

## Kairos Ministry In Ohio

There are 8 Ohio institutions at which the Kairos 3-day “short course in Christianity” is provided twice per year. The Kairos Prison Ministry has been active in the following prisons since the indicated startup dates: Lebanon Correctional Institution-1991; Ohio Reformatory for Women (Marysville) - 1994; Marion Correctional Institution – 1997; Ross Correctional (Chillicothe) - 2000; Trumbull Correctional (near Warren) - 2002; Toledo Correctional – 2003; Richland Correctional (Mansfield) - 2004; Southern Ohio Correctional (Lucasville) -2004.

Please pray that other institutions will receive Kairos and that sufficient volunteers will be available.

## Connections Between Kairos and Established Christian Renewal Movements

People are considered for service in the Kairos prison ministry if they have completed one of the following Christian renewal weekends:

- ◆ Catholic Cursillo
- ◆ Cum Christo
- ◆ Christ Renews His Parish
- ◆ Episcopal Cursillo (or Happening Youth Weekend)
- ◆ Great Banquet
- ◆ Koinonia
- ◆ Lutheran Via De Christo
- ◆ Tres Dies
- ◆ Walk to Emmaus (or Chrysalis Youth Weekend)

Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio has signed Ecumenical Agreements with a number of denominations to secure their endorsement and support (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, United Methodist, Episcopal).

## What is Kairos?

The purpose of the Kairos ministry is to help grow and nurture strong Christian communities within adult correctional institutions.

Through a systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide residents the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and/or to renew that relationship—starting with the 3-day Kairos “short course in Christianity.” During the weekend and subsequent follow-up spiritual growth activities facilitated by Kairos volunteers and prison chaplains, residents are challenged to accept God’s call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to staff during their stay in the institution and beyond.

As the mission of Kairos is accomplished in an institution, there is a positive impact on the total environment of the institution.

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## Consider Helping Kairos Prison Ministry in Ohio

**Each Kairos Weekend has a team of 40 to 60 volunteers serving 30-42 inmate participants**

**A Kairos weekend costs about \$5000 for food, supplies and equipment \$125 per participating inmate**

**6,000 to 10,000 dozen home-baked cookies are needed for each Kairos Weekend**



## God's Special Time

Kairos provides hope to inmates through Jesus Christ and Christian Community.

## Comments About Kairos Ministry by Participating Residents



"I came into the weekend upset, no hope and in pain. I'm taking away peace of mind, joy and Jesus."

"I'm glad I was incarcerated here at Ohio Reformatory for Women. Otherwise I might not have found Jesus."

"Jesus and my Kairos Prayer and Share Group are my lifeline."

"Prior to coming to Kairos, I was on life support."

"I had a wall around me that I didn't even know about, and Kairos helped me start breaking down my wall."

"The judge gave me a life sentence; Jesus gave me a life contract."

"There's a whole lot of love in those letters and cookies."

"After Kairos I'm all the way on God's team."

"You have not only loved us unconditionally, but treated us with utmost respect."

"What I learned at Kairos is that God doesn't hate me, he just hates my sins; the volunteers taught me that he is a forgiving God—no matter what."

"Coming into my Kairos weekend, I was angry and hateful, which made me miserable; the weekend changed my attitude and I am going to study the Bible to continue transforming me."

"Kairos opened doors that I thought I lost the keys to; I am going to let God work in my life a day at a time."

"I was a Satanist and Arian Nation leader in this prison up until I accepted Jesus as my savior 4 months ago; this Kairos weekend has moved me to love people and to proclaim Jesus to other inmates."

## More About Kairos

Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in men's and women's correctional institutions. The ministry is conducted, in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.

The Kairos experience for residents starts with a 3-day short course in Christianity. This weekend involves 30 to 42 inmates screened by the Chaplain and a team of 40-60 lay and clergy Kairos volunteers. The weekend is modeled after renewal weekends like Cursillo, Cum Christo, Emmaus Walk and Via De Christo.

After their Kairos weekend, residents continue their faith walk by participating in small Prayer and Share Groups. These groups meet weekly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another. Kairos participants also attend monthly reunions in the institution with Kairos volunteers. Kairos volunteers conduct two spiritual retreats per year for residents who have made a Kairos weekend.

### Kairos Weekends

Twice Per Year

Start Thursday Evening and End Sunday Evening

- ◆ Lebanon Correctional Institution
- ◆ Marion Correctional Institution
- ◆ Ohio Reformatory for Women, Marysville
- ◆ Ross Correctional Institution, Chillicothe
- ◆ Trumbull Correctional Institution, Warren
- ◆ Toledo Correctional Institution
- ◆ Richland Correctional Institution (Mansfield)
- ◆ Southern Ohio Correctional (Lucasville)

For dates of Kairos Weekends go to  
[www.kairosohio.org](http://www.kairosohio.org)

Your name or contact name

Contributing organization, if applicable

Street Address (street, route, box)

City State ZIP

Phone e-mail

**Make check payable to Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio**

I/We will support the Kairos ministry:

- Tax-deductible contribution enclosed.
- Bake cookies for an upcoming Kairos Weekend. Contact me about baking instructions, when/where to deliver.
- Please contact me about how I can serve as a Kairos volunteer.
- Contact me to pray for a particular Kairos Weekend.

Please return this response form to person listed below or to Kairos of Ohio office (address is on back of brochure)

***"...I was in prison and you visited me."***  
Matthew 25:36