



TO ALL WASHINGTON KAIROS INSIDE AND KAIROS TORCH ADVISORY COUNCILS

Kairos Outside of Eastern Washington requests your continued help in spreading the word about the Kairos Outside ministry to the residents participating in Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch Weekends.

Kairos Outside is designed to support the adult female relative and/or friend of the men and women who are or have been incarcerated in the country's State and Federal correctional facilities, as well as county/city jails or youth offender programs or women who were incarcerated and did not have an opportunity to do a Kairos Inside Weekend while they were incarcerated.

At a Christian weekend retreat (like the Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch Weekends), we cover issues pertinent to the adult women who wait, pray, and support their inmate relative/friend, or who were impacted by incarceration themselves. The Weekend is designed for both Christian and non-Christian guests, there is no cost to attend, the minimum age is 20, and the retreat is held at various churches in Washington and Northern Idaho.

On the Weekend these women receive the support of other women who are in similar circumstances. It is often difficult for their relatives and/or friends to share their feelings and the lifestyle changes caused by the separation with family members and friends, but it becomes easier when they meet others who are also experiencing some of the same difficulties.

The residents on the inside are behind concrete and wire walls, but their relatives and/or friends on the outside are also behind walls – ones self-built and self-imposed around their hearts. To be able to share their feelings, to know they are not alone, and to know there is a support group, helps them to tear down their walls and face the separation from their relative and/or friend in a new light.

We ask that a copy of our brochure, a letter-size envelope, a Guest Reservation form, and a "Dear" letter be given to each resident during their Kairos Weekend. This can be accomplished by:

- 1) placing one copy of each of the materials within the envelopes they receive at the end of the Weekend and the Spiritual Director explaining the handouts (using the enclosed "Talk" as a guideline), or
- 2) having someone else on the team present the enclosed "Talk" sometime during the Weekend and then passing out the information.

When a resident prepares a Reservation form for his/her relative and/or friend to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend, they are giving them a special gift – one of support and love.

Lastly, enclosed are some comments expressed by Kairos Outside guests at recent Closings; feel free to share them with team members and place inside residents' envelopes.

If you, or the Weekend Leader, have any questions about these materials, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Nowlin at 208-816-9565 or kjnowlin@yahoo.com.

In Christ,

Kate Nowlin

KAIROS OUTSIDE OF EASTERN WA
Advisory Council Chair

Enclosures: "Talk" Guidelines
KO Brochures
Letter-Size Envelopes
Guest Reservation Forms
"Dear" Letters
Closing Comments (copy as needed for team members)