

# A Happy Story Blossomed in the Life of a Salary Man

Last December I was inaugurated as an elder. Before I went to church, I believed in Buddhism because I was influenced by my mother who was an earnest Buddhist. My mother used to add my family's names onto the lamps that are decorations hanging on the temple on the birthday of Buddha. How great is the love and grace of God that now God has blessed me to become an elder!

## My Wife Fell into Depression Raising Our Children

In 1994, my wife and I were becoming nervous about her not getting pregnant even in ten months of our marriage. "Lord, please let us have our baby. We seriously need one."

My wife prayed in the church everyday and at last she conceived twins and I was overjoyed. In October of next year, the birth of the twins brought big changes to our lives.

The twins were very weak and often got sick. My wife and I were not able to fall into deep sleep at night. There was no distinction between day and night. My wife used to spend the whole night struggling with the twins. This went on and on. What is worse was that she had a herniated disk. I hardly ever saw her smile and she seemed so exhausted. She was frequently quick-tempered at small things and our conversations stopped. I saw her sitting alone absent-mindedly for long periods of time or she would be sobbing in a corner of the house. She finally fell into depression.

Nonetheless I was so busy at work, so I couldn't take good care of her. The house was in a mess. And the happiness had gone because I became sharp tempered as well.

## I Was Impressed to See My Wife Change After She Was Healed.

One day in 1997, she found her smile back on her face and her way of talking also changed. She even hummed hymn songs. And strangely, she tried to listen to me whatever I spoke to her, and the house was cleaned up again, unlike the mess before. "What made her change like that?" I had doubts whether or not she was my wife!

"After I went to Gumi Manmin Church, I felt the love of God. I realized that life is so precious." My wife said she was healed of her depression and whatever she did, she always rejoiced and was happy. But I flatly opposed what she had said. I would not tolerate two different religions in the family. Of course I was happy to see changes in my wife, but I was worried thinking that my mother would be very upset



at a different religion. But the more I objected to her going to church, the kinder she became and she tried to serve me and made me comfortable. Besides she said she was praying for me. My anger was melting down. And whenever I drove my wife and kids to church I received a good feeling about it. So I came to think that the church is not that bad.

## I Realized True Meaning of Life by the Word of Life

In August 1998, I participated in Men's Mission Summer Retreat by my wife's earnest pleas. I experienced surprising things. It was raining all day because it was the rainy season. But when the time came when Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was going to preach the message, clouds began to disappear and there was a blue sky.

I thought, "It is still raining in other areas. How could possibly this thing happen?" I majored in mechanical engineering. I believed only things that are visible and evident such as "One plus one equals two." The existence of the invisible God, however, knocked on the door to my heart. And that finally led me to enroll in the church.

Later I was deeply touched when I learned God's providence of the cultivation of mankind through Dr. Lee's Book 'The Message of the Cross.' Having been raised in a rural village, I had a deep understanding of

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God's separating the wheat from the chaff at the time of harvest. And I realized that we have to seek goodness and righteousness because it is the will of God to accomplish goodness that is the heart of God and to live an upright and good life. Thus, I learned true meaning of life and tried my best to live by the word of God. I began to attend the Daniel Prayer Meeting every night. At first I found nothing left to pray after I said a few words in prayer, and kneeling down for prayer was not easy either. But I have now been praying for 10 years every night by the grace of God!

## Overflowing Happiness at Home and My Workplace

Meantime I had an opportunity to look back on my life of faith. On March 22, 2005 my son Taeyoung broke his right leg riding on a skateboard. The bone was broken to 3 pieces and he had to receive surgery to fix the bones with pins. My wife and I repented of having quarreled with each other and received the prayer from Senior Pastor. Then, Taeyoung's broken bones were put together and his leg was healed without surgery.

God also let me reflect upon myself in my workplace. I often raised my voice toward my fellow workers when I was annoyed while working. When I was praying, God showed me their faces and let me feel their hearts. I thought, "How much have I hurt other's feelings?" and I repented and tried to be gentle and seek peace with them. Now I am very thankful to God because I am told that they feel comfortable around me. My parents have registered at Daegu Manmin Church and my twin sons are already in the middle school. They are both in good shape and pray hard. My wife is my prayer mate and supporter in church works. The spiritual love between us is growing day by day. I give all the glory and thanks to God who healed my wife's depression and let us realize the true meaning of life and accomplish a happy family in the Lord.

