

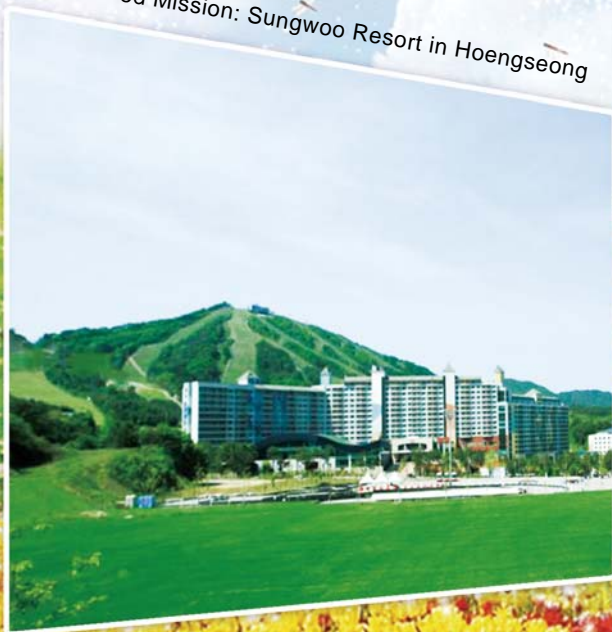
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2012 Summer Retreat Full of Happiness Is Around the Corner

Camp Fire Praise & Worship, Athletic Meet, and Wonders

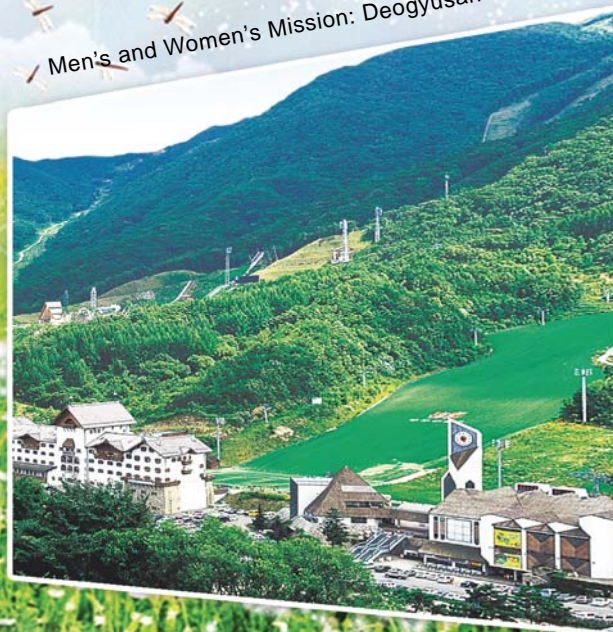
Six United Mission: Sungwoo Resort in Hoengseong



Students: Hwangdun Youth Center in Wonju



Men's and Women's Mission: Deogyusan Resort



Beginning with Children's Summer Bible School on July 29, 2012, Manmin Central Church's Summer Retreat will begin in earnest. Venues include the Students' Sunday School from July 30 to August 2 in Hwangdun Youth Center in Wonju, Gangwon province; Men's and Women's Mission's Summer Retreat (including branch churches, Foreigner's Parish, Chinese Parish, The Hearing-impaired' Mission) from August 6 to 8 in Deogyusan Resort in Muju, Jeonbuk province; Six United Mission (College Mission, Canaan Mission, Young Adults' Mission, Paul's Mission, Mary's Mission, and Light & Salt Mission) from August 6 to 9 in Sungwoo Resort in Hoengseong in Gangwon Province; and Love of the Lord's Mission (North Korean Refugees) from August 21 to 23 in Kumgangsang Resort in Goseong in Gangwon province.

Chuncheon Manmin Church Moved into a New Sanctuary

Chuncheon Manmin Church moved to a new sanctuary by the grace of God. On July 1, 2012, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee visited the new sanctuary and celebrated the event with the church members giving words of encouragement. Pastor Donghun Kim, the ministering pastor of Chuncheon Manmin Church, is quoted having said, "All church members gave 21-day vowed prayer nine times during Daniel Prayer Meeting for the sanctuary. After the relocation, they are saying that they feel happy attending



church in the new sanctuary. They are becoming filled with the Spirit all the more and blessed with growth in faith."

