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# The Thirty-year Walk of Faith of Manmin Central Church

**Evangelizing the World and the Nation** with More Than 10,000 Branch and Associative Churches

#### The Heart of the Shepherd

How could anybody know without his sacrifice, without tears and obedience? Until the Father's work on this earth is done, he'll seek just one more soul to save. How could anybody know the perfect heart of love, the love he shares so willingly? Compassion fills his prayer nothing stops his pleas as he prays for you and me.

Though the road may not be smooth, by marching in our faith we'll fulfill the providence of God. Until the Father's work on this earth is done, we will seek the lost to save.

With the power of the light and the works like fire of the Holy Spirit, He drives the dark away by the law and authority. The loving space of God unfolds eternally to all who will receive His call.

July 25, 2012 was Manmin Central Church's 30th Anniversary of the Church Opening.

Manmin Central Church, which opened in a 33-square-meter sanctuary with 13 members and approximately seven dollars, has now become a church with approximately 10,000 branch and associative churches. It is the church that proclaims the holiness gospel and the power of God to the whole world. Through the broadcast ministry of GCN TV and the literary ministry of books and printed materials, it delivers the love of the Lord and leads countless souls to the way of salvation. The 30-year history of Manmin has been always laid out and forged by the Spirit's guidance.

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In 1974, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was healed of all his diseases at once when he met God. Four years later, he was called as a pastor and prayed for his church opening. While praying, he received God's Word that told him to "open the church when the sun was scorching hot." As God had spoken to him, on July 25, 1982 he opened the church and offered up the church opening service with the message entitled "The Treasure of Treasures Is Faith."

Because the church prayed for God's kingdom and righteousness in the sanctuary every day the way the early church did, God gave them visions for world evangelism and the Grand Sanctuary. Just as the Lord's disciples confirmed the Word with signs that followed them, Dr. Lee performed God's powerful works and the church continually grew over time.

In 1990s, the church was selected as one of the "World's Top 50 Churches" by the *Christian World* magazine of USA. Since the beginning of this third millennium AD, Dr. Lee has conducted overseas crusades that attracted from hundreds of thousands to millions of people in many countries such as USA, Pakistan, India, Russia, and Germany. In particular, the gospel returned to Israel when he conducted 2009 Israel United Crusade where he proclaimed that Jesus is our only Savior. (Relevant article is on page 4)

The 30-year history of Manmin is marked by obedience and love, which makes the members become filled with thanks. A lot of members who have endeavored to resemble the Lord have stood on the rock of faith or come into spirit or whole spirit by making their souls prosper. They are diligently taking New Jerusalem, that is the most glorious dwelling place in Heaven, 'by force.'

In addition, GCN TV has extended its coverage through GCN TV's globalization and now covers 176 countries. The church has spread the holiness gospel with several affiliated organizations such as Urim Books (www.urimbooks.com), MIS (Manmin International Seminary), and WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network).

The 5th Sanctua

Manmin Central Church will continue to lead innumerable souls to the way of salvation and extend the kingdom of God with God's great and amazing power that changes the heart of men at this end time that is filled with sin and evil. Moreover, the church will build the Canaan Sanctuary that is a start of the Grand Sanctuary through God-given blessing and fulfill His providence at this end time. We give all thanks and glory to God who has been with us with abundant fruit.



# **Early Church**

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47).

Since the Lord ascended into Heaven, the gospel has been preached in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and the remotest part of the earth and a vast number of churches have been established. Among the churches, what kind of churches has done the ministry that was the most appropriate in the will of the Lord?

It was the early church that was founded by disciples and apostles who witnessed the Lord's resurrection and ascension firsthand and received the Holy Spirit and the power as the Lord had spoken. The church experienced explosive growth and revival even under severe persecutions. Moreover, it laid a foundation to evangelize the whole world as well as all Judea and Samaria.

From its opening until today, Manmin Central Church took after the Early Church and dedicated itself to the national and the world evangelism. By doing so, it has become a church that leads all people of all nations to the way of salvation together with around 10,000 branch and associative churches. So, let's delve into the characteristics of a church God wants and learn a bit about the early church.

#### 1. It is the church where many wonders and miraculous signs take place.

Acts 2:43 says, "Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles." Here, 'wonders and signs' are phenomena that cannot be performed with human abilities, but can take place only by the power of the Almighty God.

