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Glorify God with Faith, Hope, and Love!

2015 Award of Merit for Faithful Workers

On February 21, 2016, the Award of Merit Ceremony for 2015 was held for those who fulfilled their duties faithfully in their field. The awards were given to outstanding district, sub-district, cell leaders, small group leaders, group leaders, committee members, volunteer group members, and full-time workers. There were 44 awardees in total.

Deacon Euhwan Roh has been volunteering to serve noodles for the church members' lunch on Sundays for ten years. He said, "I collapsed due to stroke before coming to church. At that time one of my friends guided me to this church. As I started to attend church, I could stop smoking with one try, and my health quickly recovered. I was so thankful for the grace and started to volunteer. On Sundays, I get up at 4 A.M., come to church, and prepare noodles. Every time I feel so happy. God gave me good health and the opportunity to pile up heavenly rewards and make the members happy."

Senior Deaconess Junko Shijo stated, "I have received a lot of grace translating Senior Pastor's books and Manmin Praise, but now I have also received this great award. I feel very thankful. I will work more faithfully with spiritual faithfulness so that countless dying souls in Japan can reach salvation."

She used to work as a professor of English Literature Department in Shimane University, a national university in Matsue, Shimane Prefecture in Japan. While looking for the word of life that satisfies her spiritual thirst, she found out Dr. Lee's testimonial memoirs *Tasting Eternal Life before Death* and received a lot of grace reading it and listening to his sermon tapes. And she was healed of rhinitis that had troubled her for 20 years through Dr. Lee's prayer. Afterwards, she became a full-time worker for the church to devote herself to the church's book and publication ministry, and



There were 44 awardees who worked faithfully with joy and thanks in 2015 as members of the Lord's body: 4 district leaders, 3 sub-district leaders, 4 cell leaders in parishes; 1 group leader and 4 small group leaders in missions; 6 committee members; 4 volunteer group members; 13 full-time workers, and 5 volunteers.

has been serving God's kingdom.

Elder Choon Cho, a movie actor and an honorary ambassador of the Korean Ministry of Justice Rehabilitation Protection Association has warmly welcomed the church members at the church's entrance every Sunday and delivered *Manmin News* to taxi drivers with snacks.

Elder Cho said, "Before registering in Manmin, I did not lead an appropriate Christian life. When I had a big accident, I had a surgery that took ten hours to fix neck bones with 12 screws. After that I could not turn my neck freely. But when I met

Senior Pastor and received his prayer, the fire of the Holy Spirit came down upon me and all the after-effects were gone. Since then, I have been leading a real Christian life. Now I am filled with the joy of salvation and hope for Heaven, and I feel like I became young again."

In addition to our 44 awardees, many of our Manmin members have been renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit and are working faithfully for the kingdom of God with faith, hope, and gratefulness for the cross of our Lord and the love of God the Creator.

The 24th Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary and the 9th Manmin International Seminary Commencement Ceremonies



At 11 A.M. on February 18, 2016, the 24th Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary and the 9th Manmin International Seminary commencement ceremonies were held in the main sanctuary.

MIS President Dr. Esther Chung, the former president of Seoul Women's University, delivered the message titled "Glory" based on Habakkuk 2:14.

She urged the graduates to have perfect trust in God, cultivate their capabilities both in spirit and body, and thereby show virtuous generosity and wisdom of goodness everywhere they go." The Board Chairman Award went to Pastor Changmin Kim and Dean Award to Pastor Jina Kim.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).



When a light shines in the dark night the darkness will vanish at once. In the same manner, when spiritual light shines, the darkness that belongs to the enemy devil and Satan will be driven out and the grace and love of God can come upon us. It also causes all matters that seem to be without solution to be resolved and our hearts' desires can be fulfilled.

1. What is spiritual light?

1 John 1:5 reads, “...God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all,” and John 1:1 says, “...and the Word was God.” The spiritual light refers to God and His Word that is the truth, goodness, and love of itself.

God existed alone in boundlessly immense space even before the Creation of the heavens and the earth. At that time He had not yet put on any form. He existed as Light mingled with sound, and the Light harbored the whole universe. The gorgeously brilliant Light surrounded the entire space, and a sonorous and crisp sound came out from the Light.

While God the Origin existed in the form of light and sound, He planned the providence of human cultivation to gain true children. He divided the extensive expanse of space and at the core of the spiritual realm He came to exist as the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Triune God came to wear the image of men and began the work of Creation. Although He existed in the man-like form, God the Trinity

has the very same attributes of the Light and Sound of God the Origin that keep infinite power within. The spiritual light contains God's power, love, goodness, and truth. Only when we act upon the Word of God in the Bible can we receive forgiveness of sins and enjoy authority and blessings as God's children.

