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Dear friends of Kairos,

In 1985, Kairos Communication Service International was established in Hong Kong. The Lord at the time entrusted me the mission through the Kairos Board of Directors. The following year, Kairos was officially registered in Los Angeles as a Christian nonprofit organization utilizing mass media for evangelism. It has been 31 years since then. I served full-time at Kairos for 14 years before retiring. In these 17 years after my retirement, I served a total of 9 more years as a volunteer Acting General Secretary covering the gaps during the transitioning of four General Secretaries. Last month, I was called back to “duty” one more time. As the Kairos Board actively searches for a new General Secretary, they were very kind and thoughtful in consideration of my strength and stamina at the “old” age of 88, the Board appointed one of its directors, Ms. Angelia Chang, to serve as the Acting General Secretary and I was asked to assist her to help develop new areas of ministry. I am glad to assist Angelia because she had assisted me for so many years in the past.

The world is changing rapidly, especially in the field of mass media. You can understand the changes by looking at Kairos’ music library. When Kairos first started, we used 78RPM vinyl records. Then there was the emergence of cassettes tapes. Not too long after cassettes, there was the rise in popularity of Compact Disks. However, now all of them have become “antiques” just like me in my old age. Three years ago I went with the Kairos training team to a remote old town. The young pastor serving there was very pleased with their newly constructed Gothic style chapel. Little did he know that the soaring Gothic style was developed at a time well before digital media’s invention. The echoing effect resulted from such construction enabled sermons to be heard farther away from the pulpit. However, nowadays with microphones, amplifiers, and speakers, the echoing effect created by the Gothic structure actually reduces the quality of the sound transmitted! Gothic styles.... Modern world....


In the same way, as we enter into this new era, our churches are still trying to maintain the “status quo” when it comes to “promoting” the gospel, not seeing the decline the churches are facing. Kairos being a media organization cannot pretend that we do not see this deterioration. The Kairos Board therefore decided to setup the Kairos Institute to provide a platform for God’s servants, scholars in Mass Communication, Christians in the media industry, and Christians in general to explore and learn how best to utilize the modern media for evangelism.

Kairos is a non-denominational faith-based gospel organization. We trust in God to provide help through His faithful, vision-minded, passionate, and able children. Angelia Chang, the Acting General Secretary was a graduate from the Hong Kong Baptist University’s department of Mass Communication. She later immigrated to the US and has served faithfully as a volunteer at Kairos for 31 years. And to this day, she continues to serve as a volunteer. I urge you to join me in blessing her admirable service. Please pray for her and also for Kairos. The organization is small and seemingly insignificant, but we do carry a heavy burden. May God remember us and enable us to fulfill the mission here at Kairos. May God bless you always!

His humble servant,

David Chao

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## **\* March Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests \***

***"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us"***  
(Ephesians 3:20)

1. We thank God for the Greater Los Angeles Chinese Ministerial Association meeting held at the Kairos headquarters last month. Close to 100 pastors, elders and church leaders attended the meeting. Dr. Scott W. Sunquist, Dean of Intercultural Studies at the Fuller Seminary was invited as the main speaker. It was a joyful and blessed gathering before the Chinese New Year.
2. Thank you for your prayers for the publishing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> study guide books of the Bible Study training curriculum on the Epistles of Paul. These 2 study guides will be printed in March. We also thank God for providing a storage facility for these materials. Please pray for a smooth distribution process of the curriculum materials.
3. Thanks to your support and prayers which have enabled Kairos to follow God's guidance to complete two sets of the "3 in 1" Bible Study training curriculum. The "3 in 1" curriculum includes: Audio Book + video book + printed study guide. The 2 completed series are : The 12 Minor Prophets and The 13 Epistles of Paul. Both series includes an Overview. Our next project is to produce the 3<sup>rd</sup> series on The Major Prophets with Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. To complete this task, we will need both human and financial resources. Please pray for God's provision.
4. A new Audio Bible Study Book on Isaiah (Mandarin version) has been completed and will soon be released this month. We have also completed the recording on the book of Daniel. It is now in the post production editing stage. In March, we will also resume recording the Cantonese versions of our Audio Books. The first book to record is Jude. We are so thankful for Elder and Mrs. Tony Lam to volunteer as the MCs for our Cantonese audio books. May God richly bless their faithful service.
5. We are also thankful to Elder Tony Lam for helping to record the Cantonese Melody of Life devotion programs. Beginning this month, our Cantonese speaking friends of Kairos will receive 2 CDs, one will contain 4 newly recorded Melody of Life programs and the other CD will contain 4 previously recorded programs.
6. If you want to receive the weekly email version of the Melody of Life programs (in both Mandarin and Cantonese), please provide us with your email. Here we would like to thank the team of volunteer coworkers in Hong Kong for their efforts in making the visuals and the email messages so uplifting and enjoyable. Those who have been receiving the emails would agree that their efforts are impressive. May the Lord bless their efforts.
7. Kairos has much valuable video footage shot during the production of the video Bible study books of the 12 Minor Prophets from 2004-2008. These footages have been kept in 36 hard drives. We are very thankful to Mission Production in Hong Kong who had worked together with us to produce the Minor Prophet DVDs and allowed us to store the hard drives in their facility for so many years. We have now moved all the hard drives into our Hong Kong Office. With the advancement in video technology, we need to find a good way to retrieve and convert these footages from their "outdated" formats into the commonly used new formats of today. May God grant us wisdom.