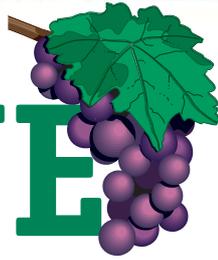




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Kairos? Who? What's That?

How many times have we heard those words said when we tell people what we've been doing with our time?

In advertising-speak, we don't have a lot of "brand awareness" with our ministry. One of the aims of the newly formed Fundraising and Promotions committee is to make Kairos Prison Ministry a better known entity.

To this end, the "Promotions" side of the committee will be looking to gather together a group of people who will be willing to present Kairos (as well as KO and Torch) to outside groups. The aim is to fully equip and train these people, so that the same message is delivered. There will be a coordinator who will provide structured training, handle the bookings, give motivational encouragement, make new promotional material (such as a new video) available to the presenters, etc.

Of course, other volunteers, who don't wish to speak at larger gatherings, have a big role to play in this exercise too. We encourage you all to talk to your friends about Kairos and see whether they believe that God is calling them to take part in this great ministry. We all suffer from burn-out eventually and require a continuous stream of new volunteers to keep the enthusiasm flowing.

Maybe your church is participating in the 40 Day's of Purpose program (from Rick Warren's book "Purpose Driven Life"). If so, you may care to look at Kairos as a mission that you could get them involved in. The

National Office can assist you if you wish to go down this path.

The National Office plays the role of communications centre and we like to send out literature (like the Grapevine) to anyone who has an interest in Kairos. In an attempt to increase our circulation, we asked Regional Committees to forward us the names and addresses of people who had attended Closing Ceremonies in the last 2 years. Thank you to those who responded so promptly. If your committee hasn't done so yet, then I encourage you to send us the names. We hold them in a secure database and observe all Privacy Act requirements when handling the data. If you have any issues with this request, then I encourage you to ring me and have a chat about it.

I'm really excited about where the ministry is heading and the challenges that are in store for us all. God is so wonderful in all that he provides for us and we must remember to regularly give Him thanks.

Vaya con Dios
Rick Johnson,
Executive
Director



**Only 16 Weeks To Go - Have You Booked For
The Kairos National Conference Yet?
Accomodation Is Fast Running Out! See Inside...**

Kairos 2005 National Conference – Celebrating 10 Years of Kairos in Australia.

Have you booked yet? – at the time of writing we have only 16 weeks to go!!

The planning for the conference is well under way and we look forward to a blessed and encouraging weekend spent learning more about Kairos, sharing with others involved in the ministry both from Australian and overseas. Cleve and Cindy Bell will again be attending the conference and sharing with us over the weekend. Cleve inspired many of us at the 2003 conference and we hope to offer opportunities both at conference and other functions after conference for you to hear this great man of God share about his involvement in prison ministry.

The cabin accommodation offers sleeping for 3 to 4 people with two separate bathrooms per cabin. The conference centre and cabins are heated and we have included the cost of linen hire in the price for the room

We have a great team of workshop leaders preparing to present the listed workshops and plans for the banquet and bush dance are well under way.

Hotel rooms now have a waiting list.

We ask those planning to be day visitors to be there by 8.30am for a 8.45am start.

Please contact the Kairos National Office on 9683 0286 as soon as possible if you are planning to attend, as we urgently need to firm up our numbers.

Are you able to billet any of our US delegates before or after the conference? If so would you please contact the National Office.

We look forward to sharing with you.

National Conference Committee.

BOOK NOW!!! to ensure your place at this pivotal event.

Assistance for National Office

Many tasks are performed by the staff at the National Office, but sometimes it gets a bit too much for Rick & Robyn to handle.

That is when we turn to volunteers to perform a myriad of tasks.

We have a few regular National Office volunteers and we thank God for their diligence and dedication. We would like to swell the number of people that we could call upon in an emergency, so if you think that you could perform any of the tasks listed, and could spare a few hours a week to come down to our salubrious office in North Parramatta, then please give us a ring on 9683-0276.

A sample of what we regularly need assistance with is :

- “Grapevine” printing and mailing
- Preparation and mailing of stores items to Regional Committees
- Maintenance of contacts - mailing database
- Cleaning the office
- Photocopying
- Processing of donations
- Preparation of material for training courses, booking venues, handling registrations, etc.

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Chairman's Report To Board Feb 05

Greetings and Blessings fellow Kairosians,

I have just returned from the Kairos Prison Ministries International Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida. It was good to catch up with old friends and also meet new ones. I attended a number of Committee Meetings and the Board of KPMA inc. met in Orlando on February 12, 2005. I am very excited about the future of Kairos, not only in Australia, but around the world. Kairos is experiencing tremendous growth in South Africa, where Kairos Outside and Torch programmes have started. Canada is expanding to new prisons and Kairos Outside has also started there. England has had a revival of Kairos late last year. The World Ministry ran 618 Short Courses in 2004. There is an air of optimism about the future of Kairos.

