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Collaboration Brings Greater Happiness



“
So we, who are many,
are one body in Christ,
and individually members
one of another,”
(Romans 12:5).

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It was with God's helping hand that
Apostle Paul fulfilled his mission for the gentiles.
It was many helpers during his ministry.

Timothy and Titus obeyed and served Paul,
and looked after many churches with his heart.
Priscilla and Aquila comforted him
during his hard times.

And they prepared the way for him,
Traveling in advance places for evangelism.

Titus from Corinth and Lydia from Philippi
provided their houses for church use.
They served Paul and cherished each other.
They served the Lord happily.

When each of the community does their part,
and encourages one another with love,
they will be able to bear better fruits,
enjoy such joy as created in collaboration,
and to give great glory to God.

Spark of revival through power and the words of life!

Malaysia Mission Trip Opens the Gate of Ministry in Northeast Asia!



The Malaysian ministry began with local members who received grace from the words of life and experienced God's powerful works, and missionary works have been actively carried out through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's religious books. On Sunday, May 21, they offered the 3rd anniversary service of Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Manmin Church whose representative is Deaconess Sophia Wu.

Speaker Pastor Holistar Sungchil Lee, Lead Pastor of Masan Manmin Church, preached a sermon titled 'Faith' (Mark 9:23-27) in the Sunday morning service, and he officiated baptism after the service. In the evening anniversary service, Pastor Lee preached a sermon titled 'A True Worker' (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and prayed with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12). Church members glorified God with healing testimonies (picture 1).

Pastor Job Manikam of Pakistan and his wife, Cynthia,

sermon and prayed for members with the handkerchief of power.

On Tuesday, May 23, they had a meeting with Pastor Inky, Lead Pastor of SIB Church that is actively working for the revival of Christianity in Malaysia in cooperation with the local community. Pastor Inky invited a Manmin Missionary Team to hold a public praise session and divine healing meeting (picture 3, middle). That evening, Pastor Lee and missionary team attended a conference hosted by the Evangelical Church Association of Malaysia and utilized the time to fellowship with Malaysian pastors, discussing the future direction for missionary works (picture 4).

In addition, they had a meeting with leaders from Malaysian Manmin ministries, including Deaconess Deborah Tang, President of Malaysia Manmin Publisher and Deacon Donny Yii, Representative of Sibujaya



also attended the event, adding to the joy of the anniversary celebration. Cynthia is a living witness to the existence of God. When she was 7 years old, Cynthia was in critical condition due to celiac disease. As she was unable to move from her home in Pakistan, Pastor Jaerock Lee prayed on her picture and Cynthia quickly regained her health. Now, she is spreading the love of the Lord to others.

Next day, there was a celebration for the opening of Urim Books Café that was established for the society (picture 2). Afterwards, Pastor Lee and missionary team paid a visit to Malaysia Capital Manmin Church whose representative is Deaconess Hew Foong Peng, and there he preached a

Manmin Sanctuary. They discussed the ways to expand the ministry in Northeast Asia as well as for church revival and book ministry. The leaders and many believers in Malaysia came to grasp the will of God correctly and experience changes in their lives through Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons and books, and works of power occurred to them like the healing of diseases and departure of evil spirits. That's why they have been dedicated to church ministry and book ministry. Through this mission trip, it is expected that the gates for Northeast Asian missionary work along with Malaysian Church community will be open even wider in the future.



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

“You Shall Not Make for Yourself an Idol”

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments” (Exodus 20:4-6).

Of Ten Commandments, the first and second ones might sound similar to some people. However, they are different. The first one warns people of polytheism, saying “You shall have no other gods before Me.” It means God is the one and only Deity and we should serve and love only Him. The second one, “You shall not make for yourself an idol”, warns about idolatry. Here let’s look into what idols are first and the spiritual meaning of the second commandment.

1. What is an idol?

An idol is ‘an image of a god used as an object of worship’. People make images of men, animals on the ground, insects, birds, fish, the sun, the moon, and stars, or even imaginary things, with trees, rocks, metal, gold, or silver. Idolatry is to make these physical images, worship them, and serve them.

Idols were made by men and have neither life nor any ability to bless us. Men were created after the image of God the Creator. If they make idols themselves, worship them, and ask them for blessings, how ridiculous! (Isaiah 46:6-7) Furthermore, relying on amulets, worshipping dead people, or any other sorcery and magical things all belong to idol worshipping.

People make such futile images and worship them because they intrinsically feel satisfied when they can actually see and touch something.

Also, we must never make any image of God who is spirit and we must not serve it as though it were God. Some believers in God make idols and serve them. For instance, they worship a painting or an image of Jesus, or worship images of Virgin Mary or other fathers of faith. Such images of Jesus are made in the painters’ or sculptors’ imagination, so they are not real. Also Virgin Mary or the fathers of faith are all creatures, who are not objects of worship. If we worship or pray to these things, that is idol worshipping. Only God is the One who we are to worship and offer our prayers to.

