends have been reported for the 2016 Spring Season:

- ♦ March 10, 2016, Kairos Men's Inside: Deep Meadow Correctional Center, located in State Farm, VA, with John Petty as the Weekend Leader.
- ♦ April 14, 2016, Kairos Men's Inside: Luther Unit, (Texas State Prison), located in Navasota, TX, with Jay Saenger as the Weekend Leader; and Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility, led by Wayne Schmidt.
- ♦ April 15, 2016, Kairos Outside: Central West, NSW, Australia



**Rev. John S. 'Jack' Stevens** joined the celebration in heaven on December 5th, 2015. He was born March 10th, 1932 in Winter Park, Florida and is survived by his wife Margaret, his children Carol Seidel, John Stevens and Christy Lube as well as 10 grandchildren. Services will be at 2PM Dec. 23rd at Church of the New Covenant, 800 Tuskawilla Rd. Winter Springs, FL.

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**Robert Willis Kirby**, 80, of Kinston, NC, formerly of Sumter, passed away peacefully on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, at Carolina East Hospital in New Bern, North Carolina, with his wife and son by his side.

Robert was a graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. After finishing school, he was a very successful stock car driver, winning more than 40 races on dirt tracks all over the south. He was featured in the book "Rebel Speedway" by author Mark Osborne, as he was well-known and respected by other drivers and pit crews for his skills under the hood and on the track in the 14 car "The Gray Ghost."

Robert worked for Hampton Industries for more than 31 years, where he retired as director of research and

development. Robert had a great love for flying and had his pilot's license for more than 55 years. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and played a key role in the development of Kinston's Aero Modelers flying field. Throughout his retirement, Robert was an active community volunteer, serving faithfully in the Kairos Prison Ministry and as a patient representative at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. He was also an elder at Faith Fellow Church. Please keep his wife, Elizabeth Anne Kirby, and family in your prayers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kairos of North Carolina, attention Linda Leland, 2569 Elijah Loftin Road, Kinston, NC 28501.

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**Howard "Duck" L. Strole**, 45, of Jonesboro, GA, and formerly of Plant City, FL and Dayton, OH entered into eternal rest on January 28, 2016. He was a manager with B and B Ice, and enjoyed playing his guitar. He also volunteered with Kairos Prison Ministry International for many years, serving on the Polk Correctional Institution team. He is survived by his fiancé, Kim Watson; parents, Dottie Button of Plant City and Howard J. Strole, Jr. of Dayton; children, 2 children and 4 grandchildren; along with many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends.



In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kairos Prison Ministries International at [kairosprisonministry.org/donate](http://kairosprisonministry.org/donate).

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**Edward "Ned" Mitchell Badgett** of Columbia, SC passed away expectantly on Friday, February 19, 2016.

Ned was survived by his brothers and other family members.

Ned was a graduate of Christ School, Arden, N.C., UNC Chapel Hill, and University of South Carolina. He was a former teacher at St. James School in Hagerstown, Md. and Heathwood Hall in Columbia, S.C. He was employed by the Office of the S.C. Secretary of State.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Christ School, 500 Christ School Road, Arden, NC 28704, St. John's Episcopal Church fund for the Mission in Cange, Haiti, 2827 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC 29205, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, #310, White Plains, NY 10605, or the Kairos Prison Ministry International, 100 DeBary Plantation Blvd., DeBary, FL 32713.

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**John Philip Kennell**, of San Antonio, TX, passed away on March 8, 2016. He was born May 9, 1937 in

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Hain Kennell, parents Leslie and Lola Kennell, brother Ronald Kennell and stepson Louis Lavespere.

After graduating Gettysburg High School, he joined the US Air Force, where he served for 25 years as a boom operator and finished his career as a Computer Systems Superintendent. He also worked for Tesoro Petroleum and USAA as a Computer Analyst. He is also a Graduate of Texas State University.

John was an active member of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church where he was very involved with Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry for the Torres Unit in Hondo, where he was instrumental in helping to establish the prison chapel.

He is survived by his wife Kay Kennell, and family.

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## I Was Born in Prison

My name is Teresa and this is my story.

