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Dear Friends of Kairos,

Have you noticed the extreme changes in the weather recently? They are getting scary. These changes are not occurring simply in one region but throughout the world. In many places, temperatures are soaring way above 100°F. In some areas, heavy rain is turning roads into rivers. Even the “gentle” volcano Kilauea in Hawaii has erupted violently beyond any expectation. Are these phenomena occurring because nature is mimicking humanity’s increasingly twisted mentality? Is nature just doing some stretching exercises or is it the result of underground nuclear testing by some fanatical persons? How to tell whether a person is a true public servant who wants to create a better future for his people or just a shameless politician who wants to satisfy his selfish desires? Facing such a society, should we, as the children of God, lift our hands up to pray and plead for His mercy and deliverance? For those who have been called to serve the Lord, is it time to step out of the comfort zone?

The world-renowned oil tycoon John D Rockefeller was a serious businessman. One day while walking around the offices, he saw one of his employees reclining in the chair, feet on the desk, and eyes half closed. That employee didn’t even move when the Boss walked by. Rockefeller wanted to fire the employee, but hesitated, and asked this employee: “What are you doing?” The employee said: “There is a problem with my task that is bothering me, and I am trying to figure out a solution.” Rockefeller took out a notepad and wrote a few words on it. He then told the employee to take it to the payroll department. The words he wrote were: “Give this person a raise.” Obviously, Rockefeller admired this employee because, instead of just following a routine to work thoughtlessly, he was using his “brain”!

In Luke 16:1-12, Jesus told the parable of the “Shrewd Manager” to his disciples. A rich master was about to fire his dishonest manager. This manager realized that he had no strength for physical labor and was too proud to beg for food, so he used his brain to scheme a way to survive after being fired. In the end, the master “commended” this dishonest manager for acting shrewdly. Of course, Jesus was not teaching us to be shrewd and dishonest. He just wanted to emphasize the importance of using our brains.

Dear pastors, elders, brothers, and sisters, as we face a rapidly changing world, should we keep on doing the “same old same old”? Or should we use our brains to create new and novel ways to deliver the Gospel? The Kairos ministry is in the business of creating new and novel ways to deliver God’s Word to those in spiritual need. We pray for your partnership and support.

At this point, please allow me to share with you a thanksgiving testimony. Kairos is located in an old factory building. After moving in, we realized that when it rained, the roof leaked. The roof is worn out and desperately in need to be replaced. The estimates to replace the roof were upwards of US\$100,000. We thank God for donations that continue to be sent in for this purpose. Then on Friday, July 6, we were experiencing record high temperatures here in Los Angeles. The air conditioner on the roof of the small storage room in the back of our building failed to withstand the heat and a fire broke out. Thick smoke was blown to the car-repair business next door. Upon noticing the fire on top of our building, the owner, who is a brother in Christ, immediately led his staff to help extinguish the fire while alerting our office (located at the front of the building) to call 911. (Continue).....

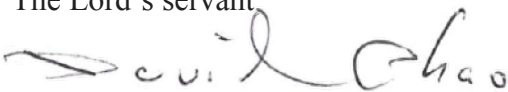
August Prayer and Thanksgiving
“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”
(Psalms 46:1)

1. Thank God for keeping Kairos facility safe! As Pastor Chao shared in this newsletter, on July 6th (Friday), an air-conditioner on the roof was on fire due to overheating. If it was not discovered by our next door neighbor and for them to lend a helping hand in time, the consequences were hard to imagine. We are very thankful to God and our neighbors. This incident prompted us to seriously address our roof problems. Please pray for provision of the right contractor and for the much needed funds of \$100,000 to replace the roof. We thank those of you who have already contributed to help in this!
2. On September 22nd (Saturday), from 2pm to 4pm, Kairos is hosting a free seminar on "Treatment and Prevention of Dementia". Kairos Board Director, Dr. Chen Hsiao Fun will be the speaker. This is a topic that concerns many people in the local community. You, your family and friends are welcome to attend. To register, please send back the response slip or call us.
3. The 2018 Kairos Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on the evening of October 7 (Sunday). The theme is "I am here." We have invited Dr. Rev. Ruomin Liu as our keynote speaker. Dr. Rev. Liu is an ordained pastor in China and had lectured at the Nanjing Union Seminary. He is currently pursuing his post doctorate research at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Dr. Liu is a rigorous scholar who is passionate about evangelism and missions.
4. We are currently filming a teaching video on how to use the “3 in 1 Bible Study Curriculum on the Pauline Epistles”. Thank you for your prayers! The four volumes of the textbooks have been printed and are now available to be distributed in our mission fields. Please also pray that God will open doors as we plan for the short term training mission in the Fall.
5. Thank you God! The Cantonese version of the Audio Bible Study books on Joel and Zephaniah are ready for distribution. Please contact us if you need any copies. We will start recording The Audio Book of Psalms (Mandarin version) this month. Pray for a smooth production process.

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If our neighbor did not notice the fire that day, or if they did not jump in to help in time... If the incident happened on the weekend when no one was at work... How frightening the consequences would be. Thank God for His mercy and protection! He allowed this to happen on a weekday during office hours giving us a reminder and a trial. After this incident, we shall cherish more earnestly the assets that God has given us. We also recognize the importance of neighborly love and help. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our friends and supporters. You have always been a "watchman" for Kairos. Your love and help are indispensable. May God bless you for your love and faithful support to His ministry!

The Lord's servant



David Chao
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