



COMMENTS ABOUT KAIROS FROM PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS

"When I arrived here I felt like a condemned soul. I was arrogant and belligerent. But, I experienced God here and love for me. As a result, Agape change of action is to smile more and to listen more."

"I am full of emotion. It was an incredible weekend. In the recent past, I have been trying to change. I was told "You can't change the world." I started to lose hope. I forgot that I need fixing, too. I needed Kairos and now have found some peace. I had a call from my family and when I told them about my recent experiences my Dad said "I'm proud of you son for attending Kairos." That's the first time in my life he has said that."

"I thank God for using the team to bring Christ to us. This Kairos has changed us."

"I am grateful for being changed by the team ministering to me. Now I feel confident to helping others."

"Jesus said "love your neighbor as yourself". I am grateful that the team brought love and shared stories with me. I came to realize that I am not a bad person as I thought. I appreciate the time people spent writing letters to me and the time the team took to prepare for this weekend. The words in the letters touched me."

"Most important, I found hands, letters and posters. People from around the world shared love with me and us. I didn't think that people outside had any love for us but this weekend showed me that they do. I want to return the servitude by serving at a future Kairos."

"I made bad decisions that got me here but you reminded me that God is and always was with me, even when I made those bad decisions."



For More Information about CMFV Kairos Prison Ministry visit:

<http://kairoscmfvacaville.org>

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*California Medical Facility
Vacaville (CMFV)
Kairos Prison Ministry*



God's Special Time

Kairos provides hope to inmates through Jesus Christ and Christian Community

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'



God's Special Time

WHAT IS KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY?

A Kairos Weekend is an intense 3-day "short course in Christianity" conducted by a team of Christian laymen and clergy. Through this systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide Residents the opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ and/or to renew their relationship with Him. 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 be disciples of Christ in a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to the prison staff during their stay in the institution and beyond. Christians and non-Christians are invited to attend and encouraged to participate.

The Kairos Prison Ministry has its roots in established Christian Renewal Programs such as:

- Catholic Cursillo
- Episcopal Cursillo
- Lutheran Via De Cristo
- Tres Dias
- Walk to Emmaus

CMF VACAVILLE KAIROS MINISTRY

Kairos Prison Ministry has been active at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville since 1990.

Several hundred Christian volunteers have participated in these 3-day retreats helping to develop active Christian communities within the prison environment and to bring God's love and forgiveness to the incarcerated men housed there.

CMFV KAIROS WEEKENDS ARE HELD TWICE PER YEAR

Retreats usually start on Thursday evenings and end on Sunday afternoon. Occasionally, start Friday evenings and end Monday afternoon.

HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN HELP

You and your Christian community can participate in this ministry in a number of ways depending on how much time, talent and treasure you have available to help. The following will give you some ideas of how you can help in Christ's mission and we can help you get started.

Children can:

- Cut Out Paper Hands of Love
- Write Letters to the Kairos Candidates

Families can:

- Make Posters
- Write letters to the Kairos Candidates
- Serve During the Weekend
- Make a Financial Donation

For more information contact us at:

CMF Vacaville Kairos Prison Ministry

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COUNT ME IN !

I want to be a part of the Kairos Prison Ministry.

___ I will pray for the next Kairos Weekend.
Please contact me with the date.

___ I will cut out ___ Hands of Love.
Please contact me with a due date.

___ I will make ___ posters of support.
Please contact me with a due date.

___ I would like, to be a member of a team.
Please contact me.

___ I will write ___ letters to inmate participants

___ I wish to sponsor ___ inmate participants at \$ ___ each. \$ ___ enclosed.

___ I wish to donate \$ ____.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____

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PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM (WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION) TO:

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