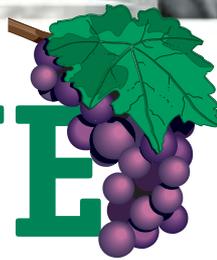


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Retiring Chairman's Address



As retiring Chairman I have been invited to submit a final article for the Grapevine.

As I reflect on what words of encouragement to offer I'm drawn back to my message included in the last Annual Report as the ambitions, dedication and joy of so many serving in this ministry are undiminished, indeed if possible they are stronger.

In that message I applauded the substantial growth of the ministry. Today it's significantly larger with opportunities in three more male prisons in NSW, numerous K.O's for women starting around the country, and the development of the K.O. for men program nearing completion.

We employed a professional promotions manager in Ian Pavletich, a few people have questioned this move. The many facets of work Ian is doing to both create increased public awareness and interest in our ministry is resulting in more volunteers, plus improvement in donations necessary to fund our growth. The results of Ian's activities are tangible and of substantial benefit to Kairos.

The 10 men and women comprising the Kairos National Board are blessed with a wealth of spiritual and corporate experience, providing a clear objective appreciation of the challenges, requirements and rewards associated with the implementation of our plans to introduce Kairos into every suitable institution Australia wide, plus implement K.O. programs for women and men wherever practical. They have resolved to enthusiastically support and participate in ensuring its successful development.

I am sure that future members of the Kairos ministry will look back on this period of our development as the time of greatest change, indeed it is. To intentionally commit to a bold plan of growth – to be pro-active to seeking opportunities rather than merely reacting to situations presented to us, is a bold step and one which results in many changes in attitude and resources. It is not a painless transition, there are consequences whenever change occurs, however it goes without saying that we would not have moved one step forward were we not totally convinced that this is in accordance with our Lord's will and we are, in obedience, responding to fulfilling this His plan.

The beneficiaries are not limited to the 26,000 inmates incarcerated in Australian prisons, nor their families, the cost of crime in the community through suffering and material loss is incalculable. In God's strength and with your support we intend to continue to make a difference.

We have all witnessed the delight in the life of men and women as they experience for the first time the Holy Spirit in their lives, we must never lose our focus that this is our core ministry and nothing must prevent our fulfilling of this calling.

In His service

Doug Orr Chairman KPMA (Retiring)

Wanted - Happy Volunteers...

Head office needs more help. So what's actually involved? Michael and Veronica Tonks have worked in the office a few Thursdays now and here's how they've learned a few new skills.

Veronica can now use the shredder, for example, she learned like this:

"Robyn, how do you start this machine?"

"Try the On/Off Switch"

Robyn and Pat are always cheerful and helpful, explaining carefully what has to be done and how to do it. The tasks are various and interesting but without more of us, it can be boring.

Last week there were 2000 envelopes to be filled with 5 different folded letters - so 10,000 pieces of paper to be duplicated and put through the folding machine, then collated, inserted and sealed, 2000 labels (the computer and printer do this when the data is up to date) to be affixed.

Michael folded, Veronica collated, inserted and sealed and managed 380 in 4 hours!

The hours are up to you, the days are up to you and you can leave when you want to. There is tea or coffee "on tap" and prayers are compulsory! The wages are priceless! How can you say no?

Michael Tonks

Agape

The Agape system works on the basic principle that "if you want agape greetings for your program then you need to actively support other programs by sending greetings to them".

I really encourage agape coordinators to be always "thinking ahead"

My recommendation to them is that during the current season of programs is the time to be preparing agape for the next season of programs. Then these can be handed ready for signing, to the current coordinator or leader of the agape team, to take in for the residents to sign at a designated time. It's good to have a special slot in the program where the agape is talked about and the residents are given an opportunity to reciprocate and send their greetings to those in other places. The blank posters are spread out on a suitable table and the residents can take much joy in signing them.

This achieves two important things. It enables the residents to experience, perhaps for the first time, a small act of agape love for their brothers and sisters. The other important thing is it gets a big job done in one swoop. Thus the agape person is relieved of all that hard work of chasing up signatures. They can have the "swell" feeling of being super organized and ready for efficient distribution when next season of programs loom up.

The overseas exchange of agape greetings gets better and better. As those groups receive our greetings from here, they are responding in kind and sending some great posters in response. Unlike here, in some of the jails over there, they have special inmate groups who have taken over responsibility for agape production. Thus we have some very magnificent artistic works coming to us, with a real personal touch.

