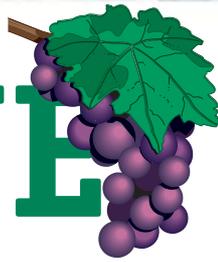


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An Exciting Year Ahead!

My fellow Kairos supporters,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2006!

At the beginning of a new year, my mind is on thoughts of what good things the Lord will put in our way during the year. I know that a major portion of my time will be spent in project managing our new Growth Project and, despite the fact that I happily gave up project managing to be part of the Kairos ministry, I know that the Lord has given me some talents (meagre as they are) and that I must use them in His service.

As was mentioned to you in the letter from Doug and Vern in December, KPMA has embarked on an ambitious and exciting phase of expansion of this glorious ministry. We are anticipating that by the end of 2010 (chosen so that we can call it a 5 year plan) we will have commenced another 48 Regional Committees and State Councils.

A change of this magnitude (roughly, it is tripling the size of our ministry) does not just happen – it takes a lot of prayer, planning and hard work by a lot of people. With the calls on our time in this busy world, we are finding it harder and harder to source people with certain skills from our volunteer base and then have them put in the hours required to achieve our goals. Therefore, we have decided to move to a model whereby more and more of our core support staff are to be reimbursed for the time they give to the ministry. This obviously creates a conundrum, where some people volunteer their time and others are paid. I pray that our wide base of people, who are only too willing to give up a large portion of their time for Kairos, will understand why we have had to go this way.

On another note, I have recently been elected as an “at-large” member of the Board of Kairos Prison Ministry International in the US. That doesn't mean that I have to put on more weight and become larger, but it means that

Australia has another voice on the international ministry board, which can only be good. Over the years, we have forged some strong alliances with our founding brothers in the US and I look forward to continuing this partnership, even to the point of showing them how we do some things in Australia that may benefit the program in the US.

We are currently trialling a new aid to our Short Course Directors. It is a software package from KPML in the US, called Ezra, the Leader's Assistant. Early reports from the 2 Directors who are trialling it are very positive. I am also working with the software developer in Texas to produce an “international” version, which should make it even friendlier for us.

If the final appraisal from our pilot groups is favourable, we will look to rolling it out to other Regional Committees in 2006 and 2007. Accompanying the new software is a rewritten manual (in a green, loose leaf binder) for team members. We do not anticipate any problems with the fact that some teams will be on the old blue manual, whilst others move to the new (2006) manual.

I implore you to make every effort to promote Kairos within your sphere of influence. The more people who hear about us and want to learn more about how the program operates, the more success we'll have with our programs to recruit new volunteers and to raise funds.

Where to from here?

I can only see this ministry getting bigger and better. Of course there will be road blocks and a fair share of stumbling, but with God on our side, how can we fail?

Vaya con Dios



Rick Johnson,
Chief
Executive
Officer



Blessing Upon Blessing!

The purpose of a *Mega Link-up* is to meet up with ex-inmates, and is a time of mutual encouragement and blessing for all. Last November the third annual *Mega Link-up* was held at Blacktown Anglican Church, where around 130 people came for a time of fellowship, love and encouragement, about 40 of whom were ex-inmates and women who had attended Kairos Outside.

Our brother in Christ Chris Cusack, an officer from Long Bay, started the event by leading some of the former Gospel Choir members from Long Bay, together with some of the Freedom Singers (originally from Emu Plains), in singing the "Freedom" song.

The service was then led by ex-inmates who had participated in Kairos on the "inside." Paul Child (Kairos Silverwater), was the MC, and Don Sweetman (Kairos Long Bay), gave the devotional based on 2 Chronicles, Chapter 20, with special emphasis on verse 17 "You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face

them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you."

Alan Bourel, (Kairos Long Bay), Pat Currie (Kairos Long Bay) and some women who participated in Kairos at Emu Plains shared their on-going journey since release. A speaker from Emu Plains said she had been a heroin addict for many years, and witnessed to the truth that only God can turn ones heart around and replace the longing within with His peace. A previous guest on a Kairos Outside weekend also shared her experience and appreciation of the Christian love and support she had received. The previous year, "Buster" (Kairos Silverwater), now living at Lightning Ridge, and David Ostling (Kairos Silverwater) now living at Byron Bay, were two of the five people who spoke at the service.

