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With the Fiery Works of the Holy Spirit,

Abundant Fruit of the Holiness Gospel Has Been Borne in Thailand!



The mission trip team to Thailand held Pastors' Seminars and Handkerchief Healing Meetings for twelve days. They also spread the gospel and the power manifested in Manmin Central Church and presented beautifully moving performances at the Royal Military Academy, the Youth Rehabilitation Centers, and other meetings. ■ Photo 1: Royal Military Academy Meeting on March 15 ■ Photo 2: Pastor Sungchil Lee (the third person from left in the front row) and Missionary Jaewon Lee (the second person from left) along with generals of the Thai army ■ Photo 3: The performance of Sound of Light Chorus

Amazing works of the Holy Spirit unfolded and abundant fruit of the holiness gospel was borne even in Thailand where the 95 % of population is Buddhist.

From March 9 to 20, Pastor Sungchil Lee and the Sound of Light Chorus that belongs to the Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church went on a mission trip to Thailand. In the northern area of Thailand, Pastors' Seminar, a Handkerchief Healing Meeting, the Royal Military Academy Meeting, and the Banubeca and Banccaruna Youth Detention Center Meetings were conducted with Speaker Pastor Sungchil Lee. The Sound of Light Chorus gave glory to God with special performance at the Thai King's 84th Birthday Celebration Event. (Related story on page 4)

During this trip, the ministry of Manmin Central Church was made known even to Thai leaders such as government officials, army generals and known journalists. In addition, Pastors' Seminars in Cambodia and Laos were arranged to be held at a later date, which

served as a good opportunity for the holiness gospel and the power of God to spread out in Indochina rapidly and for Manmin to lay a firm foundation for the world-wide parish.

Since being dispatched as Manmin's missionaries in November 2009, Missionaries Jaewon Lee and Sunok Lee of Chiang Rai Manmin Church have devoted themselves to distributing Dr.

Jaerock Lee's books in Thai version and holding Pastors' Seminars. Through these missionaries, many churches have registered as Manmin's branch or associative churches. Additionally, Thai Com 5 satellite TV has broadcast GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) programs, such as Dr. Lee's sermons and the programs on the works of God's power, nationwide. Since innumerable people watch the programs,

the holiness gospel is being spread rapidly. Moreover, the two missionaries have spread the power of God actively distributing *Manmin News*, also translated in the Thai language, and preaching the message on CRU Radio Station which covers the whole Thailand including areas on Thailand's national borders with nations like Myanmar and Laos.

Amazing works took place

through the handkerchief prayer on which Dr. Lee had prayed. Even sorcerers and shamans accepted the Lord through the handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12). Pastor Sungchil Lee has given glory to God by holding meetings in many areas of Thailand in September 2009, November 2010, and February 2011. Countless people were healed of their diseases in the meetings.

GCN TV, Easier to Access Anywhere and Anytime via *Everyon TV*

GCN TV spreads the providence of salvation through Jesus Christ and the powerful works of the Holy Spirit to around 170 countries. GCN TV (Founder & Board Chairman: Dr. Jaerock Lee) had a Signing Ceremony to celebrate the partnership with Everyon TV. With this partnership, GCN TV viewers will be able to watch GCN TV for free anywhere via computers, tablet PCs, smart phones, and smart TVs.

You can install the access program from Everyon's TV webpage, <http://everyon.pandora.tv>. Or you can search 'everyon TV' in the application market and download it on your phone. Install the program and choose the channel 507. Then, you can watch GCN TV anytime—24 hours daily.

The Signing Ceremony was held in the Publicity Division of GCN TV located in Dongjak Gu, Seoul, Korea on March 15. Mr. Hyungwoo Choi, president of Everyon TV said, "I am very delighted to work together with GCN TV. I hope we will maintain a good relationship helping each other." Elder Boaz Lee, president of GCN TV said, "I hope many people will watch GCN TV through Everyon TV, receive grace and salvation, and become good tools for God's ministry."

Everyon TV now has around one million members. It is a web cable TV that was established with the partnership with



Mr. Hyungwoo Choi, president of Everyon TV (Left) and Elder Boaz Lee, president of GCN TV

Pandora TV which is a leading video online merchant in Korea and Hyundai HCN which is a cable TV provider. It offers around 100 channels on news, economy, and religion for free via Internet and smart phones.

