

In addition to local ministry opportunities (e.g., county & city jails and transition facilities), there are other opportunities for Christian Action, including Kairos of Outside and Prison Fellowship. If you'd like to learn more these opportunities, scroll down.



WHAT IS KAIROS OUTSIDE?

Kairos Outside is a non-profit Christian ministry funded by people who care. It is a weekend experience to help strengthen the family unit and encourage small support groups for women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. The weekend provides a safe place for women to share their struggles with each other and with other women who are empathetic to their situation. It is an opportunity for women who have been impacted by incarceration to find strength for their life journey and to find and build friendships that may last a lifetime. The Kairos Outside weekend is formatted as a series of talks by women who share their life journey. After each talk, there is time for guests and team to review it in small groups. The program is interspersed with music, fun activities, good food, and general pampering. The weekend begins Friday evening about 6:00 p.m. and continues until Sunday about 4:00 p.m.

WHO IS INVOLVED IN A KAIROS OUTSIDE WEEKEND?

The weekend guests may include any adult female member of the family, extended family, or close friend of person who is incarcerated. Formerly incarcerated women who were unable to attend a Kairos weekend while inside may also attend. While the team members are all Christians, and the talks may be given from a Christian perspective, it is not necessary to be a Christian to attend a weekend. All we ask is that you be open to discussion on the talks and that you enjoy your weekend. The weekend is presented by a team of women who are involved in Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Kairos, and/or Kairos Outside, and other similar communities. These women draw strength for their life journeys from their relationships with God and their small support groups, and they come from a variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. They are committed to ministering to inmates and their families. Male team members are present only to prepare and serve the meals. They do not, in any way, participate in the meeting room activities.

The weekend is held at an area church or retreat facility, usually in eastern Washington, but possibly in northern Idaho or western Montana. It is a casual event, so please dress comfortably. Except for bedding and personal items, everything is provided at no costs to the guests. Funding is provided by local community organizations and Kairos. If you have child care concerns, we will try to assist you.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND? WHY SHOULD I GIVE UP A WEEKEND VISIT?

The journey as family or friend of an inmate is difficult. Many people in the outside world may not understand your position, and some may even reject you. This weekend is designed to give you support from women who are in the same situation as you, and from other women who care about you and your family.

For more information about Kairos Outside (for Eastern WA): kairosofeastwa@gmail.com

For more information about Kairos Outside of Eastern WA: www.kairosofwashington.org



Staff and volunteers run events and programs in correctional facilities across the country, sharing the Gospel and spreading hope to incarcerated men and women. If you're interested, contact **Bill Root**, Richland, WA [\(509\) 539-4858](tel:509-539-4858).
Currently, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, Connell is a focus of ministry.