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“What Will Happen in the 2013 Summer Retreat?”

‘Manmin Summer Retreat Overflowing with the Biblical Miracles’ Is Coming Up!



Seven years after the Manmin Churchwide Summer Retreat held in August 2006 with Dr. Jaerock Lee, the international Manmin Churchwide Summer Retreat will be held again in Deogyusan Resort in Muju from August 5th to 8th in 2013. With participants from 24 countries, the Summer Retreat will be overflowing with spiritual power, God-pleasing praises, and answers and blessings through the power of the shepherd who issues forth the original voice.

Manmin Summer Retreat is an annual event of Manmin, that is a field study in experiencing the works of the living God.

Even before the first summer retreat in August 1983, God’s amazing work unfolded. The localized torrential rains poured upon Seoul and Gyeonggi Province including the first retreat venue—Daebu Island in Incheon the previous day. Chances seemed slim that the downpours accompanied by loud thunder storms and lightning would stop even at dawn of the day of the departure.

At that time, Pastor Jaerock Lee was praying together in the sanctuary with Manmin members who had prepared for the retreat with fasting, prayer and longing hearts for the past two months. Then, he said to them, “Go down to the first floor with your baggage, please. The rain will stop at the moment we take a step on the ground outside.”

God was pleased with their deeds of faith, and He worked on them. At the very moment they opened the gates in the lobby and took a step on the ground, the torrential downpours immediately turned into a misty spray of water and then totally stopped. They experienced a biblical miracle—when the priests who had carried the ark of the LORD came to the Jordan and their feet touched the edge of the River, the waters, which were flowing from up-river, stood still and they crossed on dry land (Ref:

Joshua chapter 3).

Another of God’s works happened during Light and Salt Mission’s Summer Retreat at Ulleung Island in July of 1986. On the day they were to come back to Seoul, a typhoon watch was in effect for the island. The sea’s waves surged so wildly that no boat or ship left the harbor. The Light and Salt Mission members who worked for restaurants or department stores had to return to Seoul to go to work the following day. Pastor Jaerock Lee and the members found a small ship for cuttlefish fishing and decided to go to Dodong Harbor for a bigger ship.

The billowing waves were rushing towards the ship as though they would swallow the ship, but they did not even touch the sides of ship and went by parting on both sides of the ship. The large waves even pushed the ship so that they could arrive earlier than expected. As the ship docked, people were struck with amazement asking how they could have crossed the sea.

They experienced the space of God who protected them and came to have faith that nothing is impossible when the Lord is with them. Such wondrous and extraordinary incidents have continued every year.

A special event named ‘Watching Stars’ surprised Manmin members once again during the College Mission’s Summer Retreat in Pyeongchang,

Gangwon Province in 2001. The sky was entirely covered with clouds and it was a pitch-dark night such that nothing could be seen even at very close proximity. Lightning flashed and thunder crashed. In this situation, College Mission members asked Dr. Jaerock Lee to pray for the event. After the prayer, the young members looked up into the sky. As the sky cleared an amazing view came into their sight—countless stars embroidered the night sky, twinkling brightly.

Furthermore, innumerable swarms of dragonflies began to appear through the pathway of the spiritual realm in Muju, Jeonbuk Province in August, 2006. From that time on, the dragonflies have removed mosquitoes and harmful insects during every retreat, which caused the members to enjoy the happy moments more pleasantly. The dragonflies also landed on the members and gave joy to them.

2013 Manmin Summer Retreat is the 31st retreat. All this time there has been no accidents and all members have been safely protected during the retreats. July and August, when the church holds the retreats, are usually in the rainy season in Korea, so people suffer from flood or monsoonal damage. However, the Manmin’s retreat places have never suffered from them. It was not even so hot at the venue when heat wave warnings were

issued for all of South Korea.

The members have also witnessed clouds that appear and disappear, shooting stars, moving stars, and various kinds of rainbows through Dr. Lee’s prayer. Such wonders unfolded by the power of God allowed the members to increase their faith and engrave the love of God in their hearts.