The Suffering of Jesus

“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.” (Isaiah 53:5-6)

God has shown His works to accomplish His providence to gain His true children. Among all of these works the most important is that Jesus came to the earth in flesh, endured many things and He suffered crucifixion to complete the way for human salvation.

If we have spiritual realization of the providence of the cross, we can't help but be touched by the love of God. We will also come to have true faith and receive answers to all problems including poverty and diseases. Most importantly, in the end we will possess the heavenly kingdom. Now let's look into the providence embedded in sufferings Jesus took from the time of His birth to His death on the cross.

1. Jesus was laid in a manger to redeem men who are no better than beasts

As written in Philippians 2:6, Jesus, the Son of God existed in the form of God, but came to the earth in flesh. He is the Master of all things. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Yet, He was born in a stable and laid in a manger which is a box from which animals eat their food. Then, why did Jesus, the Son of God, have to be born in a stable and laid in a manger?

This is because He came to the earth to become the bread of life for men who are no better than beasts. It was the providence that showed the love of God for us. Ecclesiastes 3:18 says, “I said to myself concerning the sons of men, God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but beasts.” Why does this verse say that men are but beasts although they are also called the ‘lords of all creation’?

Because of the disobedience of the first man, Adam, mankind could no longer communicate directly with God. Following instigation by the enemy devil and Satan they came to be but beasts. In that way, sin entered mankind and they lost both the image of God and the duty of man. That's why so many are no better than beasts though they are called the lords of all creation.

Jesus came to this earth to redeem and save men who are but animals. There are some animals that live by eating food provided in a manger. Jesus came to men who are just like such animals and became the ‘bread of life’ for them. He also taught the truth to us so that we could fulfill the duty of men and enter the heavenly kingdom.

2. Jesus lived a life in poverty to redeem mankind from poverty

From the time He was born in a stable, Jesus lived in poverty during His entire lifetime. John 3:35 says, “The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.” Colossians 1:16 reads, “For by Him all things were created.” Namely, Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the Master of all things. Thus, everything in both the heavens and the earth is the Lord's. He had such great power that He



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

could do anything. He even fed five thousand men with five loaves and two fish (Matthew chapter 14).

But Jesus lived a life of poverty during His whole life. Sometimes He was hungry because He had nothing to eat. He had to sleep in the field because He had no place to lay His head. Then, why did He have to suffer poverty even though He is the Son of God who is God the Almighty?

2 Corinthians 8:9 reads, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.” This means that Jesus, who was rich, accepted and took the way of poverty. By doing so, He blessed those who believe in Him to become rich.

Being poor itself is not a sin, but it is still a part of the curse that fell on us due to Adam's sin. Jesus redeemed us from our poverty by living a life in poverty on behalf of us and let us become rich. (3 John 1:2, Deuteronomy chapter 28)

3. Jesus was scourged by the whip to redeem mankind from diseases and infirmities

There should be the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of the original sin inherited from Adam and the self-committed sins. It is written that here is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood. Those who commit sin will fall into eternal fire of Hell just as recorded in the Bible, “The wages of sin is death.”

This indicates what the spiritual meanings are implied in Jesus being whipped and shedding blood. He was whipped and shed blood in order to redeem us from our infirmities and diseases.

Exodus 15:26 reads, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.”

Through the verse, we came to know diseases come upon men when they don't listen to the Word of God and practice righteousness. Namely, disease results from commission of sins. Therefore, the

problem of sin has to be resolved before receiving healing. To solve it, someone who had no sin had to pay the price of sin. Then, mankind could be set free from the pains of their diseases.

To pay the price of men's sin Jesus was whipped all over His body. Just as said in Matthew 8:17, Jesus Himself took our infirmities and carried away our disease by the shedding of His blood. When people believe in the contribution of the precious blood and profess their belief with their lips, they can be set free from all diseases and infirmities.

4. Jesus took the suffering of crucifixion to redeem mankind from all sins and evil

It was on account of us and our salvation that Jesus came to the earth and lived His life as He did to save us. His life was filled with the planting of God's love and the hope of heaven in the hearts of mankind. Also, He let many people know He is the Son of God through countless signs and amazing words of authority.

Nevertheless, the evilness of the Jews and the priests passed condemnation on Jesus saying that Jesus had blasphemed God and called Himself Christ. In the end, they brought Jesus to Pontius Pilate, who governed the Jewish areas, and asked him to have Jesus put to death. At that time, Pilate knew Jesus had no sin at all but He just had Him crucified on the cross out of fear of a possible rebellion.

