

Kansas Torch News



Kansas Kairos Torch

Weekend #25 Update

By Larry Ure, Weekend #25 Leader

The 25th Kairos Torch weekend at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex was held October 21-23, 2016. The 25th anniversary of Kairos Torch at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex made this weekend very special.

Twenty-one young men attended over the weekend. We had

seven table families and each table family was very engaged in the activities throughout the weekend.

Approximately four of the young men already had accepted Christ as their personal Savior before attending the weekend and approximately three others renewed their commitment to Christ.

A total of 28 volunteers participated and helped with the weekend activities. Twenty one will be mentors to the young men for the next six months.

The weekend was a success and I believe the young men were challenged to begin a journey knowing Christ.

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Prayers for 2017

From Latintimes.com

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year and for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Prayer for the New Year

Lord, at the beginning of the New Year, I offer you my life. Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by Your Spirit within. Come take my life, Lord, for I love Your goodness, Your kindness and Your leading.

Amen

Weekend #25 Pictures



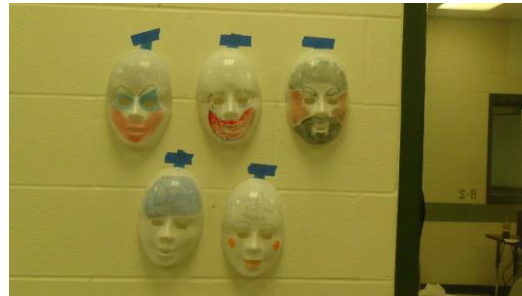
Group singing.



Volunteers serving with love.



Tables setup for table family activities.



Masks created by each of the participants.

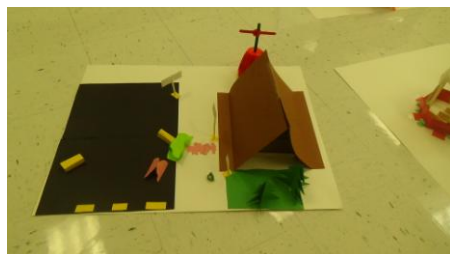
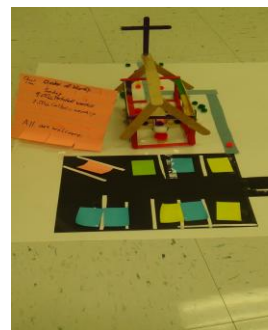


Table family church building – a time for creativity and family time.



Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Lyrics by Chris Tomlin

One of the favorite songs from Weekend #25 was Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) with lyrics by Chris Tomlin. It's special to hear these words sung with passion by the young men. We pray that the young men in Kairos Torch will truly know God's amazing grace and that they will live it in their lives.

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace



The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
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My God, my Savior has ransomed me
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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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on the web!

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or
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Kairos Torch is a positive, interactive, and thought-provoking program for young offenders. By developing reasoning and holistic life skills, and engaging in the Torch mentoring program, participants are better able to seek balance in their lives.

Kairos Torch encourages these youth to realize their God-given potential through the creation of a safe environment, allowing them to learn what life can be like in a loving, caring and trusting community. The Kairos Torch experience is an opportunity to introduce the possibility of a spiritual journey with God through His message of unconditional love and acceptance.

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2016 KJCC Holiday Dinner

The 2016 Holiday Dinner was held at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) on December 3.

Every youth and officer in the facility received a homemade meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetables, rolls, and pie.

Kairos Torch team members and their families provided food and fellowship for 13 of the 17 units at KJCC. Some individuals coordinated food for multiple units. The other four units were covered by other KJCC volunteers.

The Holiday Dinner would not be possible without the loving support and dedication of the Kairos Torch team.