It was a wonderful afternoon, and we rejoiced at the goodness of God in bringing us all together with one heart and mind. We sang many beautiful songs, concluding with "Sing a song of celebration." Some had travelled long distances to be there: from Cooma; Oberon; Tamworth; Port Macquarie, and the Southern Highlands, plus outlying areas of the vast city of Sydney. It is wonderful to catch up with people we have made contact with in different Correctional Centres over the years. It is also very significant for these dear people to know that we have a continuing interest in their welfare since release.

The date for the *Mega Link-up* in November 2006 is yet to be confirmed.

Deanne Chapman

A Day of Prayer for Kairos

So that we can all remain focused on where the ministry is headed, the Kairos National Office is asking you to join us in a day of prayer for the ministry. We are setting aside **Sat. April 29, 2006** as the day to pray for this wonderful ministry.

As with other Prayer Vigils that you are used to, please select 30 minutes during that day that you can put aside to pray for the growth and planning of the ministry. Please pray for :

- The volunteers - who work tirelessly to present the message of God's love and forgiveness to those who are incarcerated and to their families.
- The Chaplains - as they support the Kairos ministry.
- Corrective Services personnel - who don't know Christ. Pray that our example may encourage them to find our more about God.
- Praise God for those Corrective Services personnel who support our work.

We have also organised a **prayer service** for 6pm on that night (Saturday) at the National Office, which if you've never visited us before, is in the lane behind Parramatta Prison. You can reach it from either Dunlop St (near the main gate of the prison), or the corner of O'Connell & Board Sts (next to Parramatta Linen Service). Follow the walls of the prison and we're half way along the western side.

We thank you (in anticipation) for your support.

Kairos Prayer Warriors.

KO Advanced Training in Adelaide

3rd to 5th February 2006

Eighteen women from the South, North, East and West of Adelaide suburbs and country met at the beautiful restful Nunyara Conference Centre for Advanced training.

We were hesitant at first when planning the event thinking that we may get a maximum of 12 to come. Registrations showed that the women of our KO Community were anxious to learn and grow and develop their leadership skills.

Meg Fitzgerald led us in a very capable and gracious way. We felt relaxed, Meg was so real and honest about her own learning curve with KO and so at peace with herself that we felt at ease.

We were encouraged to know who we are in God, to be ourselves, the people God has created us to be. We were reminded that we are part of the body and we all have different gifts. We made the purpose and goals of KO our own. We learned to understand the structures of Kairos and Kairos Outside better, and to better understand the use of the manual. Meg answered our many questions and opened important points for discussion.

We were also encouraged to think about our personality types and behaviour and assess whether we were in fact "safe people" – people who will truly serve the body of Christ within the Kairos Outside Community. Identifying and understanding my personality type and the personality type of others I work closely with, was a great help to me at this point of time.

We were blessed by the forgiveness service and the wonderful team bonding exercises and the sharing times over meals and under the shady trees surrounding Nunyara. There were special moments when we all stopped to enjoy the beautiful sunset and surroundings.

This was Kairos Special time in Adelaide in preparation for God's work. God has given us a promise from Isaiah 43:19 and has told us to stand on this promise for his work in SA. God affirmed and ministered to the leadership of KO in Adelaide in a beautiful way through Meg as His messenger. We are very grateful.

Fiona Cockington Chair KO Regional Committee SA

Advanced Kairos Training Weekend

Due to a lack of registrations for the February courses, we have to rearrange our training for this year. The next training weekend for Kairos and Kairos Outside will be held May 5-7, 2006, at Bethsham – Wyee (near Newcastle). The cost of either course is \$130.00 for the weekend and this includes accommodation, meals and training materials.

As we expand Kairos into new areas, there will be a requirement for volunteers with more in-depth knowledge of Kairos and an understanding of “why” things happen as they do in Kairos.