The new sanctuary is well-equipped with additional facilities in the midst of the beauty of nature and behind the sanctuary is a beautiful flowered road. The stairs and entrance are decorated with the illustrations of New Jerusalem which add to hope for Heaven. Additionally, at night the cross tower shines with beautiful aurora-like light from colored LED bulbs.



Northeastern Indian Pastors Established New Vision Together

From June 26 to 27 in 2012, a Pastors' and Church Workers' Seminar was held in Dimapur, Nagaland in India. Pastor Sanghwi Kim (Delhi Manmin Church) and Pastor Lima Imsong (Arunachal Manmin Church) delivered the message on "Ten Plagues," "Faith as Knowledge and Spiritual Faith," and "The Measure of Faith" based on Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons. The participants checked their faith, repented, and made up their minds to live in God's Word.

Pastor Lanu, who is a member of Nagaland Baptist Churches' Assembly Management Committee stated, "I have been longing to read Dr. Lee's books and see him. The message of the seminar brought change of life to the church members as well as to me."

New Publication

Dr. Jaerock Lee's Books in Multiple languages

In June and July of 2012, a few major books of Dr. Jaerock Lee were published in multiple languages: *The Message of the Cross* in Lithuanian, Serbian, Macedonian, Polish, and Turkish; *Hell* in Malay; *My Life My Faith I & II* in both Albanian and Greek; *My Life My Faith II* in Estonian and French; *Spirit, Soul, and Body I* and *Lamp* in English; and *Catechism and Baptism* in Russian.



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The LORD Gave and The LORD Has Taken Away

“Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.’” (Job 1:20-21)

A rough diamond looks like just a stone, but after a skillful jeweler’s workmanship it is turned into a precious gemstone that shines brightly and it is loved by many people. Like the rough diamond, a man loved by God can become a precious worker after their rough traits are cut away, cleaned and polished through refinement. In the Bible, what kind of refining trials did Job go through to discover and cast away the evil that was deep in his nature to become a man of blessing?

1. The reason God allowed the testing of Job

Job 1:1 introduces Job like this, “That man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.” Job, as the greatest of all the men of the east, helped the poor and orphans and did many good deeds. But why did Job, who was blameless and upright and did only good, have to go through such severe trials?

Job was a man of the Old Testament Time. He was perfect in outward actions, but he still had evil deep in his nature. God knew that he would become a child of spirit and get blessed more greatly if he cast away the evil that was deep in his nature. That’s why He allowed for the test of Job.

One day, Satan said to God that Job served Him because He had given him great blessings. Satan brought accusation against Job saying that Job’s blamelessness should be tested through the removal of God-given blessings. God allowed for the test just as Satan had spoken, and then God told Satan ‘not to put forth its hands on him.’ In other words, at the point, God stopped the trials that would cause harm to him. (Job 1:12)

Here, what we should know is that it’s not God, but Satan who brings tests to men when they commit sins or do something wrong. That’s why James 1:13 tells us, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.”

2. Job didn’t blame God even after he lost all his possessions and his children

Eventually, a great affliction came to Job. In a moment he lost all he had except for his own body and his children. But Job didn’t blame God. He rather said as in Job 1:21, “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Next, Satan brought to him another test that threatened his life. Job was smitten with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he scraped himself with his fingers and it became so serious that he took a piece of a shattered clay pot to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. But he didn’t blame God.

Let alone comforting Job, his wife said to him, “Curse God and die!” (Job 2:9) But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?” (Job 2:10) In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

But Job spoke as he did because he didn’t understand the truth yet. God, who is the Truth itself, doesn’t allow calamity to come upon us without reason. When someone is punished, there must be a reason. When we obey God’s Word, blessings will be received. But when we continue to disobey, it will be adversity we will receive instead. Job knew well about God who blessed him, but he misunderstood Him thinking God indiscriminately brought adversity upon people for no reason. As a result, he couldn’t find his faults.

