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“God miraculously delivered me from the danger of death!”

Desire Lobo (Kinshasa Manmin Church, D.R. Congo)



Elder Sebastien Impeto of Kinshasa Manmin Church(left) and the couple of Desire Lobo

I want to testify to how God protected me from the danger of death.

It has been four years since I was assigned to Bunia Ituri Operation as an army colonel. In the area, 8 armed rebels have taken over the territories, blocking government forces from approaching. The two tribes have always been at odds, and reconciliation has failed over and over again. More than 50 people were killed every day, and the rebels killed not only government troops, but also common citizens, including children and the elderly.

In fact, in a year, we ambushed 12 times trying to talk to the rebels. In the meantime, I had to watch people get killed, and it was strange that my life was being kept. This life-threatening situation came under great pressure, but I thought I had to sacrifice my life for the sake of peace in my country.



One day, the rebels have expressed their willingness to welcome us and have only asked a few people to come in without weapons.

Finally, on February 16, I usually moved with more than 100 soldiers, but that day I went into the rebel area unarmed with representatives of two

tribes from the Bunia region to give them trust.

But that was their tactic to catch us. They bound us right away and asked the psychic of the shrine, where their idols and spirits of the dead were worshiped, whether they would kill us. The psychic of the shrine told us to kill us.

They immediately made us fall to the ground and sharpened their swords. And we started to make a fire to burn our bodies. Then they said, “We have our god Codedo. Ask your god, too, to see if your god saves you.” And they tried to kill one of the representatives of the tribes who came with me.

Then, I got up reflexively and said, “Dr. Jaerock Lee’s God! Dr. Jaerock Lee’s God!” They started laughing. “Is your god a doctor? Do you serve oriental god?” They made fun of me.

I cried and kept muttering, “Dr. Jaerock Lee’s God!” At that time, the rebel, who seemed to be the captain, suddenly received a phone call from headquarters, and after the call, he changed his word that he would not kill us that day, but kill us the next day.

We were imprisoned in a forest. They have always killed the prisoners according to the psychic’s will, however, it was a miracle to go against the psychic’s will and keep us alive.

I didn’t think I could escape from there and survive. So, while preaching the gospel of holiness to them, I continued to ask them to send me to a church. But to my surprise, they allowed me to go to church.



As soon as I entered the church, I prayed to praise God for saving me from the danger of death. The members who heard my prayer asked me to testify, and I shared the gospel of holiness and Dr. Jaerock Lee. Despite the suppression of the rebels, I was

able to continue preaching by the pastor and the members of the church who received grace.

Not only this but even more surprising was that the pastor was the only one who knew of an escape route from the dungeon area to the government troops' camp.

I fasted and prayed for 7 days to escape safely under God's protection. Finally, God's miracle happened.

On the night of the sixth day of fasting, I managed to escape from the guards. Then I met the pastor who had prepared a car and was waiting for me, and I ran from midnight to 5 am and was able to arrive safely at the government troops' camp on April 12.

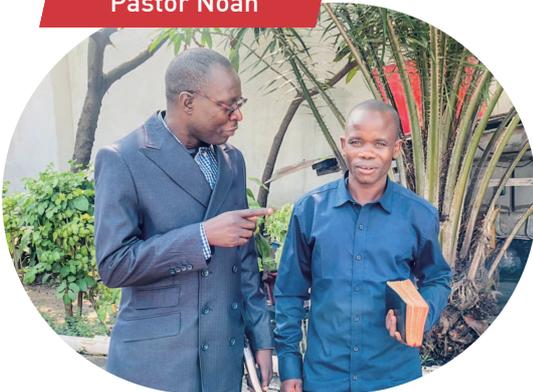
Hallelujah!

Praise God for his omnipotence and greatness.



After the successful escape

Pastor Noah



Desire Lobo and Pastor Noah(right)

When colonel Desire, a prisoner of the rebel, first came to our church, I gave him the opportunity to speak in front of the members.

Through his message, many members received grace and wanted to hear more. I asked him to come again.

