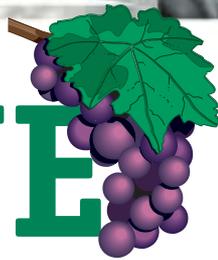


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Becoming....

There is an old Chinese proverb which says 'When the best of leaders has done his work, the people all remark "We did it ourselves!"'

And I think that Jesus was and is inviting us to that. He is the great Chief Enabling Officer who wants us to enter into the abundant kind of life that he offers by being like Him. And He delights in us getting it right. His way is the way of Love. And individually, the people of Kairos are his apprentices, - engaged in a whole of live vocation to learn from Jesus how to do what he said, not by measuring and focussing on competition and behaviour, "performance" and outcomes, but by absorbing His love into the deepest parts of us and experiencing the joy and refreshment that it continues to bring. Any other way creates burdens that are bound to lead to failure.

Together, the people of Kairos operate internally in teams that are like an organism. A living and spontaneous association of individuals who know each other intimately, care for one another deeply, and operate with the kind of respect for one another that makes rules and by-laws unnecessary. Parts of the same 'Body', the Church, engaged in the Divine Conspiracy. This deep and caring 'association of individuals' is what we grow into in preparation for a Short Course, whether inside or outside gaols. It is what demonstrates love to people who have not experienced it. It is this corporate-ness that speaks louder and echoes and resonates longer and more deeply than any talk, than any wisdom or any vulnerability that we can offer of ourselves as individuals.

Dallas Willard invites us to look at the Divine Conspiracy as God's

purpose "to undermine the forces of evil that have continued to dominate human history with the forces of truth, freedom and love, so that we can be free and powerful in the creation and governance of what is good, empowered to do what we want to do in harmonious union with the infinite power of God." Even thinking about being engaged in that still gives me goose bumps. But I can't, and don't want to do it by myself. The many, many people whom I have met and shared with in Cursillo and Kairos events have been part of my own journey in experiencing the Kingdom of God.

But Kairos is also an organisation. It does need rules and by-laws to ensure that it does not disturb the very sensitive and demanding environments within which it operates. It needs to be able to respond constructively rather than react to the unexpected. Good communication, intrinsic discipline, reliability and predictability are essential features of the way Kairos operates. Without these, the trust that has been generated up to now and which we are privileged to inherit, can be destroyed very quickly. And it can take a very long time to build it back up again. The KPMA Board has asked me to look critically at our 'organisation', and to recommend changes that will streamline, and simplify the way we operate, both together, and externally. The Board will be considering the initial results in September this year.

I thank God for everyone who has been an encouragement to someone else, by engaging in the dynamic, intentional, relationship of trust that is so much a part of enabling the grace of God in each other's lives.

Tony Carter
CEO

Kairos Fundraiser In The Hunter

On 16th June at Islington Baptist church in Newcastle, a Dinner Auction was held to financially benefit the four Kairos ministries in the area i.e.

St. Heliers at Muswellbrook
Cessnock (program currently on hold),

Torch at Frank Baxter Kariong
Kairos Outside – Hunter

Over the months beforehand an enthusiastic committee worked towards making the night a great success with a little help from Ian Pavletich regarding promotion and planning. Representatives from the four committees were invited to be part of the planning committee and to encourage all the Kairos volunteers from Newcastle/Central Coast/Hunter to support the night. Despite the cold winter's night, people still ventured out, and the night was a success.

We had a great variety of goods and services donation for the auction and the craft ladies of our local churches provided a great variety of handmade goodies – quilts, bags, jewellery, toys, rugs etc. A number of our Kairos volunteers banded together to form the “Kairos Blitz Team” where ‘labours of love’ could be purchased for everyday practical services like gardening, sewing, housework, painting, cooking, craft, massages – whatever the need the team would try and accommodate!

