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Dear Friends of Kairos:

October is once again upon us. To Christians, there were two important events that occurred at the end of October that are worthy for remembrance. One is the Martin Luther Reformation Day on the 31st of October. The other is the All Saints Day which is to remember the saints and martyrs of old, on November 1st. However, nowadays merchants are busy turning profits for themselves hawking candies and costumes to celebrate Halloween. What was meant to be a fun time for children had now become a party time for adults dressed as monsters and devils – perhaps a preview of what their lives are going to be? Woe to us! Halloween has become much more celebrated than Reformation Day and All Saints Day!

In October of 1985, a group of church leaders from different parts of the world: USA, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, and Switzerland, met at the Hong Kong Lutheran Church office to discuss how to help the regions in China where heresy was rampant. The conclusion was that the best defense against heresy would be to equip Christians with knowledge and understanding of the Holy Bible. Thus, Kairos was established then for this purpose. Kairos' birth date was on October 25, thirty-three years ago. My role and responsibility during the birth of the Kairos ministry was like a “mid-wife” helping the mother to give birth to a child. We are thankful to the Lord that Kairos did not become an organization under the Lutheran church but rather a “multi-denominational” ministry to serve all His churches. But there is a problem with being a non-denominational organization. Churches might presume that “all the other churches” would be supporting Kairos, therefore deciding it is not necessary or important for “us” to give Kairos any support. Imagine what that result would be...

Praise the Lord! Through many years of trials, He has sustained the Kairos ministry to this day with the support from pastors, elders, brothers and sisters who loved and cared for the ministry. Our gracious God continues to look after us, polish our skills, reveal His will, and add new tasks to test our faithfulness at Kairos.

Dear friends and supporters of Kairos, we need your continue help to finish the mission entrusted to Kairos. May our Heavenly Father bless you! Amen!

His humble servant,

Pastor David Chao
10-28-2018

October Thanksgiving and Prayers

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

- 1、 We thank God there were 116 attendees at the lecture on the "Treatment and Prevention of Dementia" hosted by Kairos on September 22. Together with co-workers and volunteers, a total of 131 people gathered at the event. The lecture given by Dr. Hsiao-Fen Chen (Director of the Kairos Board) was very lively and clear. Many attendees obtained beneficial information at the lecture. There was good participation during the question and answer session.
- 2、 On October 7, Kairos is hosting a Thanksgiving Fundraising Dinner to celebrate its 33 years in ministry. Looking back on the past, God's grace upon us is abundant and measureless. We went through a very difficult journey especially in the past 10 years. But that was God testing our confidence in Him and His way to widen the path of our mission. It was His way to bless us as we walked through that difficult path. We thank our friends and supporters for walking alongside with us all this time. Kairos has not finished with its mission. God continues to entrust new missions to us. We pray for your continue support as we move forward on our journey.
- 3、 Please pray for our Fall training mission. 3 coworkers will head out to the mission field on October 8 (right after the October 7 Dinner event). May God grant them journey mercy and protection of health. Pray that the Kairos Bible Study materials will reach the training destinations on time to help the students to better understand the Word of God.
- 4、 We thank God that we have completed the recording of the Audio Bible Study Book on Psalms (Mandarin version). There will be 5 main sections of study on the book of Psalms. Please pray for the post production editing work. We plan to have this Audio Book ready for distribution by the end of the year. We are very thankful to Dr. John Fan and Ms. Li Yung Hou who volunteered to be the narrators.
- 5、 The recording for the Book of Micah (Cantonese version) will start this month. There are 3 books in the Bible on the prophecies about the Southern Kingdom of Judah: Joel, Micah and Zephaniah. The Cantonese versions of Joel and Zephaniah had already been completed. We are very thankful to Elder Lam and Mrs. Lam who volunteered their time to adapt the Mandarin scripts into Cantonese and also being the narrators for this Audio Book.
- 6、 We are close to completion of making a Cantonese version of Gospel on the Go series -Walking with Jesus. The SD card will contain hours of listening of the Cantonese Melody of Life devotion programs, Audio Bible Study Books and hymnals. We thank the time and efforts spent on this work by coworkers and volunteers at the Hong Kong office. May God use the programming to nurture those who love to listen to the Word of God!