I am a survivor of prison. I was never in prison except for the day I was born. I am dedicating this testimony to my mother. She was an amazing woman. I was born on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in prison. I was born illegitimate and an inmate. At that time, you were allowed to keep your baby, and I was with my mom for six months. I was then put in a foster home and not returned to her till I was three.



I wish I could say that is where my story ends. My mom was in and out of prison my whole life. I feel that she always did the best she could for me and my younger sister. Unfortunately the things that she did, well, tended to take her back to prison. They say that there is survival in all kinds of illnesses like cancer, leukemia, but nobody ever says you are a survivor of prison. There should be. Families struggle just as much as the inmates do. I missed my mom when she went away. She missed so much of our lives. My mom took her life in 1999 because she was again facing incarceration.



Since the day I was born, they said I was guaranteed one day to end up in my mother's shoes. I didn't. Because the one thing I think that she taught me was that I was worthy of a better life — a better life and a better destiny that I could build on my own. During the times my mom was out of jail and my sister and I were out of foster care, my mother always made sure we had a roof over our heads.

One Christmas we were living in a station wagon. As my sister and I slept, my mom spent the night decorating the car with Christmas decorations. We woke up to Christmas with presents. It wasn't much but it was also everything to us. That was a special moment that I will always think of fondly.



When I attended a Kairos Outside weekend, the love and support I received was amazing. Being able to talk to other women with similar stories made me feel not so alone. Most importantly, it brought me closer to God. My mother was an atheist and God was not a word in our lives as a child. But the funny thing was when she



needed childcare, she always sent us to churches that offered care, maybe because it was cheaper. Well that is where I first realized God's love. And because He forgave us for our sins, I knew I had to forgive my mother's sins. With her and God's love, I knew I could break the cycle that was given me the day I was born.

My destiny was prison. The prison that I lived in, in her

shadows, and behind bars. My mom may have been in prison, but I was the one serving the sentence. But with the support of Kairos, I found a new destiny. And that destiny is being able to tell my story. By sharing it with you, I feel like I am breaking the chains that have held me for so long.

Teresa



## Original Wooden Crosses from Kairos #1 Weekend in New Hampshire, Fall 1986



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## KAIROS TRAINING

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Advanced Kairos Training is for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch volunteers who are in or will be in a Weekend leadership role, including Advisory Council or State Chapter positions, anywhere within the Kairos program. Advanced Kairos Training gives the what, who and why of the Kairos ministry. **Kairos policy requires that all Weekend leaders must have completed the entire training course 12 to 24 months prior to leading a Weekend.**

### PRINCIPLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING EXPENSES

1. All Advanced Kairos Trainings are essentially free to any and all attendees. However, paying the expenses of an attendee for training is borne by the state sending its volunteers to a training in or out of its local state. This means that all Advisory Councils or State Chapter Committees should be budgeting for any training expenses deemed necessary for their future Weekend Leaders or other attendees that the Advisory Council or State Chapter Committee wants to attend.
2. Advisory Councils or State Chapter Committees should encourage their volunteers (who may have been used to paying out of their own pocket previously to a Host State) to make their donations to their local Advisory Council instead to help build the budget to allow for more volunteers to attend trainings.

***BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PROGRAM MANUAL WITH YOU TO THE TRAINING.***

***You must complete the entire Advanced Kairos Training in order to receive your certificate and become a Weekend Leader.***

### ***2016 Advanced Kairos Training Schedule***

April 22, 2016	KANSAS CITY, MO	Kairos Inside
May 13, 2016	DENVER, CO	Kairos Inside
June 3, 2016	HUNTSVILLE, TX	Kairos Inside and Outside
June 17, 2016	JACKSONVILLE, FL	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
July 15, 2016	RALEIGH, NC	Kairos Inside
July 22, 2016	BUFFALO, NY	Kairos Inside and Outside
August 19, 2016	BALTIMORE, MD	Kairos Inside and Outside
September 9, 2016	CANTON, MS	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
October 7, 2016	PHOENIX, AZ	Kairos Inside
October 21, 2016	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside
October 21, 2016	GREENVILLE, SC	Kairos Inside and Outside
November 11, 2016	WAXACHACHIE, TX	Kairos Inside, Outside and Torch
November 11, 2016	FORSYTH, GA	Kairos Inside

***Additional 2017 Training dates and sites will be confirmed in the near future.***

Detailed information for each training, including costs, facility and registration can be found on the on the Kairos Kalendar at [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org).