Peter Hulsing (last leader for Cessnock) was our very entertaining and charming auctioneer/MC. Ian Pavletich did an excellent job in promoting Kairos and certainly raised the level of awareness of the ministry and the need for ongoing support – we also enjoyed his music with a little help from Annie Bashford from “Outside”. Margaret How (leader for Outside #5) and daughter Jenni Jones also provided the night with great musical entertainment. The Kairos DVD played as our guests arrived, caught up with friends, and savoured the finger foods served before dinner and the commencement of our program. Bob Miggins and his willing band of helpers provided an excellent meal and the 140 guests who attended were well satisfied.

All in all, it was a most successful evening, delighted by all and we raised approximately \$5,000 for the ongoing work of Kairos in the Hunter.

Shirley Wells
Outside-Hunter

First Kairos Outside In Perth

When guests entered our prayer chapel and experienced the love and saw the banner of the joyful shepherd caring for his sheep by name, they were deeply moved. Two other beautiful banners illustrated the theme chosen by Margaret Smith “*I will bless you with a future filled with hope*”. As the weekend progressed, both team and guests experienced the blessing when came we heard the voice of Jesus the “Good Shepherd” as we listened and ministered to each other. Listen, listen, love, love was important in so many ways. As we served, we experienced the love of God who was willing to die for His sheep- ready and willing to guide us through the weekend.

Margaret Smith pulled together a well balanced capable Perth KO team from Anglican Cursillo, Emmaus and Vietnamese Catholic Cursillo who served with great dedication and joyful sacrifice. It was a joy to see the team from Adelaide contribute to the weekend and gain so much from the experience. Previous guests from Adelaide and women from Perth shared stories of their experiences which helped the guests to open up

their hearts to each other at the family tables. We saw wonderful growth in these team members as they could see how they had been used by God to help others.

The eight guests were very responsive, and because of that, healing resulted. It was a joy and an encouragement for all to hear one of our guests read her daughters first long awaited thank you letter. Another guest told us how she was no longer afraid or ashamed to share her story. The well attended closing service was faith filled and the deep sharing by the guests flowed freely. Raelene Hughes, a previous guest from Adelaide, gave an inspirational ‘going forth talk’ encouraging us to reach out to the indigenous members of the community so affected by incarceration. Our guests want to serve in the Kairos Community. This is a wonderful start and encouragement to the work of Kairos in WA. The many prayers and agape gifts from Australia and overseas were a great blessing.

As the Kairos Outside community meet for their first reunion this Saturday (11th August) I have encouraged them to listen to the “Good Shepherd” who delights in caring for and guiding his sheep and will Bless KO in WA with a future filled with hope. Margaret Smith says they now are looking forward to KO#2.

Fiona Cockington
Leader KO#1 Perth.

Ian Serenades away.....



Kairos 3rd National Conference Report

It is now 7 weeks since our National Conference and as we reflect on this opportunity for the ministry to come together as a whole at such a great venue (we really appreciated all that Ravenswood School for Girls did to make this conference the best yet), the following thoughts give you a picture of all that transpired.

It was agreed that Friday evening was a superb beginning to the conference. Claire Wright and the worship team along with Peter Francis our spiritual director for the weekend led us in a time of celebration as we gave thanks for the ministry. Our two MC's Suzy Molyneaux and John Jenkins reminded us at least by their dress of the type of work we do for the Lord. We met the Board and the office staff added light humour and gave the Beatles a run for their money with the latest version of Yellow Submarine titled "We work for Kairos Prison Ministry....."

On Saturday we focused on the

maintenance of the ministry with talks from Corrective Services people and those we partner with in Prison ministry, while Donna Meehan and Lorraine Kelly, John Fry and Amir Mesrinejad gave us some great insight into how to minister to our other brothers and sisters. We took time to break into the various arms of the ministry (Inside Men and Women's, Kairos Outside and Torch) to discuss aspects of each arm. We would all have liked more time to share with each other and discuss our area of ministry, we are looking forward to this happening next time. Our special dinner was time to get to know oth-

ers who we work alongside and we all enjoyed Pastor Peter Walker's music and presentation.

