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An Exciting Year Ahead!

I have just returned from visiting our international brothers and sisters at the US Summer Conference in New Mexico.

I took the opportunity to also have a vacation and to see some of the western parts of the US. Lynne & I drove nearly 6,000 miles (almost 10,000Km) in the 3 weeks leading up to the conference and saw some magnificent scenery. Other than the fact that the US was in heat wave conditions for most of that time (122 deg F was the highest temperature displayed on our car's read-out), we had a great time - getting to know a bit more about the country and the people that gave us our wonderful ministry over 11 years ago.

At the conference, we were warmly welcomed and there was a real sense that Kairos has grown into a truly international ministry. Praise God!

There were representatives from each of the 9 countries where Kairos is running. Hang on a minute, I hear you say. I thought it was only 8 (Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, England, Honduras, North America, Northern Ireland and South Africa). Well you forgot about Texas, didn't you! John Thompson (the Executive Director of Kairos in the US) repeatedly told the 300 delegates to the Conference that Texas was surely another country, because they did things so differently there.

Well, from what I saw and from the Texans I met, so much of what gets done in the ministry comes from there, that we must be thankful that they are gracious enough to share it with the rest of us!

Chairman Doug Orr and I also attended the Australian Christian Heritage National Forum in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th August. (see article on page 3).

One of the speakers (well known photographer, Ken Duncan) mentioned in his talk the concept of "walk a while". Our indigenous brothers and sisters use this term to indicate that for us to get to know them, we must walk a while with them.

It's no good breezing in with a program that is set up for another culture and then expect them to embrace it.

Of course, they'll probably be polite and listen to what we say, but it won't have a long lasting impact until we spend some time with them on the 4 L's (listen, listen, love, love). This will become more and more important as we expand into areas that have high indigenous populations in the prisons.

But I also thought that the concept has relevance to all of the groups we visit as Kairos volunteers. Until we are prepared to spend a while with them, getting to learn about what makes them and their world different, they won't have a lot of respect for us and won't be prepared to listen to what we have to say.

So often, when asked what they like about Kairos, as opposed to other groups that visit them in prison, the inmates will say "You keep coming back." That simple act, of a regular commitment to an individual, or a group, can have a profound effect on the way people view us.

How hard is it for us to give up a few hours a week? A few days twice a year? Yet it has such an impact on their lives. We are surely showing a little of Christ to them in the way we act.

Like the old saying goes, we must "keep on keeping on".

Vaya con Dios

Rick Johnson, Chief Executive Officer



Mega Link-up



All Kairos & Kairos Outside participants & team Don't miss this special event!

Encouragement, support, and love in Christ!

Saturday 11 November, 2:00 to 5:30pm

@ Blacktown Anglican Church

Cnr Richmond Rd & Orallo Av (entry Orallo Av)

(5 min. walk from railway station)

Service begins at 2:00, followed by afternoon tea

Ladies:

Please bring a plate of finger-food

Men:

Please bring soft drink or fruit juice

More info:

Kairos National Office - 9683 6096

Rev Chris Gyllies - 9214 9477 (pager)

Chris Gerardis - 0425 210 116

Rick & Janet Morris - 9672 3123

Deanne Chapman - 9489 4874



The purpose of the Mega link-up is to meet up with ex-residents, and is a time of mutual encouragement and blessing for all as we rejoice at the goodness of God in bringing us all together with one heart and mind. It is also very significant for these dear people to know that we have a continuing interest in their welfare subsequent to their release. If you know any ex-residents please encourage them to come.

Deanne Chapman

Australia's Christian Heritage National Forum

On Sunday 6th and Monday 7th August 2006, approximately 300 people attended a number of talks and discussion sessions in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra. Many parliamentarians as well as leading academic and business people were present.

Kairos was represented by Chairman Doug Orr and CEO Rick Johnson, who in addition to attending the sessions, manned a stand which advertised the Kairos ministry and the work that the ministry is doing in Australia.

The attendees were treated to a number of talks which gave many examples of the Christian values and ethics of those who were instrumental in founding our great nation.

