

Ways you can support Kairos Ministry weekend

Bake Cookies

Chocolate chip ONLY please, and they absolutely must be 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter in order to be presented to the residents. They must not contain any fruits, nuts, flakes, or sprinkles. There are tubs of cookie dough available in the big kitchen refrigerator which will produce about 7 or 8 dozen cookies each, and I would appreciate it if I could be reimbursed the \$7.50 to put back in "Rick & Kerry's Ministries" fund, but please don't feel absolutely obligated to that. I will gladly sponsor your contribution to this Kairos weekend if need be. There are quart-sized zip-lock bags with instructions available on the counter as well. Please read the instructions, and let the cookies cool completely before you attempt to pack them. (Four stacks of three cookies in each bag.) These cookies will also show the love of Christ to some of the hardest hearts.

Attend Closing Service on Sunday

Not everyone is called to actually go into prison to serve in prison ministry, so we do like to give everyone an opportunity to serve in some way. If you think you might like to go listen to what the residents have to say about their Kairos experience, you are welcome and encouraged to fill out an application to attend the closing service on Sunday afternoon. See me, Pastor Rick, for an application.

Sign one of the colorful prayer-chain forms

If you'd just like to pray for the volunteers and the residents over the weekend, please consider signing one of the colorful prayer-chain forms on the Missions bulletin board. The signatures will be cut into strips and taped together to form a paper chain which will grow, eventually looping all the way around the gymnasium. So, it's important that you write your name (and Scripture verse, if you like) in-between the lines, and not signing on the line like we're used to do. The men will spend countless moments in awesome wonder contemplating the hundreds, even thousands of Christians who've committed to pray for us while we're together in fellowship with each other.

Make a hand-made place mat

The men will also gaze in wonder, and many will even weep openly, while pondering the hand-made place-mats in front of them each time we sit down to eat. Only God can put that specific person's first name and age, or Scripture verse, or...picture of a butterfly, or fish, or whatever! It is an awesome thing to behold when He breaks a heart of stone to reveal a heart of flesh which beats for Him alone, especially when coming from the powerful crayon of a little child. So, I would ask you parents and Sunday School teachers to see if you might be able to accommodate. Paper is available.

Make a message of love & hope poster board

I will also make poster board available for you more talented in the area of art. Any message of love and hope is certainly appropriate, especially when accompanied by a verse or two of Scripture. These posters will be hung on the wall, and the residents and volunteers alike will stand around, conversations and even prayers will break out as a result of your contribution.

Make a donation towards Kairos

And finally, there is that gift of love in the form of cash money. It will cost Bob and me \$200 each to go inside, as our sponsor's fees. It costs about \$8,000 to put a Kairos weekend together. I have forms available where you can sponsor meals, if you like, but I've never been so organized as to take advantage of them. If you'd like I'd be glad to show them to you, but it seems just as simple to ask that if God so inclines your heart to make a small donation, and mark Kairos in the memo line or make your donation online by selecting Other Ministry and noting Kairos.