( X-ray of Taeyoung )



The bone broken into 3 parts The bone put together after prayer



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## "Would You Go to Church with Me This Weekend?"

Evangelism Is  
a Most Beautiful Thing!

Evangelism to lead souls that are more valuable than the whole universe into heaven is the most beautiful and the best of works. Jesus also put a lot of emphasis on evangelism and He showed us a good example during His ministry. From March 22 to May 31, 2009, Manmin Central Church is hosting the church-wide evangelism campaign and contest for 71 days, and will award the prizes to each individual, each mission and parish that wins the first places in the contest. God wants everyone to be saved and the Lord has given us the Great Commission, and evangelism is the very way to accomplish the will of God and the Lord. It is a must for all Christians to spread the love of God who saved and changed us and the Lord who took the cross to redeem us from our sins.

Evangelism requires us to have love for the Lord and mercy. We have obligation to spread the grace we freely received from God. To effectively evangelize people of different backgrounds and jobs we have to consider their different situations. You must exercise care so that you do not cause others to feel uncomfortable and not to cause them to react

negatively toward Christianity by projecting the attitude of forcing them to believe. We should practice the love of Lord in our lives and give our testimonies to others through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Then God will allow us to bear beautiful fruit in evangelism. In the 1 Corinthians 9:16, the Apostle Paul said, "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel." As he confessed, we wish for you to try your best to spread the gospel in order to quench the thirst of the Lord and to lead as many people into righteousness so that you will shine brightly like the stars in heaven (Daniel 12:3).



2009 All-Member Evangelism Campaign  
From March 22nd to May 31st (71 days)

## Column One in Heart

Sometimes we hear touching stories about a company that overcame difficulties and became successful. Many people try to learn the secret. It lies in the fact that all employee and executives must become one in heart. They must try their best to carry out their duties instead

of complaining about the current situation. What God thinks is important is how much we cooperate with each other and give out the aroma of goodness with respect and concession for others. When we do become one in heart, then God blesses us to bear fruit of blessing.

"Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." (Philippians 2:2)

From Dr. Jaerock Lee's column series "The Way" carried in *The Dong-A Ilbo*

## Overseas News

- Mongolia Manmin Church Handkerchief Meeting (March 27, 2009, Speaker: Missionary Batzorig Pureuf)
- Manmin TV's attendance in the 10th FICAP (Federation of the International Cable TV Association in the Philippines) (March 27 & 28, 2009)
- Pastors' Seminar in Izhevsk of Russia (March 28 & 29, 2009, Speaker: Missionary Woong Chi)
- Handkerchief Meeting at Isabella Manmin Church and Bataan Manmin Church in the Philippines (March 29, 2009, Speaker: Pastor Peter Bae & Missionary Sunwook Lee)
- Handkerchief Meeting at Okayama Manmin Church in Japan (March 31, 2009, Speaker: Pastor Yashiro Tokikuni)
- Foundation Service of Imus Manmin Church, in the Philippines (April 1, 2009, Speaker: Pastor Jubeom Kim)
- Handkerchief Meeting at Tokyo Manmin Church in Japan (April 5, 2009, Speaker: Rev. Seugkil Yoo)

## National News

- Two Continuous Special Daniel Prayer Meetings (February 23 to April 5, 2009, Led by Ms. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center)
- 2009 Women's Mission Devotional Service (March 29, 2009, Speaker: Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee)
- The 12th Anniversary Service of Daegu Manmin Church (March 29, 2009, Speaker: Rev. Miyoung Lee)
- Missionary to India Commissioning Ceremony (April 5, 2009, Pastor Timothy J. Um)
- The 10th Anniversary Service of Chungju Manmin Church (April 5, 2009, Speaker: Rev. Heesun Lee)
- 2009 College & Canaan Missions' Devotional Service (April 5, 2009, Speaker: Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee)

## 2009 Easter Cantata

Title: Recollection  
Time: Friday All-night Service on April 10, 2009

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**Confessions of Faith**

- Manmin Central Church believes the Bible to have been written in the inspiration of God and is the accurate and errorless Word of God.
- Manmin Central Church believes that the Triune God-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - exists as one and works with each other.
- Manmin Central Church believes that only the atoning blood of Jesus Christ forgives us of our sins.
- Manmin Central Church believes in Jesus Christ's resurrection, ascension, and the Second Advent, and the eternal heaven.
- Members of Manmin Central Church confess "The Apostles' Creed" whenever they gather and believe in it verbatim.