Some people say even the cross at church is an idol.

But it is a symbol of the gospel that we believe. We have the cross and look at it to remember the precious blood of Jesus and the grace of salvation. The cross itself is not an object of worship or an idol.

Also, some paintings with Jesus holding a lamb or the painting of the Last Supper are not idols in themselves. They are just paintings that show that Jesus is the Good Shepherd or that express His ministry. We don’t worship or pray to the Jesus in the paintings.

Some people say even Moses made an idol. They are talking about the incident where the Israelites were being bitten by fiery serpents after complaining against God (Numbers 21) and they were dying. God had Moses make a bronze serpent and set it on a standard. By obeying the Word of God to look at this standard, they were saved. It is the antitype or foreshadowing of Jesus Christ who would save men on the cross. In other words, just as the Israelites were saved from death by looking at the bronze serpent, people on the way to death can be saved and gain life by believing Jesus Christ who was crucified.

2. What does an idol spiritually refer to?

Idols spiritually include all things that we love more than God. If we love our parents, husband, wife, children, or ourselves more than God, they are spiritually idols to us. Of course, it doesn’t mean we must not love anybody else but God.

It is obvious that we should love our parents in the truth, and God also tells us to honor our parents. But if we violate the Lord’s Day to honor and please unbelieving parents, it means we love them more than God. Not only will it disappoint God but also it is not true love for our parents. Only if we lead them to church so that they can receive salvation, we can say we really honor and love them.

The same applies to parents. If we truly love our children, we have to love God first and love our children in the Lord. However hard we try, we can neither protect them from the enemy devil nor heal

them of incurable diseases. Only when parents revere God and love their children in the Lord, will God protect them, give them good health and blessings in all aspects.

Only when we first love God and love all others within the love for God can we share true love with them. The reason that some believers say that we should love only God and not love our family members is because they don't know the spiritual meaning of the commandments.

Today, there are even some believers who love money more than God, and others violate God's commandments to keep their fame and authority. This is also spiritual idolatry. Also some are detracted from God by celebrities, sports stars, or other things, which may also be idolatry.

3. Blessings for obedience, curses for disobedience

Exodus 20:5-6 reads, "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Here, God says He is 'a jealous God'. His jealousy is different from men's. This is ugly, filthy, and harmful to others, while that comes from His love. If believers worship idols, God turns His face away from them and allows the enemy devil to bring trials and disasters on them. They come to suffer and become poor in heart. Soon they realize their wrongdoing, repent of it, and return to God.

God's jealousy is the expression of His true love to stop His children from falling into the way of destruction and to guide them to the way of eternal life. But if some still love idols more than God and worship them, it is like they hate Him. Then they will receive retribution, and it will go down to the third and fourth generations. Many of them will get incurable diseases or suffer from disabilities and mental disorders. However, if any of the descendants repent and seek God, though the ancestors worshiped idols so much and stood against God, the family will

receive God's compassion and the disasters will stop.

Still when the ancestors stored up so much evil by standing against God and worshipping idols to an extreme, it is not easy for the children to believe in God. And, even though they accept the Lord, they have a spiritual cord connection with their ancestors, so they have difficulties in leading Christian lives. The enemy Satan keeps on bringing charges against them and disturbs them trying to keep them from having faith in an attempt to take them to death again. But even in this kind of situation, if they repent of the sins of their fathers on their behalf with a humble heart, cast off their evil, and ask for the compassion of God, they will surely be protected in His grace.

On the other hand, those who love God and keep His commandments will receive God's grace for a thousand generations. Disasters are only to the third to fourth generations, but the blessings are for a thousand generations. By seeing this, we can once again feel the love of God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you revere God, your descendants as well as you will be blessed. It doesn't mean all descendants will be blessed just because their ancestors worshipped God very well. Only when they themselves love God, dwell in truth, and are not stained with idolatry could they receive all the accumulated blessings. I hope that you will never make any idol or worship any of them but love God first. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will enjoy blessings promised for a thousand generations.

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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)

Special News

Ways to get rid of a changing heart



A changing heart brings a deviation from the initial decision according to one's own interests – not having a set mind. A changing heart can be one of the biggest obstacles to spiritual growth.

People who are naturally impatient, get easily bored or give up quickly fall on this category. But they can be transformed if they work hard in the help of the Holy Spirit along with grace and strength from God.

1. Don't make decisions hastily, carelessly, or recklessly depending on emotion and atmosphere

There are many people who come to regret making momentary decisions while influenced by their emotions or atmosphere. Those who are generally talkative or like to tell jokes need to check whether their words are spoken hastily and carelessly. Great care must be taken not to become someone who is unable to keep their words.

Not keeping promises to themselves, easily breaking

promises with others and regularly renege on promises in front of God are characteristics of someone with a changing heart.

It's imperative to keep all words and decisions made in the heart before God (Psalm 15:4; Numbers 30:2). Above all, it's important to practice thinking in the truth, speaking carefully and making decisions wisely under the control of the Holy Spirit not to make verbal mistakes (James 1:19).