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4/1/16	AZ	Phoenix	20	Tina Moore	Kairos Outside
4/1/16	FL	Northeast	21	Kay Akers	Kairos Outside
4/1/16	LA	East Louisiana	15	Jan McCannon	Kairos Outside
4/1/16	TX	Houston	33	Renee McGah	Kairos Outside
4/1/16	TX	Lubbock	11	Sarah Baston	Kairos Outside
4/4/16	TN	Mark H Luttrell CC	31	Marianne Wilson	Women's Inside
4/5/16	MS	Central Mississippi CF	36	Dianna Boring	Women's Inside
4/6/16	NC	Nash CI	4	Marty Benson	Men's Inside
4/6/16	SC	Kershaw CC	33	Bob Hunter	Men's Inside
4/6/16	TN	Northeast CC	31	Michael Lambert	Men's Inside
4/7/16	AR	Tucker	37	Mike Steinmetz	Men's Inside
4/7/16	CA	Calipatria	24	Jerry Sanchez	Men's Inside
4/7/16	CA	Ironwood SP	32	John Lorenzini	Men's Inside
4/7/16	FL	Columbia CI	28	John Cobb	Men's Inside
4/7/16	FL	Florida SP West Unit	20	Steve Russell	Men's Inside
4/7/16	FL	Homestead CI	32	Faith Pearsom-McKenzie	Women's Inside
4/7/16	FL	Lake CI	67	Julian DaCosta	Men's Inside
4/7/16	GA	Baldwin SP	12	Preston Rolle	Men's Inside
4/7/16	GA	Dooly SP	34	Robert Farrell	Men's Inside
4/7/16	GA	Whitworth Detention Center	3	Elaine Harbin	Women's Inside
4/7/16	KY	KY State Penitentiary	4	Troy Hutson	Men's Inside
4/7/16	MD	MCI Hagerstown	24	Shawn Brockway	Men's Inside
4/7/16	MO	Potosi CC	12	Jon Shepherd	Men's Inside
4/7/16	OH	Madison	4	Dan Warren	Men's Inside
4/7/16	SC	Evans CI	45	Chris Kent	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TN	Northeast CC	32	Michael Lambert	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Allred Prison	30	Ssteve Rohling	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Clemens Prison	19	Jim Thompson	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Daniel Prison	25	Michael Block	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Polunsky Prison	36	Steve Tefteller	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Roach Prison	33	Chris Sanders	Men's Inside
4/7/16	TX	Stiles Prison	34	Bryron Arnold	Men's Inside
4/7/16	VA	Fluvanna CC for Women	31	Kathryn Wallace	Women's Inside
4/7/16	VA	Pocahontas State CC	10	Todd Brinkley	Men's Inside
4/7/16	VA	Sussex I SP	3	Lindell Tinsley	Men's Inside
4/8/16	MS	South MS	11	Susan James	Kairos Outside
4/8/16	So Afr	Drakenstein	18	Gary Greig	Kairos Torch
4/12/16	VA	Green Rock CC	14	Haywood Belvin	Men's Inside
4/12/16	VA	Keen Mountain CC	28	Peter Jennings	Men's Inside
4/14/16	AL	Donaldson CF	63	Brandon Smith	Men's Inside
4/14/16	CA	California State Prison, Centinela	18	Jack Forrester	Men's Inside
4/14/16	CA	California State Prison, Sacramento	17	Steve Mershon	Men's Inside
4/14/16	CO	Delta CC	49	Martin Conner	Men's Inside
4/14/16	FL	Avon Park CI	45	Peter Simon	Men's Inside
4/14/16	GA	Emanuel Women's Facility	8	Barbara Breedlove	Women's Inside
4/14/16	GA	Lee Arrendale SP	20	Lynda Stragel	Women's Inside
4/14/16	GA	Phillip SP	20	Samuel Aikin	Men's Inside
4/14/16	IN	Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility	1	Wayne Schmidt	Men's Inside
4/14/16	IN	Plainfield CF	18	Kurt Rent	Men's Inside



