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“A neighbor in need is a friend indeed”

Love, service overflow in Manmin Central Church

“For the entire 70 years of my life, I have lived in anxiety and worries due to absence of the knowledge of God, but I was guided to this church and learned about the living God. I am now enjoying a peaceful life with hope for Heaven. The center president is taking care of us as if we were his own parents,” said Inhyung Kang, aged 78, who resides in Manmin Welfare Center and he expressed his grateful heart with a cheerful look.

On April 25, 2013, Manmin Welfare Center, the welfare facility for the aged had its 17th anniversary service. Pastor Dongcho Shin, assistant pastor of Manmin Central Church preached the message under the title of “Heavenly Citizenship” taken from Philippians 3:20. He said, “We should be an imitator of Jesus who set an example of sharing with the greatest love, and offer others what they need, and serve them. I hope the center will be the place of blessing that makes you share the Lord’s love and possess heavenly citizenship.”

Serem Korean Traditional Music Team, Passion Chorus, and Senior Deaconess Jinhee Kim of Performing Arts



Manmin Central Church's Performing Arts Committee, Hairdressers' Mission, WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network), Women's Mission, and other organizations have visited Manmin Welfare Center for the last 17 years and had a grace-filled time with a prayerful heart for good health of the seniors in the center and to give them hope for Heaven.

Committee of Manmin Central Church offered celebration performances and made the elderly happy.

Mr. Changseop Han President of Hangil, a social welfare organization gave a

congratulatory message and said, “Pastor Shin’s message was so wonderful that it gave me the desire to obtain heavenly citizenship and the performance was excellent.”

Elder Byungyong Han,

president of Manmin Welfare Center said he grasped the love of the Lord through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who had allowed him to work as a church bus driver and arranged a place to stay when he had

gone bankrupt in a former business. Then, he made up his mind to devote his remaining life to helping the poor, the neglected, and the pitiful and now he is serving them. He confessed he could feel the boundless love of the Lord seeing them happy.

In addition to all this, Manmin’s Charity Committee provides for the elderly who are living alone, children heads-of-the-family, and other members in need with a supplementary living allowance, rice, side dishes, and necessities on a monthly basis. Also, it offers scholarships to students every quarter.

The Condolence Committee provides supportive ministry to the families of deceased members during the funeral process. The Hairdressers’ Mission volunteers service to the elderly in Manmin Welfare Center and Rainbow Rising Town every month.

The Rehabilitation Mission has regular worship services and events for prison inmates. The church also shares the Lord’s love by organizing the Deaf-mute Mission, Lord’s Love Mission of North Korean Refugees, and the Military Mission.



The Devotional Service of Young Adults’ Mission in Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church, Kenya

On April 28, 2013, Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya, Africa offered up Young Adults’ Mission’s Devotional Service during the Sunday Evening Service. After the devotees’ special performance, Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong preached under the title of “The Most Precious Thing to Me” based on Philippians 3:8. He urged devotees and the members to become filled with the love of God in order to preach the gospel to countless dying souls at this end time just like Apostle Paul laid down his own life to spread the gospel with a thankful heart for the grace of the Lord. All church members had prepared for the service with all their hearts by giving fasting and prayer.

Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books *Heaven I & II* and *Hell* in active circulation abroad

Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books *Heaven I & II* and *Hell* were published in Korean in 2002, which has been followed by the publication in English, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, and other major languages. They are now available on *Amazon.com*, *New & Best Book Store* in Ukraine, *Hermon Bookstore* in Singapore, and *OM Books* in India.

Creation House in USA, *Andi Publisher* in Indonesia, *Word of Christ* in India, *Grace Publishing House* in Taiwan, and *Manmin Publisher* in Malaysia have published and the books are now in circulation in the local areas. Recently, *Cornelius* which is a German publisher in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, published Dr. Lee’s book *Heaven I* in German and now it is available on *Amazon.de*.

The books have also been produced in an e-book form and available on *iBookstore* and *Amazon.com*. Through them, the vivid message on Heaven and Hell is spread via various tech gadgets such as iPad, iPhone, and Kindle e-readers.

News in Photograph

Chennai Manmin Church was invited to Industrial Employee Prayer Fellowship Event



On May 1, 2013, Industrial Employee Prayer Fellowship (IEPF) of Chennai had its 29th Anniversary Service and Chennai Manmin Church was invited. Pastor Joseph J. Han, ministering to Chennai Manmin Church gave representative prayer and the church’s children’s dance team gave glory to God with a beautiful performance.

Goodness (14)

Abraham's Goodness (2)

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten so it was he to whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your descendants shall be called.’ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type” (Hebrews 11:17-19).