**MEMO**



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

## The Fragrance of Christ

“For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” (2 Corinthians 2:15)

It is said that the most fragrant original essence for perfumes of the rose is extracted from the roses that bloom in the Balkan Mountains in Bulgaria. It is said that the coldest place where roses are still able to survive is in the Balkan Mountains. The roses are collected is at the coldest time of the day. It means the strongest fragrance is produced during the coldest and most difficult hours.

The roses of the Balkans are the best for their fragrance, and likewise Jesus is the original essence of the fragrance of spirit. “The Fragrance of Christ” was also made while Jesus went through the most difficult and painful times in a physical sense. The original essence of perfumes is very strong even with a small amount. To give out the fragrance of Christ is required of those of us who believe in the Lord. You who believe and follow the Lord Jesus Christ who gave us true life through the passion of the Christ, how thick and strong an aroma of Christ are you giving out? Through this message, I would like you to check yourself.

### 1. The Fragrance of Christ is the Fragrance of Humbleness and Service

Jesus performed countless signs and wonders with the power of the Holy Spirit. He healed people of various sicknesses and restored the blind, mute, lame, and the demon-possessed. In order to experience this power of God there were some people who would run to wherever Jesus was whenever they heard of His whereabouts. Jesus, who came to this earth with the duty to become the Savior to us, showed that He is the Son of God through manifestation of the powerful works of God. (John 14:11) When people heard about Jesus, who did they think He was? Some of them thought that they might be able to feel the strong power and authority that came from Him since He was manifesting such amazing works that were impossible by men. Of course, Jesus had spiritual authority and dignity, but what people actually felt when they met Him was His humbleness and service.

It is just as Matthew 20:28 says, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Jesus treated everyone who came to Him with His true heart. Because so many people came to Him, He sometimes couldn’t eat or sleep.

Though He performed wondrous

works, He did not exalt Himself but served others humbly. This kind of aroma of the humbleness and the service moved and changed the hearts of men. Namely, they received the strength to practice the word of life that Jesus was preaching.

He originally existed in the form of God, but to become the Savior and to save sinners, He came down to this earth and put on human flesh. He served the poor and He served to the point of giving His life as the atoning sacrifice. We gained eternal life through this humbleness and service. So, when we have accepted Jesus as our personal Savior and have become united with Him, we have to give out this fragrance of humbleness and service.

It shouldn’t be done by force, or from good education, but we have to give out the fragrance of humbleness and service naturally from our hearts. Only then can we cause the hearts of others to open and gain trust from them. Only when we gain the heart of others can we also plant the gospel in their hearts. Once they put their trust in us, it is no longer easy for them to deny or ignore what we preach to them and they will keep it in mind. If we give out the fragrance of Christ with humbleness and service, even the unbelievers whom you meet in your work or other places will respect you. We have humbled ourselves and served others, and as a result we are respected and served. This is in the truth and the justice of God.

Suppose your husband, wife, children, friends, neighbors, or colleagues are saying something that you cannot understand at all. Then, in most cases, you may make a judgment on the basis of your understanding and point of view and reply. This is the case in which you put yourself higher than others, not humbling yourself. If you form a judgment this way, most of the time it is wrong. That is why feelings are hurt and quarrels may rise. If we humble ourselves and try to understand the hearts of others, then we will not have any conflicts.