I have developed a system with the agape coordinators for getting overseas posters signed. I send out to each group a wad of approx. 15-20 blank posters for them to obtain resident signatures on and then return to me. I then collate them into my system so that almost every Kairos in the US receives at least one signed poster from one of our groups here.

The number of personally signed poster greetings we are sending overseas is now around 300 or more. Of course we have also seen a great inflow of responses from those groups in return, so that I am able to happily distribute upwards of thirty or so posters to each of our Australian groups.

*Bronwyn Finlayson
National Agape coordinator.*

We Are All Called, But Are We All prepared?

The other day I was watching a DVD of a legal drama named "Boston Legal" the case that one of the heroes was championing was that of a young lady whose brother had died in Iraq because he had been sent there and kept there, as the troop would be short handed if he left. The thing that caught my attention and interested me was that according to this show he was required to supply his own gear. He was a National Guard and not regular army, not trained in what to do in his new assignment and left to carry on. I'm not here to argue the merits of that fictitious case but it brought to me the idea of the church and its calling. We are all called, but are we all prepared? Am I prepared and supplied with the things I need to be an effective and loving witness for Jesus to the world.

I am now listening to a series by Keith Moore on growing up spiritually. He has based the series on Eph 4: 11-16 and it is an interesting study. He quite rightly points out that we ALL have a ministry. The person behind the pulpit on a Sunday is not the only minister. Those who function under the fivefold ministry gifts as we call them are not the only ministers in the church. There are those who administer the church's finances, the ones who meet on different committees to take care of the many arms of the church's life, those who go and serve on Kairos teams. The person who teaches us from the word of God is to edify those in the pews so that we may go and do the work of the gospel. Live out the Great Commission. Feed the poor, clothe the naked, visit the outcasts, these are all the work of the church. That is everyone's job.

In Kairos we "equip" you, particularly for the Short Course with over 16 hours of training and the Kairos mantra "Listen Listen, Love Love" we hope that this carries you through the six months of your service in the community where you are. As you continue in your work for Kairos please make sure you that you maintain the Kairos ethos throughout the journey program.

Forbes

Report from Junee Kairos Outside Advanced Training

Feb 2-4, 2007

The second step in the preparations for the first KO in Junee were under way as Marg Cathero and I facilitated this weekend to a very warm welcoming group of 23 wonderful women from the Riverina. What a magnificent "bunch" they are!

Much groundwork practically and prayerfully, had already been laid and KO Advanced Training weekend was an opportunity to assist in Junee developing a firm foundation to commence and continue the KO program in a high needs area of country NSW.

Kairos has been running in the Junee Correctional Centre since 2001 and Kairos Outside is the next step in reaching out to the women who have family, loved ones in Prison.

Helen Kemsley will be the KO Leader #1 for November 9-11, 2007. Helen is no stranger to the Kairos Inside and has been very active in a variety of roles in the Correctional Facility. Now, with the support of the Community and the new core group, she will be pulling together a 'willing and able' team.

For Marg and I, one of the greatest blessings and real privileges - is to be able to lay a firm, healthy foundation for

KO to commence, build and grow through facilitating the KO Advanced Training weekends. Not only are we imparting the Purpose, Goals, Structure, History and the necessity of following the Manual but refreshing and empowering a united Body of people to work together as One.... sharing in Christ's vision and heartbeat for reaching those who are suffering because of incarceration and do not know His love. The participants are not the only ones who are blessed!

Meg Fitzgerald
Facilitator/Canberra
KO Advanced National Training

Some Evaluation Responses from Junee KO Advanced Training

"It did help knowing some people to start off, but it would not have mattered to me if we had all been strangers"

"Meg and Marg did a great job. Knew their material and presented it well."

"The whole weekend was very meaningful and well presented"

"Speakers communicated effectively! Everything was very clear. Presented with love"

"Seeing the faces and lives of others to be involved - going through their healing, loving others, hearing the big picture, meeting these lovely M and M's in all God's glory."

"This weekend was very special"

"A great time of learning and sharing lives"

Advanced Kairos Training (AKT)

August 17/19 2007

Bonny Hills Uniting Church

Conference Centre

2 Thomson Place

(off Ocean Drive)

Bonny Hills NSW 2445

Map available from

www.whereis.com.au

just type in the above address

Cost \$130 (includes all accommodation and food)

It is a prerequisite of the KPMA board that all leaders attend AKT before leading a Kairos team. Contact the National Office for an application form.

