

Kairos Outside of New Mexico Newsletter

February 2023



***“Relieve the trouble of my heart
and bring me out of my distress.”***

Psalms 25:17

Dear Kairos Sisters and Brothers,
This past year has seen lots of movement in our State. KO had their weekend in 2022 and was a great blessing to all who attended and volunteered. Their 2023 weekend is now scheduled for September 8-10 and they also have 3 reunions scheduled this year. Our four Kairos Inside facilities have made some strides this year. God has opened some doors and we have been able get up and running. GCCF had their first weekend in almost 3 years at the end of October. 18 residents started the weekend and 18 ended the weekend. It could not have gone smoother and we thank God for that blessing. The reunions are continuing each month and are shooting for another weekend this summer. Our Women’s facility in Grants has continued their reunions each month and are looking at their first weekend this summer. The New Mexico department of Corrections has dropped their vaccine mandate for State Facilities and that will be helping us all. Our Southern facility just had their weekend Jan 19-22. They had a few struggles that come along with not having a weekend in three years but God blessed that weekend and lives were changed. LCCF facility in Hobbs is still having some issues. They are still a private prison and

continue to have the vaccine mandate. They do have a new Chaplin and we need to continue to pray for those doors to be opened. We also decided to disband the AC in Santa Fe at PNM. Rick Wilkminko had some momentum getting things going there and then covid hit and we have not been able to come back. It is Gods time and we will see what the future holds. I want to thank you all for your service. We have persevered and held the course and God will be with us. Thank you again.

Joe Statzula

New Mexico State Chair

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Kairos Outside Reunions

The Warehouse at Community United
Methodist Church, 200 Church Drive,

Ruidoso NM

April 29 2023

Time 10:00 to 2:00

Also mark your calendar for:

July 29 2023 in Roswell

September 30 2023 in Los Lunas

more info to be announced later.

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Dear Kairos Brothers and Sisters,

I am very excited and honored to be the next Kairos Outside Leader #35 which will be held September 8 - 10, 2023 at Sivells Baptist Camps, 1254 Cox Canyon HWY, Cloudcroft, New Mexico 88317.

I chose verse Isaiah 40:31 - "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." This verse has been with me throughout my years as a child, a young adult and a woman, a daughter of God. The verse has carried me through many trails, storms and gratefulness of blessings that our Lord has given to me. My shield is a drawing of an eagle with the verse on it. I truly believe that our Lord, our God strengthens us once we learn that God is in control and that his will is to be done. My song is "On Eagles Wings" by Michael Joncas. My colors are Purple and Silver.

I am very thankful for this wonderful opportunity to enlighten others with God's love and to have God use my team and I, to draw others closer to our Lord. I have been with Kairos Outside since #15 were I was a guest and have had the glorious and amazing time to be taught that things are done in God's time not my time, to have faith and trust in our Lord, that our God has a purpose in our lives and in his time he will use us to teach others.

During our Weekend we will be needing your prayers for us as a team that the experience we had as a guest and as team members to help guide our new sisters to the journey of God's Love. If you know of a woman who is 20 years or older and needs this journey, please let someone in Kairos know so they can get them signed up. I also request for agape for the weekend or Green Agape (monetary donations) any time to help us pay for these Guests to have the wonderful experience.

Here are the dates of our team meetings:

Core Team March 18 - 19

June 10

June 24

August 12

August 26

Weekend September 8 - 10

God's Servant,

Melinda Klein

Kairos Outside Leader #35

♥ *In Loving Memory of:* ♥

Carlotta M. Kelsey- Passed January 29, 2022, she was a guest from Hobbs, NM on the weekend of KO #30 held at Black River Camp-Leader Lynette Wood

Mary Esther Barela -Passed April 13, 2022, she was a guest from Las Cruces, NM on the KO #28 weekend held at Lone Tree Camp-Leader Beth Noce

Bill Gary passed January 18, 2022 and was a volunteer on KO #7, 9, 11

Dollie(Elsie)Meroney- Passed, October 18, 2022 and was a volunteer on KO#24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, and 34 from Tatum, NM



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Web Site Info

www.kairosprisonministry.org

International website of Kairos Prison Ministry

www.mykairos.org

This web site for the volunteers, donors, and guests of Kairos Prison Ministry, Downloads, forms, Kalender, and instructions available on this site.

www.kairosnm.org

This web site for the state of New Mexico Kairos Prison Ministry. Donation instructions are available on this site.

www.kairosoutsideofnm.org

This is a web site for Kairos Outside for the State of New Mexico Ministry.

Also on Facebook there is a New Mexico Kairos Outside group.

Kairos is now on Instagram:

www.instagram.com/kairosprisonministry

ON YOUR MARK ... GET SET ...

