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Bear Witness to the Lord by the Spirit's Power

Manmin Central Church's 31st Anniversary of the Church Opening



On July 25th in 1982, Manmin Central Church offered up its opening service with 13 believers including a few children in a sanctuary of approximately 40 square yards or 360 square feet (Photo 1). Now the church has grown to become a mega-sized church that has more than 10,000 branch and associative churches world-wide. The motive power stems from Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's life-filled messages that he has received by offering up a myriad of prayers and periods of fasting, and the signs, wonders, and God's powerful works that attest to the authenticity of the Bible.

Since its opening, just as the Early Church experienced, the church has experienced astounding signs and wonders such as downpours stopping, typhoons and hurricanes changing their courses, the dead being revived, and the blind coming to see through Dr. Lee's prayer (See page 4).

In 1993 Manmin Church was selected and named one of the World's Top 50 Churches by the *Christian World*, US magazine. Until 2004, Dr. Lee held two-week-consecutive Special Revival Meetings every May. God's works of healing and resolution of answers overflowed in the meetings.

There was an amazing work that took place in March 2000. The salty sea water from a well at Muan Manmin Church in Muan Gun, Jeonnam Province was changed into sweet drinkable water through Dr. Lee's prayer. Many of those who drank the Muan Sweet Water and applied it with faith have been healed of their diseases and enjoyed blessings at home, in the workplace and in business (See page 3).

Breathtaking works of the Holy Spirit unfolded in the church's overseas crusades that were conducted in many countries including Pakistan, Kenya, India, Russia, the U.S., and Israel. The works caused many kinds of diseases such as cancer and AIDS to be healed. Many of the blind could see, the mute spoke, and the deaf were able to hear. Non-Christians converted to Christianity. Striking healing works have taken place and answers have been brought down from above through the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

Such powerful works have established the authenticity of the Bible both nationwide and worldwide. The works have become widely recognized all over the world via GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) that covers more than 170 countries, Dr. Lee's books that have been published in 57 languages, and WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network) that medically demonstrates the validity of divine healing works, which awaken innumerable souls in the world.

The church members have prayed without ceasing for the last 31 years, and now they have come forth as spiritual fruit by riding on the rapid spiritual flow. They are going to complete God's providence for the end time by building the Canaan Sanctuary and Grand Sanctuary.

1. Opening Service on July 25th in 1982
2. From Dr. Jaerock Lee's twelfth two-week-consecutive Special Revival Meeting
3. New York Empire State Building that houses GCN TV's transmitter
4. Muan Sweet Water Site where salty sea water changed into sweet water by the power of prayer
5. Amazing healing works manifested in national and overseas crusades
6. Extraordinary rainbows of various shapes
7. 2009 Israel United Crusade in Jerusalem
8. 2002 India United Crusade with a total of three million people in attendance
9. A bird's-eye view of the planned Canaan Sanctuary

God Looks at the Inner Heart

“For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.’ And he worshiped the LORD there” (1 Samuel 1:27-28).

There was a woman named Hannah. Her heart ached because she had no child. Moreover, Peninnah the other wife of her husband provoked her, which caused her heart to ache even more.

One day when she was greatly distressed she prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly in the temple of God. She made a vow and said that if God let her have a son she would give him as the Nazarite. That son was the Prophet Samuel. When she had weaned him, she brought him to Eli the priest and left him to remain in the temple of God. By doing so, she kept her vow to God.

It is actually not easy to offer up one’s only son to God. But Hannah kept her vow to God without any hesitation. She gave thanks to God and praised Him for His grace in listening to her prayer and giving her a son.

God knew this heart of Hannah and answered her prayer. Let’s now take a look into the three kinds of inner heart that God wants us to have.

1. Unchanging Heart

Many church members are engaged in a fierce spiritual battle to attain the rock of faith. They guard their lips so that they won’t speak carelessly and they try to remember and keep in mind any decisions they have made and not to change them in their free will.

Now, let’s think about our hearts when we first received a God-given duty and when we professed, “I will fulfill this glorious duty for the kingdom of God the Father!” We have to check if we are still performing the duty with the same heart without a change of mind, or whether, unlike in the past, our mind has become at ease.

Some of you might have missed meetings due to personal reasons once then twice. At times, you left in the middle of the meetings. Initially you felt sorry before God, but later, your feelings of embarrassment and shame soon disappeared. Of course, you might confidently say, “I did not abandon my position or change.”