Since Job misunderstood God like this, he regarded God as a dictator of sorts. If he had realized why he had to be put under such adversity, he would have turned away from it. But he couldn’t discover it in himself. Consequently, he couldn’t help but to be put under the testing.

3. Job revealed the evil deep in his nature when his life was threatened

As he was continually placed in desperate situations, Job finally began to reveal his evil that was hidden deep in his nature. He cursed the day of his birth and his circumstances. He also blamed God when his life was threatened.

In Job 27:2, he said, “As God lives, who has taken away my right, and the Almighty, who has embittered my soul.” He asked why God brought to him such adversity saying he was righteous and honest and feared God in truth.

If Job had believed in God completely and confessed “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away,” he wouldn’t have complained and blamed God. He would have just given everything as well as his life out of a thankful heart for the grace of salvation given to him.

However, we must not think that Job complained just

like an ordinary person who bursts out in anger. Even though he complained and blamed God, he did so only in extreme desperation, that is, in extreme anxiety and hopelessness. It’s a totally different story from that of those who have hard-feelings and get furious due to minor problems.

4. After casting away the evil that was deep in nature, Job became a man of blessing

In Job Chapter 38, God began saying to Job, “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” To Job who knew God as knowledge and had never met God from the heart, God worked through His voice.

Job had blamed God through many of the words he’d spoken. But, he became speechless when he heard God’s voice. Job had even said, “I desire to argue with God” and he also told God to appear to him if He existed. So, at this point Job was too ashamed to ask for God’s forgiveness.

Eventually, Job so thoroughly repented that he thought himself to be righteous. He then acted like he knew everything out of arrogance. From the bottom of his heart he said, “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.” (Job 42:2)

Through such trials, Job eventually discovered the evil in his nature, got rid of it, and achieve a good heart that God wants. He came to have a heart that can say to God, “Let Your will be done” even if God wanted his life. He came to love God with his heart and showed actions of love.

As God’s blessing, in the end Job’s possessions were increased twofold. He was also blessed to have seven sons and three daughters. Moreover, in all the land no women were found so fair as Job’s daughters. In this way Job not only came to have faith that was like pure gold, but he also received all kinds of blessings including fame, authority, finance, children, and good health.

Dear brothers and sisters, many people wrongfully interpreted the Book of Job saying, “Just endure all trials and adversity. Then, you will receive blessings.” But blessings don’t come just because you endure trials. You need to figure out why the trials came and find the walls of sin you built against God. When you do, you should repent of your sins thoroughly. Job had been considered to be blameless and upright, yet he was able to become a man of blessing when he discovered evil deep in his nature, repented before God, and got rid of it.

Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord that by casting away every form of evil and becoming sanctified, you will receive God’s love and blessing as men of spirit.

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.
- “[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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Do You Give the Whole Tithe?

God cannot be tempted by evil and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But Malachi 3:10 said, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'" What is the reason?

Tithe is a tenth of our earnings and profits given to God. This is God's commandment that was given to the Israelites after the Exodus. It doesn't mean that we must keep all commandments in the Old Testament times the way the people of the time did, but still the meaning embedded in the commandments doesn't disappear even in the New Testament times (Matthew 5:17). We need to understand God's will in tithing and keep it more completely.

Malachi 3:8-9 says, "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!" In other words, God says that not giving tithes and offerings is the sin of robbing Him.

Matthew 23:23 reads, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others." It means that we should give tithe with justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Namely, we should give with love and devotion to God and according to the purpose of the commandment.

Giving tithes and keeping the Sabbath are proofs that show you fulfill your duty as God's children and they are the expressions of faith in and love for God. Giving tithes demonstrates your faith and acknowledgement in God the Creator as the One who holds your material sovereignty and it also shows your thanks and love to God who gives you the income.

◆ Do you give a tenth of your total income?

