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Dear Friends of Kairos: Peace be with you!

It probably happened in 2008 at the office. As I walked pass the reception area to the lunch room, I saw co-workers singing and dancing with some visiting friends to music played by a band. They were not singing a hymn but rather a song similar to those sung by Teresa Teng (a popular Chinese singer). That tune sounded very nice. I stopped and wanted to ask for the song's title, but everyone was so immersed in the singing that I decided to ask later. A few days later, when I asked co-workers about the song, nobody seemed to know what I was talking about. Perhaps it was just a dream?

In 2009, while I was cleaning my desk at home, I found a piece of scrap paper with my hand-writing on it. It read: "I have a wish, to give my heart to you and present it completely with no reservations. When the clouds float past you, they represent my thinking of you. When the breezes caress your ears, they are my calls to you. Whether the sky is falling, or the earth is crumbling, as long as I breathe, I will still care for you" I have even written simple chords to the melody. I felt that song was written while I was "day dreaming". As I was reading the lyrics, my heart felt uncomfortable. Being a servant of God, should not my lyrics be about praise and worship instead of love in the secular world? With a repenting heart, I then added more words to the song, "Oh Lord! I deeply wish to give you my heart, offering it up completely, with no reservations. When I bow before the altar, I surrender myself. When I sing loudly, it is my praise to You. No matter how high the mountain is, or how deep the sea is, I will never hesitate to love You and offer my all. Oh Lord! I deeply wish to give You my heart, offering it up completely, with no reservations." I wondered, was the Lord testing me through the realm of dreams to see if I have "ambitions" other than serving Him? (If you would like to receive a copy of score to this song, the "Deep Wish", please send us a note.)

Even though I obediently returned to serve at Kairos for another eight years after retirement, time is running out on me. It is about time that I need to pass on the baton. Thank God for His perfect timing. He called Rev. Tyson Chang who was a "shining star" in the field of Chinese broadcasting to join Kairos last month just when I needed more time to finish writing the script to a "multi-media performance drama" that I have been working on for many years. This drama will involve live audience participation. In addition, I also need time to write my testimonies. God had given me so much grace making my life journey so unbelievable, yet so true.

Dear friends of Kairos, the gospel ministry of Kairos needs your support. I also need your prayers. May the Lord bless you!

His loving servant

David Chao

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Thanksgivings and Prayers in April

How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!
(Psalm 92:5 NIV)

1. Thank you Lord! The “Caring for You - Community Outreach” ministry of Kairos launched a new series on psychological and mental health. The first seminar will be held on April 6 (Saturday) from 2-4 p.m. at Kairos. The topic is on Depression - its symptoms, treatments and crisis management. Family and community service information will also be provided. Dr. Hsiao-Fen Chen, Kairos Board of member, has invited Rev. Benjamin Chen to speak on this topic. Rev. Chen is a licensed professional psychological and mental therapist at the Los Angeles County’s Department of Mental Health and he also shepherds a Christian fellowship. We cordially invite you to bring your family and friends to attend. You can contact us at (626) 282-8470 or event@kairos-usa.org.
2. We are working on an enhanced version (Mandarin) of the “Gospel On the Go –Walking with Jesus” MP3 program series. The enhanced version will include Bible Study programs of all the 66 books of the Bible, together with “Melody of Life” devotional programs and hymns. For the Audio Bible Study Books project, we have increased efforts to produce more Cantonese Audio Bible Study Books. The Books of Habakkuk and Nahum were completed last month and Acts and Amos are being recorded this month. Please continue to pray for the co-workers and volunteers involved.
3. Thank you Lord! The Greater Los Angeles Chinese Ministerial Association (GLACMA) held its monthly meeting at KCSI on March 11. About 80 senior pastors and co-workers gathered together. Dr. Rev. Ruomin Liu from Germany spoke about how to utilize modern media to proclaim the gospel in a fast-changing era. Dr. Liu shared his own missionary experience to encourage participants to work together to spread the gospel among the Chinese people.
4. “The Gospel Media Production Workshop” held every Saturday since January 12 was completed on March 16. We thank God for the 11 trainees who successfully received their certificates of completion. During the commencement ceremony, 4 student productions were presented for viewing. Everyone cherished their study together and was ready to apply what they have learned in their church media ministry. We are thankful to the three training instructors and every hard learning trainee. May God’s blessings be with them always.
5. A fun fellowship gathering of “Friends of Kairos” was held on March 23 at Kairos. More than 30 brothers and sisters participated in this event. We thank Sister Teresa Tang for her lively teaching of singing and for Sister Patricia Chang for playing the piano. We are also thankful to Sister Olivia Sung, Sisters Melody and Dorothy, who led the dance exercises with praise songs. Sister Lily Kang was very generous in providing many of the gifts used for the prize drawing. Such fun gatherings will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month except for May this year from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be different exciting activities each time. We hope that through these gatherings friends of Kairos will get to better know and care for each other. We pray that it will also be an opportunity to lead non-believers to Christ. The next get-together will be on April 27. We will watch a Hollywood movie with a Christian motif. You and your friends are cordially invited to join! Please contact KCSI at (626) 282-8470 or at event@kairos-usa.org.