Whilst not attempting to down play the role and influence of others in the shaping of our nation, the forum stated that it was concerned that there was a growing tendency in society today to

avoid acknowledging anything with a Christian flavour.

The forum is looking for ways to correct this situation.

It was stressed by the speakers that the trend must be reversed and the role of Christianity accorded its rightful place in the future of this nation. It was also emphasized that this is the responsibility and commission of the 'church', meaning you and me, and not a task that can or should be delegated to the Government.

More information can be sourced from their web site:
www.australiaschristianheritageforum.org.au



Annual Conference

We ask you to pray for us as your 2007 Conference Committee meets to decide what format we should have for the gathering of the clan in June/July next year. We have agreed on a venue - Ravenswood School for Girls - which is at Gordon on the leafy North Shore of Sydney. It is very close to the train line.

Cross out the dates Friday 29th June, Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July from your calendars, as we want to see you all at the Conference. Conferences are all about networking with people who have similar interests to you and for sharing ideas and stories about the ministry.

A variety of accommodation will be available - from billeting in the homes of other volunteers, right up to luxury hotels. It's your choice as to what you want to book. Further information will be made available in early 2007.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see or do at the Conference, please email them to us at: kairospm@optusnet.com.au or write to us at the National Office. We eagerly await your thoughts and suggestions.

Volunteer Fundraiser

KPMA is searching for an experienced fundraiser who would be willing to spend some time working on the KairosCare fundraising strategy, preparing submissions to corporates, trusts and foundations, and educating the rest of the KairosCare committee in the black magic that is "fundraising".

Although the role would initially be voluntary (on the basis of expense reimbursement only), KPMA is looking to make it into a part-time permanent position when sufficient funds are available.

Some attendance at the National Office at Parramatta would be required, although much of the effort could be done away from the office.

Please contact the CEO (Rick Johnson) on 9683-6096.

Monogram Shirts

The National Office has a new shipment of the white soft cotton "polo" shirts with the Kairos Australia logo on them.

If you have been waiting for your size to come in, get in quickly, before they are all sold out!

Please send your orders to the National Office. Cost is \$25.00 per shirt + postage (no charge for the handling).

A New Beginning In Melbourne

Bringing Kairos Outside to Melbourne has been a wonderful journey. I'm rather fond of challenges and this certainly had its share but probably what I learned the most was about God's love, His abundance and His provision.

As a detail oriented person, I gave my all to the appointed tasks in the hope that I could also inspire my team to join with me to deliver the 'perfect Weekend'. Whilst I probably drove some of the team mad in this pursuit, many of you will know that when you are involved with such a Weekend, not everything goes perfectly, in spite of all your efforts. At a recent reunion, I was able to sit back and listen to guests who attended our Weekend and recognise that the little mistakes were not even noticed by the guests and I marvel yet again at the hand of God and all He did to prepare us to deliver this Weekend. Whilst our focus is to provide a safe place and opportunity for a Christian experience for each of the guests, God seems to have His own agenda and 'journey' for each team member, and I was no exception.

When I arrived at the National Conference in June 2005, I was very much wet behind the ears in terms of understanding the task at hand. Our Ad Hoc Regional Committee at that point had already gone through two Chairpersons and the previously nominated Weekend Leader had stepped down. Was there something I didn't know about? It did however provide the opportunity to talk with Jo Chapman and Diane Criss (KO leaders in the US), both of whom inspired me greatly and Diane very kindly shared some of her personal journey with me - and of course after that I was hooked!

Marg Fuller (KPMA Director of Women's Ministry) also gently guided me through this process and I was able to learn more about the ministry.

The Conference also started the process of networking that I have been able to develop between KO members of Hunter, Sydney and Adelaide. The generosity of these Regional Committees and their support has been enormous and has been an integral part in our progress and success. Possibly the hardest task of all was selecting the best way forward for Melbourne given all our options!

From each of the opportunities to observe at their Weekends, I learned of new themes and even now, as Advising Director for our next Weekend, I am in awe of how God places the themes and matching bible verses on the hearts of the Leader. My theme was "Many Seasons, One Journey" and both team and guests embraced this with great creativity.