I was given the opportunity to speak at their banquet on Saturday night of the Conference where 250 people attended. My “Come to Sydney in June” campaign was well received. If they come and help us celebrate 10 years of Kairos in Australia, I promised them some real Southern Hospitality, that is, South of the Equator. Ten people are definitely coming and I believe we will have over twenty visitors. I have two families staying with me and others have already offered to help. I feel sure that our Kairos families will be able to billet our overseas visitors before and after the Conference. Contact Robyn at National Office if you can help or want further information. Don't forget to book yourself for the Conference.

On the home front we have immediate challenges. A new

Company Secretary is needed to prevent Rick from going under. We need to keep asking God to provide the men and women needed to take His Ministry forward, at all levels from team members to Board. This may be the last time that I write to you as Chairman. My six years on the Board of KPMA is up in April this year. However, I am sure God will find other Kairos work for me.

Why do I always feel so positive about Kairos, especially in Australia? Because I am aware of the wealth of talent that God has provided for His Ministry. Also St Paul tells us in Romans 8:28 “All things work together for good for those who love God.”

I remain the servant of Kairos volunteers.

George Novak
Chairman KPMA

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● Mailing of items to State Councils and Regional Committees

Over the next 16 weeks, Robyn will need extra assistance with organising the 2005 Conference. Any time that you can spare to assist her would be greatly appreciated.

We are formulating new processes to assist our National Treasurer (Graham Morrison) in the consolidation of monthly financial reports from the Regional Committees into the KPMA books. If there are any experienced accountants or bookkeepers who can volunteer some time on a regular basis, we would be able to greatly reduce Graham's stress levels.

Margaret Fuller, OAM

Margaret is still coming to grips with what all the fuss is about, but we cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating her on her recent award.

In the Australia Day 2005 Honours List, Medal (OAM) in the General Division, we find the name of one of our stalwarts, Mrs Margaret Fuller, "for service to the community, particularly as a social worker and counsellor and through providing prison ministry programs."

Margaret and her husband Jeff have been active in Kairos for a number of years and are both current members of the KPMA Board of Directors. Margaret is the Head of Women's Ministry for the Board.

We thank Margaret for her years of dedication and love towards the residents and their loved ones and look forward to serving alongside her for many more years to come.

Through it all

by Sybil Kingi

*All my life I didn't need anyone
All my life I tried to make it on my own
For so long I kept hurting everyone
But then I didn't know
God had sent his only Son*

*But I know through it all,
I might of went astray,
And now I understand
why my life turned out this way
And I know through it all
my thoughts have rearranged
And most of all its me that has to
change
And now I know through it all
God sent his Son for me,
And now I'm not afraid
to be just plain old me*

*In every way I tried to make it right
But every day I couldn't rest at night
I fought the pain that haunted me deep
inside
I thought no one cared but I refused to
cry*

*But I know through it all, I might of
went astray,
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And now I'm not afraid to be just plain
old me
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me*



Sybil Kingi, A Tribute

Our beloved sister in Christ, Sybil Kingi, was "called home" to be with her Lord and Saviour on Sunday 2nd January 2005, aged 43 years. Sybil had a great love for her Lord, a remarkable knowledge of the Scriptures, and a wonderful gift of music.

Up until 1998 Sybil had been involved with the Juvenile Detention Centres as a musician and shared the love of Jesus with young offenders. Sybil initially came to a function at Emu Plains and then attended a Closing ceremony. She felt God was calling her to work with the Kairos Prison Ministry. Bob and Marg Black sponsored her and husband Brian Kingi on the Walk to Emmaus and Sybil was one of the musicians on the first Kairos at Mulawa. Sybil also made a great contribution to the Journey program at the various prisons, and faithfully attended Long Bay each fortnight to bring her welcome style of worship to the "guys in green". In the event of a dispute between Maoris and other ethnic groups, the Department of Corrective Services would sometimes call on Sybil to liaise between the groups.

Seemingly Sybil's work on earth was finished, and God has now called her "home". We sympathise with her family in their time of loss and ask that you uphold in prayer her husband Brian and her sons Cain and Abel.

Sybil is with her Lord. Her last tear has been wiped away. She will be greatly missed.

Sybil had written a special song for Kairos, the words of which are printed alongside.

Like To Go To The Powerhouse ?

After approaching the Powerhouse Museum to see if they could assist us with our fundraising efforts in 2005, we were given 5 family passes to the museum that are valid until 30 June 2005 and would like to offer them to anyone interested in taking their children or grandchildren – maybe during the upcoming school holidays in April.