For example, it is causing it to rain in the midst of a long-lasting drought. It is the changing of the course of typhoons and hurricanes-and even causing them to disappear. The healing works that cannot

be performed with human ability: like reviving the dead, allowing for the blind to see and the deaf to hear, and causing the lame to walk, can be said to be examples of such 'wonders and signs.'

When many signs and wonders take place, unbelievers and those with small faith are more likely to meet the living God and possess spiritual faith. Today, especially, when science is developed and sin and lawlessness are rampant, we are in desperate need of signs and wonders (John 4:48).

Why, then, did many signs and wonders take place in the times of the early church? At the time, believers always lived lives filled with the Holy Spirit. They tried their best to follow the Lord's teachings taught by the apostles so that the great works of the Holy Spirit could occur. Additionally, at that time the apostles also personally ministered to the church.

Here 'the apostles' refer to those who have no will of their own, but serve and obey the Master with all their hearts. So, the apostles of the Lord cast off all forms of evil, became completely sanctified, accomplished the heart of the Lord, and fully performed the will of God like the Lord. They gained the recognition and love of God. They received the power from above and performed miraculous works.

If pastors are qualified like these apostles even today, amazing works accompany them the way they happened in the early church. Since the church also experienced God's power, the faith of the members was able to grow up day by day. There were even members who performed with the power of God, like the deacons Stephen and Philip.

2. The church that had all things in common and shared all properties

#### Beautiful Story of 'Manmin'

"From the Very Beginning of the Church, Amazing **Power of God Took Place''** 



I attended a church in the countryside. After receiving the Spirit, I enjoyed going to church. When I gave my one and only gold ring to God, I asked Him in prayer to let me possess the faith that never changes, the faith like pure gold. Then God allowed me to have unchanging faith and helped me unchangingly preach the gospel to people.

The most precious fruit is my youngest brother. He is Dr. Jaerock Lee who is Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church. When he awaited death with no hope due to various kinds of diseases, I came to Seoul to lead him to a church. I made up an excuse of my bad sense of direction and asked him to guide me to a meeting led by Sr. Deaconess Shinae Hyun. I believed absolutely that God would heal my brother. At that time, my brother was very sick, but he couldn't turn me down and he went there together with me. Due to the atmosphere of the prayer meeting, my brother knelt down without thinking. At that very moment he was healed of all his diseases by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

Afterwards, he was called by God as a pastor. He opened Manmin Central Church in 1982. Now it is

At the age of 21, I was diagnosed with stage 3 tuberculosis and told that I would die soon. In January 1983, I was carried on my mother's back to Manmin Central Church's Friday All-night Service. My grandmother, who lived near the church, led me to the church after seeing God's great work unfold in the church. I was amazed watching people being carried into the sanctuary on a stretcher and going out of the sanctuary on their own.

I couldn't deny the fact that God is alive when I saw people healed of various kinds of diseases by the prayer of Pastor Jaerock Lee. Afterwards, I prepared myself for healing by giving three-day fasting and attended the prayer meeting. I thoroughly repented that I had been abusive towards my brother on account of his going to church and ignored those who preached the gospel.

Then, I received Pastor Lee's prayer. After the prayer,

celebrating its 30th anniversary of the opening. In the grace of God his church has become a mega-sized church that has approximately 10,000 branch and associative churches.

In August, 1982, I came to Manmin Central Church, and since then I have prayed every day in the church. At that time, there were only six prayer devotees, but now the number of prayer devotees is more than 170. They pray for the church, the shepherd, our country, and the world evangelization every day.

When the church was opened, God gave us the vision for the North Korean ministry. He told us that some of us would go to North Korea and do His ministry when North Korea opens its door to other countries. And He also said to us that one of my children would fulfill it. I am just thankful to God thinking of my child who would go the way the apostle Paul walked for God's providence of salvation and for many souls that were bought with the price of the Lord's blood.

I give love and thanks to the Lord who blesses our church and our family to fulfill God's good will.

I stopped coughing blood, coughing, and feeling pain in my chest. I quickly recovered my health and gained 44 pounds (around 20kg). I obtained new life by the grace of God and became a pastor.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee trained pastors and helped the poor in faith with a vision for national and the world evangelism even when the church didn't have enough finances. Our church still has a Relief Committee and helps more than 1,000 households including those of children with no parent, elderly people with no one to rely on, and sick people by providing them with money, food, and other necessities. The church also helps students in poverty pay tuition fees for education.

The signs, wonders, and powerful works that became greater have given me confidence and assurance as a pastor. I give all thanks and glory to God who blesses me to lead a life as a witness of the Lord.

