

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.



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

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KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY TO HOLD FIRST KAIROS INSIDE PROGRAM AT LAWRENCEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN LAWRENCEVILLE, VIRGINIA

Studies have shown program reduces inmate recidivism and improves the prison environment

DeBary, Fla., October 16, 2018 – Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (“Kairos”), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, announces the start of a Kairos Inside Program at the Lawrenceville Correctional Center located in Lawrenceville, Virginia beginning Thursday, November 1st. The Weekend event will be the first Kairos Inside Weekend at this facility and is another step forward in helping inmates transform their lives.

Kairos Inside is a ministry program whose mission is to develop a Christian community inside the prison. The program results in an improved prison living environment, reduced recidivism after leaving prison, safer communities, and healed families based on personal transformations. Recent studies have shown that recidivism rates can be reduced by more than 50%.

Up to 42 inmates participate in the 3.5 day Weekend program which includes a series of talks, discussions, prayer, and chapel meditations with the aim of creating or continuing a desire for spiritual growth. The Weekend will then be followed up with Continuing Ministry of monthly Reunions and weekly Prayer and Share groups which provides an authentic and vital Christian community for accountability and encouragement.

The Lawrenceville Correctional Center is a privately operated, medium-security state prison for men located in Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, Virginia. Since 2003, GEO Group has operated the prison under contract with the Virginia Department of Corrections. It houses 1536 inmates.

Kairos is in need of volunteers for future Weekends. Opportunities include making cookies, creating artwork, prayer, team support, financial support, and participating in a team. For more, please visit www.kairosprisonministry.org/volunteer.

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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; and Kairos Torch, for incarcerated youth. From simple beginnings as a short course in Christianity inside a Florida prison in 1976, Kairos has grown to serve more than 500 prisons and communities in 10 countries and 37 states. Each year, more than 30,000 volunteers donate 3 million hours of service with an estimated dollar value of \$36 million. To learn more, visit www.kairosprisonministry.org.

