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What I saw was simply a group of genuine Christian laymen doing what Jesus calls each of us to do – love our enemies. The Kairos ministry is working at the margins of society. But the journeys of transformation that people experience with Kairos still surprise me. When we speak with people next to us.

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As a part of my life, I have ministered in 5 churches, translated extensively and pioneered ministry work in Boston, Indonesia. Yet I have never seen the gospel presented as clearly or effectively as I saw at Kairos 21 in Jones this past year.

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A Worthy Investment

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I’ve come to see Kairos incredibly effective in the life of my ministry; as mentioned by “Kairos Time.” Over the years we’ve learned to ‘look’ for a Kairos moment and this awareness has certainly increased the number of Kairos opportunities. It’s even been transformed into a ‘Kairos powerpoint’ that we use for student groups or with other churches who want to see the Kairos film for themselves.

As the story of Mandy, Puti and Magdalan reveals, a life may be shaped by the power of Christ in an instant. But the journey toward healing and spiritual maturity leave a lifetime. I believe Kairos can help people toward spiritual maturity, and it is my privilege to do this in my role as a Kairos chaplain.

I have always been amazed by the way God prepared these men to be a part of the Gospel and take it to the Mass. This is what I believe the Kairos experience is all about.

As we begin this new year of opportunity with great hope, I trust you may find ways to reach out to others and to share this important part of the “Kairos business” privilege.

Vision: How great would we all be to show others the great news of God’s grace by sharing our own stories to others.

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The Open Door to New Life

By Peter Francis, Kairos Spiritual Director

Jesus said, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

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“Open Door” is a good metaphor. Jesus wants us to know that He is there for all of us, whether we are in or out of prison. He wants us to know that He is there for us and has been there for our families and loved ones who are without us. Jesus wants us to know that no one is too far away, no one is too distant.

While we were far away, Jesus was near. While we were far from the church, Jesus was present.

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Kairos is just these within the prisons. It’s also for their families and loved ones coping with the loss of loved ones. Often these on the outside also feel alone and enjoyed by their families. Having a community to lean upon and finding acceptance is real. At Kairos Outside that’s what Meredith found. She was incarcerated just before her 21st birthday. Rearing from her own sentencing and the rejection of her mates, Meredith desperately needed a place where she could be honest and present her pain. “The Kairos Outside weekend was a pretty tearful one, but I acknowledged my feelings of guiltlessness and shame – the walls were able to come down.”

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While Meredith grew up around the gospel, she never understood the love of Jesus. At Kairos she discovered tangible expressions of the gospel she had never grasped before. “Kairos Outside really showed me Jesus with skin on. They were so gentle, understanding, honest and real.”

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[Open Door](http://www.kairos.org.au/open-door)

**The Open Door to New Life**

By Peter Francis,
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The Kairos programme offers an open door to new life... an opportunity to share the joy and richness of Christ’s presence to prisoners and the families who love them. The Kairos programme has been described as a “Christian Community in Prison” – a special place where the door is always open to offer Jesus. It is a place that has helped so many to experience hope. It is a place that can be a catalyst to show the way to others. It is a special place to be embraced, to be loved. It is a place to be held and to connect.

**Enlivening New Life**

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At Kairos Outside that’s what Meredith found. Her son was incarcerated just before his 21st birthday. Reeling from her son’s sentence and the rejection of her mum, Meredith desperately needed a place where she could be honest and present her pain. “The Kairos Outside worked out like a precious therapy.”

Having a community to lean upon and finding acceptance is vital. Meredith hopes her son will one day experience the loving community she enjoys. “My son hasn’t had the opportunity to attend a Kairos meeting. But I pray that he will.”

Lives are being changed both inside and outside the prison walls. Pat also took the opportunity to thank the Kairos leaders for the impact they had on his life. “It was a joy to join with brothers and sisters in celebration of the life we have in Jesus.”

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Your brother in Christ,

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Kairos at Deb's Place

A Kafka Barima Inside Guest and Team member have had the opportunity to share stories to Australia. They were interviewed on Deb's Place, a Christian women's show which will be airing on the Australian Christian Channel and Christian Radio Stations later in the year. Watch out for more information in our next newsletter.

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I've come to see Kairos ministry in the life of my ministry as measured by “Kairos Time.” Over the years we've learned to live by this “clock” and the changed individuals it affects. We've also learned to see life differently. It isn't just a life before and after Kairos, though it is that. But the Kairos connection is the God-given opportunity to live a radically new way of living we see modelled in the early church. All of the assurances and benefits of Kingdom life change, and Jesus' teaching does not make realistic assumptions about the offering of new life or the Kingdom of God to those who call themselves Christians and disciple them toward spiritual maturity. (Have a look at how this works its way out at www.heartstyles.com). We are always encouraged by hearing the stories of freedom and transformation that people experience with Kairos. If you would like to share your story with the wider Kairos community please write to us or give us a call.

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