

The United States |

I Experienced the Love of God through Dragonflies

Donovan Pinnock (New York USA)



I am a high school math teacher. Since 2006, I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's messages through GCN, and my faith grew as a result.

I paid a visit to Manmin Central Church to meet Dr. Jaerock Lee in person and had fellowship with the central church members. And I had such a memorable time attending worship services and Daniel prayer meetings.

With a longing heart, I attended the Manmin Summer Retreat carrying my camera because I had heard that God sent dragonflies to protect members from bugs and mosquitoes at the retreats.

Just as I had heard, numerous dragonflies came and landed on different parts of our bodies. And as expected, they sat on my body and I could feel

the love of God. Being raised in the country, I know that catching dragonflies is very difficult. I was surprised to find that they were so friendly and came to sit on our hands and bodies.

I give thanks to God who led me to Manmin Central Church and blessed me and renewed me, both physically and spiritually, through this year's summer retreat.



Japan |

The Retreat That Showed the Omnipotence of God

Keiko Kobayashi (Osaka Japan)

At this year's summer retreat, I was very impressed to experience early autumn weather in the middle of summer, and to see rainbows form around the sun and the moon. And it was a very unique experience: hardly finding any bugs and mosquitoes around the

bright lights during lecture and prayer meetings!

It was also wonderful to see countless dragonflies coming to us and sitting on our bodies. During this summer retreat, I kept thinking that God could do anything. Through the messages of the speakers I

was blessed with a chance to set my burdens down, discover my true nature, and cast away my evil.

I want to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee for his care and love for us and to the workers who warmly served us during our stay.

Students From Across the East Sea Experience Memorable Summer Retreat



The student's Summer Retreat was held from August 3rd to 6th at Mt. Sobaek Youth Hostel in Danyang, located in the Chungbuk province. This year's summer retreat was attended by special guests, the eleven-member 'Trinity' praise team from Ida Manmin Church in Japan.

Much joy was shared as 18 year old Sumika Kumagai, from Ida Manmin Church, won the popularity prize in the praise competition as well as the title of MVP at the sports competition.

Each member of 'Trinity' prepared for this Summer Retreat with a longing heart and prayer. Among them was **Sumika Kumagai** (president of Ida Manmin Church Students Ministry), who had always been praying to achieve better grades in school.

"Of course, I tried hard to get better grades, but in between preparing for praise, worshipping,

and volunteering, I didn't have enough time to study. For this I received the handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12) from Pastor Seung-gil Ryu at the Ida Manmin Church Handkerchief Prayer Meeting. When test week finally arrived, from June 29th to July 6th, I scored very well on my tests, placing 2nd in my class and 6th in my entire school. When I tried my hardest and gave my utmost effort, even when time was insufficient, God was there. And He helped me achieve great results."

In August 2005, Sumika Kumagai's mother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. But when she attended the Anniversary Service of Manmin Central Church and received the prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee, she was perfectly healed. As a witness to this experience, Sumika's father also joined the church. They then



Awarded popularity prize at the 16th Students' Praise Competition

gathered all the idols in the house and burned them. And soon enough, Sumika's brother was evangelized to, as well. Sumika Kumagai expressed thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who prayed for her, saying that she is so happy to be able to attend church with her entire family.

Costa Rica |



"It was a scene of blessing where I experienced and learned many things and felt the strong presence of the Holy Spirit"

The Ambassador of Costa Rica Fernando Borbon Boaz (left) with Manmin members at the campfire

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Pleasant Weather and Dynamic Programs Make the 2009 Manmin Summer Retreat a Success



A lecture session at the Men's and Women's Missions Group summer retreat



A linear rainbow that appeared during the summer retreat



Members rejoicing with dragonflies that came to sit on their fingertips

Beginning on August 3, the 2009 Manmin Summer Retreat equipped the Manmin family with the spiritual armor of God in the midst of His beautiful creation. Church members were able to examine their faith through various messages titled, "The Heart" (John 15:7). The speakers were: Pastors Heesun Lee, Mikyung Lee, Hyunchul Choo, Dongcho Shin, Sooyul Cho, and Junghoon Ji. Attendees also became filled with the Holy Spirit through the Holy Spirit Prayer Meetings led by President Boknim Lee. While attending a wide range of events prepared by each mission team, participants had a time of spiritual growth where they were able to confirm their vision and God's will for each of their lives.

