

We have three lovely daughters. They are Ha-eun, 8, Hayoung, 6, and Hana who was born recently. They are all growing up well amidst God's grace. Among them, the youngest Hana was born by the special love and grace of God.

In latter December of 2007, I unfortunately had some financial deals with one of the church members. My wife and I greatly suffered from the pressure of the moneylender paying the interest which was millions of won (thousands of dollars in US currency) a month. Because of this difficulty caused by myself, my wife Deaconess Hyungjung Lee had a very hard time, and we often had quarrels with each other. Meanwhile, she got pregnant in May, 2009 and she had a discharge of blood from the beginning of her pregnancy. Thinking she might have a miscarriage, I took her to the hospital and fortunately nothing was wrong. On September 18, when we were offering Friday All-night Service, my wife said something like thick water was wetting her legs.

"Oh my God, what is this?"
"Darling, I am discharging blood, my skirt's getting all wet!"
It kept coming out until the seat cover was wet. At that time I thought it was blood because she was wearing a reddish skirt. So I didn't think it as very serious for it had sometimes happened previously. She was 19 weeks pregnant at that time. A few days later, I found my wife's belly had become thin. "Wife! I think there's something wrong with your belly. It became so thin! We'd better go see an obstetrician and check."

On September 28, 2009, she had an ultra-sonogram at a neighborhood hospital and found out she had little amniotic fluid. Amniotic fluid is the thick liquid contained by the amniotic sac of a pregnant woman, and it helps the growth of the fetus and it comes out when the baby is born helping an easy delivery. The doctor recommended that we move to a bigger hospital saying that she was in a critical condition. On September 30, she was diagnosed with oligohydramnios and was hospitalized.

I wondered why she was in that kind of situation. I thought one of the reasons was a discord between me and my wife. But most of all, I committed a grave



Deacon Jonghoon Choi and his family look happy with his youngest daughter Hana.

"My Wife Gave Birth to a Baby without amniotic fluid. Hallelujah!"

Deacon Jonghoon Choi (Sub-district Leader of 12-1st Parish)

sin that I made a financial deal and became a guarantor for debts disobeying the word of God (Proverbs 22:26). I thoroughly repented with tears at the moment I realized this. I was so sorry for my wife and children who were suffering because of me. I went to Senior Pastor and repented. Then, Senior Pastor comforted us giving us words of warm love and advice. I determined to become not only a faithful worker of God but a good husband and father to my wife and children. My wife understood my heart with pleasure and also decided to depend only on God from that time on.

"Let us commit everything to God. God will work for us if we receive the Senior Pastor's prayer with faith."

"Of course, He will! We will receive His answers!"

We showed our faith before God. We weren't worried anymore thinking 'What if something happens to our baby?'

On Sunday of October 4, I went to Senior Pastor and received his prayer. My heart was at peace. "There was another

member who gave birth to a baby without amniotic fluid not long after the church was founded," said the Senior Pastor as soon as he finished his prayer. I answered with faith saying, "Amen." My wife who was at the hospital at that time also accepted it with faith as she heard about this, and she became peaceful as well. Normally, drinking water and injection of dextrose cause the amnion to have more amniotic fluid. But strangely

after receiving Senior Pastor's prayer, more water flowed out from the damaged amnion. It came out too much to the point she had to change her sanitary pads couple of times a day and even her underwear got soaked. But we kept praying all the more diligently with a faith that God would let us give birth to a healthy baby by Senior Pastor's prayer which is guaranteed by God.

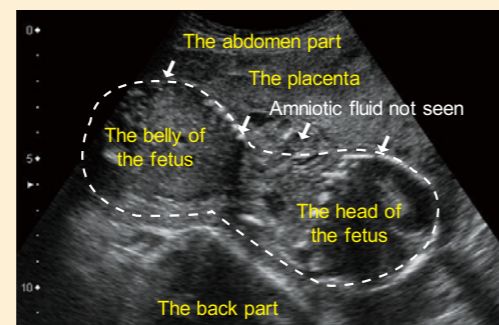
From a medical viewpoint, if

amnion is damaged and infected with germs, a pregnant woman might be in a critical state or she might have a miscarriage. And without amniotic fluid in the amnion, it's hard for a fetus to grow and stay in a proper temperature and there is a high chance of the pregnant woman giving birth to a deformed baby.

