



# Kairos Prison Ministry AUSTRALIA

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## 2008 - A New Year...



There are approximately 26,000 people in full time custody in Australia. Of those, the number in NSW (about

10,000), has tripled in the last 15 years.

Most of the people in gaol have never known supportive, nurturing relationships. The responses to the three questions at the Kairos closing ceremony have a common theme with minor variations.

In what spiritual condition did you come to Kairos? "Hopeless, isolated, fearful, unloved, little or no faith....."

What did you find here? "Love, understanding, lack of judgement, friendship, God, ....."

What are you leaving with? "New hope, restored faith in the goodness of human beings, direction, a new future, freedom of spirit, trust, new friends....."

Being isolated from society and community behind the walls of a gaol means different things to different people. From being an unfortunate and temporary interruption, to being a devastating calamity in life. But on the inside, isolation deepens with competition, control, cynicism, lack of trust..... so that people withdraw and avoid meaningful relationships. The longer the new pattern of behaviour is used, the more it re-shapes the character and soul of the individual, the harder it is to come back to an integrated, wholesome life.

The three types of relationships can be called: (1) threat relationships, (2) trade relationships, and (3) grace relationships.

First, threat relationships are those in which one party fears the other, or where one party holds a threat over the other. It involves power, with or with-

out authority, that creates anxiety. In abusive homes that is the relationship that exists between the husband / father and his wife and children. Threat relationships or bullying can offer emerge in the workplace, or in schools or colleges, on the road or in gaol

Second, trade relationships are those which both parties are in for what they can get out of it. It's a case of "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours". Many marriages and friendships, tragically, never get beyond being trade relationships.

Threat relationships and trade relationships pervade our experience in life. But they are highlighted in gaol. They are a long way from what God wants us to be.

Grace relationships are what God intended for us, and what Jesus demonstrated. In a grace relationship I don't think about myself at all. I forget about my needs, and about what's best for me, and I focus entirely your needs and on what's best for you. The word "grace" just means "generous": a generous, selfless relationship is a grace relationship. "Grace" is what the word "love" really means – the self forgetful absorption in the welfare of the person next to me. And the depth of love is measured by the amount of pain that it can absorb in the relationship. The ultimate love absorbed the pain of the cross for our welfare

The key to successful relationships can be summed up in one word: forgiveness. Forgiveness is the foundation stone of Kairos. Every successful and sustainable relationship will have forgiveness as its keynote. Forgiveness is the repair kit that God gives us for relationships, the door to life in all its fullness that Jesus offers as our journeys are interwoven in the fellowship of His kingdom.

Tony Carter, CEO

# Calendar Full For K.O.

KO is heading into an exciting year of consolidation and development right across Australia and the 2008 calendar is now full of KO weekends. This branch of the K ministry has sprung from Christian community concerned about the families of prisoners who so often become isolated and judged and forgotten.

For 9 years Kairos Outside in Australia has supported female family members of prisoners through invitation to a very special weekend in which they experience love, acceptance, understanding and friendship extended in the name of Christ. Regular ongoing contact with team members and other guests gives these women a renewed sense of connection and dignity and they in turn can extend their support to others in similar circumstances.

We have 9 active Kairos Outside Regional Committees at the moment and in addition 3 Ad hoc committees planning their first weekends and are busy gathering local support. To resource these regional programs we have provided advanced training for Kairos Outside Regional Committees around the country and have set up networks of support between the regions to advise and to invite observers to weekends. In 2007 we also published an Australian Draft Supplement to the USA Kairos Outside manual, with help-

ful content for team formation meetings. This will be finalised in 2008.

So this year is a strategic moment to host a visit from Jo Chapman, the founder of Kairos Outside and the USA Coordinator of Women's Ministry. She will be with us from April 11-20. If you are involved with Kairos Outside or would like to be, please note the date and her itinerary.

April 12-13 KO National consultation in Sydney to coincide with KPMA Ministry Committee Weekend planned by the Ceo Tony Carter. We hope delegates from all regional KO committees will come.

April 14 Travel to Brisbane via KO Hunter and Northern NSW to meet regional representatives on the ground.

April 16 Brisbane/Wide Bay cap meeting.

April 17 Canberra/Monaro - Riverina meeting.

April 19-20 Training of Trainers event Sydney. We plan to have 2 people per state in selected states to train as Kairos Outside Advanced trainers

Celebrate with us the blessing that Kairos Outside brings to so many women! And Pray for the move to provide the same kind of blessing to men through Kairos Outside for men in 2008!

Ring the KPMA Office for more information

*Margaret Fuller*  
*Director of Women's Ministry*

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## *Farewell from Robyn Morris...*

By the time you get your copy of this Grapevine I will have vacated the Kairos National Office desk and the role of serving the Kairos Community in this position, as I have done for nearly 7 years. At the end of January God made it very clear that my season here was coming to an end and He needed me to take a step of faith and leave Kairos so He could move me on and allow me to use the gifts He have given me in other areas.

I have truly loved serving in this wonderful ministry and you its valued servants. I pray that you will continue to experience God's blessings as you answer His call on your life to serve in Kairos.