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4/14/16	NM	Southern NM CF	24	Robert Phipps	Men's Inside
4/14/16	OH	Ohio Reformatory for Women	44	Linda Brown	Women's Inside
4/14/16	OK	Mabel Bassett CC	42	Cynthia Bowling	Women's Inside
4/14/16	SC	Lieber CI	55	Joe Friend	Men's Inside
4/14/16	So Afr	Drakenstein CC	23	Graham Botha	Men's Inside
4/14/16	So Afr	Johannesburg CC	12	Kalvin Jordan	Men's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Briscoe Prison	16	Rick Stewart	Men's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Lockhart CC	18	Kelly Luedeke	Women's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Luther Unit	1	Jay Saenger	Men's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Michael Prison	48	Joe Tew	Men's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Neal Prison	35	Andy Cortez	Men's Inside
4/14/16	TX	Smith Prison	38	Dick Brown	Men's Inside
4/14/16	VA	Greensville CC	60	Steve Kinner	Men's Inside
4/14/16	WA	Washington State Reformatory	58	Dan Ikehara	Men's Inside
4/15/16	AUS	Central West	1	Catherine Ryan	Kairos Outside
4/15/16	AZ	Northern Arizona	2	Dinah Brooks	Kairos Outside
4/15/16	CA	Pomona	60	Maria Martinez	Kairos Outside
4/15/16	IN	Logansport Juvenile CF	4	Mark Brown	Kairos Torch
4/15/16	IN	Northwest Indiana	20	Julie Chandler	Kairos Outside
4/15/16	IN	Pendleton JCF	18	Dave Chambers	Kairos Torch
4/15/16	NM	New Mexico	29	Alicia Granados	Kairos Outside
4/15/16	NY	Mid Hudson	32	Ada Afanador Bolus	Kairos Outside
4/18/16	AUS	Arthur Gorrie CC	11	Michael Frawley	Men's Inside
4/18/16	AUS	Southern Queensland CC	2	Bob Joyce	Men's Inside
4/21/16	AL	Fountain CI	61	John Blakeney	Men's Inside
4/21/16	AL	Limestone	61	Harry Stone	Men's Inside
4/21/16	CA	California City	2	David Stokes	Men's Inside
4/21/16	CA	Valley State Prison	4	Bob Young	Men's Inside
4/21/16	CT	Garner CI	10	David Cameron	Men's Inside
4/21/16	FA	Polk CI	41	Richard Spinelli	Men's Inside
4/21/16	FL	Lowell CI	23	Lois Furr	Women's Inside
4/21/16	FL	Union CI	80	Jim Rockenbach	Men's Inside
4/21/16	FL	Zephyrhills CI	70	Tom Acker	Men's Inside
4/21/16	IL	Menard CC	11	Jim Dolan	Men's Inside
4/21/16	IN	Edinburgh CF	2	Kenny Browning	Men's Inside
4/21/16	IN	Indiana SP	19	Phillip Slack	Men's Inside
4/21/16	IN	Miami CF	17	Keith Hiatt	Men's Inside
4/21/16	IN	Pendleton CIF	18	Mark Lawler	Men's Inside
4/21/16	LA	Winn CC	43	Ron Manly	Men's Inside
4/21/16	MD	Western CI	8	Ron Sterling	Men's Inside
4/21/16	OH	Marion CI	39	Phio Ranck	Men's Inside
4/21/16	SC	Broad River CI	39	Rick Heirs	Men's Inside
4/21/16	SC	Leath CI for Women	27	Robbi Kohli	Women's Inside
4/21/16	SC	Ridgeland CI	12	Ken Dishop	Men's Inside
4/21/16	TN	Bledsoe County CC	2	Lea Smalley	Women's Inside
4/21/16	TX	Boyd Prison	27	P.J. Karch	Men's Inside
4/21/16	TX	Coffield Prison	41	Tag Gallaher	Men's Inside
4/21/16	TX	Hightower Prison	16	Tenel Tayar	Men's Inside
4/21/16	TX	Lynaugh Prison	35	Nash Dowdle	Men's Inside
4/21/16	TX	McConnell Prison	41	Tucker Rackley	Men's Inside
4/21/16	VA	Buckingham CC	48	William Hall	Men's Inside