She spent over four more months in this condition that she almost had no amniotic fluid. No one can deny the powerful works of God which have been manifested by Senior Pastor's prayer. We later realized the reason that Senior Pastor told me about a member who delivered a baby without amniotic fluid was to give us faith and assurance. We always made a profession of faith that we would glorify God by safe delivery because Senior Pastor gave us a prayer of blessing.⁰

On January 3, 2010, when it was month before the due date, we received Senior Pastor's prayer for the delivery. "God Father, Please let the baby be born healthy and at a normal weight. God worked so quickly. Three days after we received his prayer, we gave birth to a healthy baby before the due date. This was when she had been pregnant for nine months (35 weeks). At the moment we took an ultra sonogram of the baby, she weighted only 2.02 kg. But in just three days, the weight increased by 600g and she was born at 2.6 kg by the prayer. Right before she was born, the doctor said the baby would probably have to enter the intensive care unit or be placed in the incubator. But how would the doctor possibly imagine that the amazing work of God would happen!

The sonogram of the fetus (six months pregnant)



◆ Amniotic fluid that is normally seen between the fetus and the placenta is not visible.

A sonogram of a normal pregnant woman (six months pregnant)



◆ The dark part covering the fetus is amniotic fluid.

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'English and Math Winter Class' Gaining Popularity among Students "I Want to Study Well Leading a Proper Life of Faith"



At 10 AM on January 19, students were studying in the English vocabulary class (basic and intermediate level) at the sixth sanctuary. "Since I know what the Senior Pastor expects from our students, I decided to teach them. These days I enjoy checking students' homework," says the teacher Deacon Jacob Lee.

"We are Finding Interest in Studying"

To improve his grades at school, Brother Sang-gyu Lee, a third year student of the Middle School Mission, has been attending the English and Math Winter Classes which have been held since December 28, 2009 at the Newcomers' Welcoming Room and the sixth sanctuary. Now it's been 4 weeks since the class started, and little by little he is finding more interest in English and overcoming the thought that 'English is difficult.' Another achievement was that he realized the importance of preparation in studying math.

Sister Chan-ye Hong, who will be entering middle school this year, said, "The class is very interesting because the teachers teach with God's word, and they answer our questions more kindly than outside teachers."

And Brother Jong-won Won, a student in the first year of the High School Mission who wasn't able to find any interest in studying said that he was developing an interest in studying and that he is satisfied with the fact he decided to attend the class.

Explaining how he started the class, Pastor Timothy Kim, President of Students' Sunday School told us, "We started these classes through the concern and prayers of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. I hope that our students will try their best both in their studies and in their lives in faith by not neglecting either of them. That way they will be able to grow and

mature into a competent Christians who will have a good influence on society."

The English teachers are Deacon Jacob Lee and Deacon Jeffery Cho. They are both working in the Translation Bureau of our church. Deaconess Eunjung Um, who is a math teacher in an academy, teaches math. The English and math classes will be held from 8 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 8:00 AM to 10:50 AM on Tuesday and Thursday until January

29th.

In addition, for the students who attend the Daniel Prayer Meeting, the Newcomers' Welcoming Room is used as a 'self-study room' from 10 PM to 11:30 PM every night.

The Students' Sunday School will be offering a Special Saturday Praise Service for 3 consecutive weeks on the 16th, 23rd and 30th of January in celebration of the New Year. Each mission is preparing special songs for the service in the hope of God's guidance throughout the year.

Preparing for 'The Year of Reaping' through the Daniel Prayer Meeting

From January 4 to January 24, Daniel Prayer Meeting's third 21-day special dedicated prayer period of the 20th session was held at the main sanctuary under the continued guidance, support and leadership of the Manmin Prayer Center President, Boknim Lee, with the theme "Make a New Leap in This Reaping Year!" Continuing in Daniel

Prayer Meeting, the 4th period started on January 25 with the theme "Reap Abundant Fruit Entering the Flow of Change!"

