#### **4** TESTIMONIES



I have led a happy life feeling like I gained the whole world. This is because I have taken part in the church-wide evangelism campaign. Since January, members of Gwangju Manmin Church have evangelized people under the slogan 'I Cannot Go to Heaven Alone!' During this campaign, my mother-in-law was the first person who came to my rough road with happiness. She mind.

I often went all the way to her home in Jangseong in Southern Jeolla Province to visit her and let her know the gospel. By car it takes 40 minutes to get there from my home in Gwangju City. It took quite a while, but it was my pleasure. I served her with all my heart to help her have faith. However, on February 19th she told me, "I do not know how to read and I am not interested in

### **"I Am So Happy Because** My Mother-in-law Was Evangelized"

Deaconess Mihyun Kim (Cell Leader, Gwangju Manmin Church)

Christianity, either! I will not go to church any more. You do not need to pick me up

anymore to go to church." However, she had a strange dream the following day. In the dream, I was going up on a winding road. There were 3 people in bright and gorgeous clothes welcoming me in the distance. Deep-blue water like the sea flowed down along the road. I held her hand tightly on the was so weary that she tried to let go of my hands. Even though I shouted, "Mother! Never let go my hands off," she turned back.

But right behind her was a ver-

tiginous drop that caused her to

reel in dizziness. She woke up

from the dream screaming with

fear. Since then, she has attended

Gwangju Manmin Church ear-

My parents passed away a long

while ago, so my parents-in-law

nestly

are like my own parents to me. I called them every day and gave them monetary gifts. I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's message with them on their birthdays or during holidays to provide a way for them to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. I believe God received my love and devotion towards them with joy and led my mother-in-law to have faith through the dream. In addition, she used to have nightmares and felt choked during sleeping. Now she does not suffer from them.

I am so pleased with seeing Sister Jeongsim Go, who is my sister-in-law, and her family evangelized. I had prayed and longed for her family to go to Heaven together with us. Meanwhile, she came to suffer a financial loss amounting to 4.500 dollars in her business. I her friend. visited her home with parish pastor and we offered a service to God with her. She received the handkerchief prayer during the service. Then, she experienced



Together with her parents-in-law and 4 other people she evangelized

served an occasion for her to have true faith. In the end, she started to attend our church with her family. She even evangelized

I also invited my son's private tutor to Gwangju Manmin Church's 15th Anniversary Service on March 13th. She registered as a member on that very God's work by regaining the loss day. The happy church atmoduring the week. This incident sphere and Pastor Esther Chung's

message filled with inspiration made her heart open up.

Feeling my longing heart to go to beautiful Heaven with them, the Lord gave me such abundant blessings. I am overwhelmed with happiness to go to the gorgeous Heaven with my family. I hope that there will be a growing number of people who enter the beautiful heavenly kingdom. I give all thanks and glory to God.

### "By Dr. Jaerock Lee's Prayer, My Broken Bone Was Set Together"

Deaconess Mihyang Kim (Daejeon Manmin Church, Teacher in Maekok Elementary School)

"Ms. Kim! What's wrong with you?" December 28, 2010, I coughed hard heard a sound in my right ribs, which was like I broke them. I fell onto the ground workers I managed to get up.

I went for a medical examination because I had coughed for two months. My doctor told me that I broke the first right rib and had symptoms of hydrothorax, and pneumonia. He said that it was necessary for me to undergo a 4 to 6-week medical treatment. He recommended that I should be hospitalized.

However, I had seen many healing cases manifested through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I also wanted to receive healing by faith. I searched for the reason Her Broken Rib why I was out of God's protection. I had



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often skipped Wednesday Service, Friday all-night Service, and prayer meetings. when sitting on my chair at my school. I I had been lukewarm in my faith having untruth, hatred, and fleshly thoughts. I looked back on my life and thoroughly in severe pain. With the help of my co- repented. On the following day, Daejeon Manmin Church had a handkerchief healing meeting. Pastor Taesik Kil fervently prayed for the sick with the handkerchief as in Acts 19:11-12. After the prayer, I felt

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the broken bone set together, the pain disappeared, and the strength came from above. Of course, I stopped coughing too. Since then, I have tried to live by the Word of God by attending services and prayer meetings eagerly.

On January 2nd, I visited Dr. Lee and received his prayer. He urged me not to cease praying even if I am busy. He



December 28, 2010: Hydrothorax January 11, 2011: No Symptom



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prayed for me with love. To my surprise, my remaining pain completely disappeared. On January 11th, I underwent a medical checkup once more. There appeared to be no symptom. Hallelujah!