Therefore this is my farewell note to you, I have made some wonderful friendships, and have been really blessed whilst working with you all in bringing God's message of love to those in prison and those who support them. Keep up the good work and know that the National Office team is always there to support you as you serve in Kairos.

I will leave you with one of the verses God gave me as I was praying about my resignation.

*"Obey My voice.....walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you." Jeremiah 7:23*

*Blessings Robyn*

# More Of The Shepherd

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Mark 6:34 NIV*

Jesus was going, with His disciples, 'to a solitary place'. He had invited them to come to a quiet place and rest (Mark 6:31). But the news had got out and when He landed, in the expected solitary place, He found the area filled with a large crowd eager for His attention and ministry.

His reaction is one for all sincere followers to note and learn from. He is not angry about His plans being thwarted. He doesn't even seem miffed. It appears that He was filled with compassion for the crowd from the very moment that He saw them. To Him they appeared like sheep without a shepherd - and He was the consummate shepherd.

I am challenged by this story. I try to place myself in the scene. I have made a decision to partake in some quiet time with Jesus. It's a good decision. I know He's in it for it pleases Him when I turn

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## Board Changes

During the 2007 year, the following directors resigned from the Board; Edwin Galea, Sharon Hillege, Doug Orr, John Simmons and Peter Benson. I am sure you would join with us in acknowledging their commitment and contribution to the role of the Board.

At the same time others joined the Board; John Halmarick (NSW), Terry Clancy (NSW), Greg Tebbutt (NSW), Scott Hutchinson (SA), Peter Francis (NSW) (as Spiritual Director) & just recently, Teri Kempe (NSW). Please pray for these new directors and the Board as a whole, as it discharges its various responsibilities.

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## Baby News

Congratulations to Rachael and Cameron Watt on the safe arrival of Noah on January 5, 2008. Rachael was the leader on the last KO Sydney weekend in November and Cameron is part of Silverwater Kairos. This young couple have been an inspiration to many and we wish them and their family God's richest blessings.

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to Him to give Him of myself and to seek special time with Him. He is beckoning me. We move to join together in a special quiet place.

Then, the crowd emerges and all hope of personal time is gone. What do I do? I tell you the challenge is great. The temptation to 'spit the dummy' is overwhelming. I can almost hear myself mouthing the words, "This is not fair, Lord. It's not in the plan." But I can hear as well – equally loudly if not louder – God's reply, "Whose plan are we working to?" (Gosh, I hear this often!)

From this anecdote of Jesus I learn to receive the unexpected. Let's face it; life is full of unexpected moments, conevents, even seasons. I can choose to get toey, angry and poeey with circumstances – and with God, or I can choose to respond as Jesus did – with grace. I can look on every event, whether unfolding strictly as planned or totally unexpectedly, as a God-given opportunity to follow my Lord Jesus and to demonstrate, in me, the wonderful qualities that I can learn from Him.

Mark tells us that Jesus responded by 'teaching them many things'. This is a role of the Christian shepherd that may not initially be obvious. The shepherd leads the flock, and part of the responsibility as leader is to teach. Jesus affirms His teaching with example – He lives what He preaches. Jesus is my shepherd—the Good Shepherd – and I truly want to follow Him, becoming more like Him with each passing moment. Today He has shown me the right response. It's not an indignant and selfish reaction, but a loving and compassionate responding. I pray you will join me and truly learn this lesson as we seek further to follow Him.

God Bless.

*Peter Francis*  
*Kairos Spiritual Director*

## Farewell Ian!



In December, we said farewell to Ian Pavletich, the Kairos National Promotions and Marketing Manager. Ian had been with Kairos for 12 months, and will have been known to many for his enthusiasm, and willingness to help.

Two primary needs of a charitable organisation are firstly that people and support organisations are aware of what it is doing, and the benefits of its work, and the second, that there is an adequate cash flow to sustain operations. Ian came on board to assist the KairosCare Committee with both these functions.

During a time of uncertainty within the administration of Kairos as an organisation, Ian consistently exhibited focus and leadership in the functions for which he was engaged, and we are grateful for his cheerful contributions. Personally, I can say that his passion for Kairos and for creating awareness, challenged me to look 'outside the box', as he continued to think laterally and to challenge ideas and cultures without being confrontational.

Alf Baker joins me on behalf of the Kairos community to wish him well in his new career and a new season of life.

## Pastoral Care Training at Hornsby Hospital



*Wednesdays,*  
*20th February to 19th March*  
*9am to 4pm in the Chapel*

The Ku-ring-gai Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is offering an accredited (40 hour) Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education program, designed to prepare participants for pastoral visits to patients in hospital or aged care and to people in gaol and their relatives.

The Supervisors, Rev Alan Galt OAM and Mrs. Rosemarie Say, give theory input and lead small group discussion on what it means to represent God to people going through health and related crises. It is an excellent and very focussed way to build skills needed for Kairos Inside and Outside.

The course covers key listening skills, responding to feelings as well as information and theological issues in pastoral care - discerning the word of God in specific and complicated pastoral situations. The central ingredient of Clinical Pastoral Education, is learning from your own pastoral interactions with troubled people. The main qualification to join is a love for God and a willingness to share that love with His people.