are known to eat bugs and worms like mosquitoes and moths, so thanks to the dragonflies, the summer retreat was free from pesky insects. The residents in the area and nearby hostel staff stated in surprise, "Because we are surrounded by mountains, it is our daily job to get rid of dead bugs, but all the bugs disappeared while the Manmin Church members were here, and then they all came back as soon as the church members left."

to the living God who was with us throughout the duration of the summer retreats and who healed and blessed us in answer to our prayers and thereby gave us overflowing testimonies to share! Hallelujah!

Visitors From 13 Different Countries Attended the Retreat, Experiencing Many Signs and Wonders

It was a global summer retreat attended by visitors from 13 countries, including the United States, Canada, Japan, Indonesia, China, Costa Rica, DR Congo, Kenya, and more.

Despite the weather forecast that predicted rain and scorching hot temperatures during the first week of August, God answered Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer by providing beautiful weather with pleasant temperatures. Clouds covering the sun provided shade in the day, and rainbows, various shapes of clouds, and movement of stars were manifested by God so all attendees could experience His amazing wonders and power.

And the dragonflies appeared in all the designated areas where the summer retreat was held, and gently sat on the participants' fingers, heads, and shoulders, bringing even more joy to them. The dragonflies were an interesting gift from God that showed His love for His children which everyone was very thankful for. Dragonflies

Becoming One in the Bond of the Holy Spirit

From August 3rd through the 5th, members of the local branch churches including Masan, Miryang, Daejeon, Pusan, etc., and branch church members from China, and other international visitors also participated in the Men's and Women's Missions Group Summer Retreat held in the Muju Jeonnam Province.

And young members of the College, Canaan, Young Adults', Mary's, Paul's, and 'Light and Salt' Mission gathered at the Hundai Sungwoo Resort in Hoengseong-Gun, Gangwon Province for a "6 Mission Joint Summer Retreat".

Summer Retreats for the Hearing-Impaired Mission was held at the Muan Manmin Church in the Jeonnam Province from the 3rd through the 5th of August; the Student's Mission at the Sobaek Mountain Youth Hostel from the 3rd through the 6th; and the Lord's Love Mission held their retreat at the World Youth Hostel in Hoengseong Gangwon Province from the 18th through the 20th of August.

Through this year's summer retreats, Manmin members were able to arm themselves with the fullness of God's love and the Holy Spirit. The retreats equipped members to go out and fill the world with the fragrance of Christ. We give all glory and thanks

The Fruits of a Tree Reflect the Tree's Roots

Trees measuring more than two arm's length usually have wide roots that dig deep into the earth. However, even if a tree has abundant leaves, it can wither quickly if its root is weak. Likewise, as important as the root is to a tree, the center of one's heart is most important to a person.

Sometimes we're shocked when we find out that a good-looking man committed serial murders or well-respected person got involved in a bribe scandal. These people are like trees with abundant leaves and weak roots. They seem like good people on the outside, but on the inside, their root, or their inner heart, is bad. When we realize the truth that good trees can not bear bad fruit and that bad trees cannot bear good fruit, we should be motivated to cultivate a good heart before God.

"For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer." (1 Timothy 4:5)

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Campfire at the 6 Ministries Joint Summer Retreat



An Athletic Tournament at the Men's and Women's Mission Group Summer Retreat



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Pray That You May Not Enter into Temptation

"And Jesus came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'" (Matthew 26:40-41)

Children of God that received the Holy Spirit begin a true Christian life through spiritual respiration. Spiritual respiration is the act of praying. When we stay spiritually awake and pray, we can communicate with God. Moreover, when we pray, not only can we enjoy the right of being a child of God, but can also receive whatever we ask for in prayer and thereby glorify God. Therefore, prayer is the most fundamental aspect of a Christian's life, and the key to leading a successful Christian life.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

1. Prayer Life: Our Spirit's Breath

Our God, who acts in the midst of love and justice, wants His children to live blessed lives. In order for us to live in peace and with hope, we must always stay awake and pray. Only then can we fight off temptations and turn what is "impossible" to what is "possible".

