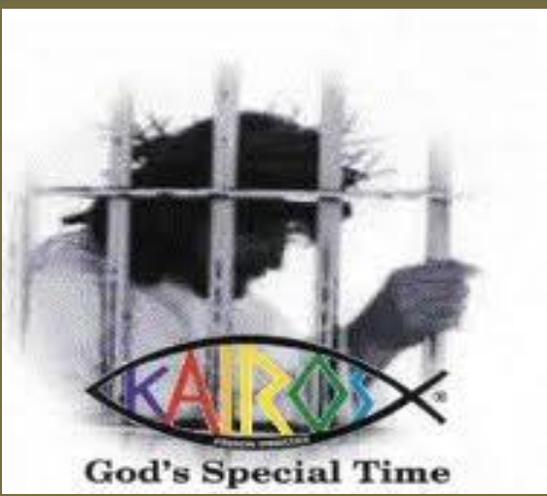


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God's Special Time, PCI 30

A Perspective from the Week-End Leader

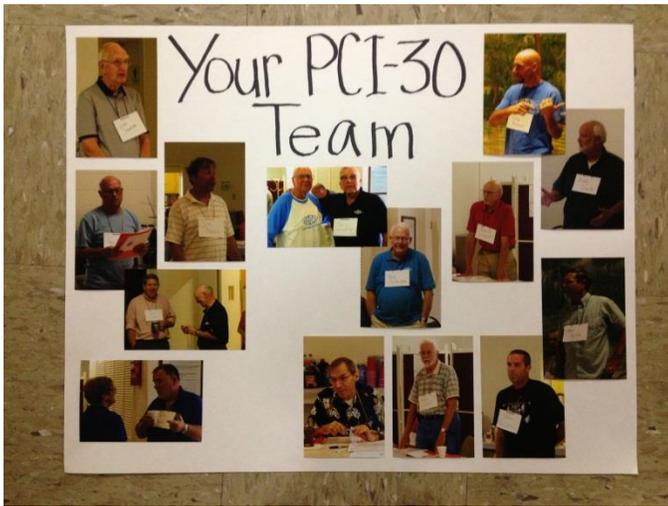
Written By Gary DeCastillia

Planning for PCI 30 started in July when I attended Advanced Kairos training (AKT). The next step came when I received my copy of Ezra. I discovered that if you go through the program before you start your team and weekend planning, Ezra makes the task a lot easier for you. The first event I had to plan was the one day semi-annual retreat. This is for all residents who have completed a four day Kairos weekend. This retreat is not limited to residents at PCI, it is open to any resident from any other camp who has completed the four day weekend. The first thing you learn when planning for a Kairos event is to be flexible. When the team showed up at PCI for the retreat we found the prison was in a lock down due to a complete power failure and power wouldn't be restored until later in the day. We had to re-schedule the retreat. We had a few bumps in the road getting enough team member who were able to team, however, God had his hand in it for us and we were able to have the retreat. The format had to be changed but everything worked out very well. The retreat theme was on Pride and Humility. Joe Stuter and Fred Ellinwood presented six talks. Joe would give a talk on pride followed by Fred giving his on humility. The residents would then be presented with two questions for a table discussion. After the table discussion one resident from each table would present to the group what they got out of the talks. The next phase was to prepare the team for the four day weekend. For me, this was the most difficult

task. The problem is meeting the requirements and not having enough volunteers to cover talk and job assignments. I learned I had to put my trust in God. Even though we had a somewhat smaller team we were able to cover all bases. The highlight of our training sessions came when Chaplin Crumpler came to our third meeting with a list of about ninety six residents who had requested to attend the four day weekend. The Chaplin wanted the Ladies of the Outside Team to pick the forty two residents who would be able to attend. He felt just because someone signed up first shouldn't be a guarantee they would be selected for the weekend. He felt everyone should have the same opportunity to be selected. He assigned each resident's request a number and then passed them out to the Ladies to pray over each request and then select the residents who would attend the weekend. God and prayer showed the Ladies the way. The Chaplin said almost everyone they selected were residents he knew needed the weekend the most. We started PCI #30 at 2:00 pm on Thursday. We greeted the residents as they arrived and gathered at our Family Tables and shared the evening meal. The rest of the weekend went pretty much as planned. We tried out a new approach for the wall meditation. Thanks to Paula Fitzpatrick, Judy Atwell and Margi Wynn, they made a 6 foot by 20 foot tapestry representing a stone wall. It was slowly raised as the speaker presented the meditation. It was very effective presenting the meditation.