After that, colonel Desire came to our church and preached the Word, and many members received great grace. He asked for intercession. And, I and our members became very close to him as we prayed for him and the other prisoners.

His tribe and ours have been at each other's throats since the days of Belgian colonialism. So at first, I had no desire to talk to him or help him. However, when I received grace from the Word and came to know the situation they were in, I thought about how to help them.

That was something that had to be done at the risk of life. Finally, after several attempts, they managed to escape the dungeon, and because I was familiar with the area, I was able to lead them by a shortcut from the forest where the rebel base was. God's hand protected them, and God used me as His instrument to help them.

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)



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Your Righteousness as the Light, and Your Judgment as the Noonday

“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6)

“For those who trust God completely, their righteousness will be revealed as the light and their judgment as the noonday. They will gain victory and prosperity, and they will reveal God’s glory.”

Today, love has grown cold and lawlessness prevails in this world. Even the most basic levels of morality collapsed a long time ago. All aspects of our lives are filled with corruption and injustice. Innocent people are wrongfully accused and suffer. Evildoers seem to prosper. It looks like evil and cunning people are treated better than the honest.

So, what kind of view should we have toward this world, and how are we supposed to conduct our lives? Psalm 37:4 says, “Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.” To delight ourselves in God, we must have the kind of faith that pleases God.

In order to have this kind of faith, we should be able to discern between light and darkness through the word of God. We also have to realize what kind of darkness we have in us that we haven’t cast away yet. Now, let us delve into the kind of faith that can really please God in 6 specific aspects.

1. Our Attitude of Heart

In Psalm 37:1, there are two kinds of darkness that prohibit us from pleasing God. One is to fret because of evildoers, and the other is to be envious of wrongdoers.

If people see that evildoers commit acts of unrighteousness, and yet they still seem to be successful, the people complain outwardly or become envious inwardly.

However, this is to doubt the justice of God. For those who are in the Light, they don’t have any form of evil including complaint or envy. Thus, if you fret because of evildoers and are envious of wrongdoers, it means that the possibility exists that you also may become such an evildoer as well.

There is a positive attitude by which we can please God. As written in Psalm 37:3, it is that we must

trust God, do good, dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness transcending the level of not fretting over evildoers.

Let us trust and rely on God always being rewarded by the faithfulness of God. He is the Guide and the Guard for those who depend on God. He always protects those who rely on Him as their Guide and Guard.

2. The Reason Why We Must Not Fret Because of Evildoers and Not Be Envious of Wrongdoers.

Psalm 37:2 says, “For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb.”

Grass and the green herb symbolize what is passing and meaningless in this world, namely, what God does not make anew. It is saying the success of evildoers is only temporary, just like grass that withers soon and green herb that fades away.

Proverbs 24:19-20 says, “Do not fret because of evildoers or be envious of the wicked; for there will be no future for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.”

It describes that the destruction of the wicked is very near and the glory of the righteous never fades. God protects the righteous and allows them to enjoy overflowing blessings in their lives.

The wicked are destroyed in a short time, and their prosperity is passing and temporary. Then, how can the righteous who have gained eternal life complain because of evildoers and be envious of the success of the wicked that fades away in a short time?

Psalm 37:8 says, “Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.”

If you harbor anger and complain toward evildoers, it leads you to evildoing. So, the Bible repeatedly emphasizes that you must never fret because of the wicked.

If you complain about somebody and harbor evil in your mind, no matter what its reason is, it will harm your heart and increase evil in you. Please remember that the true way of destroying evil is not from complaining in anger but overcoming evil with

goodness as in Romans 12:21.

3. The Way by Which You Can Please God

Hebrews 11:6 says, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

The faith here is the faith by which you can obey God's word unconditionally even if you can't understand it through reason. It is the way by which you can please God, sacrifice your life for God, and make something out of nothingness. In short, it is the faith that is true and spiritual faith as recorded in Hebrews 10:22.

The emphasis in Psalm 37 is that God is pleased when we do not fret because of him who prospers in his way but instead we rest in God and wait patiently for Him.