Now, Manmin Summer Retreat has become an international event where people from all over the world long to participate. Many pastors and members from other countries are taking part in the retreat. In 2012, there were people from as many as 23 countries such as USA, Germany, Switzerland, France, Kenya, Faroe Islands, Singapore, Japan, the Philippines, and China.

Joy and happiness is added year by year in the Manmin Summer Retreats! The 2013 Manmin Summer Retreat will be held in Deogyusan Resort, Muju, Jeonbuk Province in early August, 2013 with the participants from 24 countries. All programs will be aired live via GCN TV (www.gcntv.org).

2013 Manmin Summer Retreat is featured with the Word of Life that cleanses the members’ hearts and helps them achieve the heart of whole spirit. The Camp Fire Worship & Praise event, where praises acceptable to God resound and the Great Grand Parish Match-Athletic Meet are key events.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’” (Matthew 16:15-16).

In Matthew chapter 16, Jesus asked His beloved disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” Then, Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

This was not just the words from his lips. It was a profession coming out from the depth of his heart. Seeing Jesus’ great and amazing power and hearing His messages, Peter believed in God who was with Jesus and in His authority. If you believe and accept Jesus Christ from your heart, you will live a life that will prove your faith with your actions. If you trust God as your Father, you will live a life of obeying the words of God.

Then, let’s look at three aspects of how we can also make true professions of faith that God can recognize like Peter did.

1. We should have deeds of faith

If we really believe that our duties are precious, our faith will never change, and we will store up the deeds of faith that we were showing the Father in the beginning. Also, as the time passed, we have been storing up deeds that are in greater depth.

Let’s think about what kind of prayer of thanksgiving we have offered to God when we were inaugurated or when we received our duties. At that time you must have had firm determination to ardently fulfill your duties. You also diligently did charitable works and did the work of evangelism. Even though nobody may have recognized you for the works, you did difficult or dirty jobs that other people didn’t want to do. You did it thinking of the Father God who was watching you. Your first thoughts were about how to accomplish the kingdom of God.

If we have true faith, that faith will be revealed in deeds expressed outwardly in our everyday lives. It will be the same even after many years. We will continually offer up prayers and participate in worship services with all our hearts.

Also, many people profess that their shepherd is the shepherd who is used greatly by God, that he is a shepherd who loves them and is leading them to New Jerusalem. If their profession of faith is true, this will also be revealed in deeds. Namely, their profession saying, “I will be strength to the shepherd, and I will be faithful with all my life...” will be revealed in equivalent action.

If they have true faith they will try to keep each message they heard in their minds and try to follow in obedience. When the church is having a hard time, they will also fast and pray and keep the church with the same heart of the shepherd. When I pray for those souls who committed sins, they will also mourn and pray for those souls who committed sins.

Those who truly loved Jesus did not leave Him even when He was receiving the sufferings of crucifixion. They knew they could be in harm’s way, but they had no fear of it. They stayed close to Jesus and together they shed tears of sorrow.

Romans 8:17 says, “...and if children, heirs also,



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” As written, if we are really workers for the church and the workers of the Lord who is the head of the church, we should be able to receive the sufferings together. That is, your profession of faith can be a true one only when you are able to show the deeds of faith in everything.

2. We have to be faithful

1 Corinthians 4:2 says, “...it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.” Faithfulness is not just doing what you are able to do. True faithfulness is to try to produce fruits in any work entrusted to you by God, even if you could not do it at all with your own ability. Of course you should do the things that you should do and you can do. But, you should also try to do even more than that.

Some of the workers might think, “I am fulfilling my duty. It is all I have to do,” or “As a worker, isn’t it enough to be where I’m supposed to be and when I’m supposed to be there?” Others may not try to improve their skills and tend to neglect even the prayers which are most basic.

The most important thing in faithfulness is to be faithful spiritually. The kind of faithfulness that God the Father accepts and is pleased with is the faithfulness accompanied with casting off evil and keeping the commandments of God.