We even had a different season every time we headed up to the dining room, thanks to the imagination of the kitchen support team. Whilst some of the guests

thought it was a bit weird that the support team were wearing shorts and T-shirts on a cold wintry Saturday morning, the guests soon learned to recognise the light relief and entertainment provided by the support team.



God's abundance was shown in many ways throughout the Weekend. From the start of my journey, God had placed the number "20" on my heart as the number of guests who would attend the Weekend. We ended up with 26 guests and an observer. And whilst we are also told that approximately one third of the guests will not show up on the Weekend, we had 100% turnout. Whether this was because Louise Noorbergen was the most brilliant guest contact person, I'm not sure. But again, God showed His abundance.

This number, of course, sent the agape team scrambling to work out whether they had enough pieces of agape to cover all 26 guests, as I had rather complacently told everyone we only needed 20 pieces of agape! They did, however, have an abundance of Teddy Bears and I think there is nothing that beats the opportunity to read a story before bedtime on the Friday night. This also provides us the opportunity for the first gift of agape, as we presented armchairs full of bears from which each guest could choose their own. One girl mentioned that she didn't get many presents, so she took the biggest bear! Can you imagine how her love tank felt by Sunday when she had received all the agape distributed over the Weekend?

For most of the members of the Kairos Outside Melbourne Regional Committee, it has been a three year journey and their commitment to this program has been enormous and we are delighted to be now up and running and planning our second Weekend in March 2007. Earlier this year, by which time I understood the enormity of the task at hand, I was feeling rather isolated in my journey. It was then that I felt God specifically speak to me saying that "you are not meant to carry this on your own". In fact, I was not alone and it was the team that helped bring this all together, along with incredible support from the local and national community, God will continue to do amazing things in Kairos Inside and Outside programs in the future.

Our task is to stay faithful and to stay connected, provide the opportunity and allow God to do His great work.

Wendy King
Leader, KO Melbourne #1

Church Donations

You may not have considered this, but your local Church Council is an ideal place for you to try out your new Kairos Promotional DVD.

We currently have 8 churches or church groups who regularly donate about \$8,000 per annum to the ministry and, therefore, there are a few thousand more churches around Australia that have missed out on the blessing of being able to regularly give to the Kairos Ministry.

If you don't feel comfortable in approaching your Church Council by yourself, please contact the National Office and the friendly staff (depends on when they had their last caffeine fix) will help organize for someone to come and present the Kairos story to them.

Please don't overlook this wonderful opportunity to assist the growth of Kairos in Australia. If only 200 more churches gave \$1,000 a year, we would be able to meet our budget for at least the next few years.

We sincerely thank all those who have made an effort to contact new groups following our May fundraising letter. The funds that we have received to date are sufficient to keep the ship afloat until the end of this year.

We are confident that God will provide the opportunities and resources necessary for 2007, but as it says in Isaiah 6:8 — "Here am I, send me". So therefore, we should not leave it to Him to organize, but instead, should follow His directions and go out to wherever we feel that He is sending us.

God Bless
The KairosCare Committee

Advanced Training

Please note the dates of 2 Advanced Training sessions to be run in 2007.

Feb 2 - 4

Advanced Kairos Outside Training (AKOT) will be held in the Junee / Wagga Wagga area.

Feb 16 - 18

Advanced Kairos Training (AKT) and Advanced Kairos Outside Training (AKOT) will be held at the House of Prayer, Carcoar.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

Report from the International Committee following the 2006 Summer Conference at Glorietta, New Mexico. We were fortunate to have all members of the International Committee represented at the KPMI 2006 Summer Conference in July.