And we're off! The Kairos Outside of New Mexico Advisory Council has made a great start to this New Year. We had a planning meeting in January to set goals and establish a calendar for 2023. We set goals for Recruitment, Fund-raising, and Continuing Ministry. Now, you have received this newsletter because you are an active KO volunteer. Maybe you haven't served on a Weekend or on Advisory Council in many years, but nevertheless you are still part of the Kairos Outside family! Maybe you were a guest on a recent Weekend and have not yet served as a KO

Volunteer in any capacity. Well, you too are still part of the family. We need each of you to think and pray about what God is calling you to do for this transformational ministry this year. We need your help to bring His healing grace and love to the hurting, despairing, seeking women He has chosen and called to be guests on the next Weekend, AND to strengthen our NM KO ministry to assure it achieves a dynamic, secure, and God-centered future for many years to come.

Please read through this whole newsletter to find more detailed info on how-what-when-where (you already know why!) you can volunteer. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. God be with you always.

In His Service,

Donna Chappell, NM KO Advisory Council Chair 575-317-6623

Donations

Kairos Outside #35 is currently accepting green agape for the weekend. Please pray about your participation with a tax deductible gift of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00 or more. Your gift will continue to make Kairos Outside possible and will be a blessing to the ladies God has chosen to attend.

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donations are tax deductible. You may go to kairosnm.org to make a click n' Pledge donation visit iGive.com/NMKO to register donating a percentage of on-line shopping.

You may send your check to NM Kairos Outside

P. O. Box 4226

Roswell, NM 88202

If you have any questions please call Donna Chappell @ (575)317-6623 or email dmcroswell@yahoo.com



Volunteers Needed

Kairos Outside is always looking for volunteers to serve on the Weekend or serve on the Advisory Council. If you are interested or looking for more information, please go to the website and fill out the application, www.kairosoutsideofnm.org

Want to be an Angel?

You could be a Kairos Outside Angel. Outside Angels are behind the scene volunteers who are not seen by guests. They contribute by helping with guest transportation, working in the kitchen area, assisting with Agape, etc. IF you are interested to serve as an Outside Angel, complete the outside Angel application found on

www.kairosoutsideofnm.org

and mail to:

NM Kairos Outside,
PO Box 4226
Roswell, NM 88202

Hello Kairos family!

My name is Sharon KnowsHisGun. I was invited to a Kairos Outside Weekend 6 years ago as a guest. At first I wasn't too interested in going, I said yes just to appease my bestie. She had been bugging me about accepting the opportunity to "get away." I asked her what it was about and she told me "I can't tell you about it because that will ruin the experience, just know that it's really powerful and you'll be happy if you say yes."

In my mind, I'm telling myself it'll be fun to get away for 3 days, just go." So I filled out the paperwork and turned it in. I then got a phone call from a leader of that weekend...Linda Boyd. I fell in love with Linda and her big personality right away! I went and felt sooo loved from the moment I got off the van. There are few words to describe what happened to me during that weekend. As I write this, it brings tears to my eyes. I needed this retreat. I needed the beautiful ceremonies, the lasting and loving friendships with my Kairos sisters. There were sooo many tears shed those 3 days. Jessica(my bestie) was not lying when she said I would be happy if I said yes to go. Kairos changed my life 6 years ago. I can't describe what happened there, because there are no words suitable to use. All I know is that every SINGLE year, I love to recruit people to serve and mostly I love to serve the guests. Every single year...I walk away with a refreshed spirit and a newfound deposit of faith and love in my spiritual bank. God ALWAYS shows up and shows out every single time. I love this ministry and what it stands for.

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Kairos...God's perfect timing. Let the Lord's will be done over this ministry and the servants who serve!! I love Kairos Outside ❤️❤️

Words of Encouragement

From our Spiritual Director Nicole Mirabal

In a variety of sports, it should be known that when the Coach puts you in, there is a job to be done. In order for the job to get done, a game has to be played, and in order for the game to be played, the player has to be equipped... correct? The Coach is going to do everything to train and teach the players how to be successful in the game, to show the players they have the ability to be victorious in the game.

The players have to be willing to receive the guidance from their Coach, being a willing to soak in the knowledge and plays to take what they have learned to conquer the game.

It's the same for us followers of CHRSIT! "But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" Luke 11:28. We have to listen to COACH JESUS and mediate, reflect, and obtain the plays HE give us! "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22. We have to take the word onto action, meaning, what plays we listen to from COACH JESUS... we also have to be doers. We must be willing vessels to obtain wisdom and knowledge from the LORD, to pour out into the team (others).

So what is the game plan? How do we pour out until others?

1. We get equipped by our COACH
- "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly

equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17

2. We remind ourselves who our COACH is and that HE has already prepared us. - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 NKJV
3. We go out to the court or field and we spread the game plan around.
- "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:18-20
4. We walk out in victory knowing we don't give ourselves the ability to go into battle but that the ability to do something comes from the LORD and in that we are victorious!
- "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God." 2 Corinthians 3:5.
- "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57
- "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37

So next time you feel a nudge to get in the game, yell " P UT ME IN COACH!"