In the end, the innocent Jesus was put to death, and Roman soldiers struck Him in the face and spit on Him. He was despised and humiliated. He also wore the crown of thorns pressed down on His head and He was flogged all over His body. He was scourged until all His body was torn and stained with blood. Then He bore the heavy wooden cross and He was flogged again as He made His way towards Golgotha where He would be crucified. His hands and feet were nailed through and He was hung on the cross under the scorching sun. He had to shed blood until death and He was extremely thirsty.

The soldiers divided up Jesus' outer garments and took the pieces. People cursed and mocked Jesus who was hung on the cross naked. Nevertheless, Jesus asked God to forgive their sins. But the cruel Roman soldiers pierced His side even after His death and He shed all His water and blood.

Jesus had no spot and no blemish at all, yet He took the sufferings that we were destined to receive. Through it all, the way of salvation was opened wide for us and it allowed for us to receive forgiveness of all our sins and enter the heavenly kingdom. As noted above, the suffering of Jesus and crucifixion on the cross contain the special providence of God.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us give thanks to the Lord who took the suffering of the cross to redeem us from our sins and gave a true life to us. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will live a holy and godly life.

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

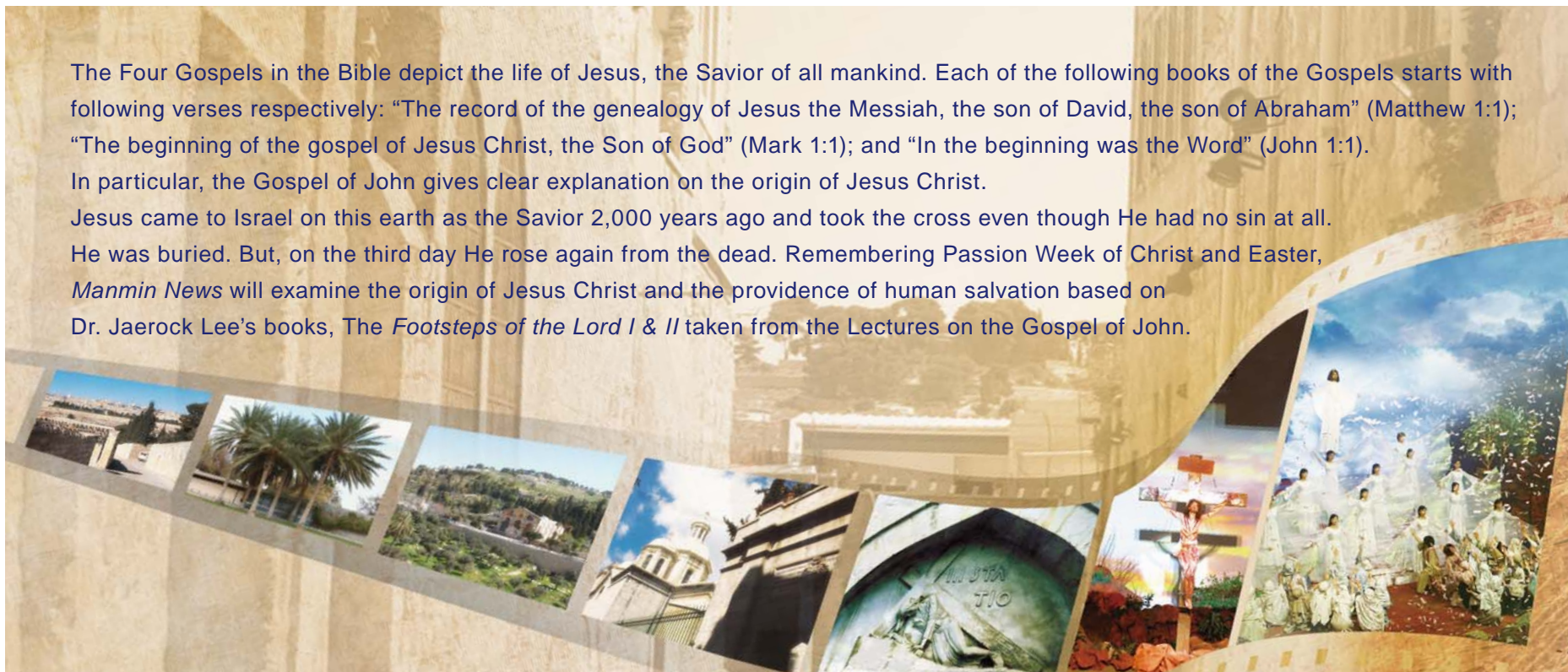
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles' Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)
“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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The Four Gospels in the Bible depict the life of Jesus, the Savior of all mankind. Each of the following books of the Gospels starts with following verses respectively: “The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1); “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1); and “In the beginning was the Word” (John 1:1). In particular, the Gospel of John gives clear explanation on the origin of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to Israel on this earth as the Savior 2,000 years ago and took the cross even though He had no sin at all. He was buried. But, on the third day He rose again from the dead. Remembering Passion Week of Christ and Easter, *Manmin News* will examine the origin of Jesus Christ and the providence of human salvation based on Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books, *The Footsteps of the Lord I & II* taken from the Lectures on the Gospel of John.