Even though people learn the Word of God at the same place, the obedience exhibited from person to person is different. Some obey immediately, some others sense being coerced to obey, and still others don't obey at all.

Then, what kind of deeds of obedience did Abraham, the forefather of faith, show that pleased God? No matter what God commanded him to do, he never followed his own thoughts but obeyed God immediately. He unchangingly trusted God and God's promise of blessing without any doubt, even when the situation seemed to go in a way that was unexpected.

Abraham has goodness in his heart and his trust in God was genuine. Why did God acknowledge Abraham as a man of goodness and bless him to become the ‘forefather of faith’, ‘fountain of blessing’, and ‘friend of God’?

1. Abraham's unconditional obedience to the Word of God

Abraham did not follow his own thought but promptly obeyed the Word of God even when he could not understand why God spoke what He did to him.

In Genesis 12:1, when God told him, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you,” he obeyed straight away. He left his own country, his relatives, and his father's household. It is not easy to obey such command with fleshly thoughts. His obedient deeds continued from the first trial of leaving his own country until he passed the last trial, giving up his only son Isaac as a burnt offering.

In Genesis chapter 22, God told him to offer his only son that he gained at his age of 100, as a burnt offering. “God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you’” (Genesis 22:1-2).

Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. To obey fully and completely he did not talk about it with his wife.

This obedience of Abraham was conducted at a much higher level of obedience than when God told him to leave his own country. When he was told to leave the country, he obeyed unconditionally without perfect understanding of the will of God. When God commanded him to offer his only son as a burnt offering, however, he understood God's heart well enough and obeyed. Abraham believed that when he obeyed God and gave him as a burnt offering God



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

would raise him from the dead. And God delighted in his faith and pre-prepared the lamb for the burnt offering.

Let's check our obedience. In the Bible, God emphasizes many times we should pray all the time without ceasing. However, many people do not pray on a regular basis although they have lived a Christian life for long. They do not obey the Word of God instantly with every kind of excuse. No matter how difficult it looks, once you obey the Word of God, God will change that situation.

If we prioritize prayer to God to obey God's Word, no matter how busy we are, God will enable us to achieve our work in a shorter time and much more successfully than expected.

All the commands of God including the command on prayer make us prosperous in everything. Obeying His commands leads to blessing for us, but many people do not obey though they say they believe in God. And they think, ‘Why haven't I received blessing?’

No matter what God says, it is a blessing to obey unconditionally and on the spot whether it is agreeable with our thought or not. Only when we demonstrate faith accompanied by deeds can we comprehend the heart and will of God. Furthermore, we will be able to become a man of faith who can obey something that men cannot obey with their thoughts.

2. Abraham's steadfast belief in God's promise to the last

Some children pressure their parents saying, “When will you give me what you promised?” They press their parents to give it as soon as possible. They even complain or groan to their parents if they do not get it at the expected time. On the contrary, a good child waits calmly with trust in his parents. When he knows the poor situation in household, he tries

to comfort his parents by saying he does not need it right now and they take more time in preparing for it.

Some of our parents may not keep their promise because they are not able enough to keep it. However, our heavenly Father is the almighty God and can do anything. If God promises us to give something, it will surely be given, so you only have to wait for it with faith.

When His blessing seems to come later than we expect, we must not doubt His promise but measure God's will and wait for His answer with joy and thanks. Then, how good God will deem you to be!

When Abram (later called Abraham) left Haran he was 75 years old and Sarai (Sarah) was 65 years. They had no child. Then, God promised Abram to make him a great nation through his descendants. In the passing of 1, 2, 3, and 10 years, his wife still had no child. She could not endure anymore and let his husband, Abram, beget a son through her maidservant Hagar.

When Abraham turned 99, God finally promised him that his wife would give birth to a son after a year. At that time it was impossible for the two to have a baby due to their age. But Abraham did not waver in unbelief with respect to the promise of God (Romans 4:19-21). At the age of 100 he eventually begot a son, Isaac. And through Isaac, Jacob was born and through Jacob the twelve tribes of Israel were formed. In a spiritual manner, Abraham became the father of faith and gained his countless offspring of faith.

Many people are joyous when they receive the promise of God, but doubt His promise and let their heart become confused not long after. But God says in Numbers 23:19, “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” To place your faith in God's promise until the end, it is goodness.

Let's check how great the faith that we have had is regarding the God-given words of blessing and how well we have kept them in our hearts. We should hope to enter into spirit and whole spirit by faith as well as long for the glory and blessing to be given. When you have found your flesh and evils within you, do you get discouraged and lose heart?

