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“We Work Faithfully with the Joy Given by the Lord”

In 2014 Merit Award Ceremony, the Awards Went to 34 Members



All of the Merit Awardees (Middle): They worked faithfully with joy and thanks in parishes, missions, and many parts of the church in 2014. From the top of the right clockwise, Deaconess Heewon Yang (Hearing-impaired Mission), Deacon Yongjin Cho (Transportation Bureau), Elder Junghwan Park (District Leader, middle), Deacon Hyun Ju (GCN), Deaconess Lieu (Cell Leader, middle in the first line), Senior Deaconess Younghee Hwang (teacher), Elder Yongjae Oh (Administration Office's volunteer), and Senior Deaconess Munhee Choi (Reception Committee)

On February 1 in 2015, Manmin Central Church had the 2014 Award of Merit Ceremony in recognition of those who fulfilled their God-given duties faithfully in 2014. A total of 34 members from among the parishes, missions, teachers, committees, volunteer groups, Levite full-time workers, volunteers, and branch churches won the award.

In parishes, the awards went to District Leaders Elder Junghwan Park and Senior Deaconess Kyungsuk Jeon; Sub-district Leader Deaconess Mija Oh; Cell Leaders Deacon Euitaek Kim and Deaconesses Chunja Mun, Misoon Yun, and Lieu. In missions, Group Leader Deaconess Sera Lee and Small Group Leaders Deacons Kyuhun Lee and Kieun Nam, and Senior Deaconess Chunhyun Ju received the award. Senior Deaconess Younghee Hwang received the award as a teacher.

Elder Junghwan Park stated, “It is a great source of joy to be with my district members in my believing life. The members are like my family and together with them I have been running the race of faith more happily. I also overcame the world through God-given grace during Cell Services.”

Senior Deaconess Munhee Choi received the award in the Reception Committee which is in charge of all jobs related to foreign guests such as welcoming, meals, and interpretation. The following members also received the award: Deacon Jongae Lee, a member of the Volunteers’

Committee; Senior Deaconess Hyesoon Lee from the Service Management Bureau; Deacon Myungsu Hwang from the Muan Sweet Water Management Committee; and Deaconess Heewon Yang of the Hearing-impaired Mission. Just to note, Muan Sweet Water is the fresh drinkable water that was changed from salty sea water by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer. People have experienced God’s power using it with faith.

Senior Deaconess Munhee Choi of Reception Committee said, “We are the first ones to welcome foreign guests at the airport and the last ones to see them off. We are well-aware of the importance of our duties and pray to give out warmer fragrance of goodness.”

For 15 years Deacon Myungsu Hwang has transported Muan Sweet Water from Muan Sweet Water Site in Heje Myeon, Muan Gun Jeonnam Province to the Central Church in Seoul’s Guro-dong district. He said, “I thoroughly wash myself on the days I transport the water of power. It takes twelve hours to travel to Muan and back, but God always gives me joy. I want to volunteer in Heaven as well.” He added he felt thankful to God for giving him the duty. In Volunteer Groups, the awards went to Elder Myeongil Hong, Deacons Youngho Kim and Youngkuk Kim, and to Deaconess Hyekyung Cha.

Among volunteers, Elders Yongjae Oh and Busam Kim (Administration Office), Deacon Bonkwon Ku (Facility Maintenance Office), and

Senior Deaconess Myungja Cho (World Christian Doctors Network) earned the award. Among branch churches, Senior Deaconess Maljin Kim of Mokpo Manmin Church received it. For several years she has offered cabbages that she raises for the church event ‘Kimch of Love Sharing Event’. She does it with thanks for healing of her eight-month-old grandson’s severe burns by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer nine years ago.

The award was also given to Levite workers (full-time workers): Deacon Hyunjun Lee (Overseas Mission Team that helps missionaries and branch churches for the Dr. Lee’s world mission), Deaconess Boeun Kim (Editorial Bureau that conducts the publication ministry), Deacon Hyun Ju (GCN, that broadcasts the word of life and the powerful works of the Spirit), Deacon Jonghyun Lee (Security Office), Deacon Yongjin Cho (Transportation Bureau), Deacon Kwangha Woo (Condolences Committee), Deaconess Misuk Park (Pastors’ Office), and Deacon Kyungsik Cha (Manmin Prayer Center).