Jesus Christ, Savior for All Mankind

◆ The Lord was with God in the beginning

John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Here ‘the beginning’ is the time before God created heavens and earth; that is, it refers to the time before eternity that cannot be understood with human limitations.

God is perfect and ‘He is who He is’ as written in Exodus 3:14. He existed before the beginning. In fact, He doesn’t need the word ‘the beginning’ itself. But people think there should be a beginning of everything, so God appointed a certain time as the beginning in a bid to help them understand the concept of ‘the beginning’ well.

In Genesis 1:1 ‘the beginning’ refers to the time when God created heavens and earth. But why doesn’t the Bible say “In the beginning was God” but instead it says “In the beginning was the Word”? It is written in that way to explain God’s appearance. God didn’t exist in the form of a man from the beginning.

Just as written in 1 John 1:5 saying “God is Light,” God contained immeasurable Word in extremely beautiful and crystal clear light and governed the whole universe. The Word was a clear, transparent, soft, and powerful voice that could ring over the whole universe.

God moved over the spacious spiritual realm and controlled the universe by Himself. When a certain point came, He laid out the plan of human cultivation to gain His true children who would share love with Him. It was then that He put on a form as recorded in Genesis 1:26.

◆ God the Origin was the Word that contained the Light before

the beginning which was the time beyond human comprehension. But after laying out the plan for human cultivation, He came to exist in the form of God the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to forever share love and happiness with His true children in the beauty of Heaven. He needed Jesus who would fulfill the duty of the Savior and the Holy Spirit who would complete human cultivation.

God the Trinity refers to God the Father who manages all the process of human cultivation, God the Son who performs the duty of the Savior, and God the Holy Spirit who performs the duty of the Helper. They play different roles but they have the same heart, mind, power, and love. God the Trinity created the spiritual realm and then physical-fleshly realm for human cultivation. So John 1:2-3 says, “He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”

◆ Jesus Christ, God the Son who came to the earth as the Light

In Genesis chapter 1, God created heavens and earth with the Word, and then said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Then,

he became a living being as written in Genesis 2:7.

But all men became sinners because of the sin of the first man, Adam. God the Father established Abraham as the forefather of faith and founded a kingdom through King David. In doing so, He opened up the world of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. When the time came, God the Son came to this earth in flesh. And through Him the way of salvation was opened.

Even though Jesus put on the form of a man, He is the Word itself in His origin. So He could heal the sick and revive the dead and He caused the wind and the sea to become calm only with His Words (Mark 4:39). And although He had no sin at all, He suffered crucifixion and death and resurrected so that anyone can receive salvation with belief in Him and possess eternal life and the heavenly kingdom. Jesus who is life itself (John 14:16) came to the earth as the Light and drove away darkness shining the Light in the world. By doing so, He completed the providence of salvation.

◆ The reason God the Son put on the form of man and came to the earth is that He wants to show us God. The only begotten Son of God was named ‘Jesus’ when He was born on earth. The name of ‘Jesus’ means ‘the One who will save His people from their sins’ (Matthew 1:21). But after He was crucified, destroyed the authority of death, and resurrected, He fulfilled the duty of the Savior. So now we have to call Him “Jesus Christ.”

After buried, Jesus went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison before He became resurrected. (1 Peter 3:19)

Here, ‘the spirits now in prison’ refer to not only the sons of Israel who received salvation before Jesus’ crucifixion but also the spirits who received salvation through their good conscience and stayed in the upper Sheol which is the waiting place after death. (Refer to Hell).

Jesus shattered the authority of death and became resurrected on the third day of His burial. The resurrected Lord appeared for the first time before Mary Magdalene who was looking for Jesus with tears at His tomb. Then, He met Father God and put on the God-given glory. He also appeared before His disciples. He appeared several times and gave them hope for the resurrection (John chapters 20 and 21).

