



GOD'S SPECIAL TIME



with His love, He broke the chains.



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Kairos Overview

Corporal Works of Mercy

(Based on Matthew 25: 34-40)

- Feed the hungry
 - Give Drink to the thirsty
 - Clothe the naked
 - Shelter the homeless
 - Visit the sick
 - Visit the imprisoned
 - Bury the dead

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶2447)



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*"I was in prison,
and you visited me ..."*

(Matthew 25:36)

*"As you did it to one of the
least of my brothers,
you did it for me."*

(Matthew 25:40)



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Kairos Beginnings

- Nine founding members.
- Began in 1976
- 3-day "Short Course in Christianity"
- Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida.
- By 1978, six states were presenting the short course





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Kairos Today

- Serves more than 400 correctional institutions in 37 states.
- Is active in 9 countries: Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.
- Approximately 400,000 inmates have participated in Kairos activities.



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Aspects of Kairos

1. Kairos Inside - serving the men and women in prison
2. Kairos Outside - serving family members of the incarcerated
3. Kairos Torch - serving the incarcerated youth

Support

- 12 full-time employees
- Over 30,000 men and women volunteers



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Who makes up Kairos?

- Kairos is a Lay-led ministry with clergy participation.
- Kairos is Christ -centered and, ecumenical, welcoming all Christian men and women.
- Kairos is a Continuing Ministry.



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Kairos Mission

- Share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.
- Impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families
- Become loving and productive citizens of their communities
- Affirm the human dignity of the incarcerated



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Kairos Results

Reduction in Recidivism...

- Without Kairos - recidivism rate is 55%.
- With Kairos - recidivism rate is about 16%.
- Hearts are changed.
- Residents are less violent.
- Prisons become safer.



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How can you help?

- All Kairos teams are constantly in need of AGAPE Materials.
- Agape materials are used to demonstrate to prison residents that Christians on the outside genuinely care for their wellbeing.



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Be a Kairos "Agape" Contributor

- a) Prayers, prayers, and more prayers - offer to participate in a mission prayer chain.
- b) baking cookies for a four-day mission and prison walk.
- c) Making posters for display during mission weekends
- d) Making placemats for use at dabbles during reunions and four-day missions
- e) Make a Financial donation.

Be a prayer chain volunteer

Each link in the Prayer Chains represents a half-hour prayer pledge. The pledges, when linked, demonstrate that Christians outside the prison are praying for the residents around the clock during the weekend..





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Be a Cookie Angel

Over 2,000 dozen home baked cookies are needed for each Four-day Kairos weekend. Participating residents have access to cookies each day and a

dozen cookies are delivered to each resident of the prison by a Kairos volunteer during the "cookie walk." For many of the incarcerated, this is a rare treat.





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Be a poster or placemat artist

Agape posters are displayed in the meeting area and place mats are laid at each of the six tables used during a Kairos weekend. These items add brightness to the atmosphere and to convey a sentiment of spirituality. The residents keep the placemats and they become treasured souvenirs of the event.





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Make a donation

All Kairos events are funded by member contributions supplemented by charitable donations.

Each Kairos team depends on the charity of their respective communities to support their ministry.

Please be give generously