



Newsletter

14 OCTOBER 2006

**KERSHAW CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTE**

I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED, PRAYED AND SUPPORTED KAIROS #14

KAIROS WEEKEND #14 AT KERSHAW STATISTICS:

36 Residents
6 Tables
61 Team members
2800 Dozen Cookies
4 Vocational Clergy

REUNION TIME!

Please make every effort to attend the next two weekend Reunions. The purpose of Kairos is to help build Christian Community in the Institution. The new Kairos Brothers will be looking forward to seeing you again!

WEEKEND #15

Please be in prayer for Weekend #15 in March. Fred Wetherell is weekend leader.
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CLOSING COMMENTS FROM #14

EACH GUESTS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT THE KAIROS WEEKEND MET TO THEM AT THE CLOSING SERVICE.

With broken English and tears:

“I was a man who'd been in prison all my life. 126 years old. Yesterday, I've become free. I let everything go. Now I am free. I'm never sure about myself. I read Bible everyday

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be in a gang again.”***

but it don't do good for me. I learned from Kairos to share. It helped me to understand. I from Mexico. I jumped border to LA. I was in a gang. I came to grain. Carolina and started a gang. Now I will never be in a gang again”.

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"I saw men running back in force getting coffee, meals for us. My soul real men and real humility. We're prisoners -- who does that for us? I saw God this weekend".

"We had problems at our table, but we talked about. We have respect for each other. It was about unity."

When I came here on the 21st of September I had pressure and I had anger. I'm an old man. We are set in our ways. I'm 69 years old -- the today I'm leave and as a young man -- I've got a new heart".

"I didn't even knew what Kairos meant -- I called Grandma on and asked her what Kairos meant and she said she know what it was because she was in the Emmaus walk. She was thrilled for me and said she was praying for me. Graham operate me in the prison to get me off the streets and now she sprayed me into Kairos. I always know when always know when Grandma is praying for me because it always looks like I'm about to get into something."

"In the cells it's dark but these people brought some light in this place".

"For some of us on the yard we try and to do the right thing, we looked for the right words to say. But this weekend was a new dimension. It wasn't about words, it was about love, I was inspired".. In my life, I ain't never hugged a man that many times in a day. But I learned friendship, I learned how to talk to people it (Kairos) made my heart 20 pounds lighter and my stomach 20 pounds heavier".

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KAIROS FACTS

The savings to the taxpayer are substantial. As one former prisoner put it: *“It cost the government about \$1,000,000 to try me and to imprison me for several years, but a \$100 program keeps me out”*.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM #14 CONTINUED

With tears: “When I walked into the doors Thursday, I walked into the joy of the Lord. The Bible says that the joy of the Lord is my strength. I walked into my strength”. *(Another Kairos brother joined him at the podium to help him finish through the emotional talk)*.

“If any of you have any kids out of wedlock, then you know about me. I'm one of them I was a kid on the other side of town. My mother died when I was young, so I never learned about love. But everything was about money. I didn't have friends ahead money. When you have money you can buy people, but you don't have friends. But when my life was in jeopardy I had to turn to a friend for help. This person helped me and I began to learn what a friend is”.

"When I came to Kairos I felt things I never felt before. When I first came in on did know what to expect, the first-day I felt something new. I never felt this love before. I look forward to the next day and the next. I'll share this with people -- I had a lot of tears”.

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