

# Kairos Recruiting

## Suggested Pulpit Presentation of 3 Minutes or Less – Option 1

**Objective:** *Deliver message to move potential prospects to seek more information leading to service commitment. Be sure interest cards are readily available and, if possible, in hands of audience along with “Volunteer’s Guide” brochure prior to presentation. At end of presentation, collect cards or have them deposited in appropriate container. It is **highly** important to get interest cards entered ASAP by the assigned data entry person as prospects in the Blitz data base and lead tracking system. The prospect coordinator will follow up with the prospect and assign the appropriate council volunteer coordinators for their follow up. The “Sale” is not considered complete until the prospect is either assigned a volunteer position within the assigned council or declines to serve.*

**NOTE:** *Be sensitive to time allotted by host. Cut or paraphrase verbiage below to fit time frame and personal delivery style/speed without losing central message. Practice delivery of revised message until comfortable with content and able to maintain eye contact with audience. Font is large to allow easy viewing from pulpit- adjust to personal preference.*

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Thank you for the opportunity to visit \_\_\_\_\_ and share some brief aspects of the Kairos Prison Ministry:

I am [your name], a Kairos volunteer. Kairos is an ecumenical Christian experience similar to Via De Christo, Crissillo, Walk to Emmaus, Cum Christo and other Christ centered encounters. Kairos is operating in over 400 prisons around the world. It changes lives.

Opening story (if time and appropriate):

A distraught woman was wringing her hands beside a car in a shopping center parking lot. A rough looking biker on a motorcycle pulled up and asked “What’s the problem?” The woman replied, “My daughter is locked inside – she is handicapped and needs medication right away.” The man grunted “No problem” – got off his Harley, grabbed the car handle and yanked it up and open. The woman was ecstatic and praised God for sending her an Angel. The biker replied, “Lady, I ain’t no angel. I just got out of prison earlier this morning after doing 5 years for car theft. “ The woman looked up to heaven and said, “Thanks be to God for sending me a professional!”

From a societal aspect, there are over 50,000 inmates doing time in over 30 state prisons in Ohio. The direct cost to house an inmate averages over \$40k per year – every year.

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To that add an equal amount to support family, others left behind, and lost productivity and it totals over 80k per inmate per year – every year. ... AND ... that does **not** include the cost to victims.

On average 50% - or half of all criminals will return to society, commit another crime, and return to prison.

The average rate of return for those that participate in Kairos is less than 12%...and Kairos takes the leaders and others considered difficult. Doing the math, if all Ohio inmates were to participate in Kairos, the state would save over \$1 billion (that's with a "B") in direct and related costs per year! ... every year! ... and remember ... that does **not** include the cost to victims. Our state budget problems would be largely over.

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As impressive as that is, the real reason we serve is spiritual. We all have a spiritual hunger and need for Love hard wired into our DNA. So do men and women that are incarcerated – often they are unaware of it until exposed to Jesus Christ.

An inmate shared recently ... and I quote: “Before I was imprisoned, I lived in a fancy place. I had all the money and drugs I could ever want. But I was empty. How could I have so much and be so empty? I cried. In Kairos I found Christ. I am a new Christian ... I'm struggling ... but I'm on the right path.”

That is only one of thousands of witnesses.

The Governor's office has invited Kairos into all 32 state prisons. We are currently in 21 – and approved for 3 more this year. It takes a pool of 150 volunteers to serve each institution – that's a need for 450 more volunteers ASAP – and 1200 more on top of that to serve all 32 institutions. In both Matthew and Luke we are told “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”.

Prison ministry is not for everyone. But, if god is nudging you, the Harvest is plentiful.

You will experience miracles! You will be a part of Miracles! ...to the inmates you will **be** a miracle.

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The brochure packets include information for Kairos. We also work closely with Embark, a Christian based offender re-entry program. If you are nudged, I'll be available after the service and will leave brochures and interest cards at the display table in the [designate area].

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One more witness in closing: An inmate shared,

“I was a Satanist and Arian Nation leader in this prison until I accepted Jesus as my savior. Kairos has moved me to love people and to proclaim Jesus to other inmates.”

That's a ripple effect in the journey of carrying the message of God's Grace to the corners of the earth.

May God bless each and every one of you abundantly!

**Remember:** It is *highly* important to get interest cards (see **Objective**, above)

**Follow up:** Be available at Information table, if available, or stay after adjournment as appropriate. Collect interest cards and give original or copy ASAP to Russ Seel (contact info below) for entry into Kairos Ohio database and assignment to appropriate council personnel for follow up.

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Feel free to contact me for guidance or make any suggestions to improve this standard presentation.