Gordon Uniting Church hosted our Sunday morning Commissioning service and this was a great time of Thanksgiving and sending forth. We felt renewed and inspired to continue serving in the ministry. This wonderful service unexpectedly filled the morning and the day seemed to fly as we tried to cover the rest of the program. Conference then ended on a note of unity and expectation as we planned to gather together again in 2 years under the Kairos Banner.

Some of the thoughts shared by Wendy King KO Melbourne on the Kairos Conference 2007 in the KO Melbourne newsletter – July 2007

Last weekend I had the privilege to attend the Kairos National Conference in Sydney. This is an opportunity for all members of Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch (Youth offender) programs to gather together to celebrate the progress of how God is opening the doors, sharing their journey and discussing the way forward for this unique ministry.....

New Communities for Kairos Outside:

It was wonderful to see the number of attendees representing Kairos Outside at this conference tripled. It is also very exciting times as we heard the progress of the following new start up communities. Just as Melbourne was in this position two years ago – this time there were five! They are as follows:

Perth #1 – being run on 19th-22nd July
Capricorn Wide Bay #1 (Bundaberg/Rockhampton area) – currently propose to have their first weekend in September this year.

June #1 – being held on 9th -11th November

Northern Rivers (north NSW) – have held their promotional meeting.

Tasmania – the regional committee is gradually coming together.

In addition – Sydney are in discussions with Margaret Blaiklock from the Tingha community (located near Glen Innes) who is interested in a start up community for Aboriginal women, to be

connected with the Tamworth facility. Discussions are continuing.

Whilst not KO directly, KO Canberra face some challenges as a new Women's prison, a Youth facility and new Men's prison are to be established in the region.

Music:

Some of you already know some of the songs we sing have been written specifically for Kairos Outside by Claire Wright. She was asked to lead the worship for the weekend and wrote a beautiful song to cover the theme of the conference

"As we Grow".

Testimonies:

We had some very brave people share very personal testimonies at the conference

In closing, Alf Baker as chairman of the National Board of Directors, concluded the conference with the following key points:

- Share the Vision
- Pray for one another
- Communicate with one another
- Lead by example

"For we believe that God can do more than we can ask or dare to dream". *Claire Louise Wright - National Conference 2007.*

Sunday's Commissioning Service



Kairos #2 At John Morony II

God opened the way for a Kairos Short Course to be run at John Morony II men's prison at Windsor NSW after a break of 6 years.

After meetings with Chaplain, Steve House, General Manager, Bruce Mercer, and Manager of Security, Tom McLoughlin, the date was fixed for Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th August 2007. Neither Steve nor Tom had been involved with a Kairos Short Course before. Without the backing and support of these 3 strong Christian men the Kairos Short Course could not, and would not, have happened.

The Short Course was conducted over 4 days, from 8.30am to 4pm, extending to 7.30pm for the Closing Ceremony. There were 24 residents, 2 of whom dropped out after the first day and weren't replaced. The average age of the participants was a little higher than usual and they appeared more mature and ready for change in their lives.

As usual, the residents were a little quiet when they arrived on Tuesday morning but soon began to open up as the day went on, especially after the Choices talk. This continued over the 4 days until on Friday, at the Cross Ceremony, the residents were hugging each other. God's love, as the team helped to demonstrate, had a huge impact. We had come a long way and it was a very moving time.

All the talks and meditations were excellent with team members opening up and becoming very vulnerable to the residents. This had a huge impact, as discussions appeared to be quite intense and the families continued discussion rather than do posters.

On Thursday morning the General Manager, Bruce Mercer, came down to advise the 24 participants and 4 helpers that JMII was to be closed down by the end of the year. This meant that all residents would be moved to other prisons and would create a lot of uncertainty and concern for them. The team was impressed by the caring and sympathetic way in which Bruce delivered the news. We had been advised of the closure the previous day and had prayed that the news would not have a negative impact on the Short Course. God answered our prayers and the timing was perfect!!! The residents had just read their Agape letters and returned to the chapel when Bruce came in to de-

More Conference Feedback...