He who is prosperous in his way indicates those who follow their own ways and seem prosperous. It is mentioned again to remind us that we must not fret because of evildoers.

Exodus 14:14 says, "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." When we are still before God and wait patiently in everything, we can leave everything to God so that He Himself may do it. It is the deeds of our faith by which we can open the door of God's answers. Thus, it will bring the most amazing and powerful works. Therefore, in order for us to please God truly, we have to commit everything to God and patiently wait for Him to work.

4. The Result of Those Who Delight in God

When you delight in God, you do not fret because of him who is prosperous in his way temporarily and do not envy the wicked who are prosperous. However, there is a higher level than this: It is that you can commit your way to God, as in Psalm 37:5-6.

Those who commit everything to God's will and rely on Him only in any situation, they obey the Word all the time. They love their enemies. They don't pay back evil with evil but overcome evil with goodness.

God will be pleased with those who have such faith; and He will not only give to them answers and desires of their heart but also manage everything they do. As a result, God will bring forth their righteousness as the light and make their judgment shine as the noonday sun.

When light is shed, the existence of objects is clearly revealed. In the same way, God's special intervention is clearly manifested to those who commit their way to God and are recognized by Him. If you fully trust God and depend on Him, your righteousness will be brought forth as the light and your judgment as the noonday. And you will gain ultimate victory and abundance and reveal the glory of God. Therefore, you must never sway to the left or to the right like unbelievers, but delight in God by committing everything to Him.

Some people try to seek the righteousness to some degree but do not really commit their ways to God

because they have not cast away their evil completely. When somebody harms them or does evil to them, they feel uncomfortable and impatient because of anger.

If they suffer unjustly and are treated wrongfully, they have to talk about it to somebody. They try to prove their innocence. They feel OK only when their innocence is proven and their opinions are accepted, even if it means the peace in the organization is broken and some people have to suffer in the process.

No matter how righteous it seems to them, they must understand it is darkness; they just can't overcome their own ill-feelings and evil. Most people are generous toward their own faults while they are strict concerning the faults of others. They don't want to accept other people and they criticize them without hesitation.

However, how would those who have gentle heart and keep away from evil act in a similar situation? They don't reveal the fault of others. They care for even those who are criticized. God is delighted with such people. He will walk with them and let their righteousness be brought forth as the light and their judgment as the noonday.

5. The Inheritance That Those Who Hope in God Receive from Him

Psalm 37:9-11 says, "For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace." When we hope in God, we believe that God's help is true blessing to us and rely on Him alone. Those who hope in and fear God receive the right to dwell in the land of God.

If you believe that the world is ruled by God and His providence you can commit everything including death and life, wisdom and foolishness, and penalties and rewards into the hands of God. Then, you can hope for and believe the help of God in any situation.

Just as we can find through the illustrations of the great flood of Noah and judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, wicked men have been judged and completely destroyed by God when their evil had been built up and reached the limitation. But those who have hoped in God have not only received the everlasting inheritance that never fades away but also enjoyed abundance on earth.

Evildoers who have kept themselves away from God are destroyed forever, after passing and temporary glory and pleasure. But those who delight and hope in God and those who confess that God is their only hope will inherit the land. The land means not only various blessings they receive on earth but the kingdom of heaven they will receive as the righteous children of God in the age to come.

6. The Width, Length, Height, and Depth of the Faith in which We Delight in God.

When you read about the life of Ruth in the Bible,

many of you may look at only a part of her life that is described in the Bible, and you think your life has become like hers, saying as follows. "I have most certainly honored my parents." Or "I have kept my words that I vowed or promised." With those thoughts, you cannot discover darkness that lies deep within you, thereby having no improvement.

You must not forget that God exalted and delighted in Ruth not just because of a few outward aspects of her including goodness, righteousness, and truthfulness. Even though more detailed things are not recorded in the Bible, we can guess that God who is Light saw everything she had and searched for her deeds, manner of life, attitude in heart, and characters.

