



KAIROS - OCI #47 Testimonies
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Bringing Light (*the love of Jesus*) into the darkness.
Matt. 25:36

***Here are just a few testimonies that I was able to write,
as the participating Inmate Residents shared on the Kairos Weekend:***

- I have been running (from God) for a long time. I have taken off my track shoes. It's not about the food, now I want to get closer to God.
- For a long time I have been a walking dead man. Now, I open up to the Lord. Yes, the physical food is good, but the spiritual food is better.
- When I came, I had no peace, and joy. For 21 months, I have waited to be a part of one of these weekends. Now, I know that I am not alone. I know that someone out there cares and that I have a supporting family.
- I saw that Kairos means God's Special Time. I felt His power lifting me. Each talk was inspiring and uplifting. It has been one of the most positive experiences I've had. What we (residents) see here – we've got to go out there and keep doing it.
- When I came, I had all types of problems. I was hungering for love, peace, and joy. I feel energized. I see that this is not just hype. This is real. I have never experienced anything like this.
- The food is good. But, I am not here for the food any more.
- When I came, I was already a believer. My eyes have been opened more. Here, I have found love, joy, peace. I see a lot of things differently. I see that we are the church. I am going to go and try to express it. If someone doesn't want to listen, I will go to the next one. I am taking away a lot. I love all you brothers.
- I see love in all of you. It makes me want to burst out in tears. Let's bring this to our fellowship groups out on the yard. Let's keep this up.

- When I came, I was weak. I am full again. I can go a little further. I will take this with me.
- I thought I was complete all by myself. According to Acts 2, I already had the Spirit. Now I see, it's not just about tongues, but about fellowship with other brothers. I have a family.
- When I came I was drained, exhausted, and frustrated. Through the brotherhood that I have experienced, I see that I am not the only child God has. I love all of you.
- When I came, I was confused. I didn't know how to worship with others. Here, I have experienced a love that I can't put into words. I am taking this with me. This is real!
- Here, I have found strength, encouragement, and inspiration. I don't feel like I'm in an Institution. This is like being with my natural family. I am taking all of you with me.
- Today was very special. It has been a long time since I touched and prayed for someone and had someone to touch and pray for me.
- I am now a completely different person. I am happy with my new way of life. I now know that I have spiritual tools to help me do what I can't do on my own. I thank God for my new family. This has been a great experience that I will never forget.
- When I came here, I was drained, tired, frustrated, and angered. Through this time with Christ and the agape love that has been shown, my spirit within has been rejuvenated.
- When I came here, I was drained. Every message and speech helped. I found the Spirit and have been blessed. I found the attitude of Christ in the Kairos Team. I now have a rejuvenated spirit to serve.
- I came here with a little love. Through this Kairos, I feel what it is like to be loved. I have had a spiritual growth of love. I am ready to take the Gospel and spread the Word.
- I came here for both kinds of food – physical and spiritual. Nothing compares to the knowledge that Jesus is Lord. I had been suffering with terrible headaches. Since coming here, I have not had one headache. God wanted me to get all of this. Therefore, He allowed me to have full concentration.

- When I came, I was depleted, angry, felt betrayed by friends, and was lonely. God has shown me the way back home and where I should be. He has allowed the dead to be resurrected. I am not alone.
- I had heard about Kairos, and all of the touchie- feelie-hugging that went on. They kept talking about it, so I decided to come and check it out. I had built up walls. Through this experience, I can now tear down the walls and begin to let people in.
- I found this not to be just about food. These people (who I did not even know) treated me how I have wanted to be treated all my life. Nobody could have thought that you could have found all this love in prison.
- When we had the ceremony of people we want to forgive, even though it seems I have been kicked to the curb, I don't hear from my kids like I should, have problems with my ex-wife, mother-in-law, and others - I forgive them all. It has all been dissolved. I feel good.
- I have never felt this type of love and Christian fellowship. This is what God has intended for His children and family. I have renewed faith and knowledge. I thank God for all the people that are praying for us.
- I came with doubts and negativity. I signed up for this 2 ½ years ago. I have found real love, peace, joy, and happiness. I have more strength and more power. I am ready to start lifting up Jesus and being an example. I've got to be an example.
- I see now that you can have fun being a Christian. I want to go in the yard and tell it the more.

Thanks be to God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit for all that was accomplished on this Weekend. It was an awesome experience. Many blessings to ALL that were used of Him to make this possible. To God be the glory!!! Amen

***"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."
Hebrews 6:10***



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