With a grateful heart toward the Lord I serve God as a teacher of Children's Sunday School and as a member of our church choir. Tears well up and flow down my face while singing praise to the Lord who loves me so much. I give thanks to God who let me breathe, walk, worship Him, and pray.



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## "Let's Go to Beautiful Heaven Together"

Evangelism Campaign Is Held in Branch Churches Nationwide



Clouds are created in a process in which a parcel of air rises without exchange of heat between the air parcel and surrounding air. As the temperature of the parcel drops the size of the droplets of moisture becomes larger, and then a cloud is created tracing out of the air parcel. It was said that it is guite an extraordinary and rare case for a heart-shaped cloud to appear naturally because it can form only when a heart-shaped air parcel is created and then it is raised intact by convection. The heart-shaped cloud was observed for approximately 40 minutes in the sky over Muan Manmin Church where evangelism campaign is under way to spread the love of God. (Photographed by Sister Saerem Kim w/ Nikon D80, AF-S DX 18-135mm ED, 1/500, f/11, ISO 400, 20110221 153517)

Spring, when everything comes alive again, is upon us. The fervor for spreading the love of the Lord is becoming very strong in branch churches of Manmin Central Church. Pastor Hyung-yul Park, ministering to Gwangju Manmin Church, recalled the faces of his late father, brother-in-law, and cousins while watching the video presentation of 'Heaven and Hell'. The church has carried on an evangelism campaign entitled 'The Day When My Entire Family Receives Salvation' with slogan 'I Cannot Enter Heaven Alone' from earlier this year.

The church members submitted a list of names of people whom they wanted to evangelize. The list is posted on the walls of the prayer rooms in the church. They have prayed to God for

one. Members of the Evangelism Committee have regular meetings to check the progress of the campaign and look for better ways to spread the Good News.

ries significance in that it is their family members. Pastor Park said, "I will not just watch our family members going to Hell. I will help you spread the gospel to your family so that they will not go to Hell."

Brothers and sisters are overwhelmed with joy when they experience evangelism of the family becoming a reality. "My sister-in-law used to be a Buddhist. It is truly miraculous for her now to believe in God," said Elder Cheong Heo. Deaconess Mihyun Kim has led 7 of her

them saying their names one by family members including her mother-in-law and sister-in-law to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. (See page 4)

Chuncheon Manmin Church (Pastor Dongheon Kim) recently ing God's Word in earnest to showed God's powerful work Above all, the campaign car- saw church membership grow have the biggest congregation by which nothing is impossible twofold. As a result they are premainly aimed at evangelizing paring to move to new sanctuary. Service on April 10th. They pub-Their church-wide evangelism campaign was conducted from February 6th to March 27th. All members have not only been trying hard to spread the gospel, but also pastor and church workers assisting each newcomer to become a 'wheat-like' believer by uniting as one in the Lord and visiting newcomers. Furthermore, the newfound atmosphere of energy in the church has helped the newcomers to adapt to their new lifestyle in Christ quickly.

Daejeon Manmin Church (Pastor Taesik Kil) has played a key role in spreading the Word of God in central Daejeon. The members also have been spreadattending the Sunday Worship lished a guidebook Questions & Answers on Christianity which talks about basics of Christian life in easy and interesting ways in order to let newcomers have true faith. On Sundays, they teach them on the subjects like 'Who God the Trinity Is', 'What Christian life Is Like', just to name a couple.

Gumi Manmin Church (Pastor Jesoo Choi) has been working on evangelism campaign with a goal to experience twofold revival before March 27th when

the Church's Anniversary Service will be held. On February 27th, Muan Manmin Church (Pastor Myungsool Kim) presented 'Power of God VI' and to congregations during Specia Sunday Worship Service. Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church (Pastor Yeonok Jeong) and Sae Gwangju Manmin Church (Pastor Cheoljin Choi) also jumped on the evangelism campaign bandwagon conducting the campaign until the end of May.

The Lord urged us in Luke 14:23 to 'go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled." As written, it is very natural for believers to preach the gospel to pay back God's grace.

# **To Arise and Shine**

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

In the present time the wickedness of man is very great on the earth. People run in the way of destruction, not even knowing what sins are. We need to manifest God's powerful works to lead them to the path of salvation. In other words, we should become skillful workers who can rise, shine, and lead many souls to receive salvation in order to give glory to God. Then, what can we do to be prepared?

#### First of all, we have to arm ourselves with God's Word.

Just reading, memorizing and listening to the Word of God does not necessarily mean we are arming ourselves with the Word. Only when the Word we heard fills us and we put it into practice can it be said that we are 'armed with the Word.' That is, when we arm ourselves with the Word, we will be convinced that our hearts are filled with the Word of truth and the Word is ours. Our heart, thoughts and deeds will change, as well.