But still, we have to think about how well we have been applying the Word of God in our actual everyday lives. For example, some people prayed so many times to cast away hard-feelings, serve their spouse with all their hearts, or speak only words of goodness. They promise many things to God with their lips, but not many of them actually keep their promises. Furthermore, they do not even remember what they promised to God in their prayers. This is to mock God.

I hope you will realize what an unchanging heart is through the story of Hannah written in 1 Samuel 1:26-28. God the Father heard the earnest prayer of Hannah and let her conceive a son. When she actually had such a desired son in her bosom, what would she have felt? She must have been overjoyed for the son was so lovely!



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

But when she was offering Samuel to God, did her heart sway in any way? Would she have said, “Father God, this little child still needs the hands of his mother. I will offer him to You just a little while later”? No, she didn’t. She rather said, “So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD” and kept her vow.

As she kept her vow without changing her mind, God the Father blessed her to give birth to three more sons and two daughters. If we offer prayers with an unchanging inner heart like Hannah, we can become greater strength to the kingdom of God.

2. Heart that Does Not Compromise

When someone hears the word ‘compromise’ they might immediately think of new believers who are compromising with the world. But in their growth of faith, according to each one’s circumstances and growing process of faith, they can compromise in various ways.

It happens when we look at all the situations only according to our own views. To be more specific, we compromise thinking that it is for the kingdom of God.

For instance, a housewife has her duties and responsibilities to her family at home. Sometimes she will find it hard to be faithful in all aspects while performing God-given duties. So, she may sometimes neglect her responsibilities to her family members. When she hears her husband or children complain, she gives the same excuse saying, “I have to fulfill my duties, so I do not have time to care for this family.” She compromised her family responsibilities saying she has God-given duties.

Let me give you another example. Sometimes you might have to take care of some matters in your parish or mission groups. But some of you think a certain duty is what you really have to do, and you neglect all the other things thinking it is only natural. If you cannot be present in other meetings, you have to pray for those meetings. But if you justify your choices without feeling sorry at all for not being able to be present in other meetings, you

cannot please God. If you increase your capabilities and do more than what is given to you, you can store up more rewards in Heaven.

Proverbs 16:2 says, “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the LORD weighs the motives.” You might think all your acts are good in your sight, but you have to check whether your hearts are proper in the sight of God who looks at your inner heart.

Your first priority has to be the will of God the Father, and to make this happen, you have to pray carefully thinking about which choice is goodness and truth. This way, your prayers will not contain your own viewpoints or your own desires. Also, because you do not have any intention to compromise, you will not give any excuses. Then, you will be able to acknowledge your fault, and you will realize your shortcomings that you could not see before. As you realize your fleshly attributes that are revealed, you can also more quickly go into spirit.

3. Heart where Spiritual Love Has Been Cultivated

As you cultivate spiritual love, you will seek the benefit of others before yours. Just as Matthew 22:39 reads, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you will feel others’ pains as your own and seek their benefits. However, some people seek their own though they say and think that they are seeking others’ benefits.

For example, there is a member who breaks peace, so as a leader, you point it out. But after hearing your advice, that member shows that she is uncomfortable. She does not listen to your advice, and she still keeps on breaking peace. Now, you also show some resentment saying, “I gave her advice with love, but she is too stubborn to accept any advice.” This proves that you wanted her to obey you just because you are higher in the order. You also show you wanted your group to have peace without thinking of the other person.

If you really prayed for that member with love, that person will also feel love from your advice. Otherwise, you should check whether you lacked love in giving advice. Prayer without love in this way cannot be spiritually powerful. You can receive the answer to your prayers when you pray for the kingdom of God and the souls with perfect love. Also, as your love deepens and broadens, the vessel of your prayers will also broaden. The bigger vessel you have, the more things you can consider and pray for.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if the focus of our life is towards God until the end of each day, a meaningful life can be lived, while another person without that focus might live a meaningless day. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will get recognition as a person who has an unchanging heart that does not compromise and seek your own benefit and be used as pillars in fulfilling the providence for the kingdom 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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“Overflowing Happiness in Pakistan!” through the power of Jesus Christ

The Book of Exodus chapter 15 verse 25 records that the bitter water of Marah was changed into sweet drinkable water through the prayer of Moses. The sea's saline well water in front of Muan Manmin Church in Muan Gun, Jeonnam Province turned into the sweet potable water by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's earnest prayer in March, 2000. The Muan Sweet Water contains the power of God the Creator. If anyone drinks or applies it with faith they will experience amazing works of healing and receiving answers. Many believers both inside and outside of Korea have met God, accepted Jesus Christ, and let their hearts' desires be fulfilled through this Muan Sweet Water. This special article is going to present to you a few of these cases that happened in Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Glory be to God!