A family ticket is valid for 1 adult and up to 5 children; or 2 adults and up to 3 children. They are normally priced at \$25.00

It appears that the tickets **do not** cover entry to the special Exhibition – Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy.

It goes without saying that no reasonable donation towards Kairos will be refused.

Please give us a ring in the National Office (9683-0286) if you would like to help Kairos in this way.

Christmas Fundraising Appeal

In late 2004, the newly formed Fundraising and Promotions committee asked the Board to approve the use of the recently granted DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status to conduct a fundraising appeal.

The appeal was put together in a very short period of time and we thank the committee (Vern Harvey, Doug Orr, Brian Benson, Chris Firbank and Rick Johnson) and their advisor Alicia Watson for the effort that they put in to making this initial campaign a success.

The funds raised from the appeal were encouraging and will go towards expanding the ministry in

new areas. "Thank you" to those who supported us!

These areas include the expansion into Western Australia and Tasmania, along with new institutions at Mid North Coast (Kempsey, NSW), Dillwynia (near Windsor, NSW) and New England (Tamworth, NSW) and new Kairos Outside teams in Melbourne and Central West (Orange, NSW).

We have also commenced negotiations with the authorities at Long bay to move into a new section of the complex (Area 7) and anticipate commencing Short Courses and the Journey Program in the next few months.

Kairos Web Site

For those who are computer literate, we ask you to keep an eye on the Kairos web site (www.kairos.org.au) over the next few months.

The Web Site committee have been working on a new look site and hope to have it signed off shortly.

If any of you have some brilliant ideas for what you would like to see in the new site, it's not too late to make changes, so please email us at kairospm@optusnet.com.au with your suggestions.

Dates for Short Courses 2005

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

April 5-8	Kairos #12 Junee	Men	PO Box 189 Junee NSW 2663
April 12-15	Kairos #6 Berrima	Women	PO Box 185 Berrima NSW 2576
April 19-22	Kairos #14 Silverwater	Men	PO Box 73 Northmead NSW 2152
April 19-22	Kairos #14 Grafton	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton NSW 2460
April 26-29	Kairos #12 Emu Plains	Women	PO Box 60 Emu Plains NSW 2750
April 26-29	Kairos #6 Fulham	Men	9 Gordon St Heyfield VIC 3858
May 15-20	Kairos #8 Bathurst	Men	PO Box 192 Orange NSW 2800
May 20-22	KO #9 Qld	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside QLD 4170
May 24-27	Kairos #6 Mannus	Men	PO Box 182 Tumut NSW 2720
May 27-29	KO #13 Sydney	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076
May	Kairos #1 Mid Nth Cst	Men	586 Fernbank Rd Pt Macquarie 2777
June 17-19	KO#3 Adelaide	Women	PO Box 31 Kent Town NSW 5071
June 28-July 1	Kairos #1 Dillwynia	Women	28 Noble Way Rouse Hill 2155
July 5-8	Kairos #12 Goulburn	Men	PO Box 6146 Nth Goulburn 2580
July	Kairos Torch #9	Juvenile	11 Wisdom St Currans Hill 2567
August 19-21	KO #6 Canberra	Women	PO Box 3961 Weston ACT 2611
September 5-9	Karios #16 Cessnock	Men	PO Box 371 Cessnock NSW 2325
October 4-7	Kairos #15 Grafton	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton NSW 2460
	Kairos #7 Berrima	Women	PO Box 185 Berrima NSW 2576
October 11-14	Kairos #13 Emu Plains	Women	PO Box 60 Emu Plains NSW 2750
October 14-16	KO#3 Hunter	Women	PO Box 200 Medowie NSW 2318
October 23-28	Kairos #15 Silverwater	Men	PO Box 73 Northmead NSW 2152
	Kairos #9 Bathurst	Men	PO Box 192 Orange NSW 2800
October	Kairos #10 Torch	Juvenile	11 Wisdom St Currans Hill 2567
November 4-6	KO #10 Qld	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside QLD 4170
November 18-20	KO #14 Sydney	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076
December 2-4	KO#4 Adelaide	Women	PO Box 31 Kent Town NSW 5071
	KO #1 Melbourne	Women	PO 1010 Mitcham Nth Vic 3132
	Kairos #11 Long Bay	Men	PO Box 6075 Malabar NSW 2036
	Kairos #4 Mobilong	Men	PO 31 Kent Town SA 5071

Advanced Kairos Training Weekends 2005

March 18-20	Margate Conference Centre	QLD	KO
April 15-17	Belgrave Heights Convention Centre	VIC	KO
July 22-24	Carcoar	NSW	Kairos