2. Increase ability to keep promises starting from the small things

The best way to get rid of a changing heart is to put small decisions into practice. People sometimes change minds because of the attributes of a changing heart. But the more change of minds occurs because sinful natures become greater. It's important to develop the ability to put their words or decisions into action one by one to get rid of a changing heart.

When we are determined to throw away some sinful natures

in the heart, it's essential to pray for it continually and practice it steadfastly. If we stop trying, sinful natures come back and end up being repeated later in life.

In order to get rid of a changing heart quickly, it is so important to practice daily even whatever trivial things we say or resolve to do. Through continuous practice we can receive the ability to exercise self-control and self-management, and apply it in everyday life.

3. Don't give up on yourself in the middle of being discouraged

In the process of achieving sanctification some people lose heart and give up when they discover their shortcomings. They can't achieve sanctification not only because of the attribute of a changing heart but also due to giving up from discouragement.

Sometimes a changing heart occurs from a lack of determination and perseverance and it also stems from cunningness or betrayal. To enter into whole spirit, we need to realize that a changing heart is

fundamentally connected with all forms of evil and cast it off.

Accordingly, if we leave alone the nature of a changing heart in a trivial aspect we've discovered, it will take root within us and grow into a large tree of evil. We have to find all elements of changeableness in life, whether small or big, and cast it off with the help of the Holy Spirit so a changing heart will not take root. Do not give up and continue to discard attribute of changeableness.

DIVING HEALING MEETING (MAY, 2023)

Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee is praying for the sick during the Divine Healing Meeting with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12).

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“Healed of right-sided hemiplegia. Now I can do everything by myself!”



Sister Raghuvanshi Yadav
(Age 85; Uttar Pradesh, India)

In January 2023, the right side of my body became paralyzed while asleep. After that, I was unable to do anything without someone’s help.

One day, Sister Taramati, a member of Delhi Manmin Church visited and told my family and me all about GCNTV HINDI. She recommended me to receive Pastor Jaerock Lee’s prayer for the sick on the Internet. She also handed me Pastor Lee’s book *The Message of the Cross* and told me to read it.

My eldest son started reading the book to me and helped me receive Pastor Jaerock Lee’s prayer for the sick every day. Through the book, I learned why Jesus Christ is our only Savior and realized the providence of salvation was planned in God’s love. I accepted the Lord, gave thanks for God’s love, and possess the assurance of healing.

I attended Manmin’s worship services through GCNTV HINDI and continuously received Pastor Lee’s prayer for the sick. At every Divine Healing Meeting, I also received Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee’s prayer and my body was completely healed. Now, I am able to do things on my own – walking, eating, bathing and so forth. Hallelujah!



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“My back pain that made walking difficult has disappeared!”

Deaconess Sunok Gwak
(Age 73; Parish 3 in Manmin Central Church)



I started having back pain twenty years ago. From April of 2023, the pain had become so severe it was difficult for me to walk. I longed for the upcoming Diving Healing Meeting that would be held in May and made preparations for healing works.

I tried hard to please God by participating in the Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting from May 8, 2023 until May 28 without missing any days. I also fasted every morning. Then, I made up my mind to offer a peace offering. Miraculously, the pain in my back started to subside from that day. I longed even more for the Divine Healing Meeting as I was convinced that God was healing me.

On May 26, I attended the Divine Healing Meeting via GCN TV during Friday All-Night Service and received Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer for the sick. Afterwards, the back pain completely disappeared. When I woke up and went outside the next morning, I could walk around without any pain.

The pain in my knees also disappeared and nasolacrimal duct obstruction was gone as well. Having surgery only made the nasolacrimal duct obstruction fade temporarily, but after receiving prayer, I was extremely happy to see it all gone. Hallelujah!

“Healed of osteoarthritis in both knees!”

Deaconess Chunja Han
(Age 79; Chinese Parish 2 in Manmin Central Church)



When I was young, I used to work 12-hour shifts at a hair salon. I used to work long hours at restaurants and farms as well. This triggered osteoarthritis in both knees. The hospital recommended surgery, but I was against it as I heard of many cases where pain recurred after surgery.

But the pain worsened from March of 2023 and I was unable to walk without a cane. To go home, I had to cling onto the handrails to climb the stairs. At home, I would need a mat when I got up and down.

I desired to get healed at the Divine Healing Meeting in May and fervently prayed during the Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting. Every Sunday evening service, I looked back on myself with the sermons on the Book of Job. I realized my love for God was not wholly true and I repented with tears during Daniel Prayer Meeting. After that I received faith to be healed.

At the same time, I put Muan Sweet Water on both knees with faith and the pain began to subside. From May 22, I was able to go up and down stairs without any discomfort. On May 26, I attended the Divine Healing Meeting on GCN TV and received Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer for the sick with faith. My knees immediately felt cool and afterwards, I did not require a cane to walk. I was pain-free. Hallelujah!