## "Manmin Is a Beautiful **Church that Accomplishes** God's Good Will"

Jungsoon ∟ee (Prayer Devotee's Association)



#### and possessions

Acts 2:44-45 says, "And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need." This proves how abundant spiritual love was in early church.

Because they were all brothers and sisters in the blood of Christ they didn't say, "This is mine! That's yours!" They practiced the love of the Lord in deeds and in truth. Among them were people who witnessed the resurrected Lord. So their hearts were burning only with the hope for Heaven. They had no greed to store up properties on earth. They sold their possessions, shared them with the poor, and had all things in common.

Today materialism and selfishness are rampant in the world. It is not easy to find such believers as lived in early church days. But if you have true brotherhood in faith and throw away greed for properties, you can do it. Through the deeds of loving your neighbors as yourselves, you can spread the fragrance and light of the Christ. Through seeing your deeds, many souls can return to the Lord.

"Sharing properties and possessions with one another and having all things in common" doesn't mean only in finances. They also shared their hearts with each other. In the same way, you should not

insist on your opinions but respect those of others. Then, no conflict and no argument happen. If we keep peace in all aspects, share all things with one another, and take care of others with loving care, then we also can make our church beautiful in the sight of God.

#### 3. The church where the members gathered in the temple of God every day

Verse 46 says, "Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart." "Breaking bread" doesn't mean they gathered to eat bread for food. It spiritually means that they gathered, and heard, learned and made the word of God their spiritual bread.

The members of the early church diligently heard and learned the Word of God according to the teachings of the apostles. They dedicated themselves to praying in one mind to practice the Word taught. That's why they gathered in the temple of God day by day. Since they dedicated themselves to gather in the church like this and prayed, they received the power from above and they could live by the Word of God. They were also blessed on this earth and piled up heavenly rewards by evangelizing people and working faithfully.

Today, many churches do not gather in the temple. Some churches even do not have sunrise services. Hebrews 10:24-25 reads, "... let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Churches have to devote themselves to 'gather in the temple' and pray with one mind. When churches continue to gather and pray, they can become churches filled with grace and truth in the powerful works of the Holy Spirit.

#### 4. The church where the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved

Acts 2:47 says, "...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." They could praise God, rejoice, and give thanks to Him with full of hope for Heaven.

When you give out the fragrance of Christ, people will confess, "Oh! That person is a real Christian. I want to go to church and believe like he does!" It will be glory to God and He will lead many souls to your church. In the same way, when your church completely follows and

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

does the will of God, He will be pleased, provide blessings and bring great revival.

Dear brothers and sister, Psalm 37:4 reads, "Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart." When we believe in God's Word, obey Him, and please Him, not only the church as a whole, but also we as individuals, will receive blessings of souls' prosperity, good health, finance, and family. We can receive whatever we ask for.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will give glory to God with the power of the Holy Spirit and lead many souls to the way of salvation like the early church did.



### "Manmin is the Fruit of Faith, Obedience, and Love"

**Elder Boaz Lee** (Chairman of Sanctuary Construction Committee)

In August, 1982, I was guided to Manmin Central Church's Friday All-night Service by Sr. Deaconess Gumseon Vin who is my wife. To my surprise, afterwards I came to believe in all Words in the Bible. Since I realized the importance of prayer in a Christian life, I've never stopped praying.

God gave me some duties: member of Finance Division and chairman of Sanctuary Construction Committee. I found myself hard to deal with the church finance, but I just committed it to God in prayer. It was only faith that enabled us to relocate our sanctuary. God allowed us to move when the church members fully filled the sanctuary in the Wednesday Service as well as Sunday Services and Friday All-night Service. The number of members grew so fast that we didn't have enough time to construct the huge sanctuary on our own.

Pastor Jaerock Lee always showed the example of faith

whenever we moved. God was pleased with his faith and guaranteed it. Seeing the works of God unfold, the workers in Finance Division and I could grow up in faith.

God gave Manmin the duty to build the Grand Sanctuary when the church was planted. God showed its roof, interior, 96 marble pillars, and the cross-shaped image on the ceiling. Its aerial view appears on our church weekly bulletin.

Now all of Manmin members are being united as one all the more to construct the Canaan Sanctuary and the Grand Sanctuary that glorify God on this earth. I am overwhelmed with joy thinking of the day when God's children who resemble the Lord will praise Him in the sanctuary filled with His glory. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who achieve all these things only with obedience.

