KAIROS COOKIE PREPARATION INFORMATION

HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO SELDOM ENCOUNTER EITHER LOVE OR CONCERN IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DAILY LIVES. YOUR LOVING GIFT OF COOKIES WILL SHINE THE LIGHT OF GOD'S GRACE INTO THE DARKEST PARTS OF THE PRISON.

These instructions help ensure the cookies are basically the same size for bags sent into the prison. They also help us ensure all your cookies will travel well to our staging area.

PRAY AS YOU PREPARE THE COOKIES

• Pray individually, as a family, or as a group as you prepare the cookies! Ask God to use your cookies as a source His love for the offenders during the weekend. Pray that the offenders will be drawn closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus.

COOKIE PREPARATION

- The types of cookies considered to be acceptable in the prison and travel the best are: OATMEAL, CHOCOLATE CHIP, GINGER, PEANUT BUTTER.
- Cookies should be between 2 and 2 1/2 inches in diameter and not over 1/2 inch thick. Round, whole cookies reflect God's perfect love by their shape.
- <u>PLEASE DO NOT USE</u>: ICING, SUGAR, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF COATING, TOPPING OR DECORATION ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE COOKIES. (Chocolate Chips on the inside of the cookie are acceptable)
- ENCOURAGED: Use shortening (Crisco or Butter Crisco) as opposed to margarine or butter. Butter/margarine cookies tend to break very easily during transporting.

COOLING AND PACKING

- <u>COOL EACH AND EVERY COOKIE THOROUGHLY!</u> Cookies packed even slightly warm stick together, are difficult to separate as a whole cookie, and tend to break easily. Cool....Cool....Cool!
- Stack the cooled cookies in layers using wax paper between layers or place on end in a plastic shoe box or bin or a cardboard box. Each box should have a lid. You may also place the cookies in gallon ziplock bags and then box. You may freeze them until ready to be transported and/or turned over to your Kairos contact. DO NOT USE grocery bags or trash bags as the cookies may break.
- <u>Clearly</u> mark each box with the number of cookies it contains. DO NOT use Post-It notes, as they tend to fall off. Use a piece of tape.

Approximate size