For me the big delight of the conference was meeting so many people who previously had just been an email address. Reuniting with ex-inmates and delighting in how well they were doing. Learning from my Aboriginal sisters, hearing the testimonies and learning heaps more about Kairos.

I loved the singing and being with people who shared my passion.

Blessings to you for all the hard work of organising.

Heather

PS I thought your office skit was great.

The national conference for me was an opportunity to hear other people's stories and to be reminded of how privileged I am to be allowed to serve God in this ministry

Rob Rodenburg

At conference I met... Tony Baker, Peter Benson, Forbes Kerry, and others I have forgotten

At the conference I ate with..... different people each time.

At the conference I was reunited with..... Stuart & Marj Kerry, Chris and Christine Walters ...

At the conference I learned..... we are in 19 out of 84 jails in Australia, difficulties encountered by chaplaincy personnel in Qld & Vic, New KO committees started ..

More information on Ezra We need to present the vision of Kairos when seeking donations or commitment - not necessarily the need

My greatest memory of the conference was..... fellowship amongst the whole Kairos community

I really enjoyed.... the testimonies presented by the 2 ladies at conference.

Other thoughts on the conference - It was great to stay with Stuart and Marj and Forbes Kerry in their home.

Warm hospitality encountered in a person's home gives a deeper insight into our life journeys.

Regards - Graham Thomas - S.A.

liver the news. After Bruce left, our Spiritual Adviser, Alex Thomas, prayed for the men and we then went out for our special lunch. What could have been so negative and unsettling for the remainder of the Short Course didn't eventuate.

Open Mic was held on Friday morning and a number of the men spoke about how they had changed since Tuesday and were looking to continuing their spiritual journey.

The Closing Ceremony on Friday evening was attended by about 70 outside guests as well as Bruce Mercer, Tom McLoughlin, his wife Chris and the Chaplain, Steve House.

The 4 family representatives did a good job presenting their summaries and a number of the men gave their

answers to the 3 questions and all were very positive about their future.

Bruce Mercer, Tom McLoughlin and Steve House addressed the residents with Tom giving a very strong witness of his own faith in Jesus.

This was a very encouraging and satisfying conclusion to Kairos #2 at JMII.

The Journey Program will be run every Wednesday from 3pm to 4.30pm until JMII closes down.

Please pray for the 22 men who completed #2 that, wherever they go, they will find and join the Christian and Kairos community and grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.

*Rick Morris
Leader, Kairos #2 JMII*

Farewell Jim...

An emergency Kairos ad hoc meeting was held in late 1994 in a Kensington el-cheapo restaurant those present included Rev. Neil Hodgekiss, Cliff Powell, Rev Hugh Voss and John Fry. The purpose was to determine where to do the Kairos pilot program. Neil phoned the local corrective services area Commander David Fernell who suggested Parramatta because the then Governor, George Clark, was a good leader who was amiable to testing new ideas. Within the space of half an hour the deal was done. Except for one crucially important element, we'd all overlooked; the approval also of the prison Chaplain and a man named Jim Thomson, who we hadn't as yet come to know. John Fry phoned Jim who answered by saying "Kairos, what's Kairos?" when John explained, Jim responded with the spirit of enthusiasm, adventure and well being for all (as he always displayed in great abundance) giving the fledging ministry his full blessing, cooperation and wholehearted support.

So Parramatta Correctional Institution became the pilot, and Australian birthplace of Kairos. Commencing on the 29th June 1995. Jim was a tower of strength and gave it his all with great skill and dedication.

A memorable experience was the overnight retreat at Jim's home for team members the evening before the big

JIM PIC??

day. Those present included Ike Griffin, the then CEO of Kairos, USA. Jim and Maisie were charming hosts and gave us all great assurance, and Parramatta, Kairos 1, was a resounding success.