Surprise! Aurora light images that remind us of the beauty of Heaven \_ The church members took them in Leadership Seminar held in the early July.

#### The Confession of Faith

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

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that 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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#### Dr. Jaerock Lee started the 777-day Israeli ministry

On July 25, 1982, God set up Manmin Central Church and gave the church vision for the national and world evangelization and the construction of the Grand Sanctuary. He said that the church would 'awaken' Israelis when the Lord's coming is drawing near.

Finally, God allowed for the first meeting to be held in Nazareth where Jesus grew up on July 25, 2007 that was the 25th Anniversary of the Church Opening. From then on during his 12 visits, he preached the gospel following the Lord's footsteps from Northern to Southern Israel for three years.

His visits made the local Israeli pastors realize the love and providence of God towards Israel in the fiery works of the Holy Spirit. As a result, they became one in mind about the Israeli churches' growth, and in the unity of pastors they organized Israeli Pastors' Association named 'Crystal Forum'. As the Israeli Christian community gained its momentum, Dr. Lee started to preach the gospel to the orthodox Jews in earnest and tried hard to fulfill God's providence written in the Bible.

#### 2009 Israel United Crusade held in International Convention Center in Jerusalem



From September 6 to 7 in 2009, Dr. Jaerock Lee's 2009 Israel United Crusade was conducted in International Convention Center (ICC) in Jerusalem which is the capital city of Israel as well. It was hosted by the Crystal Forum. The crusade was held under the theme of "God Is Great" and attended by local people and a large number of people from 36 countries. The event became a historic moment.

Dr. Lee delivered the message on "God the Creator" and "Why Is Jesus Our Only Savior?" His words were confirmed with signs that followed. By his prayer for the sick, numerous people were healed. They stood in lengthy lines on stage to give glory to God with their healing testimonies.

The crusade was interpreted into eight languages and

live-broadcast through GCN TV, Enlace, CNL, TBN Russia, and Digital Congo. Furthermore, it was broadcast via public broadcasters, cable TV networks, and satellite TV such as Day Star, Miracle TV, Heaven TV 7. Through all of them, the crusade was broadcast to around 220 countries. As a result, the crusade was perceived as an unprecedented historic event in Christian history.

Downpour in Israel that followed by the prayer of power during the United Crusade



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Dr. Jaerock Lee's Israel United Crusade 2009

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In 2009 Israel was suffering from extreme shortage of water due to a long period of drought. At the Israel United Crusade, Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed that it would rain. Pastor Daniel Rozen, president of Crystal Forum said, "On Tuesday, which was the next day of the crusade, I heard on TV news program that it was raining in the central part of Israel. It hardly ever rains in Israel in September. But there was heavy rainfall when I was on the way to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem a week after the crusade. It happened just as Dr. Lee had prayed. This is a proof of God's being with us."

The weather report announced by Israeli Meteorological Administration said the amount of rainfall in this period was much more than the average amount of the period of other previous years. *The Jerusalem Post*, which is Israeli major literary media, covered the story with the headline of "Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee of Manmin Central Church of Korea prayed for it to rain in Israel." And *In Victory* that is the major Christian portal site in Russian speaking countries also talked about it in the article entitled "Korean Pastor Prays for Rain."

## Messianic Jews are preaching the gospel in the works of the Holy Spirit

Since the Israel United Crusade, the number of pastors who belong to Crystal Forum has been increasing over time and the local churches are being revived. They also have conducted a special crusade every year, commemorating '2009 Dr. Jaerock Lee's Israel United Crusade'. In fact, Messianic Jews had been neglected and ostracized by the society just because they accepted Jesus Christ, but through these events, they have become full of energy and have taken the lead in spreading the gospel.

In particular, a few Israeli pastors have led many miracle healing meetings with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed, not only in Israel but in many countries including USA, Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Estonia, and Finland as well (Acts 19:11-12).

In addition, Dr. Lee's books available in multiple languages such as Awaken, Israel, The Message of the Cross, The Measure of Faith, Tasting Eternal Life before Death, and Heaven I&II are available in Israel and gaining in popularity. And, the courses of MIS (Manmin International Seminary) are open, which help the spiritual growth of Israeli pastors and believers.

Currently, people in Israel can watch Dr. Lee's sermon programs and receive his prayer for the sick via TBN Russia, CNL TV, Holy God TV, and Rodnoy Israel TV.



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