The awardees said they had done only that which they ought to have done. They felt very grateful and became more eager to take hold of a better heavenly dwelling place. It was time for all the members to think about the heavenly rewards that God prepared for the awardees who fulfilled their God-given duties. They rejoiced together and congratulated them.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet’... So Moses and Aaron did it; as the LORD commanded them, thus they did” (Exodus 7:1, 6)

God called Moses and sent him to Pharaoh to deliver the Israelites. However, it seemed impossible to bring them out of Egypt.

The Egyptians were benefiting greatly from the Israelites. There was no chance that the Pharaoh would set the Israelites free just because of the demand of Moses. But God was with him. God Himself attested to Moses’ words and promised that he would perform God’s power. Counting on this promise of God, Moses performed many powerful works in Egypt.

1. God’s Power Was Manifested in Ten Plagues by Moses, the Leader of the Israelites

Moses arrived in Egypt and called all the elders of Israel. He said God had heard their cry and sent him to save them from the hardship. As the evidence, Moses showed them several signs.

Hearing from Moses and witnessing the signs, the Israelites were filled with joy and expectations of their departure from Egypt to a new place. However, the matter did not go as easily as they had thought. Moses and Aaron boldly went before the Pharaoh. They delivered God’s message and asked Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out from the country. But rather than letting them go, he increased the amount of labor and became harsher towards them. They thought the Pharaoh would free them immediately, but rather they had to face more hardships and they now began to bring complaints against Moses and Aaron.

Because God knew their level of faith, He did not blame them, but He

“I Make You as God to Pharaoh..”

began to show His works through Moses. These works were the ‘Ten Plagues.’

These plagues started as a small thing, but because Pharaoh did not repent though faced with continuous disasters, in the end it resulted in the deaths of all the first sons of Egypt.

The first was the plague of blood. Moses told Aaron to hit the Nile with the staff, and all waters in Egypt turned into blood. There was the foul smell of blood and dead fish everywhere. Egyptians quickly dug wells to get their drinking water since they couldn’t drink or use any water from the river. But when the magicians of Egypt turned water into blood, Pharaoh hardened his heart and didn’t listen to Moses. Then, the second plague came.

Countless frogs came up from the Nile and filled the whole nation. Not only the streets but also the bedrooms and even kneading bowls were overflowing with frogs. Pharaoh quickly called Moses and promised him that he would let Israelites go if he removed the frogs. But after it was settled, he changed his mind.

As the third plague, Moses told Aaron to raise the staff and hit the dust of the ground, and the dust became gnats. Countless gnats came up onto the people and cattle. The magicians of Egypt could not imitate the plague of gnats nor any of the plagues that followed. They could not change the lifeless dust of the ground into living gnats. Works of this kind belong solely to God the Creator.

The magicians of Egypt confessed that it was the power of God, but Pharaoh was still stubborn. Then the plague of flies came about. The flies covered not only the houses of people but also the houses of Pharaoh’s servants and his palace. Pharaoh once again asked Moses to remove the flies and then promised he would let the Israelites go, but when the flies actually were removed, he didn’t keep his promise.

Next came the plagues of pestilence and plague of boils that were inflicted upon Egypt. Not only the Egyptian people, but also the livestock of Egypt suffered because of them.

Next the plague of hail rained down with fire from heaven. Not only were the crops all destroyed throughout Egypt, but also many animals and

people who were caught outside were killed. The crops that remained after the plague of hail were gone completely because of the plague of locusts that followed.

Each time a plague came, the Pharaoh promised that he would let the Israelites go, but when the plague was gone, he changed his mind every time. Now, Moses lifted up his hand toward the sky, and the plague of darkness fell on Egypt. There was no light whatsoever. There was no sunlight or moonlight for three days.