At the conclusion of the weekend we had the closing ceremony. There were 41 residents who completed the weekend. There was a large group of

visitors from the outside community. About 29 residents gave their testimonies at open mic. Cesar Laurean gave a very emotional Fourth Day Talk. The highlight of the closing came when one of the residents, Marquis McKenzie, read a letter his mother wrote to him after she attended a Kairos Outside Weekend.



Two New Teamers Share from Their Heart

From Rev. Jason S, Wise

Prison Ministry is a ministry I've always wanted to add to my repertoire. I saw God's declaration of those we should serve as though it were Him and I always had a vacancy when it came to visiting those in prison. So when I heard about Kairos and their ministry inside PCI I was excited to put another check on my ministerial bucket list. I was excited to see what God could do inside such a hardened institution, but I think really my motives were more "me" focused than "others" focused. The very first week of training, however, changed my mind about what prison ministry really is. In those four weeks I was able to find a fellowship amongst Christians that I haven't experienced in years and this was all prior to actually getting a Blue Card and entering the facility itself. While I do think part of the training is there to break down our concept of time and ensure completely we are ready to function on "Kairos Time," the rest is all about hugs, worship and a love for the incarcerated that I hadn't truly experienced before. It became

very clear that something special is going on through Kairos and that PCI 30 was going to be anointed by His power.

During the weekend itself I was amazed at the love that filled the entire room. Sure the guys could be a little standoffish as they weren't sure what to think about entering a gym filled with singing, hugs and love, but it was clear that God's presence also filled the room. For the first time in a long time I felt as though I was on the front lines of God's war with the Enemy and I was reassured of my confidence that God will win that war. Sitting around our table as the Family of Paul (clap!), I saw Him go to battle against lifelong struggles with forgiveness, love, hate and most any other struggle one could imagine. I can't say that I saw God win each of those battles, He hasn't yet, but it was made very clear to me, and I hope all of our Pauline residents, that He is able! I continue to pray for those men that they will surrender to His will and allow God to win their internal battle with the Enemy.

I've always had a heart that beats for missions work, both here and abroad and the reason why is a statement that I heard years ago;. I'm sure I can't quote it perfectly, so I won't try and I know I don't remember exactly who said it, so I won't try to give credit although I know it wasn't me. It goes something like this: It's awful that there are so many lost people in our world, but there is something worse than being lost... being lost with no one looking for you. In terms of International Missions it is true that there is an unimaginable number of people in that sad state, but I am thankful to God that at PCI there is a team of Christians who are searching out the lost, seeking to help them be found by the love, forgiveness and salvation of Jesus Christ our Lord! Thank You for your support of this ministry!

Rev. Jason S. Wise – Pastor
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"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me, I was in prison, and you came to Me."

Matthew 25:35-36

From Gloria M. Garzon

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart..." This is a very well-known Hymn, I, particularly enjoy singing, and it touches me very deeply every time I hear it at my church -Holy Family Catholic Church. And it was this hymn the one I was singing the day I knew about Kairos. After mass, I was given the bulletin and right there I read about this wonderful invitation to be part of the Prison Ministry. I did not hesitate to make contact with Kairos; I knew the Lord was calling me so I tried to get involved in every activity Kairos meetings let me in. Each one in the group welcomed me so warmly that I just felt at home. I can say that I witnessed the most rewarding feeling anyone could feel within a community of God's lovers and worshippers. When one listens to the Lord and is obedient to his call, tons of blessings are poured the heart is filled with hope and joy, this is how Kairos Prison Ministry affects not only the inmates' lives but the lives of all who serve for Kairos.

