



Kairos Prison Ministry Australia 2026 Impact Report



I find asking people to “give” money to be quite uncomfortable. My natural leaning is to let people assess their own situation and leave it to their conscience to determine how much to give. This is primarily what I do when asked to contribute to worthwhile enterprises.

I am therefore drawn to the account in Luke 21 (and Mark 12) which sheds light on things when it is left to our conscience to give. It is the well known story of the “Widow’s mite” that I knew when I wore younger clothes! A mite was the smallest valued coin in the day (a Lepton). 64 Leptons (=1 denarius) was a normal days’ wage for common people.

“As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” He said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

– Luke 21:1–4

Jesus makes plain to us several things when it comes to giving money to enable “His work”. It is interesting to note initially that the recipients of everything that went into the temple treasury would have been administered by some of Jesus’ most ardent opponents, yet she is doing a marvellous work!

Jesus directs His disciples to look deeper into the gift. She made a sacrifice which involved her heart. Her motive for giving was the focus for Jesus. The giving was not because of compulsion, habit, duty or for show. Plain and simple, it was a sacrifice. This was about one week before Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Let us take on this same motive when “giving”. I know that our volunteers across the whole ministry give a great deal with their time and talents. I challenge all to give the value of a coffee a week for the work of Kairos through the website “donate” tab or via direct electronic banking. Every “mite” is valued. God Bless you all.



Colin Stiller

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY AUSTRALIA CHAIR

2025 Impact Snapshot

VISION

A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the Love, Hope and Faith found in Jesus Christ.

MISSION

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

CONTINUING MINISTRY

Kairos Inside

4779 inmates participated in Journey Programs

Kairos Outside

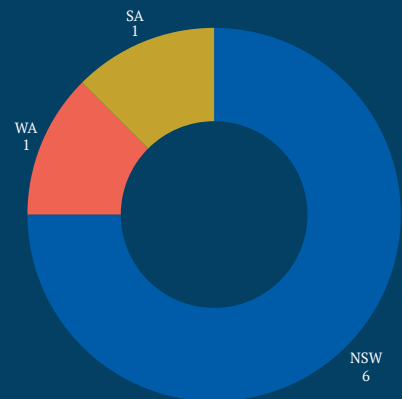
4667 women gathered to meet and share

30TH CELEBRATION EVENTS

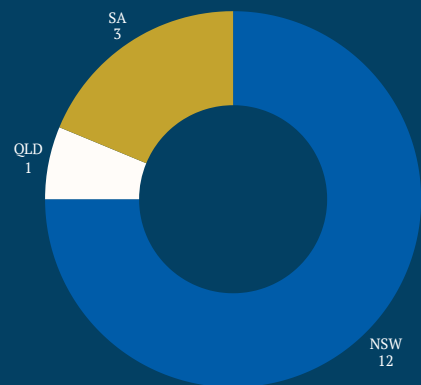
750 people connected through celebration events in Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide in person and online.

40 people indicated this was the first Kairos event that they had attended.

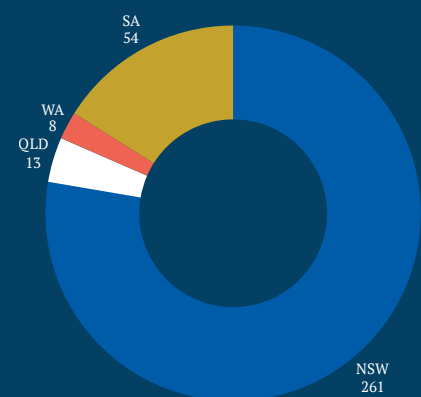
2025 Kairos Outside Programs



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2025 Participants Across Programs



2026 OPPORTUNITIES

- **Growing programs** In 2026 we anticipate running 19 programs in NSW, 2 programs in QLD, 1 program in WA and 3 programs in SA.
- **New and reactivated committees** Work is underway to establish another Kairos Inside (KI) committee in SA, plus to reactivate 2 KI committees in NSW along with 2 Kairos Outside (KO) committees in QLD. These are expected to be up and running in 2027.
- **Inaugural program** We ran our first program at South Coast Correctional Centre in March 2026 after 10 years of prayer and waiting. It ministered to 24 inmates.