Just as life expires if we do not breathe everyday, the importance of prayer in the lives of God's children cannot be stressed enough. That is why God commands us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and reminds us that failing to pray is a sin (1 Samuel 12:23).

Then what happens when a person stops spiritual respiration, or praying? When a spiritual person stops praying, he may not feel any difference at first. With the passing of time, however, his heart will begin to feel disheartened and afflicted. If he realizes that all this is because he stopped praying and resumes praying, he can receive grace and power from above, and he can lead a normal Christian life with fullness of the Holy Spirit once again. But the longer the "break" has been, the harder it becomes to recuperate. But people who pray continuously, the way they inhale and exhale air, don't find praying very difficult. This is because they receive the answer to their prayers, they are blessed by God, and they have stronger hope in Heaven, so peace and joy abounds in their hearts.

2. Why We Need to Stay Awake in Prayer

Jesus, who set an example of how we should pray, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane until His sweat turned into drops of blood. Seeing the disciples sleeping, He said to them, "Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation" (Matthew 26:40-41). This teaches us that if we don't stay awake in prayer, temptation can easily come to us.

So why do we fall into temptation when we don't pray? When God created the first man Adam, He made him into a living being, with a living spirit, so that he could communicate with God, who is Spirit. But after Adam disobeyed God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because the punishment for sin is death, Adam's spirit died, his communication with God was severed, and he was driven out from the Garden of Eden. Because he could not communicate with God any more, the enemy devil began to rule over him, man could not help but become more and more tainted by sin.

From long ago, the God of love unveiled His providence of salvation to all mankind and made

a way for them to be saved. By sacrificing His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, God washed away man's sins. So whoever accepts Jesus as their Savior and repents of their sins is given the right to become a child of God and receives the Holy Spirit as a gift. The Holy Spirit, or our Counselor, is God's spirit that teaches us about sin, righteousness, and the judgment. He also helps us overcome our weaknesses and intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express, and enables us to overcome the world (Romans 8:26).

If we are to live this life in peace and hope, we must pray. If we pray continually, we will not be tempted, our souls will prosper, and what is seemingly "impossible" will become "possible".

Only when we pray will the Holy Spirit speak to us, move our hearts and minds, warn us of impending temptations, show us ways to avoid such temptations, and help us overcome temptations even if they come our way.

However, without praying, we cannot correctly discern God's will, and we may easily begin pursuing worldly desires. We will dwell in our own self-righteousness, and live according to our own thoughts. Thus, temptations and sufferings will come our way, bringing all kinds of difficulties and tribulations.

3. The Spirit is Willing but the Flesh is Weak

In the Bible are such terms as, "flesh," "the things of the flesh," and "deeds of the flesh." First, "flesh" is something contrary to "spirit", and generally refers to everything that is bound to decay and change. "Flesh" refers to plants, animals, and everything in creation, including man before having been transformed by the truth. On the other hand, "spirit" refers to things that are everlasting, truthful, and unchanging.

Since Adam's disobedience, all men and women are born with an inherent sinful nature, and this is referred to as "original sin". "Self-committed sins" are untruthful acts committed at the instigation of the enemy devil. Sinful natures that come into man

through the enemy devil that becomes one with the body is called "flesh", and the sinful natures, when classified into categories, are called "things of the flesh". "Things of the flesh" are assortments of such various sinful attributes as deception, envy, jealousy, and hatred. They have not yet been acted out physically but may be induced into action. When these desires are put in motion, they are referred to as "the deeds of the flesh" (Galatians 5:19-21).

What did Jesus mean when He said "the flesh is weak"? He is not saying that Peter's body is weak. Jesus meant that Peter, who hadn't received the Holy Spirit yet, was unable to thwart the lust of the flesh that enticed them to sleep and rest. So no matter how much his spirit wanted to stay awake, his could not yet control his flesh, which was tired.