If you doubt that you can enter spirit with this heart and level of faith and give up in frustration, you should realize the difference between your faith and Abraham's. By believing in the promise of God, receiving it with faith, and praying fervently, you can be filled with the Spirit and see everything with faith. Then, you can get the answers from God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Abraham was recognized as a fountain of blessing and called a friend of God. I hope you will follow the example of Abraham, show perfect faith and obedience, and enjoy blessings as God's children. I pray in the name of the Lord you dwell close to the throne of God for ever by understanding the deep heart of God.

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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Honoring one's parents with true heart

風樹之嘆 the Chinese proverb means that a tree wants to remain calm and still but wind continually blows. It really means that when one comes to understand his parents' hearts and try to honor them they have already passed away. Our parents gave birth to us and raised us. We would not exist without them. Then, what is the blessing given to those who honor their parents?

Ruth was a Gentile from the land of Moab. If we look at her physical circumstances, we would say that she was having a tough life. She married a Jewish man who had left Israel to avoid a famine. But not long after they were married, he passed away and left her without any children.

Her father-in-law had already passed away, and there was no man in the house to support the family. The only other people left in her household were her mother-in-law, Naomi, and her sister-in-law, Orpah. When her mother-in-law, Naomi decided to return to Judah and send her daughters-in-law to their own home, Ruth quickly chose to follow her.

Orpah went back to her home but Ruth wanted to care for her widowed mother-in-law to the end. Because she loved her mother-in-law, she wanted to fulfill all her duties as a daughter-in-law. To do this, she was even willing to give up the chance of finding a new, happier life for herself. Ruth had also come to have faith in the God of Israel through her mother-in-law. We can see her touching confession in Ruth 1:16-17.

“Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me.”

When God watched her deeds, even though Ruth was a Gentile, He blessed her and made her life prosperous. According to the Jewish custom, she could remarry one of her deceased husband's kinsman, and was able to start a new, happy life with a kind husband and live the rest of her life with her mother-in-law, whom she loved. On top of that, she gave birth to a child named Obed, grandson of King David, and thus her name is in the genealogy of the Savior Jesus.

Exodus 20:12 reads, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.” This verse doesn't simply mean that you will live a long life if you honor your parents. It means that as much as you honor God and honor your parents in His truth, He will respectively bless you with prosperity and protection in all areas of your life. “Living long” means that God will bless you, your family, your workplace or business from every kind of disasters so that your life will be long and thriving. It was Ruth who received such blessing.

 To “Honor your father and your mother” means to obey the will of your parents, and to serve them with sincere respect and courtesy. God gives us this commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” because as He mentions in Ephesians 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” He wants us to honor our parents according to His word.

If you happen to disobey God's Word in order to please your parents, then this is not truly honoring your parents. For example, if you're about to go to church on Sunday and your parents say, “Don't go to church today. Let's have some family time,” then what should you do? If you obey your parents in order to please them, it's not really honoring them. It's violating the Sabbath day and going towards eternal death together with your parents. Even if you obey them and are in the service of them well in the flesh, since this is, spiritually, the way to eternal Hell, how can you say you truly love your parents?

In 2 Chronicles 15:16, it says, “He also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the position of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah, and Asa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.” If the queen of one nation worships idols, she is being hostile toward God and walking toward eternal condemnation. Not only that, she is also endangering her subjects and the people of the nation by making them commit acts of idol worship and fall into the same eternal condemnation with her.

That is why, even though Maacah was his mother, Asa didn't try to please her by obeying her, but instead he deposed her from her position as queen mother so that she could repent of her wrongdoing before God and the people could wake up and do the same. But King Asa's deposal of his mother from her position as queen mother didn't mean he stopped fulfilling his duty as her son. As much as he loved her spirit, he continued to respect and honor her as his mother.

 In order to say, “I truly honor my parents,” we must help unbelieving parents to receive salvation and go to Heaven. If our parents are already believers, we must help them to enter into a better dwelling place of Heaven. At the same time, we should also try to serve and please them as much as we can within God's truth, while living here on earth.

Haven't you felt annoyed or talked and acted to your parents in a rude way because you thought their words do not make sense? Of course, conflicts in ideas could occur due to generation gap, education disparity, and each one's way of thinking. But we have to respect our parents' opinion even if it does not agree with our thoughts and opinions. Even if we are right, we should follow theirs if it does not go against the truth. Some people say they find it difficult for them to honor their parents because their parents had done nothing for them. But, it is still a fundamental duty of man to honor parents who gave birth to them.

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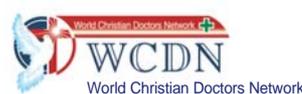
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“Thank You, Lord for healing a sick body and a wounded heart”

Deaconess Amaraa Tserendorj (Mongolia Manmin Church)

Since I was five, I lived with a stepfather. He favored other siblings over me and got drunk all the time. He hurled abuses at my mother and acted violently. I was raised in such family background, so I did not learn how to give love or receive love from others. I did not want to show my weakness to others and my feelings were often hurt. Over time I became self-assertive since I had no one to rely on.