The experience in Kairos not only gave me the opportunity to meet and team with faithful and devoted Christian brothers and sisters ready to serve, but also to taste a little bit of that "Jerusalem" where true believers gather together to pray, love, serve and nourish others. Kairos inspires Love and Service and this is what we are called to. I enjoy the openness of everyone and the little tasks I was asked to do.

I also attended the closing ceremony after the 4-day retreat at the prison. On that day, I most definitely could see the face of Jesus on our inmates; they reflected their cross, their sufferings and burdens, and their need for love. I thank God for He has given me the opportunity to experience Kairos in action at the prison ministry, and I also encourage others to be open to serve the Lord through this ministry.

Some Thoughts from the Spiritual Leader

Pastor Joe Stuter

As the Spiritual Leader for PCI 30, I saw God do some pretty amazing things. First of all He blessed us with an outstanding team with excellent leadership. He also blessed us with a very good outside team made up of the women of Kairos. God's blessing was on this weekend before we even started.

I began teaming on the very first weekend that food was no longer permitted to be provided by the Kairos community. We had 12 men complete PCI 24. We have not been allowed to provide food since. This past weekend of PCI 30 we had over 100 residents of PCI sign up for the weekend. We could only take 42. God wanted to show us that we do not need fancy food or cookies to draw the participants to sign up for weekends. We only need His Spirit to draw hearts of men toward Him.

God certainly changed many hearts on the PCI 30 weekend and I can hardly wait to see what He will do in future weekends. Unless He chooses to return for those of us that call Him our Lord and rapture us home with Him, then so be it. As our Holy Bible states as it ends in Revelations, I also want to echo, even so come Lord Jesus.



Why Volunteer:

Ladies & Gentlemen,

My name is Rodney "Tex" and I'm an inmate of the N.C. Dept. of Corrections, presently housed at the Pasquotank Correctional Institute in Elizabeth City. I asked for the opportunity to address you on behalf of the Kairos Prison Ministry and the work they're doing behind prison walls. I've been incarcerated for going on 35 years now, that's 35 straight years, so when I say Kairos is THE BEST program ever to enter the prison system; I know what I'm talking about.

Kairos changes and effects the lives of some of the hardest and most hardened inmates. I know because I was one of them, and I've witnessed many, many more changed lives.

Most Prison Ministries only offer a drive-by variety of evangelism with no personal or emotional investment whatsoever. They can go home and say they've visited prisons for the Lord and they may even be a tool the Lord uses on occasion, but Kairos is the real deal in the Master's Hand and they are in it for the long haul, bringing both the message and the love of Jesus with them.

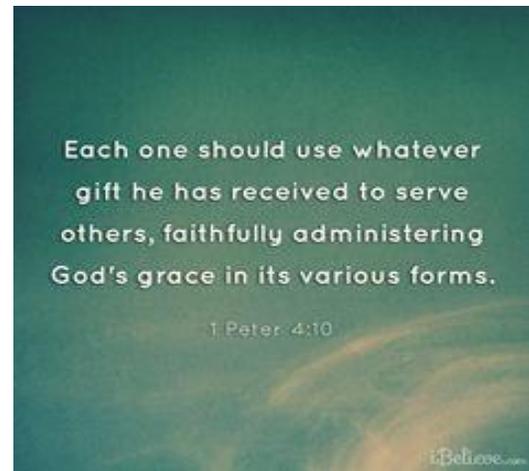
Our weekly Prayer and Share is fellowship like most churches never get to experience. The 4 day weekend and 1 day Reunions are indeed "God's Special Time" and as a result I can assure you God does walk these halls because of their long term investment of time and resources. But sadly so does the Enemy, and that's why you're so important. You know one of the things most appreciated by unbelievers, prisoners particularly, is the fact Kairos welcomes everyone regardless of their spiritual direction or lack thereof. They show the Lord of Grace & Mercy and Love by example to those who've never known of Jesus or have been misled by false teaching. But even so Kairos is a Christian Ministry and they need Christians to step up and fill the ranks. I encourage you, NO, I urge you, not to let this opportunity pass you by. If you really want to share the Good News and make a difference, get involved with this Ministry. If you're not sure, and that's understandable, come to a 4 day weekend Closing and see the results on the inmates, or better yet attend a weekend itself and watch the Holy Spirit at works. You'll be as blessed as the men themselves.