2. You need to walk in Light to meet God

The Bible records many passages that tell us to ‘do’ something such as to love, pray, give thanks and rejoice. It also presents verses telling us to ‘keep’ something such as to keep the Sabbath holy and keep the Ten Commandments. It also urges us ‘not to do’ things like not to hate, not to worship idols, and not to steal and it tells us ‘to throw away’ every form of evil including greed and adulterous mind. Obedience to these Words of God who is Light is to walk in Light.

If we do not obey the words telling us to do, to keep, not to do, and to throw away, it shows that we are still dwelling in darkness. The world of light is controlled and dominated by God but the world of darkness is ruled by Satan. Satan opposes God, so those who dwell in the world of darkness cannot meet God.

Thus, if you want to meet God and resolve your problems, you need to come out of darkness quickly and dwell in the Light. 1 John 1:7 says, “But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” Just as recorded, we can say we have fellowship with God only when we walk in the Light.

As written in 1 John 1:6, if we say that we have fellowship with God and yet walk in the darkness, it is a lie. For us to keep companionship with God who is Light, we must cast off sins and walk in the Light. We must not have darkness at all. Here, ‘fellowship’ is not a unilateral relationship. We cannot say we have ‘fellowship’ with someone just because we know the person. Having fellowship means knowing and becoming close enough to trust and talk to each other in confidence. Even fellowship is different from case to case in accordance with how close-linked it

is. Some just know each other's faces and say hello to each other. Others have very close fellowship with each other such that they share important secrets.

The same applies to a relationship with God. A true fellowship is built up only when God knows you and recognizes you as well as you knowing Him. If you have a close-linked relationship with God the Almighty you can't be weak or poor since you can receive whatever you ask for from Him.

The Bible indicates that David had close fellowship with God such that God recognized him as ‘a man after My heart’. David loved and depended on God in every circumstance. When he was being chased by King Saul, He asked of God like a child asks of his father if he shall go and even where he should go. He sought God's counsel when he fought in his many battles. The reason why David could enjoy such good fellowship with God is that he pleased God with faith.

3. Blessing given to those who walk in the Light

Jesus came to the earth as the Light, taught people only the truth, and preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. However, because the people belonged to the enemy devil and Satan, they were seekers of darkness who could not see and recognize the Light though it was being explained continuously. They hated light and even opposed it. In doing so they were not able to reach salvation and went the way of destruction.

But good-hearted people discover their sins through the light of the truth and repent. By doing so, they can arrive at salvation. After they receive the Holy Spirit, they live following the desire of the Spirit and the Spirit gives birth to spirit in their hearts every day. Thus, they can come out from darkness and walk in the Light. Then, nothing is a problem to them in faith even if they lack wisdom and power.

This is because they can communicate with God who is Light. They can be guided to the prosperous way by receiving the voice and guidance of the Spirit and receive heavenly wisdom. If they have some web-like-intertwined problems, the Spirit Himself shows the way to

resolve them. So there is nothing to block them, and they can avoid it even if there is an obstacle before them. Wisdom and understanding come upon us from heaven when we become sanctified and completely walk in the Light. Then, we can have peace with God and peace and joy come to overflow in our hearts. We neither argue nor break peace with anybody and we just have love and grace all the time.

We can receive blessings of our souls' prosperity, all things go well, and we enjoy good health (3 John 1:2). In order to enjoy the blessing given to those who walk in the Light, we should check first if we dwell in the Light.

If you lead a life of lukewarm faith you need to be awakened from spiritual slumber quickly. We must not feel gratified just because we have cast off a few forms of evil to some degree. Just as children grow up to be adults we should attain to a level of measure that is that of fathers.

Therefore, we need to discover detailed forms of evil in us and thoroughly root them out. As we become senior and hold more power in a group, we need to become more humble and pay attention to others' words even though they are young men.

Even if they do evil to us we must not harbor any ill-feeling and we have to embrace them with virtuous generosity and love. Moreover, we must not ignore others nor break peace in our own righteousness. While working for the kingdom of God, we have to rejoice over, giving credit to those who have worked with us, not showing off our own contribution. And we also have to feel joyful when they are praised and recognized.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we have fellowship with God who is Light, we can achieve His heart and His love comes upon us more. Then, we can be prosperous in all things and receive physical blessings. Furthermore, we can receive His power and be used as His great instrument. Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will be God's true children and glorify Him greatly.

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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Effective Ways to Evangelize People

Evangelism is letting other people know 'the way of truth'. In order to truly evangelize other people, we should deliver the "Message of the Cross" which elaborates this way to salvation.

We should let them first know God is the only true Deity, He created heavens, earth, and all things in them, and He controls everything. And we should also teach them there are Heaven and Hell, and since all people have sins they cannot but go to Hell.