“I was blessed to conceive a baby!”

Sister Muskrat Asif (New Apostolic Church)

I was unable to conceive a baby for ten years. My husband and I resorted to many kinds of possible methods to have a baby, but we still couldn't. I visited Sister Esther Noureen in my neighborhood on March 14th in 2012. She explained about Muan Sweet Water, and faith was given to me that I will be able to have a baby if I drink the water that contains the power of God. I prayed with earnest, drinking Muan Sweet Water.

One day, I had a severe headache and went to hospital with my mother. The test result showed that a baby had been conceived in me. Hallelujah! We were overjoyed with amazement. I eventually gave birth to a healthy son on February 14th in 2013. The powerful work of God in the Muan Sweet Water is really striking. I give thanks to my loving Lord who has led me to the way of answers and blessings.



“In the danger of a stillbirth I delivered a normal baby”

Sister Rafia Liaquat (CCCI Church)

I was in the fourth month of pregnancy in April, 2012. The water broke due to the rupture of the membrane. My doctor recommended an abortion, but I believed that God protects me. I asked Pastor Saiqa Ashraf to pray for me. He prayed and gave me Muan Sweet Water saying that it contains the power of God and telling me to drink it with faith. I also heard that many people had been healed of their various diseases through Muan Sweet Water, so I drank it with faith.

I had no abnormal symptoms after then, but a sudden severe pain came to me during the seventh month. The doctor told me again that I had no water so the baby would die if I did not deliver the baby in two hours. But I drank Muan Sweet Water and delivered a beautiful daughter naturally. My daughter was born in the seventh month and is growing up healthy for I have given her some drops of Muan Sweet Water and applied it to her body every day. We celebrated her first birthday in July, 2013. I give all thanks and glory to God.



“Malaria was cured”

Pastor 'Pastor John Matto' (John Wesley Baptist Church)

One day, Saba, a woman from Karachi, came to me in Tata and was persistent in asking me for prayer. She said her one-year-old son had been suffering from malaria for seven months and he was in a dangerous state of recurring high fevers.

I finally went to Karachi to pray for her son on February 15th in 2013. I let him drink Muan Sweet Water, prayed for him, and returned back home. A short time later, I received a phone call from Saba.

She said on the phone, “His fever has abated and he is sleeping well after drinking the Muan Sweet Water and receiving the prayer.” The baby is healthy and is growing up well. All this is the grace of God the Creator. Hallelujah!



“I had a safe labor”

Sister Shahzia Tariq (CCCI Church)

I delivered my child at home on May 23rd in 2009. I had a hard labor. I was even losing consciousness, when the critical moment was at hand. Right then, the Spirit in me brought to my mind Muan Sweet Water.

I asked my family to get me Muan Sweet Water, and my sister-in-law got it and gave it to me. I drank it and delivered my baby right away. I give thanks to God who protected me and my child from the danger. I also express my heartfelt thanks to the Holy Spirit who reminded me of Muan Sweet Water during the crisis.



“So Jesus said to him, ‘Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe’” (John 4:48).

Signs, Wonders, and the Works of the Living God!

Manmin Central Church have seen signs, wonders, and powerful works that have unfolded constantly during the last 31-year-period since the opening, just like in the Early Church as recorded in Acts chapter 2. Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee believed the Word of God recorded in the 66 books of the Bible 100%. He offered up a great deal of fasting and many prayers and asked for the power that belongs to God. It caused the church to be able to manifest miraculous and extraordinary works that go beyond human understanding. In 2013 the members of the church have been experiencing not only the work of recreation, but also the work of the original voice that compels human's freewill to turn. Celebrating the 31st Anniversary of Church Opening, let's look back upon the sign and wonder that the members experienced during the very beginning stages of Manmin.

Wonder

“The torrential downpours stopped in a moment when we prayed with faith and showed the deed of faith”



Pastor Hyuncheol Joo
(2-12 Parish, South Korea)

Manmin's first Summer Retreat was to be held on August 1st in 1983. In those days I was an 11th grader and served as the president of Students' Sunday School. We were to have the retreat at Daebu Island in Incheon, so we needed to leave at early dawn to arrive at the right time for the ship's sailing.