And when Jesus was captured and his life was threatened, three times Peter denied having known Jesus. This is also because his control over his flesh was weak. But after Peter received the Holy Spirit, however, he brought the dead back to life, manifested miraculous signs and wonders, and grew bold enough to be crucified upside down. Signs of Peter's weakness were nowhere to be found as he was transformed into a bold apostle of God's power who was not afraid of death. So when we receive the Holy Spirit, the more we cast out our sins, the stronger our spirit becomes, and the stronger our spirit becomes, our body is more easily controlled by our spirit and soul; therefore we can overcome tiredness, or fear.

4. The Blessings We Receive When We Stay Alert in Prayer

The enemy Satan and the devil, the ruler of the kingdom of the air, strive to entice believers in God to go astray and prevent His people from possessing faith (1 Peter 5:8). In order to discern and destroy the enemy devil's schemes and walk in the light by living according to God's Word, we must wrestle in prayer and receive God-given strength and power from above.

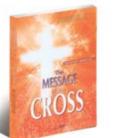
Jesus could accomplish everything according to God's will because of the power of prayer. Before He began His public ministry, Jesus prepared Himself by fasting for forty days and forty nights, and throughout His three-year ministry, He manifested amazing works of God's power by praying habitually and continually. And at the end of His public ministry, Jesus could destroy the authority of death and overcome through resurrection because He wrestled in prayer at Gethsemane.

As Jesus taught us to pray, "And do not lead us into temptation," in Matthew 6:13, in order to not fall into temptation, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. And to receive this power, we must pray. When we keep ourselves alert in prayer, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk on the right path. Moreover, as much as our soul prospers, our heart will resemble that of our Lord, we will do well in every aspect of life, and we will receive the blessing of good health.

May each of you receive the help of the Holy Spirit by keeping yourself alert and praying habitually, and by casting off all sinful natures within you, enjoy the authority as His child, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I pray!

Books Authored by Dr. Jaerock Lee

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The place as clear and beautiful as crystal and filled with God's glory!

Secrets of the kingdom of heaven revealed!
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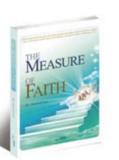
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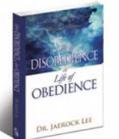
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Life of Disobedience and Life of Obedience

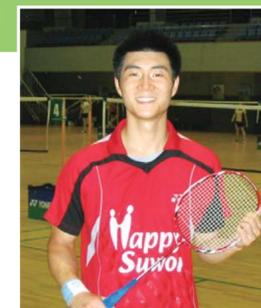


Ten Plagues

What if undesirable things continue to happen? What if small things turn into great sufferings? There are inevitable reasons for those things. This book helps the reader understand that there is a mystery embedded in disasters, plagues, and trials; and there is the love of God flowing in the trials.

Marching on with Eyes of Faith "Dreams Do Come True"

Daesung Kim (1-1 Canaan Mission, badminton player, Suwon City Hall)



Since the age of 12, I led a Christian life at the Miryang Manmin Church. Born into an athletic family (my grandfather was a soccer player and my father a volleyball player), ever since I was very young, I liked to play outside, rather than sit at a desk. I was good runner, so in the 4th grade, I got to represent my school as a member of the track team. And this is when I picked up the badminton racket.

Being a zealous athlete with a competitive spirit, I prayed to God, asking Him to make me into a national badminton player. I had one goal, and I did my best to reach that goal with unchanging passion. Of course I was also faithful at church, attended worship services and praying continuously. As a result, in 2002, in my third year in high school, I finally accomplished my dream of becoming a national badminton player. I still remember how happy I was at that time. I felt like I had everything in the world.

After entering Inha University, I began attending Manmin Central Church in Seoul. But even though I felt as though I had the world, I began facing tribulations. While in training, my prayer life came to a halt, and there were even times when I had to skip worship services. As I lost fullness of the Holy Spirit, I began losing interest in the sport I loved, and I didn't do so well in the competitions either.

To make matters worse, in 2006, I sprained my wrist due to a fall during a soccer game. Immediately, I received Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer through ARS (Automated Response System), and the pain was gone. But because I hurt my wrist, which is the most vital part of a badminton player, I was very concerned about my future career as a badminton player.