He testified to His resurrection with many evidences for 40 days and appeared before around 500 brothers as well as His disciples as written in 1 Corinthians 15:6. When He was about to ascend into Heaven, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised in Acts 1:4. He also said in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

After these words were spoken, the Lord ascended into Heaven from the mount called Olivet. And He sat on the right hand of God the Father. Now He has prayed for us and also prepared the beautiful heavenly kingdom for us believers as recorded in John chapter 14. When the time comes, He will come again on the clouds and God’s children will have the Seven-year Wedding Banquet with the Lord, their bridegroom in the air.



Pastor Sungchil Lee and Missionary Jaewon Lee, Thai Interpreter

God's Great Love Delivered to Thai Souls

The love of God, who desires all men to receive salvation, unfolded greatly again in Thailand. The mission team to Thailand (Speaker: Pastor Sungchil Lee, Performers: Sound of Light Chorus) passionately preached the holiness gospel in many places in Thailand for 12 days from March 9 to 20. They not only proclaimed the Word but also manifested the works of the living God. Great glory was offered to Father God who was with them through the fiery works of the Holy Spirit.

Visit to CRU Radio Station and Pastors' Seminar and Handkerchief Healing Meeting in Northern Area

March 10, Saturday

In the morning, the mission team paid a visit to CRU Radio Station in Chiang Rai. The Sound of Light Chorus gave their special song, "Arirang," and Pastor Sungchil Lee preached the message under the title of "The Duty of Man." At 4 P.M., a Pastors' Seminar was held titled 'The Keys to Church Revival.' It was held in Chai Prakan Manmin Church with around 100 pastors from about 50 churches in attendance. (Photo 1) After the seminar, the Handkerchief Healing Meeting was held with about 450 attendees in the front yard of the church. Many divine healing works took place. (Photo 2) As a result, 65 churches registered as Manmin's branch or associative churches.



Chiang Rai Manmin Church's 1st Anniversary Service and Handkerchief Healing Meeting

March 11, Sunday

The first anniversary service of Chiang Rai Manmin Church (Missionary Jaewon Lee) was attended by people from the U.S., Brazil, Spain, Laos, and Myanmar. Also the people of five tribes in Thailand, police officers, and local pastors attended. There were a total of 300 people in attendance (Photo 3 and 4). After the service, Handkerchief Healing Meeting was held. In the meeting, a pastor from Laos recovered ability to hear and his church registered as a Manmin branch church.



Blessing Meetings in Banubeca and Banccaruna Youth Detention Centers

March 13, Tuesday

In the morning, a blessing meeting was held in Banubeca Youth Detention Center. It was attended by around 400 people including the center director, the vice chief officer of Thai Youth Detention Center, the president of Broadcasting and Press Association, representatives of local political party, and members of Rehabilitation Committee (Photo 5). A national broadcaster, channel 7, a radio station, and newspaper covered the meeting. In the afternoon, a blessing meeting was also held in Banccaruna Youth Detention Center with around 700 people in attendance (Photo 6). Thai satellite, PBS TV covered the performance of the Sound of Light Chorus.



Blessing Meeting in Royal Military Academy

March 15, Thursday

This meeting was attended by around 550 people. Pastor Sungchil Lee showed the video clip that filmed Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the restoration of damage caused by the great flood in Thailand and DVD entitled 'The Power of God' (Photo 7). On that day, Assistant Division Commander of the army gave the appreciation plaque to the mission team on behalf of Division Commander and the portrait of Thai king (Photo 8). Thai soldiers extended their thankful hearts to the mission team for the devotion and fellowship.



The Thai King's 84th Birthday Celebration Took Place And a Handkerchief Healing Meeting Was Held in Manmin's Associative Church

On Saturday and Sunday, the 17th and 18th of March,

The mission team was invited to the Thai King's 84th Birthday Celebration Event held in Bangkok. Thai high officials attended the event. Pastor Sungchil Lee gave a greeting message and the Sound of Light Chorus gave a special performance. They gave My Life My Faith I & II to Sukumpan Boripat, the Governor of Bangkok (Photo 9). After watching their quality performance, the government officials from the Culture Ministry and the Education Ministry said, "We want to invite the performance team to this country again." On March 18, the Handkerchief Healing Meeting was held in an associative church in Bangkok and many attendees gave glory to God after receiving healing (Photo 10).



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