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Dear brothers and sisters: Peace!

Have you noticed? Thanksgiving holiday is hardly over, and the merchants have already started to put on Christmas decorations in the stores and offered Christmas merchandise for sale. Some creative people, whether they are Christians or not, decorated their homes inside and out with reflecting the glory of the Christmas story. Truly, Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. I believe the celebration at your church will be more joyful.

As I started to write this December newsletter, I thought of a very different Gospel message that my late friend, Rev. Don Baron, gave many years back at a Christmas worship service. I will share with you from my notes. He said that whenever we mentioned Christmas, not only the children's eyes would brighten up with excitement, even with adults it would trigger a picture of peace in their thoughts. We often see it through a painter's paintings or in a songwriter's musical notations. Christmas has always been identified as a day of Harmony, Peace, Joy, and Blessings. It was stated in Luke 2:8-14, that the angels brought the good news to the shepherds declaring, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." This proved that bringing peace to earth was the purpose of Jesus' birth. There is no question that God's children would always enjoy this peace. And our actions truly proved Christmas has always been a day of joy! We give and receive presents; eat Christmas feasts; host parties and do raffling of prizes. All in all Christmas is indeed a celebration of joy to the world.

Rev. Baron then continued quoting what Jesus said about Himself in Matthew 10:34-36: "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword...." Why did the Lord of Peace say He was not here to bring peace? How would some Christians think after reading this verse? But if we know that Christ's audience then was His disciples, we would understand in what situations the children of God would enjoy this peace and with what kind of a "heart" condition to accept this peace!! These are details that we often ignored. The Lord Jesus is indeed the Lord of Peace. He does bring peace to the world. The ones who receive this peace are not the ones who continue to live in sin but they are the ones who belong to God. They are especially sensitive to sin and their lifestyles are different from those belonging to the world. They may have conflicts with the world and even with their families as 1 Thessalonians 4:7 said, "For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life." .... His conclusion was: "A Christian who lives a holy life will enjoy peace from above."

Dear Friends of Kairos, may the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you forever.  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas! And a Blessed New Year!

The Lord's Servant,

David Chao

P.S. Rev. Don Baron interned in Hong Kong during his pursuit of a theological degree. He later furthered his studies in Taiwan University and wrote a very touching article about "Caring for people", which made a great impact in Taiwan.

# **\*December Thanksgiving and Prayer \***

***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."***

**(John 14:27)**

1. Jesus foretold that there will be increasing turmoil when time gets closer to His second coming. We are thankful that He also promised giving us His peace. Looking back at Kairos over this past year, thanks to your intercessions and support, we truly have experienced His peace. On November 18, Kairos Board members met with a few Kairos consultants and supporters to hear Kairos Chairman, David Huang shared the future vision, mission, core values and prospects of the ministry. The 18 attendees sincerely shared their thoughts and contributed valuable input. We thank everyone who took time to attend the meeting.
2. The daily audio programming offered at our YouTube channel includes: "2 Minute Talk" (Both Mandarin and Cantonese versions); "Luke Bible Study" (Mandarin), "Melody of Life" and "Fountain of Inspiration" (devotional programs both in Mandarin). We want to thank God for sending sisters Milly Chung, Emily Yam, Gladys Mak and Betty Tse to volunteer to take turns to be the Cantonese MCs of the daily "2 Minute Talk" programs. We are also thankful to Li Yung Hou (Board member) who volunteered to be the lead-in MC to the "Luke Bible Study". As for the YouTube video programs, we are in the planning stages of new video programming. Programs related to practical theology; interviews with pastors; explaining commonly used English phrases originated from the Bible and other genres. Please pray for God's guidance.
3. We are very thankful to brother Wing Tsang who generously donated many pieces of furniture for use as background and stage props in the just completed video studio at the Kairos facility.
4. We praise and thank God for His blessings upon the Cantonese ministry this year. We thank Elder Tony Lam who volunteered for so many years to help record the Cantonese Melody of Life programs. We have now completed over 1000 Cantonese MOL programs. This year, Elder Lam together with his wife Rosina have also helped to produce 6 Cantonese Audio Bible Study Books ( Hosea, Nahum, Habakkuk, Colossians and Amos are already in distribution and Psalms is currently undergoing post production editing). Elder and Mrs. Lam are now busy preparing to record the Book of Titus. We are so thankful to Elder and Mrs. Lam for their many years of support. Please continue to remember their faithful efforts in your prayers.
5. We praise God for brother Charles Chung, who volunteered to record the Cantonese version of the Audio Bible Study Book on Acts ( already in distribution) and Mrs. Stella Wat who will pair up to begin in January to record the Audio Bible Study Book on Luke. Please pray for their preparation and that the recording sessions will go smoothly.
6. About the "Walking with Jesus" MP3 series, the Mandarin version contains audio Bible Study materials for the 66 Books in the Bible. In addition, there are many hours of devotions and hymnal music for listening. The Cantonese version contains materials for 21 Books in the Bible together with Cantonese Melody of Life programs and hymnals. Our plan is to add more Bible study books to produce a new Cantonese edition soon.
7. If you or your friends want to continue receiving the monthly Melody of Life CDs in the mail, please indicate on the attached response slip (in Chinese) and return it to office before Dec 31.