I repented about neglecting my spiritual life, and I

received a prayer from Dr. Jaerock Lee. At that moment, I felt my wrist becoming very hot, and I had an assurance of healing. And I was so happy when my coach recommended that I go home and take a rest, because now I could finally attend the church Summer Retreat that I had missed out on for several years. I still have precious memories of this special retreat, where I thoroughly enjoyed the field games, where I could show and use my talents before God, and above all things, I was able to recover joy and fullness in my heart while being drenched in God's love.

In December 2008, I was discharged from the Korean Armed Forces Athletic Corps, and in the same year I joined the badminton team of Suwon City Hall. In April 2009, I played my first game in the Kyunki Athletic Tournament. This game was critical for Suwon, because Suwon had a goal of 5 consecutive wins, so we felt the pressure of having to win a gold medal. Because this was my first game since I joined the team, my heart was half full of worries and half full of excitement. So with each game, I played with the faith that God was with me. After playing each game with my heart committing everything to God, I finally went on to the finals.

On Sunday, the day of the finals, I received a call that the president of 1-1 Canaan Ministry had received prayer from Dr. Jaerock Lee on my behalf. Upon hearing that, I felt a surge of confidence and became certain of my victory. The game began, and with a feeling that I was flying through the air, I did my very best. We defeated Yong-In City Hall 3-0 and won gold medal. Hallelujah! Because Suwon had 5 consecutive wins, I became a recognized player.

Beginning June 24th, during the Summer Badminton

Championships, I won two bronze medals, one in doubles, the other in the mixed doubles categories. This was my ticket to the national tryouts. However, the date of the tryouts overlapped with our church summer retreat, so I felt very sad about having to give up going to the retreat. The date was already set, so changing it would have been next to impossible. However, with a strong desire to attend the summer retreat, I prayed to God. But a couple days later, on the badminton league website, they announced that the tryouts for the national team was postponed to October! Hallelujah! And at this year's 6 Ministries Joint Retreat, I was selected as the male MVP in the field tournament. With a thankful heart, I received that recognition as a message from God, encouraging me to do my best to prepare for the national tryouts.

I am actually a bit small for a badminton player, but I don't think of it as an obstacle because I can move quicker than others. Focusing on my dream, I train myself when others sleep, rest, or go on vacation. My dream is to glorify God and to make our church known by achieving an Olympic gold medal. Until this dream comes true, let's go, Manmin!

The God of Blessing Who Is at the Center of His Life...

How Did He Find His Way?

Sei-yeon Kang sent out his resume to many companies but failed to receive any responses. He grew envious as he watched his friends get hired for decent jobs. But in an effort to get some immediate cash, he took a part time job as an insurance salesman. And now after three years, he is being recognized for his excellent sale figures. From here on out is the story of the blessings of **Sei-yeon Kang (Worim Esset Plus, President of 1-2 Canaan mission).**



"Insurance business seemed inappropriate for me. Frankly, I am not good looking and I stammer badly when I talk. And because of my introverted personality, when I stood in front of people, everything would go dark."

There were even times when he would meet with people to close a contract but leave without saying a single word. How then could such a man possibly become

such an acknowledged man in this business, today?

Kang emphasized on receiving trust from God. "There were situations where I could only make a deal if I lied and answered 'Yes' to a customer's question, but I just couldn't lie because God is watching me all the time. But even when I missed a contract because of something like that, I was happy."

"There were months when I couldn't make a single deal. But still, I gave thanks, reminding myself of this verse, "In all your ways acknowledge Him."

Emptying his pockets of his newly earned cash to sow for the kingdom of God,

he asked God to help him figure out the cause of his misfortune. God then helped him discover the greed and pride in his heart that he didn't even realize was there before. When he repented and worked with a new mindset, God blessed him with many contracts at a time. But he would often find himself growing arrogant at times when things went well, saying, 'I can do this by myself.' He would then hold onto God tightly, praying in tears. Meanwhile, his faith continued to grow.

The man who first doubted and thought, 'Is this really my calling?' had learned that if you "Always trust that He is with you and do the best with what you have, The Lord will guide you toward the way of blessing that he has prepared for you."

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The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium,

and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
"I [God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things."
"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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