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4/21/16	VA	Central VA CC for Women	36	Rossana Finegan	Women's Inside
4/21/16	VA	Greensville CC Unit 2	59	Ray Ryan	Men's Inside
4/21/16	VA	Sussex II SP	11	David Kenneally	Men's Inside
4/22/16	AUS	Hunter	21	Karen Fogg	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	CA	San Diego	34	Tonnette Grigsby	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	ID	Southwest	5	Luanne Hardy	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	IN	Central Indiana West	10	Jenny Drye	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	NC	Western NC	14	Renee Gray	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	TN	Northeast TN	13	Nora Halberg	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	TX	North Texas	38	Jana Smith	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	TX	Wichita Falls	18	Tara Fleming	Kairos Outside
4/22/16	WA	Eastern Washington	5	Tracey Waring	Kairos Outside
4/26/16	AUS	Fulham CC	17	Dirk Hoekstra	Men's Inside
4/26/16	AUS	Mobilong Prison	23	Peter Hill	Men's Inside
4/27/16	MS	Mississippi SP Unit 29	36	Errol Castens	Men's Inside
4/27/16	MS	South MS CI Area I and II	20	Kevin Shaw	Men's Inside
4/27/16	TX	Connally Prison	27	Charles Greminger	Men's Inside
4/27/16	TX	Eastham Prison	31	Jimmy Pryor	Men's Inside
4/27/16	TX	Murray Prison	20	Myra Sutherland	Women's Inside
4/27/16	TX	Torres Prison	34	Jack Erb	Men's Inside
4/28/16	AL	Staton CF	33	Jamie Damato	Men's Inside
4/28/16	AZ	LaPalma CC	5	Sheldon Cieslak	Men's Inside
4/28/16	FL	Marion CI	12	Tom Bender	Men's Inside
4/28/16	GA	Smith Prison	10	Warren Rogers	Men's Inside
4/28/16	GA	Valdosta SP	32	Hansell Watt	Men's Inside
4/28/16	IL	Pontiac CC	3	Steve Torres	Men's Inside
4/28/16	IL	Stateville CC	19	Neville Reid	Men's Inside
4/28/16	IL	Western CC	8	Christopher Kerr	Men's Inside
4/28/16	IN	Putnamville CF	12	Tom Hosty	Men's Inside
4/28/16	KS	El Dorado CF	21	Bill Landman	Men's Inside
4/28/16	KS	Hutchinson CF	27	David Palmer	Men's Inside
4/28/16	LA	Louisiana CI for Women	42	Mary Fontenot	Women's Inside
4/28/16	MD	Maryland CI	16	Angela Burrin	Women's Inside
4/28/16	MD	Maryland CI Jessup	7	Raymond Garza	Men's Inside
4/28/16	MS	Central Mississippi CF	33	Mike Byers	Men's Inside
4/28/16	NC	Marion CI	15	Sean Rice	Men's Inside
4/28/16	OH	Allen Oakwood CI	3	Don Frey	Men's Inside
4/28/16	OH	Warren CI	15	Ed Wheeland	Men's Inside
4/28/16	OK	Dick Conner CC	23	Bob Decker	Men's Inside
4/28/16	SC	Allendale CI	20	Bill Van Houton	Men's Inside
4/28/16	SC	Tyger River CI	23	Doug Banner	Men's Inside
4/28/16	So Afr	Gauteng North	17	Leon	Men's Inside
4/28/16	TN	Tennessee Prison for Women	2	Cathy Preston	Women's Inside
4/28/16	TX	Bartlett State Jail	24	Weber Schulz	Men's Inside
4/28/16	TX	Dalhart Prison	33	Bert Brady	Men's Inside
4/28/16	TX	Darrington Prison	57	Stuart Verdon	Men's Inside
4/28/16	TX	Estelle Prison	1	Rick Pritchard	Men's Inside
4/28/16	TX	Robertson Prison	42	Terry O'Connell	Men's Inside
4/28/16	VA	Red Onion SP	3	Brent Tennant	Men's Inside
4/28/16	VA	River North CC	4	Barry Arnold	Men's Inside
4/28/16	VA	Virginia CC for Women	41	Darlene Smith	Women's Inside