In 1992, I went to church to have peace in mind. But my heart was wounded by the church members since I did not know the truth at that time. And I ended up distancing myself from the Lord. In the meantime, the symptoms of kidney infection and cystitis, which I had had since I was young, became severe. I found it difficult to urinate and the urine was mixed with blood. Additionally, I had a serious backache so I couldn't walk well and I spent much time lying down. In 1996, I even came down with hepatitis B. I was later married, had children, and lived a diligent life, but I suffered due to discord with my husband.

I studied English in National University of Mongolia and became an English teacher in 1998. In 2011, I returned to the arms of the Lord by others' guidance. I offered up Sunday services with foreign missionaries in the Mongolian traditional tent, gers, on Sunday and ran an English academy to teach English to the poor.

In June 2012, I was invited to a church and taught the members English. Pastor Arionchak gave me a Mongolian edition of *Manmin News*. Reading it, I visited Mongolia Manmin Church ministered to by Missionary Botzorig Purub. Right at the moment, the church members were giving Sunday Morning Service with Manmin Central Church via internet live-broadcasting.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee explained about sins



we must cast off in order to stand on the rock of faith. It was very understandable and he taught truths with simple instances. I was very touched by his message. Coming to the knowledge of God's will, my spirit was renewed with joy and fullness of the Spirit.

Not long after, Mongolia Manmin Church had Summer Retreat. Missionary Botzorig Purub preached the Message of the Cross. Listening to the message, I was able to learn the reason why Jesus had come to the earth as the Savior and been crucified and the meaning of it. It was a blessed time to set up a new foundation of my faith.

I even experienced signs God performed in Camp Fire Worship & Praise. At the night, the sky was covered with clouds. But when the participants shouted out with faith, "God! Show us stars please!", the clouds disappeared and countless stars came to our sight. Moreover, I saw moving stars which made me feel more realistic about the incident where three magi from the east followed stars that led them to Jesus' birth place.

After having such experiences, I came to believe that I could be healed of all my diseases. I prayed to the almighty God, worshipped in spirit and truth, and with faith received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick after his preaching. As a result, I was healed of hepatitis B that had troubled me for 17 years and chronic kidney infection and cystitis. Hallelujah!

My brother who is a doctor and my relatives came to recognize God by seeing me become healthy and attend church. Also, from December 2012, I was blessed to translate *Manmin News* into Mongolian language and do the editing work of the Mongolian translation of Dr. Lee's book *The Measure of Faith*. I have been happy getting to know the will of God while working on translations. All thanks and glory be to God who has given me true happiness.

“I repented of my lukewarm faith and recovered my first love”



Sister Maria Chung
(1st Young Adults' Mission)

A great change was brought to my Christian life when I was a 12th grader. It happened when Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee led the Mini Divine Healing Crusade for students after Sunday Evening Services.

He lamented that many students were getting stained with sin and evil in the world. He told us not to commit sins and emphasized the existence of Heaven and Hell. And he urged us to love God and become sanctified. He earnestly delivered the love of God and the Lord, and he planted hope for Heaven in our hearts.

Moreover, he unsparingly supported students in need with financial assistance so that they could pay for tuition fees or buy textbooks or notebooks and other necessities. We students felt his love profoundly and started to be changed.

Since I had a dream of serving the Lord as a Korean musical instrument player and I was preparing to enter Korean traditional music department in college, I, with embarrassment, also asked for the haegeum which is a traditional Korean string instrument, resembling a fiddle. Dr. Lee was willing to pay for it. Then, I studied earnestly to repay his grace and I was accepted by the Department of Korean Traditional

Music in Yongin University.

In February, 2012, odd symptoms started to appear in my health. I started to cough a lot and even coughed blood. My medical check revealed that I had tuberculosis. In astonishment, I thoroughly looked back upon my past life and repented. I realized I had had lukewarm faith, had not loved God with fervor, and had kept the attachment to the worldly things. I prayed in Daniel Prayer Meeting every night repenting that I had loved the world more than God the Father, I had not loved my family, and I sometimes had not given thanks.

Afterwards, I came to feel the deep love of God and longed for spiritual things all the more. I shed a lot of tears. Then, I stopped coughing and vomiting blood. And I came to eat well. After I received Dr. Lee's prayer tuberculosis bacillus were no longer detected and I fully recovered. Hallelujah!

I had discovered my shortcomings in heart and thought about things that I had not taken seriously. I also experienced the love of the Lord who was crucified for me. I give thanks to Dr. Lee who prayed for me with power.