We will also be explaining the new Ezra program (called the “Leader’s Assistant”). If you are interested in finding out more about these training courses, please contact the National Office for information and an application form.

It is strongly recommended by the KPMA Board that all Short Course Directors and Weekend Leaders have attended an AKT or AKOT before their Short Course/KO Weekend.

Please Note - this will be the only training offered in 2006.

We need to grow our development funds and so we are planning a Fund Raising event on **June 17, 2006**. Details will be available on the website and in the next newsletter, so plan to keep this date free and join us for a fun night that will assist us in our growth in Australia.

Kairos Souvenirs

We have stock of all Kairos items available and if you would like to purchase any of the items listed below contact the National Office or email/post your order with a cheque or your credit card details and we will forward the items to you

Item	Cost Each	Quantity	TOTAL
Blue Manual	\$22.00		
Freedom Guides	\$2.50		
Mug (Green)	\$7.00		
Cookbooks	\$2.50		
Biscuits			
Menus for Mobs			
Aussie Tucker			
Lapel Badges	\$5.00		
White Polo Shirts	\$25.00		
Sizes S M L XL XXL 3XL 5XL			
White Short Sleeve Cotton Shirts	\$25.00		
Sizes S M L XL XXL 3XL 5XL			
White Long Sleeved Shirts	\$30.00		
Mens			
Sizes S M L XL XXL 3XL 5XL			
Womens			
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Postage* \$			
Total (includes GST) \$			

* Note : Postage is \$5.00 for normal sized parcel.

Prices include GST.

Name :

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Cheque Credit Card

Visa Mastercard American Express Bankcard

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New Development Coordinator

KPMA has recently recognized the need for a new position at our National Office – that of a Development Coordinator.

This position involves a number of tasks - including promotion of Kairos, volunteer training and fundraising for KairosCare, through approaches to various foundations and corporations.

In November, 2005 George Novak started work in this capacity on a volunteer basis. We pray that, as his fundraising efforts come to fruition, we will be able to offer him a permanent position.

George began in prison ministry at the Long Bay Correctional Centre in October 1996, on Kairos ITC # 1. He was Director of ITC # 3 in 1997, Advising Director of Goulburn # 1 in 1998 and of Mid North Coast # 1 in 2005, as well as being a volunteer on numerous Short Courses. He has also been active at Regional Committee and State Council level over the years. He was Chairman of the KPMA Board of Directors from late 2001 to April 2005 (when he completed his six year term).

During his term as a Board Member, he chaired numerous committees. In

2004 and 2005 he was a member of the US Program Review Committee, a committee of KPMA Inc. which developed the new US Short Course Manual. It was approved by their Board in February, 2005 and implemented for use in Kairos prisons in the US, in March of 2005. It is presently being modified and trialled in Australia and will become our 2006 "green" manual.

In August 2005, George was elected to the Board of Kairos Prison Ministry International Inc., in recognition of his vast experience and work in Kairos.

No doubt there will be great future benefits to the Kairos ministry as he gets further into the new role, resulting from his wide experience and ongoing commitment.

Victoria In The "Torch" Beam

While in Melbourne recently, Paul Napier and George Novak met with Brother Peter Walsh - Chaplain at Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre, 80km outside Melbourne.

Peter had observed a Torch Program in Kariong, NSW, was very impressed and is looking to run Torch at Malmsbury.

The meeting included a tour of the Victorian facility and discussions with staff and some residents to determine the feasibility of a Torch Program there. The meeting was very positive and negotiations are continuing with the Chaplaincy Board and authorities.

A Huge Kairos Welcome to Pat

We are happy to welcome Pat Kinnear to the National Office. She is working alongside Robyn and our wonderful team of volunteers, handling our database and other office duties.

Pat is married to David (some of you may remember him from early Long

Bay days). They have two daughters, worship at Blacktown Anglican Church and are members of the Western Sydney Emmaus Community.

Pat's interests include supporting David in his role as Chaplain at the Eastern Creek Dragway.