Next, we should tell them that Jesus Christ is the only Savior who can solve the problems of our sins. We also ought to explain about why Jesus is the only Savior and the providence of salvation. In addition, we need to deliver the Lord's resurrection, ascension, and His second coming and the last judgment.

Now let's look into effective ways to evangelize people in detail.

◆ First, you should receive the work of the Holy Spirit

If you want to evangelize other people, you should be filled with the Holy Spirit first by praying fervently. If you are full of the Spirit, the Spirit will work when you try to evangelize people and move and open their hearts. In order to lead them to church and allow for them to register, we must pray for the souls first and sometimes fast so that Satan will not be able to disturb the work.

◆ Second, you should help them realize the value of the gospel

Some people do not know the value of the gospel, and they sometimes reject it no matter how hard Christians try to evangelize them. You don't have to push them to go to church or act in a servile manner. You should just wait for a good opportunity to help them gain understanding on their own.

Without some enlightenment you should not just say, "Believe Jesus!" Instead, you may be able to say, "Do you know why Christians say Jesus is the only Savior?" People might be curious and respond to the question.

Or, you can invite them to a special event of the church or even provide them with a sermon tape, CD, or books that plant faith in them. Or you can steadily deliver the church's newspaper to them. By doing so, you must help them to first realize the value of the gospel. Then, you can talk about going to church when they seem to feel good and lead them to accept the gospel without any resistance.

◆ Third, you should give out the fragrance of Christ with love and care

If you do not have love or do not want to sacrifice yourself for the people who you want to evangelize, you cannot lead them to salvation and eternal life. Although one closes his heart towards faith in God, if you unchangingly show your care and true love in action and sacrifice yourself in devotion, he will end up opening his heart and accepting the gospel (James 2:15-16).

◆ Fourth, you can take good use of your own and other church members' testimonies

Most people have concerns and worries, so if you tell them about the testimonies of people who solved their problems through the works of God, they will show interest and listen to you. You can take advantage of the many books or pictures concerning signs, wonders, extraordinary works, and marvelous things to evangelize people who suffer from diseases. Above all, the most effective story is yours because you can prove it yourself.

◆ Fifth, you should spread the works of God widely

Quite many people have come to church after they received *Manmin News* on the street or found it in front of their houses or read Dr. Lee's books. Because many of members spread the gospel diligently, the fruit has been borne at the right time.

The members who have evangelized many people and led them to the church have one thing in common: they boast of their church and their pastor. Although people do not know who God is and who Jesus Christ is, there are many who come to church after they hear that a certain church is good and a certain pastor is good. Therefore, talking about the works of God and the Holy Spirit manifested in the church and the sermon delivered in the church is a good way to attract people's interest and to evangelize them.

◆ Sixth, you should solve people's problems in a spiritual way

One of the effective ways is to help people gain realization concerning matters that are the most important and urgent to them. You can let them know there is a solution to their problem, and help them ask the Lord for it. For instance, when you want to evangelize a person with a disease, you can show him the way to being set free from the disease and testify to God the Healer. When a person has a problem in his business, you can advise him to bring down God's blessing by living by the Word of God, not try to solve it in man's wisdom and ways. At the same time, you can talk about the living God who can solve problems and make everything prosperous. By doing so, you can show them the way to solving their problems.



TIP

Are you a newcomer?

Why don't you memorize one verse of the Bible on the church's weekly bulletin and read a chapter of the Bible every day?

You can learn the basics of Christian faith through the weekly class for newcomers.

You can receive the Holy Spirit through the monthly Fullness of the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting.

You can make the word of life as your bread for life through the books *The Message of the Cross*, *The Measure of Faith*, *Heaven I & II*, and *Hell* and on the church's website www.manmin.org.

You can learn more about the heart and will of God by attending Wednesday Service, Friday All-night Service, and Tuesday Praise & Worship Service (for young adults).

In February 2013, I was suffering from a severe headache. Meantime, a strange symptom appeared. I could not recognize my family members and I showed the symptoms of depression. My body became stiffened and I could neither walk nor eat. My husband and my family members were all shocked and took me to hospital. The MRI screening result showed that there was tumor on the left side of my brain that controls memory and movement of the body.

At that time my mother had been receiving a lot of grace through Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon via Enlace TV and she was attending Colombia Manmin Church. She came to have faith by hearing about many powerful works, so she said she kept peaceful when she heard about me. She talked to other family members and did not try to get medical help to heal my disease but to receive healing from God. She said they just prayed to God earnestly.

A week later God's mercy came upon me and I was able to recognize my parents. My mother and I went to church together and met Pastor David Jang. Pastor Jang advised me to repent of my past life that was not proper in sight of God and live in the Word of God to be healed. So I repented of even trivial matters and kept the whole Sabbath although it took two hours to go to church. I tried to live by the Word of God.

