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KAIROS NEWSLETTER

Dear friends of Kairos,

The new corona virus has rampaged its way among us today. It has caused people all over the world to experience unprecedented fear and anxiety. The rapid increase of the number of infected cases reported in the daily news is disturbing. Indeed, we are at war with an invisible “enemy”. To overcome it, we must firmly rely on God.

God intends for us to experience His comfort through suffering. Have you ever thought that the “Stay At Home” order would be an opportunity to spend time to read God’s Word; to pray; to get close to God and to reflect on the truth that we believe? May the Lord forgive us if we have neglected our spiritual growth or our testimony of faith. May the Lord help us regain our strength in Him with our time at home. As we exchange messages with our friends, may we share words of comfort from God to encourage each other and pray with each other. Do you feel like you now have more time to pray, to read the Bible and to get close to God? The Word of God is like good medicine that gives us confidence, hope and courage to face disasters and to live out our faith. Since we are at “war”, remember to “put on the full armor of God” so that we can stand firm against the enemy (Ephesians 6:13-14). Let us follow Paul’s example and ask God to give us words to speak fearlessly to “make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19).

It has been over 40 days since the Governor of California issued the “Stay At Home” order on March 19th. All “non-essential” businesses have suspended activities at their work places. Employees either work at home or get laid off. The Kairos team of co-workers saw a great mission opportunity during this pandemic. We are determined not to “stop” the work assigned by God. For the past 6 weeks, coworkers have been working tirelessly and diligently at home. Our productions have been hindered by this pandemic environment. There is the lack of proper equipment and software to do productions at home. There is a sharp decline in donations. Yet, God has blessed Kairos team members with wisdom in creativity. We thank God that we were able to produce 40 new programs to post on our social media channels despite of the adverse circumstances.

When a long time friend of Kairos learned about our plan to produce a series of psychological counseling programs to help viewers to deal with the current crisis, she took the initiative to contact us and volunteered herself to help. Her profession is considered “essential” and has to be at work on normal workdays. Yet she used her after work hours to “self-videotape” programs for us. Her actions were so commendable. Another sister who suffered from back pain also volunteered and with recruited help of her daughter to videotape a similar program for us to use. Their touching testimonies inspired us all! We pray that more brothers and sisters will join our effort to bring the gospel, the hope and comfort from God to many viewers during this crisis.

We thank God, during the past 6 weeks, there were 155,000 views on the Kairos YouTube channel. One video on the divine intervention of the Minnesota’s grasshopper plague in 1873 has attracted over 60,000 viewers from 33 countries throughout the 5 continents of the world. According to data provided by YouTube, there were 12 churches that showed this video during their Sunday worship services and prayer meetings. More encouraging news was that a social media channel in China that posted this video had attracted 226,000 viewers.

At the same time, in response to the needs of Cantonese speaking Christians, we have launched a section of Cantonese programming on the YouTube channel. Our prayers and hope are to reach tens of thousands and millions of Chinese viewers whether Mandarin speaking or Cantonese speaking.

In Mainland China we also seized the opportunity while citizens were "locked down at home" to post previously produced popular Kairos programs on devotions, bible study, and hymns on the WeChat channel. Programs that used word texts, audio, hymns and video to satisfy the spiritual hunger of brothers and sisters. Viewership has risen sharply. Our desire is to let God's Word be known and to encourage and comfort those who suffered in the midst of this pandemic. A pastor from an affected area shared with us in his text: "A heart-felt thank you to all of you who are working so hard during this pandemic to provide spiritual food for us and comforted us! The situation in the U.S. is very serious. We wish you all safe and well! Thank you so much for blessing us!" There were many churches that have linked and shared our programs on their social media platforms.

We have also experienced the power of love and care from the body of Christ during this pandemic. At the very beginning, we prayed and sent love offering to the churches and brothers and sisters in Wuhan. Now, we are receiving greetings and caring back from many pastors in China. A pastor shared with us some useful tips on protecting oneself from the virus. Another pastor sent us face masks by express delivery. Another pastor prayed for us: "Oh Lord! Our hearts are with Kairos, and the brothers and sisters and kinsmen in the United States. We pray earnestly in the Christ. May the Lord be with you and help you overcome this virus! May the Lord grant you health, peace and joy!"

Not only that, a sister who loves the Lord had cheerfully donated a large quantity of face masks to be distributed by Kairos to local front line medical workers in hospitals and convalescent homes as well as the first responders. In addition to praying for them, we want to do our best to help them stay healthy. We have joined them hand-in-hand in fighting the virus bearing a beautiful witness for Christ!

We welcome you to go on our website and social media channels to see what we are doing in this pandemic. You can click on the links or the QR Codes below. We invite you to subscribe to the Kairos YouTube, Facebook and WeChat and share with your Chinese friends.

Please uphold Kairos in your fervent prayers. May God enlarge our vision during this time of crisis. May we become more zealous in serving Him. We thank God for your faithful support which have enabled us to keep on producing new programs to witness for Christ and our faith bringing blessings of peace, comfort and hope to many.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1). May God's Word give us strength!

Your partner in Mission,

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