Or come fellowship with us on Monday night Prayer and Share. We may have some rough edges but you'd be surprised by the spiritual knowledge and insights we share. You could be the one to make the most difference, but if you're not there we lose out. I can say God is alive and well at Pasquotank thanks to the grace and mercy of Jesus and Kairos' faithfulness to him. They need you and we do, too, so take a step in faith. You won't regret it and we'd be grateful.

In the

love of Our Lord Jesus

/s/ Rodney"Tex"



Without faithful servants, many men may still be lost. One such faithful servant is Bob Clinkscales. He was at Kairos PCI #1

The Evolution of PCI Kairos

Written by Bob Clinkscales

Kairos was started at Pasquotank in 2000 shortly after the facility was open. Ernest Sutton was the Administrator and was very supportive of the program. Several volunteers from this area had volunteered at central prison in Raleigh and were the nucleus for the start of PCI Kairos. Over the years there have been many changes but one thing has remained constant, the support of Kairos from the prison administration. They recognized early on the benefit the program has on the entire population.

Even though there have been changes in Administrators, they have all been positive and supportive of the ministry.

It would take some time and research to determine the number of Chaplains who have served at Pasquotank over the years. Among them we have all found our favorites. However, our current Chaplain, Rev. David Crumpler, would certainly have a place at the top of most lists. Since the Chaplain is the pastor for the men in the institution, his influence adds strength to the ministry.

There have been many minor changes which have had an impact on the ministry. During the early years, women were allowed to participate in prayer and share groups. The Kairos Prison Ministry International policy is that each ministry is single sex. Therefore, women were excluded from the prayer and share events. This shift in policy locally caused considerable concern among the volunteers. There has also been a shift in the Prison policy regarding volunteers. Women no longer required "blue cards" and thus the number of volunteers on the prison rolls is down. This change has reduced the number of volunteers who attend the annual volunteer's banquet.

The biggest change has been the exclusion of food on the weekends and other events. This policy change initially reduced the number of participants on the weekend. The change caused the volunteers and Kairos graduates to come up with new and creative way to attract residents to participate in weekend events. The net effect has been to enhance the spiritual level of the weekend and increase attendance for the right reasons; spiritual growth verses food.

Through all the changes, the Holy Spirit has continued to be present and Kairos has positively affected the lives of hundreds of men over the past 15 years. We praise God for His continued blessing of the Kairos Ministry at PCI.



"We will know They are Christians by Their Love"

RESIDENTS OF PASQUOTANK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION GIVE TO HOPELINE

A donation collected from the residents of the Pasquotank Correctional Institution (PCI) was presented to Patricia Youngblood, Executive Director of Hopeline, by Joe Harrell, Assistant Administrator of PCI (on right) and Jack Atwell from The Kairos Prison Ministry.



The residents of PCI collected \$680.14. The Kairos Prison Ministry and the Community Resource Council of PCI matched the resident funds, bringing the total Hopeline gift to \$1360.28.

Patricia has been with Hopeline for over 30 years and will be retiring shortly. She said each year she prayed that there would be no one in the shelter at Christmas, that all who needed a home would have found one, but that has never happened and every year mothers and children look to the shelter for a safe place to go to start rebuilding their lives. The Holidays are an especially difficult time for them and Patricia said these funds will go a long way to help bring joy and comfort to everyone. She urges everyone to remember the Hopeline store on Halstead Blvd. Donations not only raise funds to support Hopeline but provide clothing and housewares to help women set up housekeeping on their own.

