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Respectful Friends of Kairos: Shalom!

Thanks to our Lord for sending me to serve at Kairos Communication Service International. I am also grateful that Rev. David Chao sincerely invited me, Kairos Board members accepted me, and Kairos staff welcomed me. Thus, I returned to my previous profession of broadcasting, with a difference that I do not broadcast news of the world this time, but good news of the Kingdom of God. May His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

The arrival of May gives us the association of carnation-decorated Mother's Day. I wanted to wish all mothers well in advance with a blessing, "Happy Mother's Day!"

Centuries ago, William Shakespeare coined his famous "Frailty, thy name is Woman!" Now we want to say, "Strength, thy name is Mother!" As the Spanish proverb "One ounce of mother is as good as a ton of priests" makes us blush, we as pastors vow to learn humbly from mothers.

Among the over 170 biblical verses containing the word "mother", there are alarming quotable quotes of gold:
Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 1:8)
Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. (Proverbs 23:22b)
Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you. (Proverbs 23:25)

The Bible also recorded the words and deeds of many "model mothers", touching readers' hearts. But it also reported a mother in Rebekah whose heart leant toward Jacob, and a vicious mother in Herodias murdered John the Baptist by using her daughter, which is deplorable.

I believe that every one of us has a touching story of mother. Rev. Chao, who founded KCSI in 1985, composed and vocalized a song "A Tribute to Mother" to describe how his mother raised him to achieve success that her expectations of him were not in vain.

In addition to this piece, we collected three other songs composed by Rev. Chao into a CD to be given freely as KCSI gift for 2019 Mother's Day. The three songs are: Fleeting Opportunities, Evening Bell Toll and We Welcome You.

One more piece, Greetings and Wishes, will be compiled into this complimentary CD in appreciation of all mothers and Kairos friends. If you are interested in having this CD, please contact us and get your free copies.

After assuming my new post as Development and Promotion Director and Coordinator of Kairos Institute since March 1, I spent some time to re-visit Kairos products, including the Bible Guiding Readers, the Minor Prophets videos, Devotional Sketches…etc. and realized that they are top-notch audio and video products of the same kind ever made since 1985, in terms of the contents, recording and post-production. Even today, few like-wise products by other organizations can reach the same level of quality of Kairos products. I am touched by the fact that God has given Kairos so much grace. Let me also salute those who have participated or supported Kairos ministries in the past 34 years.

As stated by Rev. Chao in previous newsletters, properly using communicating facilities to proclaim the gospel in this time of technological advancement is a must. The eras of cassettes, VHS, S-VHS have been long gone, and those of CDs and DVDs are waiving their goodbye. The era of smart phones is in full swing with USBs and SD cards. We at KCSI are doing our best to catch up with the time by using these vehicles in the new era to proclaim the gospel. Please care for us and support our cause.

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2019 Thanksgivings and Prayers for May

***As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem*. (Isaiah 66:13)**

1. Thank the Lord! The Mandarin version of the Kairos MP3 player," Gospel On The Go - Walking with Jesus" series has completed its update and will begin distribution at the end of the month. The new version includes audio Bible study programs of all 66 books of the Bible, devotional program "Melodies of Life" and hymns.
2. Kairos has recently released an electronic version of "Three-in-One Biblical Study Series of Pauline Epistles", which combines the audio, video and text material plus study guides for teaching into one electronic file stored in USB drives or SD cards for easier carry. Please contact us for details if you would like a copy of this material.
3. The compilation of the "Three-in-One Biblical Study Series of the Major Prophets" will be completed soon. Please pray for us to find an appropriate publisher in the mission field to publish this biblical training material.
4. Thank you for your prayers that we have completed the recording of the Cantonese version of the Audio Bible Study Books of Nahum and Habakkuk and they will be ready for distribution at the end of May.
5. Good News! No registration is required when you enter the website of Kairos Institute to study any courses available and that the Audio Bible study Book of Daniel will be added to the website soon.
6. The replacement work of the roof of our headquarters has started this month. Please pray for the work to be done smoothly and on schedule. The initial estimate of the cost was $50,000, but after further reviews the cost was doubled because of the severity of damage due to aging. We want to thank one more time all brothers and sisters who have given financial support to us on this project. For the funds we still need, we continue to trust the Lord for His timely provision.
7. Thank the Lord! About 80 people attended the event which features the theme of the Symptoms, Treatments and Crisis Management of Depression on April 6. Dr. Hsiao-Fen Chen, a KCSI Board of member, hosted the seminar with Rev. Benjamin Chen as the keynote speaker. A second follow-up seminar will be held soon. Please keep an eye on our announcement of the date.
8. The second fun gathering of "Friends of Kairos" was held on April 27, attracting about 70 people to watch "Miracles from Heaven", a 2016 film based on true events and starring Jennifer Garner. The next fun gathering will be held on June 15, featuring connoisseur Lily Kang teaching participants to cook green onion pancakes and wonton soup (Yummy!!) Lily Kang has been a host for many years on a gourmet cuisine program on a local radio station. She will reveal her "secret private recipe" and please do not miss it!
9. May is the month of "Mother's Day". To salute all mothers in the world and celebrate this great day, KCSI have issued a special music CD entitled "A Tribute to Mothers" to give to our friends and supporters. Five euphonious songs were included in this CD. Please contact us at (626) 282-8470 if you would like one or more free copies.

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In addition, KCSI's ministries should not be limited to California, so we will expand our service map to the Midwest and the Northeastern states, such as Illinois, Ohio, New York, New Jersey…etc. by taking part in their evangelical events and recruiting volunteer correspondents. I will go to Chicago to set up a KSCI booth at their Spring Gospel Camp over the Memorial Day weekend to introduce KSCI ministries. Please pray for me. Also, if you have local connections who would like to be KCSI correspondents, please contact us so we can serve Jesus together.

Thank you for your time. May God doubly bless you.

His Servant

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