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4/28/16	WV	Lakin CC	26	Judy Fields	Women's Inside
4/29/16	AL	Alabama	37	Kim Caddell	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	CA	Chaderjian YCF	4	Bob & Josie Maselli	Kairos Torch
4/29/16	CA	Victor Valley	12	Nancy Bathurst	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	FL	Central Florida	35	Laura Roll	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	FL	Southwest Florida	17	Sally Sprague	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	MD	Maryland	20	Sharon Littlejohn	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	TN	East TN	26	Lori Freeman	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	TX	Central Texas	6	Harriet Young	Kairos Outside
4/29/16	TX	Midland	31	Johnie Rollwitz	Kairos Outside
5/2/16	AUS	Emu Plains CC	23	Lynne Noble	Women's Inside
5/2/16	AUS	Mannus CC	11	John Keogh	Men's Inside
5/2/16	AUS	Mid North Coast CC	13	Glenn Maas	Men's Inside
5/5/16	AR	R L Williams Unit	7	Sixto Rojas	Men's Inside
5/5/16	CO	Sterling CF	13	Mark Booren	Men's Inside
5/5/16	GA	Washington SP	17	David McAfee	Men's Inside
5/5/16	LA	Dixon CI	4	Michael Tweedy	Men's Inside
5/6/16	AUS	Alexander Moconochie Centre	5	Tony Jurd	Men's Inside
5/10/16	AUS	Dillwynia CC	16	Shirley Ray	Women's Inside
5/10/16	LA	Rayburn CC	19	Craig Ladner	Men's Inside
5/12/16	FL	Putnam CI	30	Richard Mills	Men's Inside
5/12/16	GA	Lee SP	44	Terry Thacker	Men's Inside
5/12/16	GA	Macon State Prison	3	Alan Frost	Men's Inside
5/12/16	IN	Indiana Women's Prison	17	Connie Kilpsch	Women's Inside
5/12/16	IN	Westville CF	24	Virgil Noble	Men's Inside
5/12/16	MD	North Branch CI	1	Jim Onaitis	Men's Inside
5/12/16	ME	Maine SP	31	Al Parker	Men's Inside
5/12/16	MO	Chillicothe CC	8	Carol Constant	Women's Inside
5/12/16	NH	NH State Prison for Men	59	Moe Ahearn	Men's Inside
5/12/16	NY	Albion Women's CF	72	Ronnie Barhite	Women's Inside
5/12/16	NY	Coxsackie CF	27	George Dillard	Men's Inside
5/12/16	OH	Belmont CI	7	Harry Aslanes	Men's Inside
5/12/16	OH	London CI	10	Randy Yutzy	Men's Inside
5/12/16	OK	Davis CF	18	Quanah Nail	Men's Inside
5/12/16	PA	SCI Albion	40	Victor Dixon	Men's Inside
5/12/16	PA	SCI Chester	16	Scott Johnson	Men's Inside
5/12/16	TN	Riverbend Maximum Security Institution	5	Paul Clement	Men's Inside
5/12/16	TX	Beto Prison	54	John Arakelian	Men's Inside
5/12/16	TX	Terrell Unit	2	Chris Schaeper	Men's Inside
5/12/16	TX	Wynne Unit	4	John Vancamp	Men's Inside
5/12/16	VA	Nottoway CC	36	Brian King	Men's Inside
5/13/16	AUS	Southeast Queensland	31	Cathy Gear	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	CT	Connecticut	11	Ellen MacMillan	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	FL	Southeast Florida	15	Nilda Rodriquez	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	LA	West Louisiana	30	Michelle Watson	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	MD	Silver Oak Academy	2	Joe Staryarsky	Kairos Torch
5/13/16	MO	Eastern Missouri	27	Sue Gaston	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	OH	Marion CI Outside/Inside	19	Susan Hurst	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	So Afr	West Rand	27	Sandra Greville	Kairos Outside
5/13/16	TX	San Antonio	31	Dolores Amador	Kairos Outside
5/19/16	FL	Central FL Reception Center	6	Walk Koenig	Men's Inside