In alphabetic order:

Australia – Rick Johnson
Canada – Keith Vrieswyk
Cost Rica – Carlos Cunningham
England – Alfred Jeffery
Honduras – Mike Miller
North America – Wayne Lovercheck
Northern Ireland – Andrew Baillie
South Africa – Basil Fleetwood
Texas – Bill Rushing
Wait a minute – what's wrong here?
Bill Rushing – Texas????
Yes, even though Bill now lives in Florida, he still speaks Texan, so was allowed onto the Committee. We were told by John Thompson (US Executive Director) that we have many brothers & sisters among our international community, but that Texas was a foreign country, so that's how Bill was let in! The Committee voted to thank the US for the support that each of us have received over the years (and are still receiving). Now it is the turn of the more established countries to assist emerging countries, such as Costa Rica and Honduras and with the work that Wayne Park is doing in helping other Latin American countries to start. When the International Agreements between KPMI and each country are due for re-signing, it was agreed that each country should negotiate their own version of the basic agreement, based on the particular circumstances of running Kairos in their region. There was a firm resolve that the basic Kairos method should not be amended, when looking at any changes necessary to suit local conditions.

Australia

Kairos has been running in Australia for 11 years and we have seen over 3,000 inmates and 700 KO guests in that time. Although we are geographically the same size as the US, we have 1/15th the population and 1/100th the inmates. Currently we serve in 10 men's, 3 women's and 1 juvenile prison and 6 KO ministry areas. Our 5 year Growth Plan anticipates tripling that number by the end of 2010, God willing, and assuming we can source sufficient volunteers. There are usually 24 men and 18 women on a Short Course (i.e. a Weekend run during the week). This is because of the smaller size of the institutions in Australia (compared to the USA). Our National Office is staffed by a full-time CEO and 2 part-time admin assistants. There are approximately 1,500 active volunteers across the 5 states that we are currently in (2 to go).

Canada

It truly was a blessing to be together again as Brothers and Sisters called to serve in Kairos. Canada is the largest country currently involved in Kairos, but with a smallish population. This adds some extra challenges to working within the Riverbanks, as we offer Kairos. Please pray for our Board. Please also remember that we would be blessed by the acquisition of a serviceable 12 or 15 passenger van, to transport teams over the long distances between where they live and where the prisons are located. Kairos at the Pittsburg Institute has recently completed their 5th Weekend and the team at the Sudbury Jail ran their first Weekend from March 2 – 5 this year. KO Canada has also been active, now approaching their 7th Weekend.

Costa Rica

Costa Rica has run 3 men's Weekends and (by the time you read this) will have run their first KO Weekend. Conditions in prisons in Latin America are very different to those of the Western world. Prisoners can be incarcerated for many years before their case even gets to the courts. They are given 3 meals a day of beans and tortillas, but no protein (such as meat). Their families have to pay for luxuries such as new clothes, bedding, additional food, etc. To be on team can also be difficult. As only 20% of the population have cars, public transport is commonly used to get to the prison for the Weekend or Reunion. That can often mean traveling for most of Thursday (to be on a Weekend). Because jobs are scarce, taking off a Thursday and a Friday may mean that you don't have a job when you get back on Monday. Please pray for the continued success of Kairos in Costa Rica.

England

The Verne was the first men's prison in England to run a Kairos weekend in 1997. Swaleside followed soon after, then Highpoint women's and men's prisons on opposite sides of the road. Around 2002, Kairos came to an end as we were unable to comply with certain Prison Service regulations and did not run again until January 2005, when it was accepted that Kairos was a Chaplaincy programme and allowed in. Our one prison in England at present is HMP Brixton in London and has involved local people running 3 Weekends followed by the Journey programme on Wednesday evenings. 1,300 participants experienced Kairos in the first 6 years and we are still in contact with a few of them. One resident knew he'd not get back to his banking career and, while locked up, downgraded to Category 'D', the lowest security risk, in an Open prison, he did a plumbing course. He's now out in a well paid job with a major gas distribution company and provides for his family and new baby. Getting Kairos established again has had its problems but we are looking to

expand into a women's prison and to start a Torch program. Kairos Outside continues to run and will be starting in a new area soon.

Honduras

The new team in Honduras is gearing itself up for their first Weekend in November 2006. Funds have graciously been made available from benefactors at the 2006 Summer Conference and we can now be confident that we can finance the Weekend. Isn't God great! We have the same issues as Costa Rica, in terms of conditions in the prisons and for the team, but our volunteers are keen to do the Lord's work. We have approval from the department who run the prisons, to run Kairos in every institution. All we need now are the volunteers to join the teams and the finances to support each Weekend.