Jim went on to participate in many future Kairos programs in various prisons and was a board member of KPMA for many years. He endeared himself to all he came into contact; including Corrective Services personnel at all levels, team members and of course the prisoners themselves for whom he held a special love and affection. Jim made his mark too on his fellow prison chaplains. At the heart of Jim's ministry was his deep love of the Lord, which was reflected in his relationships with all people.

Jim was "No shrinking violet" when it came to sharing the Lord in a forthright, straightforward way, including those folk who had yet come to a personal relationship with Jesus. Jim was,

indeed, an enthusiastic and effective Kingdom builder.

For many people, not only in Kairos but in many other spheres, Jim was not simply a colleague and leader, but a close personal friend, as is his beautiful and courageous wife, Maisie.

Jim commenced full time ministry as an ordained member of the Anglican Church Sydney over 40 yrs ago. Initially this was in a suburban parish but subsequently in the wider ministry of the "Bush Church Aid" (the Australian Outback), followed by his in-prison ministry in his late years.

Not knowing the meaning of the word "retirement" Jim then re-entered the suburban parish ministry, in which he remained till his death on August 16, 2007. And yes, he was even sharing God's love in those last few agonizing weeks in hospital. He, quite simply put, was irrepressible!

Jim, our beloved friend, is sorely missed. But, as all we fellow Christians know, he is now in the best possible place, at home with his, and our, beloved Lord. Surely he will have been greeted there with the ultimate accolade- "Well done, good and faithful servant"

We extend our sincere sympathy to Maisie and their five beloved children, and their own families, as they grieve the loss of their precious husband, father and grandfather. And that, even so, they will experience the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

"Yes Ma'am let's talk about dollars" (from Hunter Fundraiser)



AS WE GROW

There's a whisper on the wind,
And a turning of the tide.
And here we stand,
With a calling that is ocean deep
and horizon wide.
Help us see it with your eyes.
Lend us the passion of your heart,
To seize this Kairos time:
May the boldness of our vision
Match the greatness of our God!

*AND AS WE GROW, we'll trust in
You.
There may be giants in the land
But there are mountains on the
move!
And as we grow, we'll hold onto
Every promise in your Word,
For we believe our God can do
More than we ask or dare to dream
Through His power at work within.
And to Him be all the glory as we
grow.*

There's a hunger in the land.
And the people cry in pain.
And here we stand,
With a calling to bind up these
wounds and to break these
chains.

Help us see them with your eyes.
Lend us your passion for the lost,
To seize this Kairos time:
Where our hands reached out in
weakness
Meet the power of the Cross!

AND AS WE GROW...

Spoken: As we grow in vision,
may we grow in faith.
As we grow in reach, may we
grow in grace.
As we grow in power, in humility:
May we know your strength in our
fragility.

As we grow in boldness, in
compassion,

Showing love without favour or
fashion.
As we grow in freedom, in
holiness.
Lord Jesus, more of you and less
of us.

As we grow in Spirit, may we
grow in truth;
As we grow the gifts, may we
grow the fruits;
As in diversity, in unity,
Sharing your passion for
community.

As we grow in victory, in
gratitude,
The mind of Christ to be our
attitude:
One for all –
And all for One.

AND AS WE GROW...

