

Shoreline Tidings

Shoreline United Methodist Church

November 2007

Pastors: Mahesh Giri, Jale Tuirotuma

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Of Washington State



Judy Riggan from Kairos Prison Ministry shared with the Shoreline congregation the many aspects of Kairos. Kairos is growing leaps and bounds in Washington State. Turn the page and see how!

Matthew 25: 31-36 tells us *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. The people then questioned the Lord, when did we see you in prison, and come to You? Verse 40 replies; "And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me".*

Judy said that she had been in the Army for 31 years, being very rigid and had little empathy for persons who broke the rules. As with Paul, God had other plans for her. Important people came into her life who had been incarcerated. God was working on her concerning her judgmental premises. She became involved with Kairos and began to witness testimonies where hardened criminals lives were transformed by the grace of our almighty God. Judy shared with Shoreline how the Glory of God transformed many lives of incarcerated people in Washington prisons.

Kairos is very beneficial in side the prison and very blessed by God. Every weekend miracles occur and many lives are touched, not only those incarcerated but the staff who work in the prison. Cookies are a very important part of the weekends. Every day, while the Kairos team is inside the gates, each person in the prison receives one dozen cookies, home baked, and packaged in a white paper bag that has been

decorated by someone from the outside. These seemingly small gifts open cell doors, open hardened hearts. Many inside have no contact with the outside world at all. Many have never been given a gift from the heart, particularly a complete stranger.

Prison Ministry in 2007 has its focus and energies on reentry...preparing former offenders to successfully reenter our communities, their families, our churches as productive, successful members and citizens. Research show that successful reentry commonly requires the BIG 4;

Education: HS diploma, GED, etc.

Work Skills

Family Support, family visits, long distance moms
Or dads, etc.

Spiritual Awakening

Kairos currently goes into Purdy, Monroe, McNeil Island, Clallum Bay prisons twice a year for a 3 day weekend bringing food for participants and of course, cookies. This amounts to about 225,000 home made cookies a year! Kairos visits Stafford Creek, Special Offenders (McNeil), Larch Mountain, and Pine Lodge for retreats.

There are many ways you can help. Here are a few suggestions: For **Kairos**

Always Prayer, bake cookies, decorate cookie bags, attend a closing on a Sunday afternoon, serve on a team.

Preparation for Reentry: Mentoring, Bible Studies in the prison, Prayer Partner.

Reentry: Mentor, Sobriety Sponsor

Community Services: Welcoming Church, Bible Study, Faith-based Sobriety Programs, Employment Opportunities, Housing Resources, Used, operational cars, Transport loved ones for Little Bus that could, Pro Bono services: Dentistry, Counseling, Medical Care, Legal Counseling, and of course.....Financially.

If you want more information please contact Sharon Shope, 425-776-6253 or Email: sharondheath@yahoo.com.

Get involved, you will be blessed!

November Birthdays

Candace Woodworth - November 7

Iyer Shanta - November 21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, November 25

Our former Pastor, and his wife,

KAREN and ED PURKEY

Will visit Shoreline church.

Ed will deliver the sermon

And after there is a potluck lunch in their honor.

They have many friends around the area, so if you can think of any, please invite them.

The Purkeys served Shoreline in

1974 – 1977

Ed came to us right out of Seminary

MINISTERS by GOD'S GRACE

As ministers by God's own grace,

Committed messengers,

We share good news in ev'ry place,

Then serve as listeners.

As ministers of Jesus Christ,

We preach and teach and heal,

Embracing life, once sacrificed,

Forgiveness to reveal.

As ministers who, Spirit-filled,

Proclaim love's saving pow'r.

We seek community to build

To serve this present hour.

As ministers of God triune,

We sing our Maker's praise,

As with the Spirit we commune

And follow Jesus' ways.

Amen



Our Choir is sounding good these days.

Why not join.

Christmas and Easter are coming.

*Come join in on the fun and the satisfaction
of praising the Lord with music*

Choir Practice is every Tuesday at 7:15 pm

Call Connie if you are interested, or see her
at church.