



# KOL Newsletter

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APRIL 2011

## Kairos Outside Lubbock

### Inaugural KOL Weekend # 1 Completed, April 1-3 2011

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God chose 20 ladies to be Guests for the Weekend. Forty-three people answered God's call to be on the Team. It was awesome to seek God together throughout the Weekend. We laughed and cried together as we became a community. Guests and Team were filled to overflowing with God's love and presence. God led the preparations for the Weekend from the beginning of the team forming and the first team meeting. The ladies and men on the Team arrived at Mercy Center ready to share the love of Jesus and serve the Guests. The Guests arrived on Friday not knowing all that would be happening during the Weekend but with open minds and hearts to receive God's love through the KO experience. God showered the Guests with His grace. When it was time to leave on Sunday not a person left being the same as when they arrived. Thank you to the Christian community for providing different means of agape, prayer support, and giving a helping hand as an angel. Please continue to pray for our new Kairos Outside Sisters and their incarcerated loved ones. May we all remember "the Lord is our God and Savior" as affirmed in Isaiah 43:1-3, the Scripture for the weekend. *Joyce Atkinson, Leader, KOL Weekend #1*

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#### The Mission of Kairos Outside

When people are incarcerated for crimes, family members also "Do The Time." It is a time of single parenting, limited income, lost holidays and birthdays, loneliness, shame, and few friends able to understand what they are going through. Kairos Outside is a special weekend retreat designed to support women who have been affected by incarceration. In a safe environment with loving people, women interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn to form small groups to support and give them strength for the challenges they face. Kairos Outside is an

international ministry with locations in most states and several foreign countries. Currently there are eight locations in Texas. Work on developing the KO Lubbock ministry began in 2009 with our first guest weekend taking place in April of 2011. Two weekends will be offered to guests each year. Additional information and applications are available from any member of the Advisory council and various web sites described later in this newsletter.

## From the Spiritual Director

What an awesome weekend. Everybody and everything fitted and fell right into place. Each team member was on their post doing their duties and ready to do extra if needed. The ladies were in awe of all that was taking place. The talks were soul moving and encouraging. The speakers poured out their hearts which helped everyone and allowed God to release and heal their wounds. The food was good, tasty, and plenty, thank God. Our servants and kitchen team worked diligently always with a smile.

The agape gifts were first class and plenty. Three guests rededicated their life to the Lord. Our leaders, sisters Joyce, Teddy, Barbara, and Crystal were calm and handled every situation that developed. The quiet guidance of Jo Chapman was a blessing to all of us.

Spiritually, God showed up and showed out. The things that I was nervous and insecure about He just

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## Comments from KOL Weekend #1 Guests

It was a time to pray and receive prayers for my loved one. † I arrived with unsure expectations and was totally blown away by all the care, love, and fun. ♥ My eyes were opened and I go plum giddy when the real reason hit me that it's about Me and my freedom from guilt, sorrow, and anger. † How wonderful!. This was the most fantastic weekend. ♥ I could not have asked for anything more, not at all. † God put me here and I have been filled up and made many new friends and sisters in Christ. ♥ I loved all my new friends. †

I want to take my Table Family home with me.

♥ It was very special and I will always remember this weekend. † The weekend was beyond awesome. ♥ It was a time to come together with other woman that are in similar situations to feel the love and support within the group from God's love for us. † I am now living with joy, peace, and love in my heart. ♥ This was a weekend to make new friends, find support, to be able to talk with others about my concerns, hurts, and problems.

*You are not alone*



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See: [www.kairossoftexas.org](http://www.kairossoftexas.org)

## How You Can Help

Provide pillow and table agape  
 Provide transportation for guests  
 Volunteer as a day angel  
 Serve on a team  
 Spread the word of this ministry by placing this newsletter and / or KO brochures in your church foyer or Sunday School class.  
 Sponsor or provide meals for team meetings  
 Share information with potential guests

### Green Agape

Team members donate standard weekend and out of pocket expenses, but guests are never charged for the weekend. Donations should be made to Kairos Outside Lubbock and sent to the address later in of this newsletter. Team, guest, and day angel applications are available on the Llano Estacado Emmaus website.

directed me on what and how to do it. The chapel looked inspirational and contributed to creating the atmosphere that allowed the Holy Spirit to do His work. The spiritual team worked well together. Each person was ready and willing to fill in and do whatever and wherever there was a need. So much love and kindness was shown it was a blessing for everyone present. Thank God for an opportunity to labor in this vineyard.

*Monica Hall, Spiritual Director, KOL Weekend # 1*

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Who may attend a KO weekend?** Any female age 20 or over whose life has been impacted in any way by incarceration.

**How long is the KO weekend?** It starts Friday night at 6:00 pm and lasts until 5:00 pm Sunday.

**How much does the KO weekend cost?** There is no cost to guests. The funds are provided by local Christian Communities and individuals.

**Where do I stay during the weekend?** Food and housing is provided free of charge to guests at the Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton.

**Do any men participate on the weekend?** All guests and team members you interact with are

female. A limited number of men serve on the team, but only to help with setting up the weekend and serving meals to the guests. Men are not allowed in the community room for the talks and discussions.

**Do I have to be a Christian to attend the weekend?** No — all we ask is that guests be open to discussion from a Christian perspective.

**Why should I give up a weekend visit with my family member to attend a KO weekend?**

Your journey is often difficult in a way many friends do not understand. This weekend is designed to give you support and encouragement from women who are in the same situation and other Christians who care about you.

## Upcoming Events

**KOL Weekend #2**, October 14-16 2011, Teddy Carson Leader

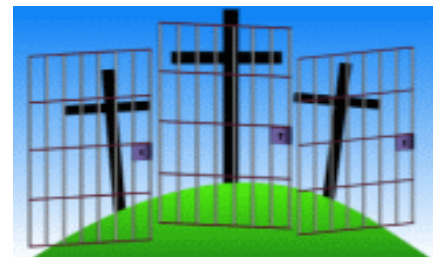
**KOL Weekend #3**, March 23-25 2012, Barbara Gee Leader

**KOL Weekend #4**, October 5-7 2012, Crystal Roach Leader

*Applications are available on the Llano Estacado Emmaus web site*

Reunions of guests and team members take place on the first Tuesday of every month.

KOL Advisory Council Meets the third Tuesday of every month, currently at Lakeridge UMC beginning at 6:30 p.m. Interested parties are welcome to attend.



*I was in prison and you visited me.*

*What you have done for the least of mine you did for me.*

## KOL Advisory Council

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