



God's Time. Kairos.

The Greeks had two words for time: Chronos - or chronological time. And Kairos; a moment of indeterminate time in which everything happens. We like to call this God's time.



Toledo Correctional Institution

A lot of Toledoans are quite surprised when told there is an Ohio State Prison in the immediate community. This is one of 27 such facilities state-wide. It opened in 2000 and employs about 400 people. On average, about 1000 men are incarcerated here.

How Can You Help?

Volunteer?

Twice a year, we muster some 50 men to serve on a 3-day weekend. Factor in follow-up reunions and weekly Prayer- and-Shares and it adds up. We need a lot of guys.

Bake Cookies?

The bait, the trademark. Everywhere we go we have home-baked cookies. The cookies are never-ending; a symbol of God's grace. You can help us bake some.

Pray?

Often neglected, we can never have too much prayer. The round-the-clock prayer vigil while our team is inside is extremely important, necessary and effective. Join in.

Donate?

Kairos is self-funded. All of our expenses are covered through the kindness of donations.



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Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in men's and women's correctional institutions.

The ministry is conducted - in cooperation with chaplains, wardens and staff - by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in living out and being touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Kairos experience for residents starts with a 3 1/2 day short course in Christianity. This involves 36 inmates selected by the Chaplain and the Warden.



Kairos has been an important part of incarcerated life at Toledo Correctional Institution since Fall of 2003. Since then, the lives of over 800 incarcerated men (and Toledo Correctional employees) have been impacted by the saving message of the Gospel and the love of God shown through Kairos.

Tangible Results

OHIO'S RECIDIVISM RATE IS 13% LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

One of the reasons for this is the amazing way Ohio's faith community has stepped up -- reaching prisoners and parolees through the power of faith

"It works. It definitely helps. You can see the temperature get lowered around here thanks to Kairos"

- ToCI Security

Check out some of these comments from men who have gone through a Kairos weekend:

"I came into the weekend upset, no hope and in pain. I'm taking away peace of mind, joy and Jesus."

"Jesus and my Kairos Prayer and Share Group are my lifeline."

"I had a wall around me that I didn't even know about, and Kairos helped me start breaking down my wall."

"There's a whole lot of love in those letters and cookies."

"You have not only loved us unconditionally, but treated us with utmost respect."

"What I learned at Kairos is that God doesn't hate me, He just hates my sins; the volunteers taught me that he is a forgiving God--no matter what."

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

Come To A Closing

After 3 1/2 days of music, love, cookies, listening, chapel, good food, art, prayer and lots of hugs, we invite the public to attend the closing ceremony, a graduation of sorts for the men.

This closing often serves as a gateway to the Kairos volunteer community. Many times our volunteers will cite the closing as the inspiration for getting involved.

If *any* of this appeals to you, and you think you can help. Please contact us through our website or email below. We'd love to have you with us.



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