Let's say your monthly income is a thousand dollars but you receive eight hundred dollars due to the deductions for tax, pensions, and insurance premiums. Then, how much should you give as tithes? Because you should pay considering your total income, you must give a tenth of your total income that is the amount before the deductions.

If you have non-standard income or profit like a meal somebody treats you to or gifts you receive, you also have to give tithes on them. At times you may not know the exact value of the gift but consider that it's better to give sufficient tithe. We can say we give whole tithe after giving tithes of all things that you receive from others.

◆ Do you give tithes separately from other offerings?

You need to check if you use your tithe in helping the poor or the mission works. Some people give a portion of their tithe as other offerings. Others ask the church to use their tithe for charitable works.

But the tithe should be set aside as God's. Thus, you should give tithe separately from other offerings. If you give the money that you are supposed to give as your tithe in other forms of offerings, you rob God by arbitrarily designating the use of what is His. So it's not right. We should bear in mind that we rob God in both cases of not giving the whole tithe, and of giving tithes in wrong ways.

◆ Do you give tithes to the church where you are provided with spiritual food?

If the church you attend and the church where you are provided with spiritual food are different, where do you have to give tithes? If a person with an incurable disease was healed or had quality of life restored in a hospital, he/she has to pay the hospital for it. The same applies to tithes. The church that plants faith in you and gives you life by providing you with spiritual messages is the church that your soul belongs to, so you should give tithe to that church.

◆ Do you give tithes under your name?

You should check if you give tithes under the names of your family or together as a couple. God repays us according to what we've done as individuals, so we should give tithes under our own name.

Of course, if a wife gives tithes under her unbelieving husband's name so that he can receive blessing, God might give a chance of salvation to him seeing her faith and love. But

she has to help him accept the Lord and have faith first. Additionally, we must teach our children to give tithes for themselves.

But there are exceptional cases. If parents give an inheritance of property to their child and spouse as co-owners or a married couple runs a business together, it's not wrong for them to give tithes under their names together. Or they can divide their income into half or a certain ratio and give tithes under each one's name.

◆ Do you give tithes more than once a month?

You can give whole tithes when you give it every time you receive earnings or profit in gifts, or by calculating the amount on a monthly basis. In a farming industry, people have an annual income or irregular income because they earn money from harvesting and selling crops. But they also give tithes whenever they have income in the form of other profit or gifts.

If a husband gives a living expense to his wife after setting aside tithes from his income, she doesn't have to give a tithe again. Children also should give tithes when they receive allowance and gifts, but when they receive some money for specific purposes like tuition fee or school supplies, they don't have to give tithes on these kinds of amounts. This is because the money is not their earning. Parents should give tithes of birthday presents that their children receive even if they are new-born babies or little children.

If your child receives expensive gifts like a computer or a piano, his/her parents should give a tithe for their child under his/her name. But if it's too expensive for even the parents to give its tithe or if the parents are non-believers, God doesn't say that the child did not give the tithe.

When children receive a certain scholarship, their parents give tithes under their children's names or under their own names because the parents are supposed to pay the tuition. Because students in poverty have to use all scholarship money for tuition fee, it is not a necessity for them to give tithes at that time, but whenever they have earnings or after they get a job and have a regular earning then they can pay.

◆ Do you set aside tithes first before all other expenses?

When you set aside tithes from your earnings first and before any and all other expenses, you can avoid the situation where you can't give tithes due to lack of money. If you have taken a loan from a bank for business funds investment or for your home, you should consider it your income. So those with faith borrow enough money to pay the expense and also give the tithe from the loan amount. If you can't borrow enough money to give tithes, you must rethink "Is it right time to put my plan into action?" It is right to do it when you can give tithes.

I was born and raised in a Buddhist temple by my father who was a Buddhist monk and my mother who was a Buddhist. I am their first son, but now I am preaching the gospel of Christianity in Thailand, a Buddhist country, with my family.

The conversion to Christianity in Buddhist country means social disadvantage. Nevertheless, we have testified to the living God with the power of the Holy Spirit and borne a lot of fruit through our active ministry. All of these are possible because of the grace of the Lord.

