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Dear Friends of Kairos,

Greetings to you all, may our LORD grant you peace! We thank you for your loving care toward Kairos all these years; allowing this small ministry organization to continue to shine for the LORD. May He richly bless you!

I was moved to tears by a Chinese newspaper story that appeared on May 27. The headline of the story was "Thieving for Prison Food". It was about a 63-year old recluse in Taiwan who was heavily in debts. He was homeless and unable to pay for food. According to Taiwan constitutions, he has to wait till 65 to qualify for elderly benefits. The way he solved his problem was to intentionally shoplift from a supermarket. He "reminded" the store clerk to call the police to arrest him and put him in jail where he could get three square meals and a place to sleep – a much better alternative than being a homeless bagger on the street. When he appeared before the judge, he urged the judge to give him a longer sentence in prison. The story ended with the judge granting his wish .....

I admire this older man in how he used his mind in times of crisis. He reminded me, as a servant of the LORD, I need to examine my motive in serving in ministry. Am I treating the ministry as a social club? A place to make a living? A place to fill a void in my life after retirement? It's worth the self-examination! Donations from brothers and sisters are meant to fulfill God's Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the world. The Bible did say that "the worker deserves his wages". But in my case, I have already retired. Knowing that I cannot contribute much to the financial needs of Kairos, I insisted on living a simple life with my "retirement income". I cannot bear to see myself trying to have a more comfortable life while Kairos has to spread its budget thin. I pray that our gracious LORD will continue to uphold the ministry at Kairos so that many brothers and sisters in Christ will be able to grow deeper in their faith.

In my ministry experience, I understand that there are two ways that brothers and sisters help in ministries. One way is by supporting the ministry financially because they see the importance of spreading the Gospel and building up faith of believers. Another way is by supporting the needs of the workers in the ministry. Both of the ways grew out of love for God and a desire to help others. The difference is, in the latter case, when a particular worker left a ministry, the supporter may withdraw support to the ministry. This will inevitably hinder the ministry's growth.

I want to pause and give special thanks to all our friends of Kairos who have come along side to help when we had experienced difficulties! Your persistence in the LORD gave us great encouragement. Indeed God had blessed Kairos because of you. Please continue to pray, support and participate, so that Kairos can be faithful to the mission the LORD had entrusted to us!

June is time to celebrate Father's Day. May all the fathers receive grace from God and love and respect from their children!

The LORD's servant,

David Chao

June 1, 2018

## **Kairos June Thanksgiving and Prayer Letter**

***“You, LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.”***

**(Isaiah 63:16b)**

1. In May, we have requested your prayers for the completion of a video series to be used as tools to train grass-root ministers to use the Kairos multi-media Bible study/teaching materials. Thank you for your prayers! The first edited draft of the “Pauline Epistles Teaching video ” has been completed. And we are working on the teaching video of the “12 Minor Prophets”. Pray that these videos will be useful in places where we are unable to go conduct training in persons.
2. We thank God for His leading! Our training team left in the middle of May to 3 remote locations to train grass-root ministers. We thank God for granting us results that were far beyond what we could have asked or imagined. May the Lord help the students in using the Kairos materials that we have supplied to them to grow the faith of their congregation.
3. Thank you Lord! Recording of the Cantonese version of the Audio Book of Joel was completed in May. We thank Elder and Mrs. Lam for finding time in their busy schedule to re-write the Mandarin version into Cantonese. They also made many trips to Kairos to do the recording. May God remember their faithful service!
4. The Cantonese version of the Audio Book of Haggai has been added to the "Kairos eLearning Institute" online courses along side with its Mandarin version. We thank the hard efforts of our coworkers at the Hong Kong office. To access Kairos Bible Study courses online, please go to : [www.kairos-elearn.com](http://www.kairos-elearn.com). In order to enrich the contents of the website and make it more user-friendly, we will need to do some upgrades. Please pray for wisdom and financial support (estimated USD \$3000). Thank you!
5. Thank you Lord for the emails from brothers and sisters letting us know how our Audio Scripture programs have helped them. Below is a recent email received from Beijing:  
*“.....recommended by a brother at church, all 3 generations of our family love listening to this program online. I have also recommended it to other sisters and they all liked it. Your caring voices, the rich and interesting contents helped us a lot. The programs nurtured new believers like us. Instead of finding the Bible so difficult to read, we now loved it.”*  
We welcome you to go online at: [www.kairos-usa.org](http://www.kairos-usa.org) to listen to the over 50 Audio Scripture books of the Bible.
6. Kairos USA headquarter has a serious roof leak problem. Major repairs are needed before the rain season comes. The estimated cost of the repair is at least USD \$50,000 or more. Please pray for God to lead us to the right contractor as well as providing the funds to do the repair.