2. Spiritual Meanings in the ‘Ten Plagues’

How can these incidents that God let be written in the Bible in so much detail be related to us today? It is, of course, to remember that the power of God was manifested throughout all Egypt through Moses. But the more important reason is the spiritual meaning contained in the Ten Plagues that are for our instruction.

God used the situation because He wanted to show us the reasons why people face disasters and the ways to escape from those disasters. Egypt spiritually stands for the world full of sin and evil (Revelation 11:8). The Ten Plagues inflicted upon the Egyptians represent all kinds of calamities that can take place in our lives today.

The plague of blood caused the suffering of lacking water which is one of the necessities of life. So, it spiritually symbolizes the problems that we face in our surroundings, such as at home or at work. For instance, some believers lack wisdom in leading their believing lives and are persecuted by people who are close to them at work or at home.

The plague of frogs symbolizes the works of Satan taking place in our homes and workplaces. It causes conflicts between a husband and a wife or problems in work places or businesses. The plague of gnats spiritually symbolizes a situation where small things like gnats suddenly come up to the surface and develop into bigger problems, and they cause much pain and suffering. An example would be when some small problems keep mounting between brothers, or between a husband and wife, and later they lead to a big fight. Up to the plague of gnats, if we repent and turn

back, we can recover immediately.

But from the plague of flies, a wall of sin against God is created, so we would need thorough repentance. Flies breed in unclean places and diseases are spread wherever they go. Likewise, spiritually, the plague of flies represents a situation where people speak out evil words from their evil heart, and those words are spread here and there. This becomes a snare to them, and they face diseases or problems.

The plague of pestilence causes serious internal diseases. More serious than this is the plague of boils that causes diseases revealed externally. The plague of hail refers to unexpected accidents or incidents that cause great damage to one’s wealth and possessions. The plague of locusts leads to fatal damage such as a business going bankrupt. More serious yet is the plague of darkness that causes failure of hope in all aspects of one’s life. If one doesn’t turn back, then there is the plague of death of the firstborn, which can cause one’s own death or one’s close persons’ death.

The Ten Plagues became increasingly more serious and more fatal as they were inflicted one by one. If one has a little bit of wisdom, even when he meets with a “plague”, he should look back upon himself and repent and act properly in the sight of God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when the Ten Plagues came upon Egypt, not a single plague came upon Goshen where the Israelites dwelled (Exodus 8:22-23). While the whole land of Egypt was covered with flies, there was not a fly in Goshen! They were not affected by the pestilence, boils, hail, and the locusts.

Today believers who live in the Word of God are also experiencing the works of God who protected Goshen. They have nothing to do with any national epidemic. Even if they come down with a certain disease, once they repent and receive the prayer, they are healed quickly. There are many believers who have experienced the works of God.

Countless powerful works including the biblical works will keep unfolding continually. Therefore, I urge you to believe God the Creator who is almighty and obey His Word. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will fulfill His providence completely at this end time.

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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What Are the Elements of Heart?

We can neither see our spiritual heart with our physical eyes nor measure its size in a physical sense. But this heart of ours certainly has size and the size of this heart is different for different people. The size of the heart varies according to what kind of heart we were born with and what we have done to form it while growing up. Note that the size of our heart can increase limitlessly as we cultivate the heart with truth and change it into spirit.

Let's now look into the elements of our heart and possess the heart that is 'as broad as the sea'. With this heart that resembles Jesus Christ's beautiful heart, let's bear abundant fruit.

01

Three Elements of Man's Heart



Romans 7:21-23 reads, "I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members."

From this verse we can understand how a man's heart is composed. The 'inner man' in this verse is the heart of truth that concurs with the law of God. There is also the 'law of my mind'. This is the conscience. Conscience is a standard of value-judgment which an individual has formed on his own. Also, there is the 'law of sin', consisting of the untruth planted through Satan.

While the 'inner man'—the heart of truth—wants to keep the law of God, the 'law of sin' in the members of body defeats conscience and causes you to sin. Here, if you practice the evident untruth such as hatred, jealousy, judgment, and condemnation, it may be easy for you to find the evil in yourself and try to cast it away.

