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## Prayers - Heard And Answered

In our last edition we called for your prayers for the 14 Teams that had begun their training and have since run Short Courses in prisons, Torch Program at Baxter Juvenile Detention Centre or Kairos Outside in three different locations.

We thank you for your prayers as God has truly answered them for many inmates or their relatives on the outside.

Another 14 Programs are now in the planning stages or will take place shortly. Please include these 500 Team members in your prayers once more.

In my role as Executive Director I have had the pleasure of visiting and spending a little time with Regional Committees or State Councils around the country over the last 2 and a half years. I am delighted to say what a commitment I witness each time I visit an area working behind the scenes. Kairos is able to do what it does so well because of the level of energy, sacrifice and commitment each one of these people makes. The commitment to professionalism and doing a great job is very evident in what actually takes place at the frontline of the ministry.

Like me many of you marvel in what God does with inmates or their families and what they receive and take up. Truly this is the call of Jesus to make disciples throughout the world. Our commitment begets their commitment and God's multiplying factor takes care of the rest. At the end of the day we are still called to trust in His providence and how He will take care of those released or when we lose contact with those we have ministered to.

As we go to print Kairos Outside begins its journey in Adelaide with its first weekend between 4 to 6 June 2004. Kairos Outside is also planning ahead for its first weekend in Melbourne in the not too distant future. We have requests or plans in hand for 5 more prisons in NSW. Two of these are yet to open, with an Ad-Hoc Committee at Dilwynnia Women's Windsor, and Mid North Coast at Kempsey. If all goes to plan Kairos will be represented in 17 NSW prisons. Once again, we need your prayers for more workers to the harvest. As I step down from my role as Executive Director, I wish you all well and keep you in my prayers. I have been called to intensify my presence in the work of Catholic Cursillo and other local ministry as my family and I continue in our journey of living a life of faith alone.

*Edwin Galea, Executive Director*

## Dates For Your Diary

**July 23-25, 2004 Kairos Advanced Training Weekend.**

**June 17-19, 2005 2nd Kairos National Conference**

For those interested in learning more about Kairos or planning to be a director. At Kiah Ridge Tahmoor, cost \$125.00 includes meals, accommodation and printed material.

Please contact the office for further details and application forms.

Make a note in your diary about next year's 2nd Kairos National Conference to be held at The Collaroy Centre Homestead Ave Collaroy Beach. More details of the convention will be available in the next newsletter. We will be celebrating 10 years of Kairos in Australia as part of the conference!

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From The Chairman, George Novak

## Greetings and Blessings Fellow Kairosians!!

We have just completed a number of Kairos Short Courses in institutions for both men and women. Once again we have had a ringside seat to witness the Holy Spirit's victories over sin and evil. This also holds true for the Torch Program and Kairos Outside Weekends held recently. Kairos continues to be a powerful positive influence in the lives of the incarcerated, their families and the prison environment. Like myself, many volunteers have given witness to their own spiritual growth through involvement in Kairos. We will have an opportunity to celebrate with local and overseas visitors at The National Conference in June 2005.

This year Kairos will move into a new stage of growth. Kairos has had charitable status since its beginning. This allowed it to raise funds for its work. Kairos Prison Ministry Australia was recently granted Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status by the Australian Tax Office (ATO). This is a significant change for the ministry as donations to fund the work of Kairos are now tax deductible. Relevant

information and new receipt books have been sent to the regions.

The previous newsletter announced the resignation of Edwin Galea as Executive Director in June and called for applications for this position. I take this opportunity to thank Edwin for his tireless work and commitment to Kairos over the past two years as ED. At its May meeting the Kairos Board resolved to appoint Rick Johnson as our first paid Executive Director. Rick had recently joined the Kairos Board as secretary and was the director of Silverwater # 8. Along with running the National Office, his work will involve fundraising for Kairos. I congratulate Rick on this appointment.

The composition of the Kairos Board has changed in recent months. Stuart Kerry and Brian Bell have resigned. Stuart was also the second executive director of KPMA. Brian was one of the founding fathers of Kairos in Australia. I thank both Stuart and Brian for their commitment to Kairos, particularly their contributions on the Board. I know both men continue to remain active in Kairos. Office bearers

were also elected for the next twelve months. Chairman – George Novak, Deputy Chairman – Doug Orr, Secretary – Rick Johnson, Treasurer – Graham Morrison, Coordinator of Women's Ministries – Margaret Fuller and Executive Member – Vern Harvey. I thank all Board members for their commitment, especially those who have taken on additional responsibilities and workloads.

We need to keep focused on the important Kairos issues that help us to better serve those in prison and their families and always be ready to invite into leadership positions individuals whose skills and talents will benefit the ministry. I am very excited about the future of Kairos in Australia because God will equip us with what we need to continue His work. I thank Him for the enormous gifts and commitment of my fellow volunteers who respond so generously when huge demands are placed on them. As always I encourage you to work as if it all depended on you; and pray as if it all depended on God, as we face the challenges ahead.

May God Bless you all.

I remain the servant of Kairos volunteers.

*George Novak, Chairman KPMA*

## Bathurst #6

Bathurst Regional Committee is rejoicing at another display of God's faithfulness to us. Kairos Bathurst #6 ended at 12noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 04, with an exciting Closing Ceremony - the culmination of the week's ministry to 23 inmates.

The week was very capably run by Jim Lavis and his team and we are looking to a beautiful journey programme and really rejoice in the building of a strong Christian Community in Bathurst Gaol.

We are seeking further blessing as we run Kairos #7 under the directorship of Derrick Milling. We ask people to pray as Derrick builds his team so that other inmates are blessed by Jesus our Saviour.

## Dates for Short Courses 2004

*Please advise the National Office of plans for your local area, if not included.*

June 4-6	Kairos Outside #1 Adelaide	Women	C/- P O Box 31 kent Town S.A.5071	C Walters
June 29-July 2	Kairos #4 Berrima	Women	PO Box 185 Bowral NSW 2576	L Whitten
July 12-15	Kairos #6 Mulawa	Women	PO Box 572 Seven Hills 2147	L Carter
Sep 3-5	Kairos Out. #2 Hunter	Women	PO Box 200 Medowie NSW 2318	S Royal
Sep 10-12	Kairos Out #5 Canberra	Women	PO Box 3961 Weston ACT 2611	D Clancy
Sep 21-24	Kairos #11 Junee	Men	C/- 28 King St Junee NSW 2663	V Laidler
Sep 28-Oct 1	Kairos #12 Goulburn	Men	PO Box 6146 Nth Goulburn 2580	J Short
Oct 12-15	Kairos #11 Emu Plains	Women	PO Box 2588 Tarren Point NSW 2229	G Ricci
Oct 19-22	Kairos # 15 Cessnock	Men	PO Box 371 Cessnock NSW 2325	D Wilson
Oct 19-22	Kairos #13 Silverwater	Men	PO Box 73 Northmead NSW 2152	M Day
Nov 2-5	Kairos Grafton #13	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton NSW 2460	P Paff
Nov 5-7	Kairos Outside #8 Qld	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside QLD 4170	N White
Nov 9-11	Kairos #5 Berrima	Women	PO Box 185 Bowral NSW 2576	J Mc Dermott
Nov 19-21	Kairos Outside #12 Syd	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076	E Aldos
Dec 3-5	Kairos Outside #2 Adelaide	Women	C/- P O Box 31 kent Town S.A.5071	F Cockington