Northern Ireland

We ran our first Weekend for 12 inmates at Maghaberry Prison in Belfast, Northern Ireland from January 26th to January 29th, 2006 and 10 of these completed the weekend. The majority of our Team were from Northern Ireland and represented a good balance from across the community but we also had others from Southern Ireland, England, Wales, South Africa, Ghana and America to participate in this historic event. Why historic? Because we had both perceived Protestant and Catholic lads doing the Kairos program together in a country that has, over recent decades, been affected by sectarian violence. The prison is divided into 2 main types of area which do not mix - 90% is integrated and 10% separated (separated from themselves and everyone else) – and we were running Kairos in the integrated part of the prison. By the end of the weekend and beyond, prison officials have been amazed at the change in some of the inmates and are very keen for us to run another Kairos this year! We are now in training for Maghaberry #2, to be run from 27th September and ask for your prayers and support.

South Africa

Kairos has been active in South Africa since 1998 and we hold men's, women's, juvenile and KO Weekends in the following districts (which are like states): Gauteng, North West and Western Cape. In addition, an initial men's Weekend was held in Kwazulu Natal in June 2006. Despite the restructuring of the Department of Correctional Services (and the accompanying instability), we continue to have their full support, as well as that of the Government, who are attempting to reduce the incidence of crime and corruption. We were surprised (and pleased) to hear that a KO Weekend had been held in Zimbabwe and that a second Weekend is being planned (now under "official" KO guidelines) for November. We are also talking to Ghana and Kenya, to see if we can assist with the establishment of Kairos in these countries.

A NIGHT OF JAZZ AND GOSPEL IN AID OF KAIROS OUTSIDE SYDNEY

**DONT MISS OUT ON
THIS GREAT NIGHT OF
ENTERTAINMENT!**

WHEN:

Monday 30
October - commencing at
7.00pm: doors open at 6.30

COST:

\$20 per head
(children under 16 - \$10)

WHERE:

Northside Community
Church, cnr Oxley Street
Crows Nest, Sydney

LOCATION: Northside Community Church has kindly agreed to host this benefit concert and are donating their facilities, equipment and the people involved. We cannot begin to express our appreciation for their generosity and assistance

THE ADDRESS: now at Cnr of OXLEY STREET and POLE LANE, CROWS NEST

PERFORMERS JOINING US SO FAR:

The Idea of North ★ Con Campbell ★ John Morrison ★ Sancha Prowse
Matt Lucas ★ Peter Kolhoff ★ Abel Cross

Kairos Short Course & KO Weekend Dates

Date	Where	Type	Address	Director
September				
19 - 22	Emu Plains #14	Women	PO Box 60 EMU PLAINS 2750	Del Sherlock
October				
3 - 6	Berrima #9	Women	PO Box 185 BOWRAL 2576	Fay Browne
9 - 13	Tamworth #2	Men	16 Ray Carter Dr QUIRINDI 2343	Graham Barwick
10 - 13	Junee #15	Men	PO Box 189 JUNEE 2663	Peter Cullen
10 - 13	Mobilong #4	Men	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Neil Pontifex
10 - 13	Grafton #17	Men	PO Box 1816 GRAFTON 2460	Jeffrey Baker
10 - 13	Dillwynia #4	Women	PO Box 3102 ROUSE HILL 2155	Yvonne Kinch
13 - 15	KO Hunter #4	Women	PO Box 541 WALLSEND 2287	Dorothy Hancock
15 - 20	Bathurst #11	Men	PO Box 192 ORANGE 2800	Horst John
24 - 27	Silverwater #17	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2152	Mike Kinch
24 - 27	Cessnock #18	Men	PO Box 371 CESSNOCK 2325	Ron Doherty
27 - 29	KO Q'ld #12	Women	PO Box 88 MORNINGSIDE 4170	Toni-Sue Rutland
November				
17 - 19	KO Sydney #16	Women	PO Box 2178 NORMANHURST 2076	Jan Endicott
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.*



INVITATION

VISIT PRIZE-WINNING GARDEN

SAT. 23rd SEPTEMBER 10am-5pm

SUN. 24th SEPTEMBER 1pm-5pm



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