If we carefully look into the patriarchs in the Bible, we can find excellent things that they showed. The Bible briefly speaks about them because it doesn't need detailed explanations. But because God knew their heart and attitude, He let them be written in the Bible so that He would accomplish His will and providence.

If you want to resemble the patriarchs in whom God was delighted and enter the level of light, you must not watch only over their outward merits but also look into

how wide, long, high and deep their characters were. In other words, you have to look at everything as a whole according to the fullness of God.

The spiritual realm is endless and everlasting. So, I wish you continue to change and refine yourselves so that you can come forth as pure gold and shining jewels.

May your righteousness shine like an eagle flying in the sky with its wings open wide so that you can inherit the broad land and enjoy great peace in the kingdom of heaven, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I pray!

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"I was healed of the stretched left femoral ligament!"

Deaconess Oklan Kim
(Age 63, the 1st Chinese Parish)



Last May 13, I sprained my left leg due to my carelessness while working, and since then I have had severe pain in the buttocks. Even a little movement made it difficult to walk because of the pain. When I went to the hospital and had an examination, I was told that my left femoral ligament was stretched.

When I got home, it was hard to even sit on the toilet. I had to take a week off from work. Even though it was difficult for me to walk, I went to the church to attend the Daniel prayer meeting and prayed with my best.

As I prayed wondering, 'Why did this happen to me?' I looked back and I remembered that while performing my duty as a cell group leader, I had an impatient

heart, I was upset and sometimes sad about some members. I realized that all came from my evil. I repented with tears.

I prayed for repentance every day, and on the day May 22, I was praying at the Vowed Daniel prayer meeting with faith that I would surely get healed. However, when Mrs. Boknim Lee, Director of Manmin Prayer Center, put her hand on my shoulder, warmth came over my body, and I was able to pray fervently.

And on the way home from the prayer meeting, I could see that the severe pain disappeared and my legs were strengthened. I was so happy that I walked with excitement at a fast pace. Strangely, there was no pain at all. Hallelujah!

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Meeting

TESTIMONIES FROM THE DIVINE HEALING MEETING IN MAY

“I was healed of Shingles!”

Senior Deaconess Yinsook Jung (Age 55, the 12th Parish)



Since the beginning of May, I have suddenly had a pain in my right knee. At first I thought it was arthritis, but then a blister-like thing appeared and gradually spread to the top of the knee and went up to the thigh. When there was a tingling pain inside the skin, it made me say, ‘Ouch!’

In the meantime, while listening to the lectures on the book of Job, I discovered my changing and cunning mind. However, when I listened to the sermon at the divine healing meeting, I remembered how sad I felt about my family, and I realized that it was all my fault. After repenting thoroughly, I received the prayer with an earnest heart.

After that, the pain went away and the red blisters subsided. It’s clean now.

“I was healed of ear pain from rhinitis!”

Deaconess Youngsoon Cho (Age 37, the 2nd Chinese Parish)



8 years ago, I had a sore ear and was often deafened. The doctor said that there was no problem with hearing, but the ears seemed to feel uncomfortable due to rhinitis. Recently, the symptoms have gotten worse and it’s been bothering me very much.

In order to receive healing at the divine healing meeting, I registered as a patient, and I prayed looking back on my life of faith at the Vowed Daniel prayer meeting. Then, I remembered that I was sad and felt it unfair with the fleshly thoughts, and repented of them. I tried to think positively and good in everything.

After receiving prayer at the divine healing meeting, the pain in the ears disappeared and they became comfortable. They don’t get deafened, either.

“I was healed of reflux esophagitis!”

Deacon Mingeun Ahn (Age 46, the 2nd Parish)



I have had chest tightness and soreness for several months. I went to see a doctor and was diagnosed with reflux esophagitis.

In order to receive healing at the divine healing meeting, I first registered as a patient, and I prepare with longing praying earnestly at the Vowed Daniel prayer meeting.

While attending the divine healing meeting, I suddenly had a cough and felt like my chest was relieved. After that, there was no pain and I feel comfortable.

FEATURE STORY II

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Meeting

TESTIMONIES FROM THE DIVINE HEALING MEETING IN MAY

“The back pain and scoliosis have been cured, and the lump on the left popliteal has disappeared!”