The previous day, we slept in the

sanctuary and woke up at around 4 A.M. to offer up a Dawn Service. Right then, a torrential downpour beat against the windows with a crash of thunder and lightning. We had been preparing for the retreat with longing hearts, expectations, and excitement, but it was raining heavily! But no one was worried and no one complained.

The Dawn Service commenced at 4:30 A.M. The violent rain and winds did not seem to stop. By the time when the service ended, Pastor Jaerock Lee (now Senior Pastor) said, “We have offered up fasting and vowed prayer for this Summer Retreat for the last two months. Now it is raining a lot. Do you believe that the rain will stop after we pray together and I pray to God?” We all said loudly and assertively, “Amen”

After the prayer, Pastor Lee stated,

“We prayed with faith. It is still raining outside. But when you go down to the lobby with your luggage, it will stop raining.” “Amen!” Our resounding answers filled the sanctuary. We never doubted it for we had already experienced many works of God that had been unfolded through our Pastor Lee.

All of us went downstairs with our own baggage without any hesitation. It took less than a minute to get from the sanctuary on the second floor to the lobby. But when we took a step on the ground outside of the gate, an amazing scene came to our sight. The fierce winds and rains stopped. Hallelujah!

The rainfall data of August 1st in 1983 by Korea Meteorological Administration shows that the amount of rainfall was 12.4mm at 5 A.M. in Seoul. After we prayed after Dawn

Service for the rain to stop, however, the amount evidently dropped according to the report. This proves that the incident truly happened.

The first Summer Retreat caused us to feel God was with us and we grew in faith, for the time was full of astounding firsthand experiences. Other churches usually pay attention to possible accidents that might happen in their summer retreats. They have many problems from small to big though the number of participants is usually only a few dozen people.

However, for the previous 30 years God has protected Manmin so that we have not had even a single small accident. Furthermore, God has blessed us to see every kind of healing miracles, signs, and many wonders. I give all thanks and glory to God who has been with us in love.

Sign

“I died of the gas poisoning but revived through the powerful prayer!”



Senior Deaconess Minseon Lee
(1-5 Parish, South Korea)

I returned home after Friday All-night Service around at 5 A.M. in March, 1985. The fire on the briquettes died, so I kindled fire and went to sleep about at 6 A.M. I was alone trying to get a little bit of sleep before going to work. Behind the fireplace was the wall with the door of my room. I laid my head beside the door.

A little while later, I tried to get up but I could not control my body. I

tried several times, but I just knocked my head on the wall and the door and I ended up passing out. I heard later that I was leaning against the door with my mouth foaming.

Thankfully, the woman who lived next to my house found me. I was very close to death. She called to Deaconess Hangsim Kim (Senior Deaconess at present). Deaconess Kim asked a student with her to carry me on his back. Helping him, she rushed me to Pastor Jaerock Lee's residence (now Senior Pastor of Manmin).

It was between 1 and 2 P.M. It means that I breathed in the gas of the briquette for as many as 7 or 8 hours. The student laid me down in the small room of Pastor Lee's house and knocked on his room's door, saying with an urgent voice, “A woman is dying! Please pray for her!”

But there was no response from the room. In those days, the church

members believed that God can revive the dead because they had seen Pastor Lee praying and bringing a young man and Dr. Lee's three daughters, who were dying due to the carbon monoxide gas poisoning, back to life after Friday All-night Service in early 1983. That is why they also took me to Pastor Lee. But the room showed no sign of anybody present. How helplessly frustrated they felt!

At that time, Pastor Lee was offering up prayer to God. It was not until he finished his prayer that he laid his hands on my head and prayed. “Gas of the briquette, go away! Get out from the body through all holes of the body and cells!”

Right after the prayer, as I heard, I came around and opened my eyes with my eyelids quivering. A member saw a vision at the spot and said to other members, “When Pastor Jaerock

Lee prayed for her the gas like black smoke went out through her nose, ears, eyes, and cells.”

Opening my eyes, Pastor Lee was there beside my head. I tried to get up in embarrassment but I couldn't move. I wanted to say, “I can't move” but it felt like my tongue was stiff. In a couple of minutes, my stiffened body became normal and I came to sit up, stand up, speak, and move freely. Hallelujah!

Around 30 years ago in Korea many people died of the carbon monoxide gas poisoning. And those who had been poisoned led miserable lives due to aftereffects though they came to life. I was also on the doorstep of death due to the poisoning. If I had survived by any chance I would have been in a vegetative state. However, I was revived by the powerful prayer and have been leading a healthy life without any aftereffect.



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