For instance, suppose you heard about the Syrophoenician woman who was told by Jesus, "...it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." At that time, she humbled herself and showed her faith. She received answers. After being impressed by her actions, you pray thinking, "I shouldn't get offended or feel my pride is hurt by contempt, but make confession of goodness until the end." But it's not long before someone says something to you that hurts your feelings like, "Why do you boast so much? You just like the things that flaunt yourself and you brag about your accomplishments all the time." Now, if the truth is cultivated in you, you are able to feel grateful to the one who has given you the advice of love.

However, if the truth is understood only as knowledge, you might think, "That not so... I tried to do my best because they were not trying hard enough, and now they are judging me and saying I am boastful? I just tried to plant faith in that person with my testimony and they say that I was bragging about my accomplishments!" You have uncomfortable feelings with many kinds of thoughts. The Holy Spirit works at one corner of your mind, so you have the thought, "I will be able to become a man of spirit only when I can accept words that are a lot more insulting than those." However, though you hear the voice in you, you end up ignoring it.

However, if you have really armed yourself with the word, you won't have any discomfort. When you receive advice of any kind, you can just think about how it applies to you and if you realize something you can change yourself by it. You will also have authority over your words. You will hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly, and it will help you evangelize people.

#### Secondly, we must have spiritual love.

Those who realize God's grace will naturally come to love Him. Because they love Him, they cannot help Suppose you long for New Jerusalem and seek holiness ple pray with their words, but they pray with meaningeagerly, but you do not love your brother. You say something like, "I can accept everybody else but not this person. I do not like him." Or, you say, "I do not hate him, but I do not agree on anything, so I just ignore him." You say you do not hate him, but this is very far from love. The most fundamental problem is that you do not love him.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Love is gentle and it seeks the benefit of others. You think in goodness in the other's view point. You believe he will do better, hope, endure, and bear with him. You believe he will change. Even though he does evil and does harm to you, you can understand him by thinking about his background and environment, considering his measure of faith, and understanding his position. Also, when you see those whom you love, even though they have some faults, you do not try to reveal them. You just try to see their good points. Even though the other's actions do not agree with your education and common sense, you help him do better by using his good points. You have to love those who have rough hearts that are like battered reeds or smoldering wicks.

#### Thirdly, we have to pray powerfully.

In order to arise and shine, we not only have to continue to pray diligently, but also we have to pray powerfully. Even though some people have prayed for a long time, they have no improvement in faith. Their self-righteousness and frameworks do not break. This means they are not offering up powerful enough prayer that touches the heart of God. Some people do not even know what they are praying for because they have other idle thoughts and doze off in prayers. Those who habitually doze off during prayers are distracted and have poor postures for prayer. If you kneel down and pray earnestly with your hands clasped, you can pray with your heart.

1 Corinthians 14:14 reads, "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful." As written, praying in other tongues and prayer of heart must have balance. In particular, when you pray for the kingdom of God, you have to clearly pray with your own language.

Some people pray in tongues when they pray for personal matters and when they pray for the kingdom of God. In this case, many of them do not pray with heart while praying in tongues. While they speak in tongues but to love their brothers as themselves (1 John 4:21). with their lips, they have idle thoughts. Also, some peoless repetitions. Or, some people repeat the same words as if they were chanting.

Those who pray with all their heart will clearly express the things that are appropriate for God to hear. They will remember what they pray for because they asked for what they truly desire.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray in the name

#### The Confession of Faith

- 1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven. is perfect and flawless.
- Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The 2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim

3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by "[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25) "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaver 4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus that has been given among men by which we must be saved."(Acts 4:12)

of the Lord that you will become spiritual workers who lead countless dying souls to the way of salvation by praying powerfully in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, arming yourselves with the Word, and cultivating spiritual love in your heart.

#### Photographic News



#### **Power of God Was Manifested** though Handkerchief Prayer in Nepal

From February 28th to March 2nd, following Acts 19:11-12, a Seminar and Handkerchief Healing Meeting were held by Pastor Grace Lee, who is ministering to Manmin Mission Center in Nepal. After the video presentation of 'Power of God VI', Pastor Lee praved for the sick with handkerchief.

A Hindu woman, who had been inflicted with the works of an evil spirit and epilepsy, was made whole and gave glory to God. A multitude of people were set free from various kinds of diseases through handkerchief prayer at once. A Hindu fortuneteller who also attended was healed of arthritis and came to stand up and walk.