Last February, I had water in the popliteal area behind my left knee, so I had to draw water three times with a syringe at the hospital. But after that, a lump the size of a plum appeared on that area.

I prepared with faith to receive healing for scoliosis at the divine healing meeting in March. Every morning, I prayed for repentance and thanksgiving, and I tried to live a life of gratitude in everything by always finding the conditions of thanks.

About 10 years ago, while I was sitting and making kimchi, I got up and my back hurt very much after a ‘pop’ sound came from my back. When I took an X-ray at the hospital, the two cartilages 4 and 5 the lumbar disc were compressed and ruptured, so the area was black.



Deaconess Jonghee Yoon
(Age 74, the 19th Parish)

However, when I did the test a few years ago, the black cartilage area was normally filled. The doctor said, “It is strange that it cannot be filled naturally.”

However, the back pain was still there, so I had to be very careful not to put pressure on my back to get up from sitting. Even when I was standing, I couldn’t straighten my back and had to stand crooked.

On March 25, I received prayer with an earnest heart at the divine healing meeting, and the next day, on my way to the market, I suddenly felt my back straighten. ‘Oh? Why does my waist get straightened?’ The moment I thought like this, I was convinced that I had been healed at the divine healing meeting. I now have no pain at all and walk upright with my back straight.

After that, I prayed and prepared for the healing of the left popliteal cyst, which had not been healed at the divine healing meeting in March. However, during Sunday worship service on May 22, when I put my hand on my left hip to receive the prayer for the sick, I couldn’t feel the lump. God has already healed me. Hallelujah!

“The pain from forward neck has disappeared!”

Senior Deaconess Mija Choi (Age 49, the 12th Parish)



In November 2020, the pain in my shoulder and upper body was so exhausting that I couldn’t sleep. When I ate, I felt upset of my stomach, and my muscles were always tense and lethargic.

When I was checked at the

hospital, I was told that the nerve was compressed by the forward neck, affecting the shoulder and upper body, and even the digestive function. He said that I would have to continue taking physical therapy and injections for treatment.

I tried to get healed by faith at every divine healing, but I couldn’t get an answer. As I searched for the cause, I remembered that I could not pray with the heart although I offered the vowed prayer on my own, and I could not clap my hands while praising with the

excuse of being sick. It means that I couldn’t earnestly pray and praise God.

I repented of the things I had realized while preparing for the divine healing meeting in May, and I prayed and praised earnestly at the Vowed Daniel prayer meeting on site. Then the pain in my shoulder and upper body was significantly reduced.

And after receiving prayer at the divine healing meeting on May 27, the muscle tension disappeared and there is no feeling of lethargy, and my body feels light and energetic.

FEATURE STORY III

2022
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TESTIMONIES FROM THE DIVINE HEALING MEETING IN MAY



Jheisy Grueso
(Age 32, Colombia)

“The tingling in my right eye is gone and my eyesight has improved!”



When I looked at something, I couldn't see clearly, and I couldn't see the other person's face or letters well. Also, my right eye was tingling and uncomfortable.

However, after attending the divine healing meeting on May 27 and receiving prayer, the tingling and uncomfortable symptoms in my right eye disappeared, and my eyesight improved greatly.



Angélica Campos Puris
(Age 61, Peru)

“I was healed of a neuropathy!”



I suffered from neuropathy with stinging pains in the soles of my feet and extreme fatigue when standing.

I attended the divine healing meeting in May to get healed with faith. The sermon was like a message for me, and when I received the prayer for the sick, the fire of the Holy Spirit came upon me and the pain disappeared.



Claudis Madrid Abregu
(Age 30, Chile)

“The burning pain in my shoulder and back is gone!”



I was struggling with back and shoulder pain. In particular, the pain in the back was like burning my bones.

However, when I received prayer at the divine healing meeting on May 27, the heavy burden on my shoulders seemed to disappear, and there was no pain. The pain in my back, which seemed to be burning, was completely gone.



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