To understand others well, it is very important to listen until the end of what they are saying. Then we will be able to understand not just the words spoken by others but also understand the heart behind the words spoken. If we can feel their desire to be loved, to be recognized, and their desire to do better, then we can give them the right answer

Mothers understand their babies very well even though the babies cannot speak. Their expressions are limited to just some mumbblings and crying. But the mothers understand what their babies want when they hear the sound of the voice of their babies. They understand whether they are hungry, or they want their mother to hug them, or they want the diapers changed, or they want to play. It’s because the mothers only want to serve and care for their babies. The mothers do not insist that their babies understand their thinking. They don’t try to be served by their babies as their mothers. They only try to serve.

If you just try to serve your husband, wife, and children, you will feel they are lovely even when they complain, fret, or even get angry at you. You might have had conflicts before, but now the heart of your family members will change because of your service and acceptance. It’s the same with the family members in faith. If you think you have greater and better faith than other members, then serve those who have weaker faith with the generous heart of a mother. If you serve others that way, you will give out the fragrance of Christ, and this fragrance will touch the heart of others.

### 2. The Fragrance of Christ is the Fragrance of Love

Peter denied Jesus three times, but Jesus never forsook Peter. But rather, He understood his weaknesses, forgave him, and strengthened him again. This love of the Lord changed and renewed Peter completely. Paul at one time pursued and persecuted those who believed in the Lord Jesus. But the Lord Himself met him, forgave him, and made him His apostle. This love of the Lord changed the heart of Paul.

It was the love in the cross of the Lord that melted our hearts when we first met the Lord.

We shed so many tears with the thanks for the Lord who sacrificed Himself completely for us when we didn’t even know Him or believe in Him. If this love of the Lord is shown through you, other people will sense the fragrance of Christ coming from you. It’s the love that continually gives without sparing, but doesn’t want anything in return. It is the love that has no envy or jealousy when others are well-off, but rejoices completely in the truth. It is the love that

forgives even those who harm us, just as the Lord forgave our sins and iniquities. Through you believers who give out this kind of aroma, others can be touched and changed. Spiritual love can melt down even the hearts that are as cold as ice and also hardened hearts like stone.

Those who give out this kind of spiritual love will be loved by others, too. If you are loved by others because of physical attributes, it is meaningless love. If the conditions change, or when they see somebody else who looks better, their mind can change very easily.

Now, then, what do we have to do to receive unchanging and true love? Our spirit has to change to become lovely. If we have good hearts that have no evilness, hearts of spirit that have no fleshly character, and we have hearts that give out the fragrance of Christ, we will definitely be loved by others. Because the aroma of love that comes out from the heart of spirit touches everybody. They feel the gentleness, warmth, and the truthfulness, and they will naturally open their heart towards those who give out such an aroma. Then, they will also give the love from the depth of their heart. True love is to care for even the physical things of the other person because you love the spirit of that person so much.

God the Father loves not our appearances but our spirits. God didn’t love the fleshly appearances of men of God and disciples of Jesus in the Old and New Testaments. He chose and used not only those who had upright and unchanging inner hearts and those who were honest and God-fearing; but, He used those who, though they were defiled by things of the world, were still worthy of being refined through trials by God and changed into people having truly beautiful hearts.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The fragrance of humbleness and service of Jesus was so strong that it has not been changed even for 2,000 years, and it’s still strong enough to touch our hearts. We should be able to give out this kind of fragrance of Christ and lead the families in faith and the unbelievers in the world to have the eternal happiness along with us.

May you take after our Lord’s deeds and save as many souls as you can with the strong fragrance of Christ, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I pray!

## MANMIN IN THE WORLD

The pure and precious blood that the Lord shed for mankind 2,000 years ago is still working transcending time and space. It performs healing works and gives new life to all men around the world who believe it.

## The Lord Saved Me from the Swamp of Alcoholism



Kitamura suffered from alcoholism and couldn’t part from the addiction with his willpower alone. But after he met Jesus Christ, he cast off his idol-worshipping and he was born again as a new being by receiving prayer with faith.

Japan

Susumu Kitamura (64)

In May 2007, my wife met Pastor Marco Kim while visiting her neighbor. Pastor Kim was ministering Maizuru Manmin Church. Afterwards, he visited our family and prayed for us. Pastor Kim asked me for help in church’s interior work because I had worked in the construction business for a long time. I helped him with pleasure and began to go to church. I was happy while attending services on Sunday. And, it was great joy for me to have fellowship with church members who visited my home.

