

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.



"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

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KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN THE 2017 #GIVINGTUESDAY MOVEMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PRISON MINISTRY GROWTH

Christian ministry hopes to raise \$10,000 for continued growth

DeBary, Florida, November 15, 2017 – Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (“Kairos”), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has joined the #GivingTuesday movement to help raise funds to expand operations. Kairos is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families. To continue operations and address the needs of the many requests they receive for new growth, they are hoping to raise a minimum of \$10,000 for #GivingTuesday.

Occurring this year on November 28, #GivingTuesday encourages philanthropy and celebrates generosity by inspiring people to give back in impactful ways to causes they support. Kairos has created a webpage specifically for #GivingTuesday at <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/givingtuesday.php> which is live and now accepting contributions.

“Kairos is blessed with more than 30,000 volunteers worldwide serving in nearly 500 locations. However, we still have requests, more than 100 prisons worldwide, which want the Kairos program but we either don’t have the volunteers or resources to accommodate them at this time,” said Evelyn Lemly, CEO.

Studies have shown a significantly reduced recidivism rate for Kairos participants versus non-Kairos participants which reduces the cost of further imprisonment. Additionally, Kairos programs improve the prison environment, reconcile families, and make communities safer as participants learn to live and walk in the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

About Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to prisoners and their families through three programs: Kairos Inside, for incarcerated men and women; Kairos Outside, for female relatives/friends of the incarcerated;

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and Kairos Torch, for incarcerated youth. The programs involve a structured model that includes the Weekend experience, followed by guests or participants gathering regularly for accountability, support, and prayer. From simple beginnings as a short course in Christianity inside a Florida prison in 1976, Kairos has grown to serve 494 prisons and communities in 10 countries and 37 states. Each year, 30,000 volunteers donate 3 million hours of service with an estimated dollar value of \$36 million. To learn more, visit www.kairosprisonministry.org or donate at <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/givingtuesday.php>

About #GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. GivingTuesday harnesses the collective power of a unique blend of partners to transform how people think about, talk about, and participate in the giving season. It inspires people to take collective action to improve their communities, give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they believe in, and help create a better world. #GivingTuesday demonstrates how every act of generosity counts, and that it means so much more when we give together.