Kairos Short Course & KO Weekend Dates

Date	Where	Type	Address	Director
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 2460	Bob Small
18 - 21	Fulham #7	Men	9 Gordon St Heyfield 3858	Michael Schroader
Tba	Acacia #1 WA	Men	Unit 1/21 Kew St Welshpool 6106	Les Marshall
May				
1 - 5	MNC #2	Men	585 Fernbank Rd Port Macq. 2444	Bruce Beaumont
5 - 7	KO Q'ld #11	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside 4170	Sue Greenall
7 - 12	Bathurst #10	Men	PO Box 192 Orange 2800	Peter Smith
9 - 12	Emu Plains #14	Women	PO Box 60 Emu Plains 2750	Del Sherlock
16-19	Dillwynia #3	Women	C/- 28 Noble Way Rouse Hill 2155	Shirley Ray
26 - 28	KO Sydney #15	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076	Helen Drew
26 - 28	KO Adelaide #5	Women	PO Box 242 Highgate 5063	Gretchen Seal
30 - 2 Jn	Berrima #8	Women	PO Box 185 Bowral 2576	Lyn Deeth
June				
2 - 4	KO Melbourne #1	Women	PO 1010 Mitcham Nth 3132	Wendy King
July				
11 - 14	Goulburn #13	Men	PO Box 6146 Nth Goulburn 2580	Phil Bloomfield
September				
tba	Tamworth #2	Men	16 Ray Carter Dr Quirindi 2343	Graham Barwick
October				
15 - 20	Bathurst #11	Men	PO Box 192 Orange 2800	tba
tba	Grafton #17	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton 2460	Jeffrey Baker
November				
3 - 5	KO Qld #12	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside 4170	Toni-Sue Rutland
December				
1-3	KO Adelaide #6	Women	PO Box 242 Highgate 5063	Darlene Thomson-Austring

If you are asked to speak somewhere about Kairos, PLEASE let the office know. We'd like to help by sending you an Information Pack and current literature.



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I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME" MT 25:36

Journey Program

Stuart Kerry, who some of you may remember as a former Executive Director of KPMA, has joined us on a voluntary basis to follow up the work previously done by the Journey Review Committee.

Stuart is aiming to provide Regional Committees with a helpful guide on what makes a successful Journey Program and to gather together talks or talk outlines which we hope will be relevant to the residents. These will serve as guides/references for those planning a Journey Program and particularly those who will be presenting talks.

KPMA recognizes that the Journey Program will vary from prison to prison, and within prisons, as residents, team and chaplains change. The guideline should allow a degree of consistency across the ministry.

Your assistance to Stuart as he draws together a 'manual' is urgently required. You may email him on stuartk@optusnet.com.au or at KPMA kairospm@optusnet.com.au. Hard copy can be mailed to Stuart at the National Office, PO Box 73, Northmead 2152 or faxed to (02) 9683-0296.

Directors, journey program organizers, talk presenters and team members are requested to send in material as soon as possible, to allow this vital work to be concluded in a timely manner. Don't put it off – do it NOW.

Stuart will be at the office on Thursdays and his home phone number is (02) 8819-4410 or (mob) 0417 166-931.

Our prayers are with Stuart as he undertakes this important task.

Vaya con Dios,

Rick

Rick Johnson
CEO



**APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING
and ADVANCED KAIROS OUTSIDE TRAINING.**



Bethshan Conference Centre
70 Wyee Rd, Wyee

7.00pm Friday May 5 to 2.00pm Sunday May 7, 2006
*We are planning to run training for both aspects of the ministry
concurrently over the weekend. There will be some common time.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

State Council, Kairos Outside, Regional Committee Name: _____

The cost is \$130, which includes all meals and accommodation and printed materials.
The course will commence at 7pm with registration on Friday May 5 and close at 2pm on
Sunday May 7, 2006.

State special needs: Diet, Rooms, Medical, etc: _____

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY AUSTRALIA or (KPMA)

I have enclosed a cheque for \$130.....(Please tick)

Please debit my Credit Card for \$130.....(Please tick)

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Name on Card: _____

Please return your application form with payment by Wednesday April 19, 2006 to :
The Training Committee, KPMA PO Box 73, Northmead. 2152

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