

Bringing Christ's Love to Greenville Correctional Center

The Kairos Prison Ministry Team serving Greenville Correctional Center – Unit S3 (GRCC-S3), in Jarratt, VA, is comprised of laypersons and clergy, primarily from Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland and the District of Columbia. Their mission is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with the men who reside at GRCC-S3, and to establish a strong Christian community which will positively affect the environment of the prison and provide spiritual support to the Kairos graduates. The team started serving at GRCC-S3 in 2007 and serves under the auspices of Kairos Prison Ministry International and Kairos of Northern Virginia (www.kairosnova.org).

“You do not get a lot of second chances in life and I know I have been given one...My faith has strengthened...It gives me great joy to walk in God's presence...Thank you for opening my eyes to the Lord.”

— Kairos Graduate

“There is no greater joy than to hear the testimonies of these men when they are touched by the miracle of God's love and forgiveness.”

— Bill, Kairos Volunteer

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't feel I have much in common with the prisoners. Will I be effective in this ministry?

While team members attend about 35 hours of excellent training to prepare for the weekend, the key principle is to simply Listen, Listen, Love, Love. As team members listen to the Kairos participants and show agape love, walls are broken down and new relationships are established.

Do you ever encounter any violence in the prison? Will I be safe?

Certainly violence is a risk but it is a very minor risk. The team has never encountered any violence during any of their visits. Many team members comment that they feel safer in prison than outside of prison, due to the strong presence of the Kairos community leadership who maintain order at all Kairos events.

“I thought that I was just going hear the same old messages, but I was freshly blessed by what I heard. Also, experiencing the love from believers in the free world was amazing, especially since they didn't have to come in. I've been really blessed by attending Kairos and I would recommend all to participate. I thank and bless you all in Jesus' name.”

— Kairos Graduate



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

God's Special Time for Incarcerated Men

*“I was in prison and You visited me.”
—Matthew 25:36*

What is Kairos?

Kairos volunteers go into prisons in teams of 30-40 to pray, share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, share meals and fellowship with the incarcerated on a one-to-one basis. Volunteers address the spiritual needs of prisoners.

How Kairos Works



A well-trained team of approximately 40 men and women conduct a 3 ½ Day Kairos Program for 42 Kairos participants in April and October each year. This program could be called a short course in Christianity. The participants apply and are selected by the Chaplain. The program is led by approximately 30 men, starting on a Thursday afternoon and continuing through Sunday afternoon. The Support Team members assist the Inside Team in various ways. They prepare meals for team meetings, for the evening meals during the weekend, prepare materials used during the weekend, and pray. The Support Team also attends the closing worship on Sunday afternoon.

Members of the Inside Team then regularly return to the prison for Weekly Prayer and Share Fellowship, Monthly Kairos Reunions, and other Kairos events. This ongoing support is really the heart of Kairos and is critically important for building the Kairos community at GRCC-S3.

Are you being called to Serve?

Kairos of Northern Virginia ministers to GCC S-3. Find out how you can become a servant in God's work.

How to Participate

Be a Team Member

You can become a Kairos volunteer, and participate in the Weekends at the prison. There are also other ways to support the Team that do not involve a prison visit.

Bake Cookies

We need dozens of cookies for a typical Kairos Weekend.



Pray for Us

Without prayer, a Weekend cannot happen. We have people like you praying every minute of the weekend — even through the night!

Involve Children and Youth

Let children or youth groups draw placemats to be used at the meals in the prison. These drawings often mean the most.



Kairos is God sent and I thank you. It's the best program we have. It's filled with God's love and love can't fail.

— Kairos Graduate



Tell Me More

If you would like more information about volunteering, please visit our website:

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