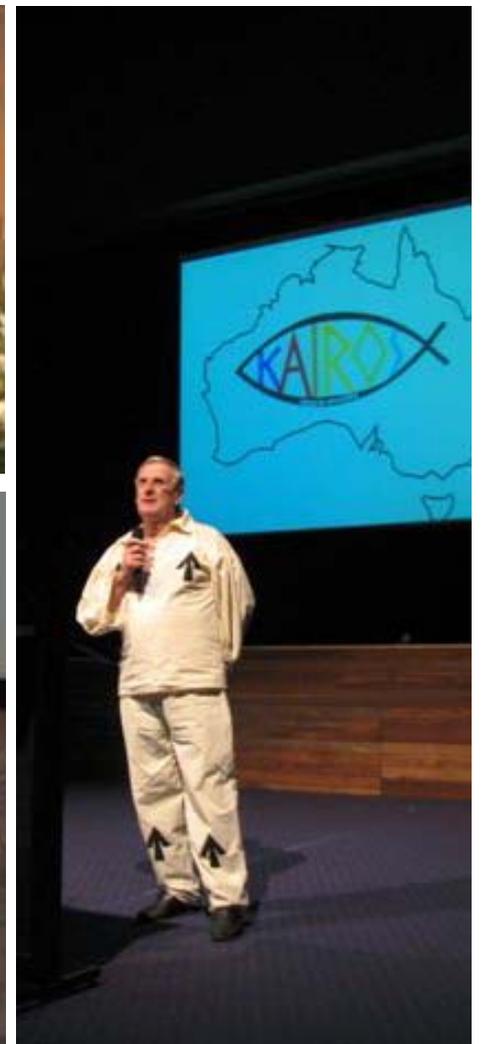
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Clockwise

Office girls
performing

John Jenkins

New Board
Members



Niall Reid Update

For those who have been supporting Niall in prayer since the Kairos Conference his progress during that time has been great. The Surgeon is extremely pleased with where Niall is at, he told Niall to keep doing what he's doing and he can start working part time as soon as he feels ready. I would like to say THANK YOU for all your prayers, thoughts, support, cards, emails etc.

Love Paula, Niall, Jonathan and Robert

***Brian Bell** expresses his thanks to all for your prayers and support over the last few weeks whilst he has been in hospital. Brian is a volunteer who regularly helps out at the National Office. We look forward to welcoming him back to his desk when he is well.*

Who's The New Chick?

Yes that is right, Robyn and Pat have finally realized they can not do it on their own and so set out on a search which lead them on a crazy adventure across many continents to Robyn's house where they encountered a most wonderful, amazingly great person- Neridah.

Born to Robyn, fathered by Gary, Neridah arrived in the world on the 28th of May 1984 (that makes her 23 and feel free to send her gifts when she turns 24) In the office, Neridah looks after managing the database, processing team forms and address changes, making Pat laugh, being of slight annoyance to her mother, and making the best coffees you have seen this side of Parra Gaol.

To make any database changes or if you simply want to talk to someone amazing, feel free to call the Kairos head office on 9683 6096 and ask to speak to "The Vice-President of Everything Robyn and Pat don't want to do".

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.

"Sure you can trust me..." (from Hunter Fundraiser)



"Set My People Free Again"

The Kairos Outside Sydney Fundraiser

Monday October 29, 7pm,
Northside Community Church, Crows Nest

This will be the 3rd year in a row of this wonderful event, featuring great artists like:

Sancha Prowse, Matt Baker, The Jubilation Choir

(as seen on Candles by Candlelight)

And many more!

It's an all ages, fun- filled event so let your friends and churches know and bring the family along to support this growing ministry. For ticket prices and further details or If you would like to help out on the night, contact Claire Wright at clwright@optusnet.com.au or the Kairos National Office.

Please pray for the success of this event, both for fundraising and outreach.

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
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 Boland
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
25 - 28	Junee #17	Men	PO Box 189 JUNEE 2663	Kevin Amery
October				
2 - 5	Berrima # 11	Women	PO Box 185 BOWRAL 2576	Ruth Chaffer
2 - 5	Mobilong #6	Men	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Graham Thomas
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
16 - 19	Dillwynia #6	Women	PO Box 3102 ROUSE HILL 2155	Chris Gerardis
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 - 1 Dec	KO Sydney #17	Women	PO Box 2178, NORMANHURST 2076	Rachel Watt
To Be Advised				
	Mannus #7	Men	PO Box 182, TUMUT 2720	Daniel Milliken
May 08	Mid North Coast #4	Men	PO Box 14, GLOUCESTER 2422	Marshal Hodgekiss

Advanced Kairos Training Weekends

February	
T.B.A.	Sydney

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.