5/19/16	IN	Rockville CF	24	Carla Mathies	Women's Inside
5/19/16	NC	Maury CI	2	Mike Ling	Men's Inside
5/19/16	NM	Guadalupe County CF	19	Nelson Hoffman	Men's Inside
5/19/16	TX	Montford Unit	35	Jody Ehler	Men's Inside
5/20/16	GA	Georgia	36	Valerie Allen	Kairos Outside
5/20/16	IL	St. Charles Youth Center		Ray Termini and Susan Morrison	Kairos Torch
5/20/16	NY	New York City	13	Franisca Traverso	Kairos Outside
5/24/16	C R	San Sebastian Prison	17	Julio Alberti	Men's Inside
5/27/16	AUS	Sydney	35	Debby Shelton	Kairos Outside
5/27/16	CA	California Institute for Women	6	Clara Caudle	Women's Inside
5/27/16	CA	California Medical Facility	46	Brian Matlock	Men's Inside
5/27/16	CA	Salinas Valley SP	1	Paul Aschenbenner	Men's Inside
5/27/16	CA	USP Atwater	13	Jose Platas	Men's Inside
5/27/16	PA	Eastern Pennsylvania	4	Barbara Schieck	Kairos Outside
6/2/16	FL	Baker CI	26	Mark Barrett	Men's Inside
6/2/16	FL	Moore Haven CI	37	John Molineaux	Men's Inside
6/2/16	MD	MD Correctional Training Center	3	Mike Craig	Men's Inside
6/3/16	AUS	Men Sydney	6	Michael Hardiman	Kairos Outside
6/3/16	OK	Western OK	30	Sherry Miller	Kairos Outside
6/3/16	VA	Virginia	14	Stephanie Lann	Kairos Outside
6/7/16	NC	Avery Mitchell CI	3	Billy Reel	Men's Inside
6/9/16	AR	McPherson	33	Leila McCloud	Women's Inside
6/9/16	FL	Okeechobee CI	67	Mark T. Hopper	Men's Inside
6/9/16	OH	Franklin Medical Center for Women	2	Deborah Welch	Women's Inside
6/10/16	TX	Vance Prison	59	Joe LaMonte	Men's Inside
6/24/16	NH	State Prison for Women	4	Sandra Hauser	Women's Inside
6/27/16	NIC	La Modela	18	Jorge Chamorro	Men's Inside
7/7/16	TX	Estes Unit	12	Kevin Higgins	Men's Inside
8/4/16	TX	Wallace Prison	35	Theodore Powell	Men's Inside
8/5/16	IN	Wabash Valley JCF	3	Tommy Thompson	Kairos Torch
8/12/16	AUS	Canberra	17	June Lawrence	Kairos Outside
8/19/16	AUS	North Coast	9	Bec Kerton	Kairos Outside
8/25/16	AL	Elmore CF	14	Charles McCalley	Men's Inside
8/25/16	AR	Pine Bluff Unit	44	Ronald House	Men's Inside

## New Kairos Website, Blog, and Social Media pages!

On March 1st Kairos launched our newly redesigned **website** and **blog** at [kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org)!

Our new **Facebook** page is at [facebook.com/kairosprisonministry](https://facebook.com/kairosprisonministry), and our **Twitter** account is [@kairosprisonmin](https://twitter.com/kairosprisonmin). Please be sure to Like and Follow us, and share posts with your friends!

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have links on your state or AC website which went to the [kpmifoundation.org](http://kpmifoundation.org) site, you'll need to update them to an appropriate page on our new site.



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## 4th Day Forum Annual Meeting



The 4th Day Forum held their Annual Meeting February 6, 2016 at the Kairos International office:

**Front Row:** Tracy Schmidlin, Via de Cristo; Wendy Showalter, Via de Cristo; Kerry Goldmeyer, Presbyterian Pilgrimage; Veronica Hinkson, Episcopal Cursillo; Carol Williams, Episcopal Cursillo; Evelyn Lemly, Kairos Prison Ministry International.

**Back Row:** Steve Gielda, Via de Cristo; Hoang Tran, Catholic Cursillo; Kate Dickinson, Emmaus Ministries; Paul Weis, Tres Dias; Paul Schmidlin, Via De Cristo; Frank Yarbrough, Tres Dias; Stephane Brooks, Emmaus Ministries.