

Kansas Torch News



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Kairos Torch Week-end #26

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Kairos Torch Week-end #26 at KJCC (Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex) in Topeka was held April 28 through April 30. It was led by Butch McAlexander with Julie Copp as the Advising leader and Paul Beck as the observing leader. There were 18 young men attending from the facility with 29 volunteers. The inside team was not alone however, as there were 964 folks praying for the week-end. The team also received over \$3,000 in donations to help fund the purchase of food and the supplies

required to make a week-end like this possible. Of course, the young men attending appreciated the food with many commenting on how much they appreciated and liked what was served. A big thank you goes out to Heidi Burris, Sandy McAlexander and Gene Childers for their work in the "kitchen." Another group who deserves a big Thank You is the musicians. They were led by Joe Hodgson and included Linda Hodgson, Paula Tryon and Jack and Linda Lawhorn. Thank you to Jim

Hodgson, Charlotte Milroy and Linda Childers for their great work with Agape posters and the prayer chain. The young men were surprised to see agape from as far away as Australia.



Pastor Bob entering the facility

Pastor Bob

Once again, we were blessed to have Pastor Bob Hanson from Youth for Christ as our Spiritual Leader for the week-end. Pastor Bob is always a hit with the young men and this time was no exception. Pastor Bob has a way of saying things that sticks with the guys.

An example of one of his sayings is: "There are two truths. First, is there is a God. Second, I or you are not Him." This one saying is always a hit. Another saying he used that the young men seemed to remember was "There are two days you can't do anything about -

yesterday and tomorrow." The other one which stuck was not to forget these five words. "God will never leave you." Thank you Pastor Bob! Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

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Water Bearer

A water bearer in China had two large pots. Each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to the house. The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and was miserable that it was only able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived as bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pots side?" "That is because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them." "For two years, I have been able to pick these

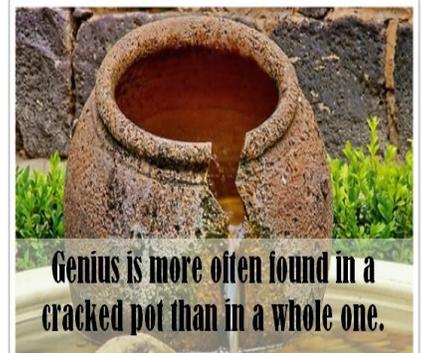
beautiful flowers to decorate our table." "Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house." We are all valuable in ways we can't always see. Remember to stop and look for the blessings in disguise. The beauty in the broken. The perfectly flawed.

Taken from a video on the InspireMore web site.

Just as this water bearer used the broken pot to water flowers along the path, God uses broken vessels like us to water broken souls and spirits in order to create beautifully saved souls. And like this broken pot we may not even realize just how effectively God is using us to accomplish what He has planned. So, like this pot, when you feel like you are not accomplishing what you feel you should it just could be

God uses Ordinary People to carry out HIS extraordinary plan.

God is using you to do more than you realize.



Thank You, Lord,

This week-end during the Saturday evening Forgiveness Service it was decided to have each participant write a Thank You letter to God. The young men needed guidance on what to write so our newest volunteer Daniel Rich offered to put together an example letter for the young men. Below is what he came up with. Great job Daniel and thank you for your willingness to jump right in.

Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, that you gave me your all
 I want to give you the same, but I'm scared I might fall
 But you say you'll never leave me, so I step out on faith
 And trust that if I fall short, that I'm covered by grace
 Lord lead me and guide me cause I'm so prone to stray
 I'll keep my eyes on you and take it day by day
 Thank You, Lord, that I've got a new friend
 You'll stick closer than a brother all the way to the end
 Teach me to hear you and not just to speak
 Your words have much power they give strength when I'm weak
 This salvation is so beyond me, so hard to understand
 A Holy King steps off his throne to die for sinful man
 Thank You, Lord, for this salvation you give
 Because you hung on that cross and died now I can live
 Now I can shed this mask and be real
 Let some stuff off my chest and tell you just how I feel
 You already know me through and through
 Plus, your acquainted with grief and sorrow too
 I thank you Lord for this rebirth, I know it is just a start
 You gave me your life and now I give you my heart

**And out of them shall proceed
 thanksgiving and the voice of
 them that make merry: and I will
 multiply them, and they shall not
 be few; I will also glorify them,
 and they shall not be small.**

Jeremiah 30:19 KJV

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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 youths 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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Remember to Pray

Please remember to pray for the next six months of mentoring sessions. Pray God will strengthen and fortify the volunteers who will be mentoring. Pray God will use them to speak words of wisdom, forgiveness, redemption and strength to their respective mentees. Also, it is not too early to start praying for Kairos Torch week-end #27 which will take place in April 2018. Pray that new volunteers will come forward to join the ministry and pray for the returning volunteers as well. Satan knows this ministry is making a difference at KJCC so pray God will defeat any attempts Satan makes to destroy it.