"HELP BREAK THE CHAINS"

THE DIVAS OF JAZZ & GOSPEL COME TOGETHER FOR A WORTHY NIGHT AND A SPECIAL CAUSE - PROMOTING THE WORK OF KAIROS & THE SALVATION ARMY

We are proud to have secured the talents of 4 of Australia's top female jazz and gospel artists along with a wonderful band of musicians for a special concert event and a special cause

Artists include:

Nicky Crayson, Joy Yates, Jacki Cooper and Sancha Prowse along with the Itty Bitty Big Band featuring John Morrison

A rare (and value-for-money) chance to hear some of Sydney's best female singers and musos in action in one line-up. Kairos and the Salvo's work with the men and women in prison and their families to change lives...

Monday 25 June, 7.00 - 9.30 pm (doors open from 6.30)

The Salvation Army Congress Hall, 140 Elizabeth St, Sydney City

(park just down the road at the multi-storey car park, corner of Goulburn Street and a short walk from trains and buses)

Tickets: \$25 per person, \$22 for groups of 8 or more, \$16 for pensioners and children 16 and under

Available from Koorong Book Stores - West Ryde, Penrith and Gosford

or call Kairos National Promotions 0411 967 693 (between 9am & 6pm weekdays)

Please put it in your diaries, tell your family, friends and start circulating to others - only 4 weeks to go!

Media Promotions have stepped up a notch!

National Exposure of Kairos from Ian Pav'



If you want to find out what's happening in the media area don't forget to go to the 'Events – What's Happening' button on the website and click on the link at the bottom..... however a few recent opportunities to tantalise the taste buds

1. After some negotiation and arrangement, on Thursday 3 May we had a fantastic live interview on Channel 10's "9 am with David and Kim"

It was a great interview orientated towards Kairos Outside and I would like to thank Rachel for her courage to come on the show and give her testimony - she was fantastic! Results?

- A number of calls to national office (and we only gave the website) - inquiries for team, guests, and assistance which Robyn handled and passed on

- Two emails directly to me for support and help with lobbying and promotion etc.

- The producer of the show advised they had a number of other emails to the station about the segment (the first before the telecast even finished)

- And I have been invited to commence discussions in July to organise another segment possibly in September about a different arm of the ministry

2. Be watching the 'Rise and Shine', Sunday June 3 on either Channel 9 at 5.30am or Australian Christian

Alpha Offers Hope For Prisoners

Alpha courses in basic Christianity have been run in over a third of Australian prisons. To expand this ministry and involve local churches with the flow on caring for ex-offenders, Alpha has appointed Rev John Clarke as their National Coordinator of Alpha for Prisons.

John says "We are aiming to mobilise Australian churches and agencies into more effective evangelism and holistic ministry with prisons. In cooperation with Kairos and Prison Fellowship, who already run many successful Christian programs in our prisons, we are seeking to replicate overseas experience of linking the Alpha courses run in prisons with our Caring For Ex-Offenders program."

"One thing prisoners tell me they have, is time", says John. "Many finally start to face up to the personal and spiritual issues that they have been avoiding." The 10 week Alpha course with its hospitality, basic Christian teaching and friendly open discussion enables prisoners to explore the meaning of life and find answers for themselves. Volunteers and prison chaplains have found that significant relationships are formed during each course.

At Mobilong prison, near Adelaide, John met some prisoners recently who had grown in faith in Jesus Christ during a Kairos course and further strengthened their faith through their subsequent Alpha and Bible Study courses. One of them concluded, "I reckon it's best to do Kairos and follow it with Alpha, then "A Life Worth Living" - demonstrating the complimentary nature of these prison ministries.

John is looking forward to his first experience of Kairos at Fulham prison in May.

The Caring for Ex-Offenders program links prisoners who have completed an Alpha course in prison with a

Channel at 8am to see a recently taped interview with Sue Newham

Both Rachel and Sue will be speaking at the National Conference - have you got your booking in yet?????

3. We are also already negotiating a number of other opportunities nationally and locally on these and other stations (and radio and print) - so stay tuned and don't forget to let me know if you have any media inquiries so we can coordinate in with the overall campaign (kairos.pr@optusnet.com.au)

local church. Ex-offenders are met at the prison gate upon release, assisted with accommodation, helped to find work and supported pastorally by the life of the local church.

John has worked as an engineer in the Northern Territory, New South Wales and Victoria, before spending the last eleven years since ordination as an adult educator, pastor and mission agent with the Uniting Church in Geelong.