During worship services, I received Senior Pastor Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick and received Pastor

“I Was Healed of a Brain Tumor and My Family Was Evangelized”



Sister Marcella Granada (second from right) with her family, age 29, Colombia Manmin Church

Jang's prayer of the handkerchief that Dr. Lee had prayed on (Acts 19:11-12). Doing so, I recovered memory and the symptoms of paralysis returned to normal.

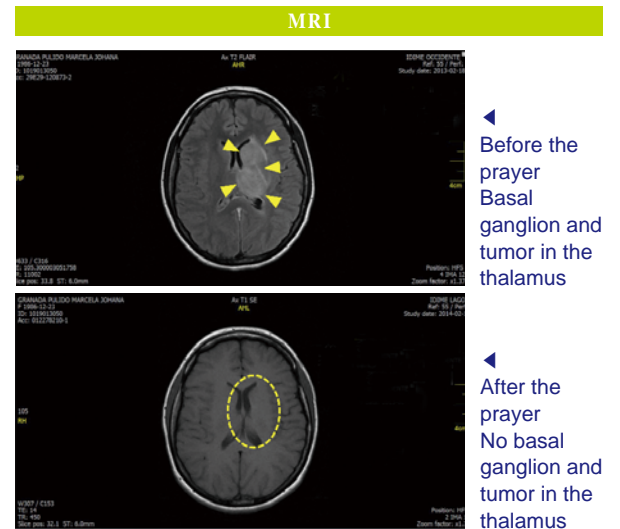
While living a diligent Christian life, I recovered little by little. In February 2014, I received the prayer of handkerchief again. On that day, my body became hot and I sweated. My body and heart felt light. I was convinced that I was healed completely. I went to the hospital and checked it. Surprisingly, there was no tumor! Hallelujah!

The doctor was very surprised and asked me what I had done for it to happen. I replied, “I did nothing but relied on God.” My husband, daughter, and all my family members were pleased and gave thanks to God. The following month, they started going to

church.

We moved to a house near the church and have attended the Daniel Prayer Meeting every night. We could not live together due to financial difficulties but we have been blessed such that we can live together. Before my disease was diagnosed, I had been attending college. But because I lost memory I could not but take time off from school. Now I've gone back to school and have been studying diligently. I am now a small group leader and an usher in worship services. I have been leading a happy Christian life.

I give all thanks and glory to God who saved me from a brain tumor that was like pitch-darkness and led me to the way of life.



Before the prayer Basal ganglion and tumor in the thalamus

After the prayer No basal ganglion and tumor in the thalamus

“I Just Delivered the Holiness Gospel in Assurance But 17 People Were Evangelized”

Deaconess Soonhee Kwon, age 56, Parish 23, South Korea



It has been a year and four months since I registered in Manmin Central Church. And wonder has filled the days of my life. Before coming to Manmin for the last 20 years of my Christian life, I had little knowledge of the spiritual world. My long lasting question, “What was I born for?” was answered clearly through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons. We've been born to go through human cultivation on the earth and live in Heaven forever with God the Father sharing love with Him. I was so thankful to know it.

Previously I had led my believing life by a sense of duty without feeling God's love in my heart. But now I am spending many days feeling that God is my Father and I shed tears. I was taught the law to receiving answers very clearly, so I am not worried when I get sick. When my ankle was scalded, I sprayed Muan Sweet Water on it (Exodus 15:25). Then, it healed without causing pain. The lump that was made from joint fluids on my right wrist was gone without my knowing when.

Moreover, when I delivered the holiness gospel in assurance, 17 people from seven families became the members of Manmin.

I was not good at evangelizing people but I just asked for wisdom from the Holy Spirit and prayed for people

to contact me. And God worked! I just talked about God and my church through the sermons, Dr. Lee's books, the church's weekly bulletin, and *Manmin News*, but these seemed to move their hearts.



A woman said that she finally met the holiness gospel that she had been looking for throughout her entire life and the true shepherd too. She now is leading her Christian life with a feeling for Heaven. Another woman said that she had led a diligent believing life in her own way but she sometimes felt distressed. But after she read Dr. Lee's books and the sermon scripts on the church's website www.manmin.org, she could feel that the message is delivered in the Holy Spirit's guidance and now she is leading her happy believing life in Busan Manmin Church.

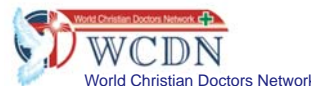
The people who had been spiritually thirsty and longing for the word of life came to feel spiritually satisfied. They came to church and have been leading the Spirit-filled Christian lives. As I realize God's love, I come to have more mercy in my heart thinking I should not let even a great sinner go to Hell without knowing the love of God. I will spread His endless love more diligently and pray all the more for souls' salvation. Hallelujah!



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