That \$680.14 is a remarkable amount considering that IF they have a job inside, inmates (residents) are earning only 40 cents a day. A donation of \$10 from them represents a full month's pay. And those who do not have jobs rely on any funds they may receive from family. One gentleman had only 13 cents in his account and contributed part of that to Hopeline. Considering the men must buy their own personal care items from the canteen, this represents true sacrificial giving on every level.

David Williamson and Rodney Lovell, residents of Pasquotank Correctional spearheaded the drive to collect money for the children at Hopeline. David said, "When he heard in 2010 that children in Elizabeth City had to go without because there was no money, he thought that's not right. "No child should go without at this time of year. That's when my Savior was born," he said. And that's when the collection started. The first year they raised about \$160. This year David set a goal of \$600, knowing that God would provide. They exceeded that goal.

Rodney explained that too many people on the inside look at what someone should be doing for them. The men who contributed to the Hopeline fund, whether 5 cents or 5 dollars, want everyone to know that they want to do for others. The inmates are excited about giving and are now discussing how they can help with other organizations like Wounded Warriors.

Credit must also be given to an organization within the prison called the Service Club, comprised of inmates who regularly take pictures of other inmates both inside the blocks and during visitation days. Residents can then buy copies of these pictures to send to family. The club elects how to use the profits from these pictures. This Christmas they contributed a generous sum to the Hopeline drive and also to buy a pint of ice cream for every resident to celebrate the season.

Talking with David and Rodney, you come away with the feeling that the Spirit of the Holidays is alive and well inside the walls of PCI and that the men there take joy in the chance to give to others.

Moving forward to PCI 31 and Beyond

Expectations for PCI 31

Thomas Phelps: Team Leader PCI 31

I praise God and give all glory to God for allowing us, Kairos, to serve PCI 31 during this special period of time.

Looking forward to the **Retreat on February 7, 2015. Kairos' men should be at the PCI gate at 7:00 a.m.** There will be presentations by two special guests. Looking forward to meeting up with 10 to 12 other Blue Card members that morning. Please call Thomas Phelps at 336-4737 to confirm your attendance at the Retreat.

The 4 day Kairos Weekend is scheduled for Thursday, April 30 to Sunday, May 3.

PCI 31- The teaming has returned to Friday night by popular demand. Teaming will start promptly at 6:30 PM so that we can conclude the teaming at a reasonable hour. Please let us know if you are interested in teaming by emailing contactus@kairospcinc.com.

Teaming schedule – Teaming dates for PCI 31 will be the following:

- Friday March 20th @ Berea Baptist Church @ 6:15 PM
- Friday March 27th @ Berea Baptist Church @ 6:15 PM
- Friday April 10th @ Berea Baptist Church @ 6:15 PM
- Friday April 17th @ Berea Baptist Church @ 6:15 PM
- Friday April 24th @ Berea Baptist Church @ 6:15 PM
- Weekend – Thursday April 30th – Sunday May 3rd

I feel very strongly that the Lord is asking not only the Blue Card Holders but others we talk with to join our ranks in this ministry.

The residents have grown by numbers in the Monday night Prayer and Share Program! So we

are praying for our community to respond in this great movement.

The residents are hungry to be fed spiritually. They want that spiritual change in their lives.

It has proven to be a much better environment not only for the residents, but for all working personnel.

I feel spiritually up lifted, for God has blessed us with a strong work force, the ones that are so involved on the outside and inside teams.

I believe that God will bring forth the souls to push out more and more of the darkness that tries to maintain its presence.

I am looking so forward to the sound and feelings of the spiritual uplifting that is so rewarding due to God's blessings for Kairos' participants during this ministry known as God's Special Time.

