

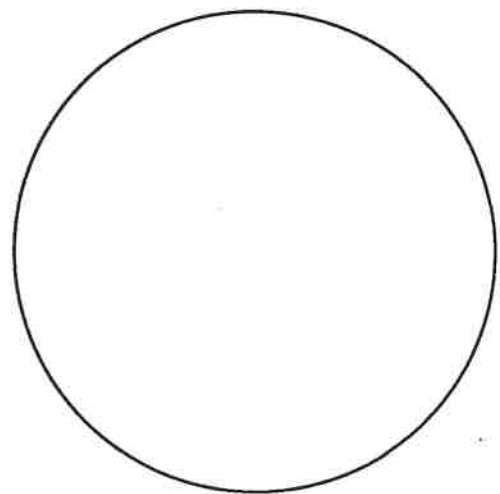
# Cookie Guidelines

***Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives. Your loving sacrifice will shine the light of God's grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit. A typical Kairos weekend will go through hundreds of dozens of cookies which are distributed to inmates, corrections officers and support staff.***

***Chocolate chip, oatmeal, peanut butter and those made from cake mixes are all favorites. Homemade cookies from scratch are a special treat but store bought cookie dough can be used as well. All cookies should be "home-baked" and made according to the guidelines blow:***

- ✚ Cookies should be between 2 and 2-1/2 " in diameter and not over 1/2" thick. (Over or undersized cookies can be used – just bag and label separately.)
- ✚ **DO NOT USE:** Icing or any other topping or decoration on the outside of the cookies (including sugar).
- ✚ **DO NOT USE:** Any fruit, nuts, raisins, M&Ms or coconut. Flavored chips are ok (chocolate, butterscotch, peanut butter etc).
- ✚ **COOL** each cookie thoroughly! Cookies packed even slightly warm will stick together, are difficult to separate, and tend to break easily.
- ✚ **PACK** the cooled cookies in quart zip lock freezer bags (**not** the "slide zipper" type) in groups of 12. Cookies are best protected from breaking if they're stacked inside the flat zip lock in 2 layers of 6 cookies. If the cookies will not be turned over to your Kairos contact within 3 days, you may freeze the cookies to preserve freshness.
- ✚ **PRAY** as you prepare the cookies. Pray individually, as a family, or as a group as you prepare and pack the cookies. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His LOVE for the inmates during the weekend. Pray that the participants will become part of the Family of God. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer, or warden who eats it closer to God.

Approximate size of 2-1/2" cookie:



***"Taste and see that the Lord is good." – Psalm 34:8***