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Dear Friends and Partners of Kairos, Peace in Christ!

The Kairos' Newsletter articles you have read in the past few months were all written by me. Even if it seemed like you have found them "interesting", I am sure that you will get tired of reading my writing all the time! Therefore, in this July issue, I invited two of my coworkers to share their testimonies about God's miraculous leading in the Kairos training missions and the beautiful spiritual fruits born from their recent training mission trips. Their testimonies are the results of your prayers and financial support.

Sharing from Meilin Chen (Kairos Consultant):

It has been a great joy to receive e-mails from friends where Kairos recently visited! Our brothers and sisters in Christ attended Kairos' training sessions and received Kairos Bible study materials. Some of the training attendees are Bible School students and some are lay-preachers who will be teaching and preaching at their local churches. The following are the words they shared with us via their e-mails and WeChat.

***"Dear brothers and sisters, I am a student at a local Bible school. Thank you so much for providing such useful Bible study materials, including the printed curriculum; an audio-book and also an online video-book. I watch and listen every day which helped me gain a better understanding of the truth of the Scripture much easier and faster. Kairos' way of study helps me grow in Christ. I will finish my study soon and plan to go back to my church to serve. I will continue to learn the Word of God by using the Kairos' materials. As a new learner, it is sometimes hard to understand what the Bible teaches us which often made me feel very frustrated. But now with the good tools provided by Kairos, I am neither afraid nor feel bored to study the Bible, but instead feel great joy! Thank you for all your good works."

***"I am a student of the seminary where you recently visited. Thank you for making such good Bible study materials for us. I like the contents which are based on Biblical teaching. The materials made it easier for me to learn the Bible. It helped me gain a deeper understanding of the Word of God. Besides the two series (Twelve Minor Prophets and Pauline Epistles) that I have received, could you introduce more to me, please?"

These touching personal letters helped us treasure our great opportunity to serve. Our response to them is: we will double up efforts in areas of training and production of more study materials to meet the needs in the field.

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Sharing from Tina Zhu (Kairos coworker who went on the training mission in May):

In the middle of May, we went for a mission trip following an invitation to Kairos. The trip was planned in a big hurry because the opportunity was quite unexpected. With the abundant grace from our Lord, the Kairos team visited four training sites and distributed several hundred sets of the Pauline Epistle Series (vol.1-2) plus audio-books and MP3 players.

At the first training site, we received encouraging responses from students. Many approached us immediately after the training to ask where they could get more copies of the curriculum to use for their training at the grass-roots level.

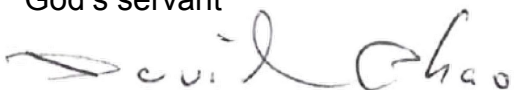
At the second training site, we met a group of young pastors/church leaders who have graduated from seminaries and serve at different churches. One church leaders made a comment that when comparing with other Bible study materials he found that Kairos materials are "solid" in its teaching and easy to use. 500 sets of the curriculum materials on the Pauline Epistles were given to their churches to use for their succession training.

At the last two sites, we were given more time to train the students. Therefore, they were able to do role play as teachers using the materials they received which was very useful training for them. The students all liked the materials. When we saw them standing at the podium and teaching with confidence, our hearts were filled with joy and all the tiredness from the trip suddenly disappeared! The cities we visited were considered new migrant cities. The group we met actually came from many different regions. They all had one thing in common that they all had received the same calling from God to preach the Gospel! Right after our training class was over, one trainee shared about what she had learned with her home town church. The response from her church was: "We need this training too! Please come to help!"

Dear friends of Kairos, I pray that after reading the above testimonies, you can see how important it is for Kairos to supply the Bible study materials to those pastors, lay-pastors and teachers who are responsible to lead Bible study, new believers' classes and discipleship training. And more importantly to effectively train them to be the trainers for their local succession training. This is an effective and powerful way of sharing and spreading the gospel. Just as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:2: "Entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."

In closing, let me thank you again for your faithful support that have enabled us to make our service acceptable to God. No matter how difficult is our mission; we continue to trust God for His grace and strength to overcome. May we wish you rich blessings from above!

God's servant



David Chao
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*** July Prayer and Thanksgiving ***

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

- 1. Thank you for your prayers! The Kairos Thanksgiving dinner will be held on October 7th this year. We have invited Dr. Ruoming Liu from the University of Hamburg's Institute for Mission Studies to be the main speaker at the event. Dr. Liu will make the special trip from Germany to share his testimony with us.**
- 2. Thank God for His guidance! He not only has enabled us to successfully complete the spring training mission in May, but also allowed us to deliver 850 sets of the 1st and 2nd volumes of the curriculum materials of the study of "The Epistles of Paul" to the needy students and lay preachers. The 3rd and 4th volumes of "The Epistles of Paul" curriculum materials are in the printing process. Please continue to pray!**
- 3. We have started editing and compiling an "enhanced version" (expanded edition) of the Walking with Jesus – Gospel on the Go (Bible study, devotion and Christian songs MP3 player) which will include richer and more comprehensive Bible study and devotion materials in the SD card. Please pray wisdom and the efforts of co-workers working on this! Pray that the Lord will use this material to grow the faith of many.**
- 4. Please continue to pray for the planning of the Fall training mission. We are also in the production process of making a video on how to use the Kairos "multi-media" Bible Study materials. We pray that this video will help those students in places where we cannot send our team to conduct training.**
- 5. The Kairos E-learn website is being updated. We uploading of Cantonese versions of Bible study programs continually. May God bless the efforts of the co-workers in Hong Kong and pray for addition of more volunteers to fill the needs of the Hong Kong office.**
- 6. Kairos Acting General Secretary, Angelia Chang while on vacation to Singapore, took time to attend the "GoForth Singapore Missions Conference 2018" held on 6/21-6/23. Pray that her participation will help Kairos in its strategic planning on how to better equip believers and churches through the use of the modern media.**