#### **Manifestation of Powerful** Works in Farming Villages in India

In small farming villages in India, the works of power were presented through handkerchief prayer meetings. From March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>, Pastor John Kim, ministering to Delhi Manmin Mission Center, led the handkerchief healing meeting in Tespur in Assam, India. After showing 'Power of God VI' to congregations, he delivered a message on 'The Message of The Cross.' People were cured of a variety of diseases through his handkerchief prayer. Seven churches registered as branch or associative churches of Manmin Central Church through this meeting. A local Hindu said, "It is unprecedented that people receive healing through prayer in Tespur." Moreover, many who witnessed those powerful healing works converted to Christianity.

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### "I Want to Know the Will of God of Divorce."

I'm a Christian, but my unbelieving husband has persecuted me for a long time. Now we are facing the crisis of divorce. Is it acceptable before God for me to be divorced from him? I am wondering what the will of God for the divorce is.

The 48.7% of the counseling that was conducted at the Korea Legal Aid Center For Family Relations in 2010 was concerning divorce. It is due to the change of the trend of the world, the weakening of family function and the difference of each spouse's social culture. But the believers in Christ should not choose to get divorced under the influence of the world, and they need to understand the will of God concerning divorce exactly and act by it.

The 7th chapter of the First Corinthians records in detail about marriage, divorce, remarriage and separation. 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 reads, "But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife." In these verses, the apostle Paul teaches the married believers should not get divorced as much as possible, and advises them not to marry another person after divorce but to instead live alone or to reunite with the former spouse.

The most serious will of God for the married believers is that they should not divorce except the case that one cannot lead the life worthy to gain salvation because of the other's persecution. If an unbelieving husband desires to live with his believing wife, the believing wife should not abandon him, and vice versa.

#### The meaning of a certificate of divorce recorded in the Old Testament

In the Matthew 19:3 onward is a scene where Jesus and the Pharisees talked about divorce. They asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" (v. 3) Jesus answered, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate" (vv. 4-6).

They asked Him again, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" (v. 7) Jesus explained to them the will of God, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery" (vv.

If a woman and a man get married and become one flesh, God wants them to love each other unchangingly and live in happiness forever. But if the husband doesn't want to live with his wife anymore for some reason, it cannot be guaranteed that they can live in happiness, exclusively that his heart is restored. Only pains and unhappy things continually increase in their married life.

Deuteronomy 24:1 reads, "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house." This is a safety device of God that prohibits the husband from getting involved in other women and at the same time protects the wife.

If the Word of God recorded in Romans 12:17 "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men" had been given to the people in Old Testament times, it would have been difficult for them to obey it. It was because the Holy Spirit didn't come into their hearts and they couldn't accomplish such a love with human might. Leviticus 24:19-20 reads, "If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him." These verses help us understand why God gave His people the Law— at least if they have fear of the law then they might not to do evil toward their neighbors.

But in New Testament times when the Lord Jesus redeemed all men from their sins and forgave them of their sins, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in their hearts and helps them accomplish the heart of Jesus Christ. When the bornagain believers learn and act by the Word of God and pray fervently, they give birth to spirit by the Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit. Then, they become able to understand and forgive everyone, even their enemies.

#### Though one is allowed to give the other spouse a certificate of divorce, God ultimately wants them to be reconciled

In Matthew 5:32, Jesus said, "I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." If a wife commits adultery, her husband is allowed to give a certificate of divorce to her.

In 1 Corinthians 7:15-17, the apostle Paul said, "Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace. For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches."

Divorce is allowed by God only when a wife's unchaste action is revealed or when an unbelieving one wants to divorce from the other spouse. But we have to carefully consider the ultimate will of God even under those conditions. If the unbelieving husband severely persecutes the wife and threats her forcing her to choose only one of the two-God or him, she cannot betray God and forsake her faith in Him just because of fear of his persecution. If she leaves the path of faith, it means she doesn't have true faith. If she has true faith, she can overcome persecution and try her best to lead him to the path to salvation. If the persecution becomes severe up to the point of her salvation being taken away, she can choose to be separated from her unbelieving husband for some time and to pray. It is because the unbelieving husband who had claimed to get divorced out of rage may calm down and change his mind during the separation.

If a believing wife earnestly prays and does her best for the salvation of her unbelieving husband and children, God will guide to salvation not only her but also the husband and children and cause everything to work for the good of her family. Then, they can make a happy family in the Lord. God ultimately wants her whole family to become one in the love of the Lord and reach salvation.



"But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her. And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy"

(1 Corinthians 7:12-14).