Called to the margins: Jim's experience of Kairos Inside

Walking into a medium-security correctional centre for the first time is a sensory shock. The environment is defined by wire, heavy doors, and a hushed, clinical volume. But while Jim, a Kairos volunteer, admits the surroundings feel "intimidating", he enters with a sense of eagerness. He goes there because of a deep personal conviction that the gospel must be proclaimed even on the margins of society.

As a trained counsellor, Jim already had experience in walking with people through difficult circumstances. When he was encouraged to consider volunteering with Kairos by a friend from church, it seemed like a natural fit that brought together his convictions and professional experience. So he was trained, and began to prepare for his first Kairos Inside program.

Jim recalls working with one participant who had long felt he was "not good enough" for faith. After hearing the gospel, the man found "an incredible amount of peace" in the realisation that he was already loved and accepted.

It's not only the content of the program that changes lives. Jim remembers one participant who was insistent that the volunteers didn't realise how much their presence meant. "The idea that you guys would come in voluntarily to spend time with us blows our minds," the man told him.

For those who are nervous about stepping into a prison environment, Jim's advice is simple: have the conversation and discern if it's right for you. He admits that going inside the centres "won't be for everyone", but for those who feel the pull, the support and training are there to support you. And, as Jim has experienced, what you'll find inside is far more encouraging than you could imagine.



Read the full story

kairos.org.au/called-to-the-margins-jims-experience-of-kairos-inside/

Connect women in need with Kairos Outside

Who can you connect with the support of Kairos Outside? People with someone close to them or a family member in prison are carrying a weight most people will never understand. This weight most often falls on the women in a family.

Kairos Outside offers a free weekend retreat for these women — mums, grandmothers, partners, sisters, daughters and friends. It's a no-judgment space for them to rest, be cared for, and spend time with other women who truly get it.

Past guest Rachel says, "I was fortunate enough to be invited with my mum as a guest to a Kairos Outside weekend. It was there that I heard the stories of other women just like me... and I cried a flood of tears. I couldn't believe that there were other women who actually knew what I was living through. I found the 'hope to carry on' through the Kairos Outside family."



Tell the women in your life about Kairos Outside so we can reach more women and show them love in their time of need. kairos.org.au/kairos-outside





Pray with us

- That our faithful volunteers will be refreshed and renewed
- That new volunteers to be led to find out more about Kairos and get involved
- For our Board to be energised and persistent in their work
- For women in our community to hear about Kairos Outside and come to a weekend as a guest
- That more people would be financially and faithfully supporting Kairos, and that many of them would commit to being a regular donor by setting up a monthly gift
- For the 2026 National Conference being held in Adelaide, that it would be filled with our volunteers and be an encouraging and useful time
- That God would bless Kairos by increasing the work He sets before us, and for the provision of all the resources we need to share His love and grace

Join us for the 2026 National Conference ADELAIDE 28-29 AUGUST 2026

This year, our National Conference is on the theme, 'Called to Serve'. All Kairos Volunteers, whether past, current or new, are welcome. We look forward to gathering together!



Register now:
wkf.ms/4uvsd4j

Become a financial partner

As you have read, God is using Kairos Prison Ministry Australia for His glory, including blessing our organisation with many new opportunities for programs around the country.

This End of Financial Year, we're asking you to consider supporting the growth and ongoing running of our ministry by becoming a donor. For some, that might be a significant gift. For others, the value of a coffee each week. Like the widow in the temple, all gifts are valuable.

Your donation to Kairos Prison Ministry Australia will help us continue to bring the life changing message of the Gospel to those in prison, their families and loved ones. Every dollar given before June 30 helps carry this ministry into the new financial year, and all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.



Donate today:
kairos.org.au/donate