The fee for the Course, \$100 per participant payable on the first day, covers all course material, morning and afternoon tea and the internationally recognized Certificate from the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education for which full attendance is expected. You can buy lunch at the hospital kiosk, or bring your own.

If you would like more information, or would like to register to participate in this course, please email [cpe.krg@gmail.com](mailto:cpe.krg@gmail.com) or phone the Chaplain at the Hospital on 9477 9400

## Berrima Shares Christmas With Inmates

Over Christmas the Berrima prison invited Kairos members to share in their Christmas with the inmates and Heather Graham of Berrima RC received a Christmas card that said:

*Dear Kairos Team*

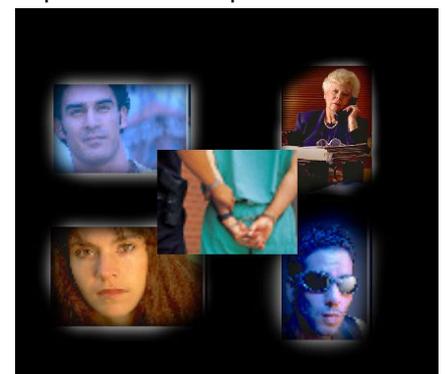
*Thank you for all of yor support.*

*(signed) Jules Dinsdale, Manager,*

*Jean Dally the OS&P and Industrial Staff*

*Antoinette Smile and Admin Staff.*

Heather writes "We are so thankful for the warmth of relationship that exists between Kairos and the prison both administration and staff."



## Kairos Short Course Dates

Date	Where	Type	Address	Director
<b>March</b>				
10-14	St Heliers #4	Men	PO Box 602 KOTARA 2289	Hank Ruigrok
<b>April</b>				
1 - 4	Junee #18	Men	PO Box 189 JUNEE 2663	Colum McGovern
15-18	Berrima #12	Women	PO Box 185 BOWRAL 2576	Pam Forman
21-24	Mobilong #7	Men	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Drew Ames
22-24	Torch #11	Juvenile	C/-11 Wisdom St Currans Hill 2567	Ros Van Ierop & Stephen Kimmorley
29-2May	Silverwater#20	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2162	Ken Moore
<b>May</b>				
13-16	Dillwynia #7	Women	PO Box 3102 ROUSE HILL 2155	Chris Watson
20-23	Emu Plains #16	Women	PO Box 60 EMU PLAINS 2750	Leonie King
<b>June</b>				
2 - 6	Mid North Coast #4	Men	PO Box 14, GLOUCESTER 2422	Marshal Hodgkiss
<b>July</b>				
7 - 11	Goulburn #15	Men	PO Box 176 DEAKIN WEST 2600	T.B.A.
<b>September</b>				
30-Oct3	Berrima#15	Women	PO Box 185 BOWRAL 2576	Robyn Allen
<b>October</b>				
14-17	Silverwater #21	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2152	Keith Robards
T.B.A.	Mobilong #8	Men	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	John Moore
T.B.A.	Mannus #7	Men	PO Box 182, TUMUT 2720	Daniel Milliken

## Kairos Outside Weekend Dates

<b>February</b>				
29 - Mar 1	KO Melbourne #3	Women	PO Box 1010 MITCHAM Nth 3132	Sandy Lewis
<b>March</b>				
7 - 9	KOWBC #2	Women	PO Box 7618 Urangan Harvey Bay 4655	Nuree White
<b>April</b>				
11 - 13	KO Adelaide #9	Women	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Merry Bennett
<b>May</b>				
2 -4	KO Sydney #19	Women	PO Box 2178 NORMANHURST 2076	Al Boon
23-25	KO SEQ # 15	Women	PO Box 88 MORNINGSIDE 4170	Sylvia Kelvin
<b>July</b>				
11-13	KO Perth #2	Women	PO Box 1359 JOONDALUP 6919	Vivienne Bignall
T.B.A.	KO Far Nth Coast#1	Women	PO Box 814 WOOLGOOLGA 2456	T.B.A.
<b>September</b>				
12-14	KO Hunter #6	Women	PO Box 221 KOTARA 2289	Rosemary Yeomans
12-14	KO Adelaide #10	Women	PO Box 242 HIGHGATE 5063	Maureen Stott
19-21	KO Men #1 Pilot	Men	PO Box 73 NORTHMEAD 2152	Tony Carter
<b>October</b>				
17-19	KO Melbourne #4	Women	PO Box 1010 MITCHAM Nth 3132	Sandra Stork
<b>November</b>				
7 - 9	KO SEQ #16	Women	PO Box 88 MORNINGSIDE 4170	Kerrie Braun
14 - 16	KO Riverina #2	Women	PO Box 189 JUNEE 2663	Lorraine Robinson
21-23	KO Sydney #20	Women	PO Box 2178 NORMANHURST 2076	Robin Lynn

## Advanced Kairos Training Weekends

<b>June</b>				
13-15	Greenhills Centre - Weston ACT		AKT & AKOT	

**To find out what is happening in Kairos go to the website: [www.kairos.org.au](http://www.kairos.org.au)**

*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.*