Since I liked drinking so much, I never started to work without drinking. At last in 2006, it got to the point where I could not even walk properly without drinking. I became totally addicted to alcohol. I fell into the incinerator and was severely injured and burned after drinking at work. And I even fell down and broke my collar bone. When my wife asked me, “Why do you keep drinking?” I shouted at her and said, “I don’t want to either, but something within me makes me drink.” There was a voice inside that kept saying to me “I don’t want to do this.”

Pastor Marco G. Kim visited me and helped me realize how detestable idol-worshipping was to God. He advised me to live by the word of God and to receive blessing. Then, he prayed for me with the handkerchief that Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed upon in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 19:11-12).

I was raised in a family that worshipped idols, and my mother was a shaman. My wife also used to earnestly worship idols before she attended the church. So troubles, diseases and difficulties kept coming to our family. We burned the platform in our home for idol-worshipping and replaced it with the Bible and the Cross. The following day, we saw a beautiful circular rainbow

appear in the sky. I could have an assurance and hope.

In January 2008 I broke my right arm while getting out of my car. It did not seem serious at first but it became worse and worse until even surgery was impossible. Because my bone had a bacterial infection, it first had to be disinfected and recover immunity by injecting antibiotics before surgery.

Even in this serious situation I kept drinking secretly. One day I was caught by a nurse and was forced to leave the hospital. Later I became very weak and was hospitalized again under the condition that I would not drink. But my body did not seem to get well and 4 months had passed.

In the late May 2008, my wife flew with my picture to Seoul Korea to go to Manmin Central Church and receive the prayer from Dr. Jaerock Lee. He prayed for me twice laying his hand on my picture. Pastor Marco Kim also received Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer on my picture whenever he visited Seoul.

My body got better day by day and I was able to leave the hospital in July. I had complaints while staying in hospital, but I realized the love of God and gave thanks to God. God gave me a good chance of being set free from drinking while I was staying at the hospital under the medical treatment. Afterwards the craving for drinking went away from me and I did not even want to drink any more. By the grace of God I was set free from alcohol.

Now my family including me is in peace. We go to church and attend the services on Sundays with joyful hearts. We give all the glory and thanks to the living God!



## Stung by a Poisonous Spider, but Drawn a Step Closer to the Lord!



Peru

It is my great joy to go to church early every Sunday morning and to prepare for the services. And I feel overwhelming happiness when I spread the love of Lord to my neighbors. I came to know Dr. Jaerock Lee through Enlace TV and registered at Peru Manmin Church. Through me, the number of the members from Ventania area increased to 80. And I have been recently living a very happy life touched by the love of the Lord each day. It was because I was saved from death by the grace of God.

Around 8:30 AM on January 22, 2009, while putting on short pants, I felt something stinging my right thigh. It started to get painful. And the pain got worse and worse. I began to pray, but with the severe pain I had to stop. Not only my thigh but my head, legs and eyes became itchy and swollen and my entire body was covered with red spots.

Around 10 AM I called Pastor David Jang and he prayed for me with the handkerchief in the name of Jesus Christ. Still, I almost passed out with unceasing pain, vomiting and dizziness. But I tried to

comfort my family who were so concerned about me because I believed that God would heal me. I had such faith because I witnessed God’s powerful works manifested through Dr. Jaerock Lee in the name of the Lord and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit through the handkerchief Dr. Lee prayed on.

Around 10:30 AM Pastor David Jang called on me to check my body and prayed for me with the handkerchief again. From that time on the pain had gone and my heart was comfortable. And, as I listened to Dr. Lee’s sermon DVD titled with “The Message of the Cross” and received the prayer for the sick, the red spots spread throughout my body began to disappear. At 2 PM Pastor Jang prayed for me with the handkerchief again and at 5 PM I was made completely clean as if I never had been stung before. Hallelujah!

I am enjoying good health and filled with Holy Spirit as well. There are often cases that the people who got stung by the spider die in a couple of hours if the poison spread to their heart. But I was healed by the power of Jesus Christ.