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From Kairos Patron – Rev. Gregor Henderson President, Uniting Church of Australia

Hi, my name is Gregor Henderson. I have, for a number of years, been a supporter of the Kairos ministries and have attended 'closing ceremonies' at a few of the locations. I feel honoured to be one of the patrons of Kairos Prison Ministry Australia.

Kairos has been active in Australia since 1995 and during that time has helped a number of people as they have made positive choices to change their lives.

It is a community-based mission made up of over 2,000 volunteers around the country who have a heart to help those in prison and the families affected (often the forgotten victims of crime).

Through their efforts lives are changed as a different, brighter future filled with meaning and hope becomes a real possibility – sometimes for the first time.

It has been said that Kairos is one of the most effective external programs for changing lives that run inside the custodial environment and Kairos has statistical evidence that supports this.

Kairos makes a difference to:

- The individual, families and friends with whom we come in contact
- The environment of the correctional centres we access
- The next generation as they experience a change in the family members who start to walk, and therefore model, a lifestyle without crime
- The larger society in helping to reduce the recidivism rate and therefore the cost of looking after that person if they had kept the cycle going
- The local communities as the ripple effect of someone making positive life choices outflows through their daily life into those with whom they come in contact

I believe passionately that more needs to be done to assist the options for the rehabilitation of inmates who are stuck on the cycle of re-offence, and to help the families (often the forgotten victims of crime) by bringing meaning, hope and the opportunity for a positive change in their lives.

I ask that you join us in supporting this wonderful organisation financially and personally. The individuals and families will always be grateful for your support.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ

GREGOR HENDERSON
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