Yet, you need to discover untruthful attributes in your 'nature' in order to change your heart into truth and accomplish the heart of spirit. In other words, you need to throw away evil in conscience and untruth in nature as well as evident untruth. To the extent that you change your heart into truth and achieve the heart of spirit you can have broader hearts and bear more fruit.

02

Untruth in Nature



When God created the first man Adam, he was a living being filled with only the knowledge of the truth. However, his spirit died after his transgression of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as God told him that he would surely die in the day that he ate from it. Then, his nature started to corrupt, being affected by the trait of 'the ground' that he was formed of, which changes according to what we add to it (Genesis 2:7).

When he was a living being full of spiritual knowledge, Adam's heart had a good nature much like fertile and good soil. But after he sinned, evil components were added to his heart and his nature corrupted. That is, one's nature can change according to what he sees, hears, and feels and to the extent that evil comes into him as he grows.

For example, cunning and crafty characters, cowardly, rough and tyrannical characters, seeking one's own, dishonest, proud and rude characters, etc., came into the human heart and changed it in a bad way. This nature of man is passed down to the descendants through life energy. In this life-energy are contained the appearances, physical constitution, intelligence,

mental and physical characteristics, and even habits.

Thus, when it comes to formation of nature, the nature that is inherited is of course important, but this nature can be changed according to what people accept in their circumstances. By adding elements to the original nature they inherited at birth, people respectively form different kinds of nature. Therefore, everybody has a different kind of nature.

When compared with soil, our nature is like the quality of soil. Since the nature is formed deep inside of our heart through parents' life energy and growth process, it is not easy for us to find the untruth in our natures. Let's suppose there is a glass of water with some other substance mixed in it. If we don't agitate the water in the glass, the substance will sink to the bottom, and the water at the top will look clean. If we shake it, the impure substance will come up. This substance can be likened to the untruth in our nature.

This applies to Job and David who, though they seemed righteous, had to be allowed and guided by God to discover untruth in their nature and remove it.

03

Evil in Conscience



People discern between good and evil according to the standard called 'conscience'. From birth, each person forms a standard in his/her nature to discern between good and evil. This is the conscience. But the problem is that this conscience cannot be the absolute standard of goodness.

If we ask people whether stealing is good or evil, most people would answer that it is evil. But if we ask people about a specific occasion, whether it is stealing or not, we can see a wide range of difference in their consciences. There are some people who feel the pangs of conscience when they take something that belongs to another person, even if it is something quite small. But most people do not take it seriously if they just borrow somebody else's possession without permission and use it.

As each one's nature is different, each person has a different standard of good and evil. According to the generation and area,

the standard can be very different. For example, everybody thinks he should respect his parents, but the way of showing respect is all different for each person. The absolute standard of goodness must not be conscience of people but God's Word which is the goodness and truth itself. If we see, hear, and accept evil things in the heart, our conscience will become stained with evil. To the extent accepted, our consciences will become dull. Eventually we will not notice something is evil although it is really evil. On the contrary, as much as we believe God and plant truth in heart, our conscience will also be changed into a good conscience.

In order to become sanctified, we should get rid of evident untruthfulness in the heart, untruth in nature, and evil in conscience. By understanding it, let's achieve the heart of spirit quickly and bear abundant fruit with broad hearts.

“Lord, Thank You for Welcoming Such a Prodigal Daughter as Me”

Sister Chunggeum Shin, age 40, Parish 14

At the age of 15, I started to attend Manmin Central Church. I once experienced the power of God through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer by which a lump inside of my nose disappeared. But I still loved worldly pleasure. I often skipped church to go skiing or travel. I eventually left church in 2000.

I lived as I pleased, drinking alcohol with friends. My mind and body became weak and my life got twisted upside down. I frequently suffered from nightmares and sleep paralysis. My mother put a Bible at my bedside and soon I became peaceful.

