



Kairos Prison Ministry AUSTRALIA

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Merry Christmas!

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The second half of 2005 has certainly been an exciting time at the Kairos National Office.

We were approached earlier in the year by a very generous Charitable Foundation (who prefer to remain anonymous) and they agreed to provide funding to us over the next 3 years to allow us to start new Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside programs in states and locations where we are not yet represented. What a great God we have! He knows just what we need and when we need it.

This funding will not, however, cover the additional staff that we will require in the Office to support these new programs – our fundraising team at KairosCare will look after raising sufficient funds to provide these positions.

Kairos is growing rapidly and we all need to keep an eye out for more people who can become Kairos team members. If each of us introduced one new team member per year to the ministry, we'd go a long way towards providing for our growth requirements.

In addition, as we prefer these people to do an Emmaus, Cursillo, Chrysalis, Antioch, etc., our Gatherings, Ultreya's and Reunion Groups would also receive a welcome boost in numbers.

Robyn & I trust that each of you will have a nice break from your normal routine over Christmas and that you will be able to find time to reflect on the reason we are able to celebrate at this time of the year – the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you some time soon, whether it be when you drop in to see us at North Parramatta, or when we get out to visit the various Kairos teams.

God is good
(all the time)

Rick Johnson,
Chief Executive
Officer



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1. Mega-Link-Up

The 3rd Kairos Mega-Link-Up was a huge success.

Over 130 people involved with Kairos met together at Blacktown Anglican Church on Saturday 12th November for an afternoon of Testimonies, prayer, singing and general networking. A big thanks to Deanne and the organisational team.

2. Kairos Outside Musical Evening

A great night of jazz was organised by Ian Pavletich and the KO Sydney team at the Northside Community Church, Crows Nest on 24th October and many enjoyed both great music and fellowship.

Another evening is being planned for 2006 so make it a date for your diaries.

New Phone Number For National Office

We have a new phone number that we would prefer you to use for calls to the National Office.

Update now to

(02) 9683-6096

New Short Courses / Weekends

In 2005, 2 new Short Courses were run at the Mid North Coast (Kempsey, NSW) Correctional centre and the Tamworth (NSW) Correctional Centre.

These initial courses were very successful and we congratulate the new Regional Committees and pray for them as they work through the running of their Journey Programs.

In 2006, we have a number of new Short Courses and KO Weekends planned, with even more on the drawing board.

In Queensland, a new program will commence at the Arthur Gorrie centre in Brisbane. It has been approximately 7 years since the last program was run in Queensland, at Borralon. We congratulate the team for their faith and commitment to the ministry.

In Western Australia, a new program is planned at the Acacia prison, 50 kilometres east of Perth. This should run in April or May and the ad hoc committee over there is as keen as mustard and ready to step up to the plate.

In Victoria, the first KO weekend is planned for June and the team have spent a lot of time ensuring that they are ready for the challenge. We know that they will make a special weekend for their guests.

Kairos 7 At Berrima, October 4th to 7th

Our team of 29 came together and started training on Thursday 4th August in Bowral. We commenced each training night with a light meal together and this proved to be a lovely way to bond into a team.

Of all the Kairos programs in Berrima, this one seems to have had the most challenges. The schedule had to be re-organised to fit into a lock down time of 5pm. The food had to be

prepared off site and the main meal was served in the middle of the day. There were 17 women who completed the Short Course. They were a great group who seemed to catch onto the idea of forming a Community within the gaol and supporting each other. I guess the short course could be summed up in the words of a poem , below, from one of the participants .

Love from the Berrima Girls

*'I prayed to God to help me find the words I needed to say,
to thank the Kairos men and ladies for introducing us the Christian way.
Since the day you arrived you never pushed, only gave us a gently nudge
to share the meaning and the word of God and not once did any of you judge.
For you sat with us, with opened arms and truly listened to our pain and grief
You empathised with our worries and woes and showed you cared even though
time was brief.
Your smiles are contagious, your laughter too, your warmth so great it shines
Your kindness, love and joy you bring all the Lords wonderful tell tale signs
You guided us in prayer and songs and taught us so much of God's love
About action, forgiveness, goals and more of all your guidance from up above.
We feasted like queens and were served constantly and you did all this just for us
you spoilt us with gifts and letters of hope, we appreciate you made such a fuss.
And so I will end this poem of thanks and promise you my journey will start
For I can guarantee that through Kairos, Jesus genuinely touched my heart.'*

WOW! What a tribute to God's love and power in Berrima. Suzy Taylor - Director

Dates for Short Courses 2006

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

March				
TBA	Arthur Gorrie #1 QLD Men		97A Hillview Road, Mt Cotton 4165	Greg Trost
April				
4 - 7	Cessnock #17	Men	PO Box 371 Cessnock 2325	Peter Hulsing
4 - 7	Silverwater #16	Men	PO Box 73 Northmead 2152	Terry Clancy
17 - 21	Grafton #16	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton NSW 2460	Bob Small
18 - 21	Fulham #7	Men	C/- 9 Gordon St Heyfield VIC 3858	Michael Schroader
TBA	Acacia WA #1	Men	Unit 1/21 Kew St Welshpool 6106	Les Marshall
May				
1 - 5	MNC #2	Men	586 Fernbank Rd Port Macq. 2777	Bruce Beaumont
5 - 7	KO Q'ld #11	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside QLD 4170	Sue Greenall
9 - 12	Emu Plains #14	Women	PO Box 60 Emu Plains NSW 2750	Del Sherlock
26 - 28	KO Sydney #15	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076	Helen Drew
June				
2 - 4	KO Melbourne #1	Women	PO 1010 Mitcham Nth Vic 3132	Wendy King
July				
4 - 7	Goulburn #13	Men	PO Box 6146, N. Goulburn 2580	TBA
September				
TBA	Tamworth #2	Men	16 Ray Carter Dr Quirindi 2343	Graham Barwick
October				
TBA	Grafton #17	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton NSW 2460	Jeffrey Baker
November				
3 - 5	KO Q'ld #12	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside QLD 4170	Toni-Sue Rutland

Advanced Kairos Training Weekends 2005

February			
3 - 5	KO Adelaide		Adelaide SA
10 - 12	Kairos & KO		Wyee NSW