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Dear Friends of Kairos:

According to the Jewish calendar, this year's Easter Sunday falls on April 1st. Our Lord rose from the dead to bring us out of darkness into the light! Praise be to Him!

Last month, I read a newspaper article about a successful business woman in China. Her name is Yu Shen and she was in the Forbes's list of 10 Best "Venture Capitalists" in China three years in a row from 2006 to 2008. She invested in several entrepreneurs who were as hard working as herself. Reporters praised her for having "smart eyes" to seek out those who are "sure bets" to make it rich. She revealed that she only invested in people who were patient and would work diligently and passionately on their jobs. In her view, the most important characteristic of any worker is to be passionate in what he does regardless of whether it is profitable. You might question: Isn't character issues just as important? Well.....

In the Christian world, what do we do when we run into people with questionable character? When Jesus chose His disciples, don't you think he already knew that Judas would betray Him? Of course He knew! Because of His love, He chose Judas and gave him a chance to repent. God gave every Christian a new life. He assigned each one with different mission. Just like in the army, some are fighting in the front line while others are preparing supplies in the rear. Luke 8:1-3 said that when Jesus was ministering on earth, there were several women who followed Him and His disciples. These women "were helping to support them out of their own means." Our heavenly Father assigned the women the task of supporting from the rear. Their service was like what church deacons do.

In 1952, I began my study at the Taiwan Lutheran Bible College. Not only did God allowed me to build a firm foundation on biblical truths, He also opened my spiritual eyes and I became born again. He then continued to nurture me. I experienced the miracle of having "the impossible became possible". God tamed my heart and made me His duty-bound servant with one goal in mind: to do what He had prepared for me to do whether there was money in it or not. For example, in January of 1986, I responded to the call when the 1st Board of Directors of Kairos sent me to Los Angeles to establish the Kairos office. It has been 32 years since then. From 1986 to 1999, I served full-time at Kairos. During the 17 years from 2000 to 2017, I came back from retirement 3 times to help during the transitions caused by the succession of 4 different General Secretaries, for a total of 9 years of volunteer work living on my pension plus social security benefits. But I enjoy serving my Lord. My only goal is to repay the grace that He has given me. I want to testify that our heavenly Father has always cared for me. Thank you Father!

Last month's newsletter mentioned that Kairos is planning to start the Kairos Institute. We will need new blood in order to develop our future ministries. May the Lord have mercy and guide us. We thank God and trust that He will provide. Dear Friends of Kairos, we need your prayers and participation. You are the power that propels Kairos to move forward. May God bless you!

His clumsy servant,

David Chao

April 1, 2018

* April Thanksgiving and Prayer Letter *

*A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*

(Isaiah 40:3)

1. Thank you for your prayers for the production of the Major Prophets "3 in 1" Bible Study curriculum. As of April, we have completed 5 Audio Bible Study Books on Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. Please contact us if you are interested in obtaining copies of the audio books. We have also available a video on the Overview of the Prophetic Books of the Bible to help you study along with the Audio books. As for the "3 in 1" curriculum, we are working diligently to convert into textbook format to be uploaded to the www.kairos-elearn.com website. Your continue prayers are much needed.
2. Recently, there have been several pastors who came to visit Kairos from overseas. They all said in unison that the Kairos training materials are exactly what they need because the contents of the Bible study are clear and easy to understand. The mp3 device also used easy to use. We thank the Lord for their encouragements. We also want to thank all of your faithful prayers and support which have enabled us to provide these resources.
3. In order to fulfill the needs of training more "succession trainers", we plan to produce a video training series to help train grassroots preachers in places difficult for our trainers to go. These video teachings will help local lay preachers and Bible study leaders to learn how to use the Kairos Bible study materials to grow the faith of their congregation. Please pray for God's provision for the manpower and financial resources to complete the videos.
4. The Cantonese Audio Book on the Book of Jude is scheduled to be released this month. In terms of the Cantonese "Melody of Life" audio programs, we have since last month started to distribute one newly recorded CD (with 4 fifteen minutes programs) with one early recorded CD every month. We thank God for the good response. A brother of a broadcasting ministry in Sydney, Australia, wrote that since they broadcasted the Cantonese Melody of Life programs (provided by Kairos) each evening, there is much need for the newly recorded programs. They were pleased that we continue to record new Cantonese programs. Pray that the Lord will use the Mandarin and Cantonese Melody of Life programs as an effective tool for evangelism.
5. This year's "Thanksgiving Banquet" will be held on the evening of October 7 (Sunday). Please mark this date on your calendar. Your presence at the event is important to us! It is because of your prayer and support that have enabled the Kairos ministry to go on until now. We will send more detailed information about this later.