We have learned many times that we must not commit the works of the flesh, that we should demolish fleshly thoughts, we should cast away evil from our hearts, and we should remove self-righteousness and self-framework. I hope you will check how deeply you have imprinted these words in your mind and how hard you have tried to follow them.

When realizing their shortcomings, many just repented for that moment and went back to their old way of life as time went. They just have conflicts with a number of people and have ill-feelings towards them, so peace has been broken.

Even if they toil and sweat without rest, if they still have an adulterous mind, selfish desires, greed, and

hatred in their hearts, their hard-work is only fleshly faithfulness. Unless they get rid of such evil in their hearts, that evil can surface in thoughts and actions under the right circumstances.

Some say they work hard for the Lord, but they show insubordination and try to solve the problems in fleshly ways when they reach their limitations. Others say they did not do anything so evidently evil. Such thoughts can lead them to a stoppage in the growth of faith. Therefore, we have to cast away even little sins and iniquities and replace them with goodness and love.

3. We must have love

If you really love God, you should be able to give your body to the flames if it is for God’s kingdom. Also, if you love the Lord just as the Lord gave His life for the souls, you should also be able to dedicate yourself for many souls.

Now, what kind of hearts and attitudes should the church leaders have when they interact with the members of the church? First, they should not give instructions or orders to the church members with the excuse that they are just doing it within ‘the rules and orders’ of the church. They must not immediately refuse the requests of the church members and justify their actions saying, “I’m sorry but of my responsibilities I cannot help you now, for I have work that has to be done. In order to seek the benefit of the whole church this is the way things should be done.”

It might have been that in principle they could not accept their requests. But if they treat the church members with love, they can comfort their minds and explain to them so they can understand. They should not treat the souls as they like according to their mood. They should consider each person as a precious member of the flock of the shepherd sent by God the Father and serve them as they would serve the Lord. Furthermore, they should show love to their co-workers as well.

If a mistake was made or one of their subordinates was at fault for something, they should ultimately accept the blame and responsibility. They should not try to avoid the responsibility saying it is the worker who made the mistake. Philippians 2:4 says, “...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” I hope you will have broad hearts, help each other and cooperate with each other to accomplish the kingdom of God with goodness and love.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God will work when you have deeds of true faith, faithfulness in hard-work, and love. The self-righteousness and frameworks that have not been destroyed for a long time can now be demolished, and the walls of sins can also be torn down.

In doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that, all of you will be able to make true professions of faith saying, “Father, Lord, I love You,” and “I truly believe.”

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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How are 'Whole Spirit' and 'Spirit' different?

Q 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV reads, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Even if they have learned that human being consists of spirit, soul, and body, many people do not know what the 'whole spirit' means. So, what is whole spirit and how are 'whole spirit' and 'spirit' distinguished from each other?

A 'Spirit' refers to things that are neither perishing nor are changed, instead, that are eternal, true, and the truth itself. As the first part of John 4:24 reads, "God is spirit", it is one of the characters of God the Creator. 'Flesh' is something that is opposite to spirit. It is perishing, filthy, and insubstantial. When we cast away sin, evil, and all fleshly attributes that are perishing and changeable we can recover the image of God who is spirit and become a 'man of spirit'.

If someone gets rid of all untruthfulness of heart and their souls prosper, they have achieved the heart of spirit. They accept only the truth, and their souls and bodies then obey their spirit. The spirit then becomes master of the soul and body. Thus, they can have only truthful thoughts and show the deeds of the truth. However, they still need to fill their hearts with the contents of spirit to perfectly recover the image of God.

To the extent that your heart is occupied by the constituents of spirit, your words and actions sound and look more virtuous and they even move others' hearts. In other words, when you fill your hearts with the spiritual contents 50 percent, 80 percent, and then finally 100 percent, the heart becomes the heart of whole spirit. Then, you can become perfectly spiritual men, that is, men of whole spirit.