New from our Advisory Council

Meet your Council Members

The 2015 Advisory Council is:

- Chair – Jack Atwell
- Vice Chair – Bob Clinkscales
- State Chapter Committee Representative – Judy Atwell
- Secretary – Open
- Kairos Donor Coordinator or Financial Secretary – Doug Spaeth
- Treasurer – Judy Atwell
- Institutional Liaison – Gary DeCastillia
- Outreach /Recruiting Coordinator – Thomas and Becky Phelps
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator – Tom Scism
- Agape Coordinator – Temporarily Gloria Garzon
- Clergy/Spiritual Director – Bill Bailey and Joe Stuter

- Continuing Ministry Coordinator – Allen Enrico (Rico)
- Data Coordinator – Jack Atwell
- Communications Coordinator – Louanna Stuter
- Music Recruiter / Coordinator – Joe Stuter
- Inventory Coordinator - Dave Taylor

We now have a speaker's bureau working with the Outreach/Recruiting Coordinators consisting of

- Gloria Garzon
- Hank Steenstra
- Dave Taylor
- Charles Stallings
- Bob Clinkscales
- Jack Atwell

The council is forming a fundraising subcommittee under the Fundraising/Sponsorship Coordinator. This committee will be responsible for arraigning fundraisers and events to support the ministry. Other NC Kairos' have been very successful with dinners, car washes, coupons and other events to support their ministry – we need to do the same. While we have been in a break even mode recently, we anticipate fundraising to decrease unless we “spin up” some new programs. Please contact anyone on the council or email us at contactus@kairospcinc.com if you can help, in this area.

AKT training – Once you have teamed for a few times, you may want to know more about the ministry. Advanced Kairos Training gives you insight as to how the program is carefully put together to achieve the desired results of showing love to the residents. You are invited to attend AKT training when you wish to advance in knowledge and commitment within the ministry. Going to AKT does not mean you will lead, that is something between you and our Lord, but will give you valuable insight into the program. Spouses are encouraged to attend as well. All expenses are paid by Kairos. Email contactus@kairospcinc.com if you are interested in attending. Training is available in the following east coast cities and additional locations are available if you are interested.

- Forsyth Georgia- 2/20/2015-2/22/2015
- Hartford, Connecticut- 5/15/2015-5/17/2015
- Jacksonville, Florida- 6/19/2015-6/21/2015
- Raleigh North Carolina- 7/17/2015 – 7/19/2015

Thanks

Jack Atwell

New Progam

Kairos Fellowship Breakfast - Update your calendar for February 21st. Kairos PCI will have a Fellowship Breakfast for camaraderie and an introduction of a new program to potential volunteers. The Fellowship Breakfast will be a recurring event on a monthly basis to provide a forum where Kairos volunteers and prospective volunteers can share the love of God for the residents of PCI.

The location is starting in Elizabeth City but may move to other cities to allow for easier access by ALL volunteers.

One other reason for the Fellowship Breakfast is to give new recruits the opportunity to get to know the Kairos ministry and receive basic information so they can attend a Pasquotank Correctional Institution Prayer and Share reunion night. The Prison and Kairos have developed a program where “non- blue card” volunteers will be able to attend a monthly, third Monday, Kairos reunion inside the prison. This will be a non-contact attendance where the new volunteer can see the dynamics and love of Lord directly from the residents. Those interested in attending a Kairos reunion at PCI need to come to a Kairos Fellowship Breakfast to sign up. This is an excellent opportunity to witness prison ministry without fully committing oneself up front. The Fellowship Breakfast will be at the Golden Corral in EC at **406 Halstead Boulevard, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 @ 8 AM.** In order to plan for the private room at Golden Corral, a reply to this email would help our planning. Thereafter the Fellowship Breakfast will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Upcoming Event

The next major event will be at Bertie Kairos – a Dinner Theater - in March. Let’s support our brothers and sisters at Bertie.

A Note from the Editor

Part of being a servant of the Lord and a Kairos volunteer is to be vulnerable; thank you for sharing your heart and testimonies with us. I am looking forward to hearing from more of you in the future. Please share with me any upcoming events or special requests you would like published. This is your newsletter and a work in progress. I welcome any suggestions to improve future editions. My email is louannajeane@msn.com.

God Bless you everyone,
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