I had uterine fibroids, which developed into uterine cancer ten years ago. I had surgery for it. I was hurt and even swindled out of my property by people. Nowhere could I find true peace and happiness. I was dependent on alcohol to sleep. My parents felt sorry for me and advised me to go to church but I didn't. However, as I became wearier of my life, I recalled the time when I had attended church and began to miss it.

I was especially moved by my mother Deaconess Boksun Choi who had changed a lot. She had been so opinionated and harsh, but she was renewed. She repented in front of me, saying it was all her fault that I had left church, lived in pain in the world and closed my heart towards church. Since then she has used an honorific manner of speaking towards my father and me. She became a new person. Seeing my parents who were at peace in the Lord, I felt grateful before God for His grace.

On October 12 in 2014, when the church celebrated its 32nd Anniversary Sunday, I eventually returned to the bosom of God. My heart had been hardened such that I had stopped my parents from even bringing up the church issue to me. But at one point my heart turned soft, and now I am thankful to God. How amazing! I am also thankful for



Sister Chunggeum Shin, her father Deacon Jungho Shin, her mother Deaconess Boksun Choi (Though she had lived like the prodigal son, Sister Shin spoke with thankfulness to God Who had accepted her with love)

the Senior Pastor who prayed for me with tears to come back and he awaited me with love just as the father waited for the prodigal son with love.

As the grace of God was given to me, I began listening to Senior Pastor's messages on the way to work and on the way home again. I listened to many sweet sounding messages that include 'The Message of the Cross', 'Lectures on Revelation', and 'Lectures on Genesis'. I also made up my mind not to go back to my past life.

I also enjoyed watching the series 'Reminiscence' on GCN that covers the overseas crusades Dr. Lee had conducted beginning in 2000. It was wonderful! When I attended church in the 1990's, he often said that the church would accomplish the world mission. All his words were fulfilled, and the related stories are put in the program. I was thrilled to watch his words come into being. He boldly proclaimed Jesus Christ is our only Savior, manifested great powerful works of God and led countless souls to salvation in the crusades. Seeing them, I was proud of my identity as a Manmin member.

I am very happy these days. I left God's warm bosom and lived in pain, but I came back to Him and came to live under His protection and blessings. How thankful I am! I give thanks to my God of love for Your love, the Lord for saving me, and my Senior Pastor for letting me know about the true and eternal happiness in Heaven as well as happiness on the earth.

“I Was Blessed to Learn a Proper Christian Life and to Become Healthy!”

Sister Maritza Pérez
age 47, Colombia Manmin Church

Although my husband and I had faith in God, we didn't know how the Lord would come again and felt curious. No one taught about it. We also longed to learn how we should live a proper believing life. With such spiritual thirst, we prayed to be guided to the church and the shepherd that would quench it.

One day my husband happened to watch Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon via Enlace TV, one of the leading Christian broadcasters in Spanish. Touched by his sermons, we registered as members of Colombia Manmin Church in August 2013. It is a branch church of Manmin Central Church whose Senior Pastor is Dr. Lee.

As we expected, through the messages he was indeed helping people to be awakened and become prepared for the Lord's second coming. Moreover the church members had been experiencing the living God as signs, wonders, and powerful works unfolded in the church. Pastor David J. Jang, ministering to Colombia Manmin Church, also helped us lead good Christian lives in a gentle and considerate manner.

Meantime, I heard that Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor would come to the church for its second anniversary. I prepared for it with a longing for healing of allergic sinusitis, menstrual pain and heavy bleeding caused by uterine fibroids and lower abdominal swelling.

In April, 2014, Rev. Lee came and held a Divine Healing Meeting. She prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). Right then I felt something like a spiral go through my lower belly. Afterwards, all symptoms were gone. I was healed!

In addition, my son who had Down syndrome has become healthy. He used to be sick with no strength. But after going to Colombia Manmin Church his condition has been improved. Moreover since he received Rev. Lee's prayer he has become more active, bright, and gentle. He now goes to the hospital just for regular checkups, not for any other reason.

My family found the way to true happiness in the Lord.

I give all thanks and glory to God who answered my prayer, healed me, and has guided me to be prepared as a beautiful bride of the Lord when He comes again!



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