Men of whole spirit have already borne abundant fruit of the truth fully and completely such as the fruit of spiritual love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13, the fruit of the Beatitudes in Matthew chapter 5, the nine fruits of the Spirit in Galatians chapter 5, and the fruit of the Light in Ephesians chapter 5. So, they can please God. Now, let's look into the difference between 'spirit' and 'whole spirit' with regards to obedience, answers, faithfulness, blessings of finance and those of health.

Obedience

Men of spirit obey God's commands out of their extreme love for God. But men of whole spirit not only obey His commandments with love completely, but they also carry them out by understanding the heart and will of God, which delights God.

For example, of two obedient children, one child just obeys his parents because he loves them. The other child tries to figure out his parents' intention and why his parents asked him to do something. The second child obeys but also does more than what he can do with his love. He may even be able to do things that his parents have not asked him to do but they want in advance and in the way they want it done.

Men of spirit obey in everything, but men of whole spirit obey more than enough by perceiving the heart and will of God embedded in His commands. All their thoughts and deeds are loved by God and please Him. God created men to gain such children; it is the reason for creation

Answers

1 John 3:21-22 says, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." Because men of spirit do not commit sins and keep God's commands, they can receive God's answer quickly. Also, they can manifest healing works when they pray for others (James 5:16).

Of course, men of whole spirit receive answers to whatever they ask for. Furthermore, they can receive answers even when they just harbor their hearts' desires. God the Almighty foreknows what they need and when they need it, so He prepares it beforehand and provides them with it at the best time.

When you come into whole spirit and pile up fiery prayer you can even manifest signs written in Mark 16:17-18 and the amazing power of God.

Faithfulness

Men of spirit work faithfully doing more than what they are supposed to do, so their faithfulness can be recognized as spiritual faith. With such faithfulness, men of whole spirit are faithful in all God's household. They fulfill all their God-given duties impeccably, even more than enough. In order to be faithful in all God's household, the fruits of the Holy Spirit must be borne 100 %.

Men of whole spirit cherish all God-given duties. It does not matter how important or insignificant they may seem in the sight of men, so they fulfill them with all their hearts, their will, and their dedication. Thus, they can work faithfully in all aspects though they have many duties and bear plenty of fruit.

This is because they have love that sacrifices their lives for the kingdom of God and souls' salvation. They can bring down God's works from above because they harbor all duties and pray for them with such earnest love.

Blessing of finance and health

A good measure of blessings will pour into your lap that is 'pressed down, shaken together, and running over', when we sow with faith and pray. Men of whole spirit reap with 60 times or 100 times while men of spirit reap with 30 times or 60 times. When we go into whole spirit, the authority of blessings and curses is given to us. Furthermore, when we become spiritual men, the blessings given to us will come upon people who are with us as well.

Men of spirit stop aging and they do not suffer from diseases or infirmities. They are always protected by the fiery walls of the Spirit, so diseases or illness cannot come into them. Even if they are sick, it will be burnt by the fire of the Spirit right away when they pray. Men of whole spirit even become younger and recover good health as well as they are not affected by diseases or weakness.

Of course, God sometimes allows for trials to men of whole spirit to extend His kingdom in His justice or reveal that the men are eligible to receive the great power of God.



“My son was healed of schizophrenia by the powerful prayer”

Deaconess Minako Iwao (Beppu Manmin Church, Japan)

Searching for a Spirit-filled church that would satisfy my spiritual thirst and give true rest, I was guided to Beppu Manmin Church by Sister Yoneko Yoshida. I was overjoyed seeing divine healing works manifested through the handkerchief that Pastor Isao Kato had. It was the handkerchief of power on which Dr. Jaerock Lee of Manmin Central Church, Seoul in Korea had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

I was assured of God's guidance and started to attend Beppu Manmin Church. In the sermons we listen to via GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) during services we were full of life and joy. The singing of the church choirs, performances of the Nissi Orchestra, and the performing teams were so wonderful that I was able to picture the beauty of Heaven.