Around 20 years ago, I was leading an ordinary life after the failure of Thai mission work. But after I came to know Manmin Central Church, my life began to change. In 1998, I was healed of my chronic herniated lumbar disc and my wife of postpartum pain by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer.

I got excited about leading a Christian life learning about the difficult Bible passages explained by Dr. Lee. He gave a detailed explanation on Heaven, and showed the living God with sings, wonders, and powerful works that followed. The excitement triggered enthusiasm in me for Thai mission work.

In November, 2009, I left for Thailand as a Manmin missionary. At that time, many Thai people already knew Manmin Central Church and Dr. Lee



“I Am Glad Doing Ministry in Unity of All Family Members”

Missionary Jaewon Lee (Chiang Rai Manmin Church in Thailand)

through GCN TV. There were also more than ten volumes of Dr. Lee's books available in the Thai language, so it was a lot easier to do missionary work. I visited churches and presented the DVD entitled “Power of God” and prayed for them. I also sent *Manmin News* in Thai to around 2,500 churches in Thailand. Consequently, a number of pastors started to make contact with me.

In May of 2011, we hosted a Special Consolation Meeting in the Thai Youth Detention Centers with Manmin Central Church's mission team. The meeting attracted their attention and we gained the opportunity to hold meetings at the Royal Military Academy and other Youth Detention Centers in March in 2012. At that time we were able to preach the gospel to officials in relatively high positions as well as boosting Korean prestige through the mission team's performances and the presentations of the “Power of God” DVD.

Currently, there are around 130 branch and associative churches in Thailand. Thailand is like an advance basis in evangelizing Indochina peninsula that includes Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar. I am planning to conduct Pastors' Seminars in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar in the second half of this year. We give all thanks and glory to God.

“I Want to Awaken Young People by Using Korean Wave in Thailand”

Missionary Jaewon Lee's first son
Brother Sunghoon Lee (aged 19)



When I was younger, I kept reading around 20 books about famous missionaries like Underwood and Sundar Singh. As a result I could joyfully go to Thailand with my parents. Three

months after I arrived in Thailand, we opened the church, but there were no musicians or instrument players. So I started to learn how to play the guitar and came to like it by the grace of the Lord. Now my skill has improved to the point that I can even play a bass guitar.

Chiang Rai Manmin Church is evangelizing college students by opening lectures on Korean language. I also help my mom, Missionary Soonok Lee to teach students Korean. It's very rewarding work because they naturally accepted the gospel and have become church workers. I want to awaken many young people using their curiosity for Korean culture.

“God helped me when I did my best”

The second son
Brother Sunghyun Lee (aged 16)



From my early childhood, I dreamed of mission work, so I went to Thailand with joy. I play keyboards in Chiang Rai Manmin Church. At first, I learned playing it an hour per week for two

months, but after that I couldn't learn it for some reason. I studied it on my own. I really wanted to give glory to God by learning it as quickly as possible but it wasn't that easy. I used not to get up very early in the morning, but I got up as early as dawn to practice it and I practiced after school. I also asked for God's help with fasting. As a result, I came to play hymn songs after three months of practicing.

Our church members were moved by me and they repented with tears saying they hadn't devoted themselves enough to God's work and would work even more. I was so surprised and thankful thinking my small service could change the members.

“I am excited because I can help many things”

The youngest son
Brother Sungkyul Lee (aged 14)



I am still a young boy, but I have a lot of things to do in Thailand. I serve God as a teacher for Children's Sunday School and a cook helper in the church restaurant. I

also decorate the sanctuary and evangelize people. I also now play drums for the praise team after having learned it on my own. I sometimes help my mom teach Korean. While trying my best every day, my ability to speak both Thai and English has been greatly improved.

Around two months ago, I got more than 20 corns on the soles of my feet. I had pain and discomfort, but I experienced an amazing work. After applying Muan Sweet Water, all of them were gone overnight. I think God was delighted in me who did my best even with small things for the kingdom of God.



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