John's first task is to encourage and strengthen our churches' prison ministries and offer the Alpha course and the Care for Ex-Offenders program as tools to enhance these ministries. Our vision is for God to change more prisoners' lives for good and help them to reintegrate into the community.

For more information please contact:

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KAIROS DVD

Please remember that we have a very good and short promotional DVD explaining the Kairos and Kairos Outside ministries. It is a good tool to use in fund-raising in your church or bible study group.

Contact the Kairos National Office on (02) 9683 6096 for a copy of the DVD (cost \$5.00) and other promotional material to hand out.

ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO - HAVE YOU BOOKED YET?

KAIROS THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We have several of our interstate fellow Kairosarians coming to join us.

Billets are needed can you help?

Our speakers include:

- **Bruce Mercer - John Morony Correctional Centre**
 - **Ian Minnis Prison Fellowship**
 - **David Gillies Emmaus Correspondence School**
 - **Patron Rev Gregor Henderson**
- **Cameron and Rachael Watt will share their Kairos experiences**
- **Sue Newham at our Sunday morning Commissioning Service**
- **Donna Meehan will speak about engaging Aboriginal Communities and John Fry will look at the multicultural side of the ministry.**

Peter Francis is our Spiritual Leader for the weekend, leading the devotional times and the commissioning service. We have two great MC's; Claire Wright leading worship; Marg Fuller, Rick Johnson, and Paul Napier will be guiding us through how we can work best in the arm of the ministry that interests us.

Special dinner on Saturday night will be a time of fun and fellowship.

Ravenswood School for Girls, 1a Cecil Street, Gordon. NSW
7.30pm Friday, 29th June – 2pm Sunday 1st July

- Full Conference (incl all meals and conference dinner) \$115
- Day rate (includes Morning and Afternoon Teas and Lunch), One Two \$40.00 each day
- Conference Dinner only (Saturday night) \$50.00
- I would like to be billeted. From..... to.....How many?.....
- I will offer my home as a billet. 1 person A couple More..... (How many?)

Name : Phone:

Address: Postcode:

Email:

Method of payment:

Cheque Visa Mastercard American Express Expiry Date ___/___

Card number: _____ Name on Card:

Amount \$ _____ Signature:

Contact Robyn Morris (02) 9683 6096 for more information. Bookings close 25th June

Calling ALL Men!



Volunteers wanted to help in National Office
Men: To do handyman tasks: including cleaning out and organising the archives, rubbish disposal and shelf building.
If you can help please contact the National office.



To find out what is happening in Kairos go to the website: www.kairos.org.au

Kairos Short Course & KO Weekend Dates

Date	Where	Type	Address	Director
June				
29-1st July			KAIROS NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
July				
10 - 13	Goulburn #14	Men	PO Box 176 DEAKIN 2600	Dennis Terracini
20-21	KO Perth #1	Women	PO Box 580 BENTLEY 6106	Margaret Smith
August				
14-17	John Morony II #2	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2152	Rick Morris
September				
4 - 7	Emu Plains #15	Women	PO Box 60 EMU PLAINS 2750	Anne Willott
7 - 9	KO Canberra #8	Women	PO Box 3961 WESTON 2611	Robyn Bolland
14 -16	KO Hunter #5	Women	PO Box 221 KOTARA 2289	Margaret How
14 -16	KO Adelaide #8	Women	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Margaret DeBoo
14 -16	KO WBC #1	Women	PO Box 705 MARYBOROUGH 4650	Dee Holt
October				
2 - 5	Berrima #11	Women	PO Box 185 BOWRAL 2576	TBA
8 - 12	Grafton #18	Men	PO Box 1816 GRAFTON 2460	Andrew Sommerville
8 - 12	Silverwater #19	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2152	Phil Simpson
8 - 12	Tamworth #3	Men	C/- 16 Ray Carter Dr QUIRINDI 2343	Des Stewart
November				
9 - 11	KO Sth Qld #14	Women	PO Box 88, MORNING SIDE 4170	Dorothy Dare
9 - 11	KO Riverina #1	Women	C/- PO Box 189 JUNEE 2663	Helen Kemsley
30 - 1Dec	KO Sydney #17	Women	PO Box 2178 NORMANHURST 2076	Rachel Watt
December				
9 - 11	KO Sth Qld #14	Women	PO Box 88 MORNINGSIDE 4170	Dorothy Dare
TBA				
	Mannus #7	Men	PO Box 182 TUMUT 2710	Daniel Milliken

Advanced Kairos Training Weekends

July				
27-29	AKOT		Margate Qld	

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.