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Dear friends of Kairos, peace be with you!

Thanks be to God for He guided us through another year full of His abundant grace. In Psalms 36:7, King David reminded us of the loving care of our heavenly Father: "How precious is your steadfast love, O God!" Dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to follow His will into 2019 with a thankful heart!

In our November Newsletter, I mentioned Rev. Dr. Sigurd Aske who was a Norwegian missionary to China. I shared about why he helped to establish Kairos Communication Service International. I received an email from his daughter afterwards expressing her appreciation of my statements on the history of Kairos. Please allow me to make an addition to my previous statements about Dr. Aske. Dr. Aske founded our organization as a volunteer. In order to raise the needed financial support, he asked me to go to Oslo, Norway. He came from his home in the southern part of the country to join me in Oslo. To save money, the two of us stayed in the dormitory basements of two separate seminaries for the fundraising activities. The first evening of fundraising was well-attended and we raised more than expected. Perhaps he was overly excited of the response, when we went to pick him up the next day, we discovered that he had suffered a stroke during the night. After working so tirelessly to start Kairos ministry, the Lord took him home shortly after his stroke.

Kairos, since its establishment in 1985, has always been walking on a bumpy road. I answered the call to serve because of God's kindness to me. He has groomed me, trained me, and filled me with His endless grace. In serving Him, He has taught me when to put forth all I have, and when to pull back and let go. He tested me to see if I was still willing to put forth all my efforts while serving without a salary. When I was in Hong Kong, He gave me the opportunities to work at the university as well as a TV station. But later He challenged my faith and called me to plant a new church that provided no income. Finally He entrusted the heavy burden of the Kairos ministry to me. Thank you Lord! Because Your hand is over Kairos, we are able to continue and grow. You led me to understand what the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, that God is "Wonderful".

Dear supporters of Kairos! No matter how "grand" is our mission at the frontline, just like a fancy versatile luxury car, it will not run without gasoline to power it. In the past 30 some years, we cannot forget the fact that you are the ones who have contributed to moving Kairos forward and building Kairos up to what it is today.

In John 17, our Lord prayed what many Bible commentators called the high priest's prayer. In verses 11, 21, and 22, He prayed three times that the heavenly Father will keep His children together that they may be one. For example, John 17:11 says, "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

Dear friends and supporters of Kairos, I sincerely thank you for your participation and help. Have a happy new year!

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David Chao, January 1, 2019

## **January Prayer and Thanksgiving**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. (I Chronicles 29:11 ESV)

1. Kairos will hold a second seminar on the topic of "Dementia" on the 26th of January, (Saturday) from 2pm to 4pm. The focus is on "community service and family care for dementia patients". Dr. Hsiao-Fen Chen will be the main host of the seminar. Please pray that this seminar can outreach to those in need of help in this area! You are welcome to come with friends and family. Kairos address: 516 Monterey Pass Road, Monterey Park, CA 91755

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- 2. Thank you for your prayers! We thank God that the Cantonese "Walking with Jesus" SD card has been officially released. In this first edition of the Cantonese version of the SD card, there are 21 Audio Bible Study Books and 933 Cantonese "Melody of Life" devotion programs, as well as some hymns. We are still working on completing the second enhanced edition of the Mandarin language "Walking with Jesus" series with Audio Bible Study programs on the 66 books of the Bible, as well as more Melody of Life programs and hymns. We pray and hope that we can release this soon.
- 3. As for our Audio Bible Study Book series, the Mandarin version of "Psalms" and the Cantonese version of "Micah" have been released. We have completed recording of the Cantonese version of the Audio Bible Study Book on Hosea as well as the recording of a Cantonese version of our Audio Scripture program on the Book of "Ruth". Pray that the Lord will remember the faithfulness pastors, brothers and sisters who volunteered to participate in these projects.
- 4. Please pray for start of production of teaching video on the use of the Kairos "3 in 1" 12 Minor Prophets Bible Study series. We hope and pray that the video will help train lay-pastors in the remote areas to use the Kairos Bible Study materials to nurture their flocks. Pray for the urgent need to print more textbooks on the 12 Minor Prophet series and the Pauline Epistles series. Please pray for the required funds and printing schedules.
- 5. Beginning February this year, a new daily audio program "2 Minutes Talk" will be launched on the Kairos mobile website as well as on Face book. This is a short lively and easy to listen devotional talk program. You can hear it in both Mandarin and Cantonese versions. We hope you can go online to listen and offer your valuable comments and suggestions.
- 6. The Gospel Media Production workshop will begin on January 12. Thank you for the brothers and sisters who have registered. May the Lord lead us as we learn and share the techniques together. Details about the workshop are posted on <a href="https://www.kairos-usa.org/film-workshop">www.kairos-usa.org/film-workshop</a>.