I had been longing for a visit to the church and in October 2009 I finally paid a visit to Manmin Central Church in Korea. Offering up worship service in the main sanctuary itself amazed me. I felt

God's presence in the bright and clean sanctuary. The praises and dances delivered on the altar were of grace and fairness of Heaven. God even opened my spiritual eyes when I visited the Muan Sweet Water Site where salty sea water was changed into sweet drinkable water by Dr. Lee's prayer. I could see the heavenly landscape, varied lights that were embroidering in the sky, and golden lights.

My visit to Manmin was a series of experiencing the living God and the love of the Lord. Since then, I have visited Manmin Central Church every year, during which I was blessed to grow up in faith.

In October, 2011, I found that a certain problem caused me to be unable to inherit any fortune from my mother. But I miraculously inherited it after I received Dr. Lee's prayer. I also received his prayer for my second son to be set free from schizophrenia in October, 2012. He used to take medicine and go to hospital due to the illness, which later caused him to suffer from lethargy, insomnia, and depression.

I advised him to receive Dr. Lee's prayer and to be healed by relying on God with faith. He said "yes" with joy, and from then on he did not go to hospital and took no more medicine. The power of Dr. Lee's prayer was astounding as I had known. Not long after, his eyes changed and his face became bright. The symptoms of lethargy, insomnia, and depression were gone. Hallelujah!

By attending Beppu Manmin Church, I learned about the measure of faith, Heaven, Hell, and the Beatitudes through Dr. Lee's sermons, through which I came to understand God's heart and will. Furthermore, I gained true faith witnessing the powerful works that attest to the Bible's authenticity.

Today, I am earnestly evangelizing others with hope that I will go to the beautiful Heaven with them. I am preaching about the love of God the Father who blesses us with the life-filled message, answers, and blessing. I give all thanks and glory to God who is alive and leading our lives.

“I had to take blood thinners most of my entire life, but I am healthy without it”

Deacon Heekahp Lee (The 3rd Canaan Mission)



I was diagnosed with an acquired heart valve disease when I was a tenth grader in 1988. Then, I had surgery to implant two artificial valves. From that time on I had to rely on blood thinners that dissolve blood clots.

My doctor told me that without the thinners blood clots would form and they would block the passage ways for the flow of blood, which meant it could cause me to die. I depended on medications and the hospital for a long time. As the eldest son, I should have been the support for my family, but instead I became a burden and became a source of worry for my parents. I was so sorry and was so pained because of it. But God's grace came upon me. Deaconess Heeryung Lee, my younger sister evangelized me in November, 2011 and I came to attend Manmin Central Church. In the meantime, I experienced an incident that increased my faith.

In March, 2006, I had my wisdom tooth pulled

but bleeding did not stop. This was because I had taken the blood thinners for so long. It caused my blood not to form a clot and made my bleeding continuous. I kept swallowing blood for three days. At dawn of the third day, I finally went into unconsciousness. Pastor Jinyoung Jeong (Vice Parish Pastor at that time) rushed to me and prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). Right then, the bleeding stopped and the color was returning to my cheek.

It served as an opportunity for me to try hard to live according to the Word of God. I stopped taking the medicine in faith, deciding to rely only on God the Almighty. Since then, I have been leading a healthy life in Dr. Lee's prayer.

In August, 2006, I participated in Manmin Churchwide Summer Retreat held in Muju Resort in Jeonbuk Province. Senior Pastor Dr. Lee prayed for the sick after the seminar. Many members

were healed of their diseases and gave glory to God, which gave me faith. Also, I saw swarms of dragonflies and they ate up mosquitoes and moths. It was so cool in the venue even though the heat wave reached a peak nationwide.

One day, a member told me that God would give me better health if I did volunteer work for Him. I had desired to give and do something for the kingdom of God. So, his advice sounded so good.

Afterwards, I started to volunteer in Icheon Local Sanctuary in Gyeonggi Province. I helped district leaders and other leaders. Most people in the Local Sanctuary were the elderly so I had to do many things from running the studio, giving announcements, and serving meals. The number of my duties was increasing as time went by. I felt happier.

It is a great blessing for me to do something for the Lord and become a help to my church members. Hallelujah!



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