Manmin Prayer Center is going to have the first 'Special Prayer Meeting for the Sick' of the New Year at the New Comers' Welcoming Room after Sunday Morning Service on January 31.

Ida Manmin Church Having a 40-Day Relay Fasting

Ida Manmin Church, under the guidance of Pastor Seung-gil Ryu, is one of the Japanese branch churches. The church is offering 'The Whole Congregation 40-Day Fasting Prayer Relay' from January 19 to February 27. The first prayer title is to 'Let Us

Become Proper Vessels for Entering into the Canaan Sanctuary'. The second prayer title is 'The Growth of Every Members' Faith.' On January 27th a handkerchief prayer healing meeting was held with the Speaker Pastor Ryu.

The Revision of the Book *Hell* Published with Vivid Pictures Added

A revision has published to the book *Hell*, which is one of Dr. Jaerock Lee's best-selling books that has been translated into 10 different languages and has received acclamation from worldwide readers since its first publication in July 2002. This revision was published on January 22nd with the addition of twenty pictures that vividly illustrate the horror of hell.

The pictures now included in the book were drawn based on the spiritual visions shown by God. While reading the book the reader will now have the vivid images and feelings as if they were in hell. The pictures are expected to lead readers to accept Jesus Christ by realizing the existence of the afterlife and the judgment. It will

also urge Christians to stay alert and be awakened from a state of lukewarm faith.

This revision of *Hell* contains essential things that Christians must know such as the reason why the God of love prepared Hell, the punishments awaiting those who didn't pay the tithe and for those who committed suicide. Dr. Jaerock Lee wrote in the prologue, "This is an earnest message of love from God to let countless souls realize the horror of Hell and through realizing the horror of Hell and by turning away from sins, they can receive salvation." This book is available at major book stores in Korea and book stores in the greater metropolitan areas and near the branch churches beginning January 29.



Notification

Manmin News covers news happening in all corners of the church. The newspaper's duty is to serve church members as a guide to facilitate their church life, and to stay close to them. Anyone who has newsworthy information that can be shared with the Manmin community can contact *Manmin News*. The staff at *Manmin News* will try their best to cover the story. *Manmin News* is always with you!



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“Christian Life is Easy”

“For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?’ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.” (Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

Many people say Christian life is not easy though they profess their faith in God. But God says Christian life is never difficult. When we lead an easy and joyful Christian life, God would also be pleased and He can answer us quickly. Then, how can we lead an easy Christian life?

First, we must have a clear goal.

I met the living God after suffering from diseases for seven years. Despite a very poor and difficult environment, I always had joy and happiness for I believed in heaven. And since I was called as a servant of the Lord, I’ve never thought anything was difficult for God was with me with His great power. I had a clear goal from the beginning because I had an assurance that God is alive and heaven exists. Because I was certain I would achieve the goal only if I follow the way that God presented, I didn’t doubt and hesitate thinking ‘Do I have to give up or not?’

Brothers and sisters, just think about the students who study to enter colleges. They invest 12 years beginning from elementary school, then in middle school and throughout high school. But entering the eternal heaven cannot even begin to compare with entering a college. Moreover, we don’t even have to worry whether we can really make it or not. If we just follow the way that He shows us, all of us can achieve it. The outcome will be given exactly according to what you have done so we have no reason to be lazy running toward New Jerusalem.

If you start a business with your own capital, you will try your best for the success even when you sometimes feel humiliated by others. If you have a firm faith and hope toward the results that you will gain after you try your best effort, you will never get tired but your dream will become even greater. Then, how about spiritual things which can be given only by God? You should definitely try and never say it’s hard or difficult. If you make up your mind thinking ‘I will surely accomplish my goal’ and run toward it, God will be with you with His grace and ability and you can lead an each Christian life with the help of the Holy Spirit. If a mountain climber has a firm goal, he wouldn’t think ‘This mountain would



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

be very difficult to climb’ before he even starts climbing the mountain. If he goes up the mountain step by step only with the thoughts that he will succeed, he will finally be able to reach the summit. Likewise, if you set up a clearly goal in your life of faith and keep running toward New Jerusalem without looking back, you will never think Christian life is hard or difficult.

Secondly, we have to go towards the goal without change of mind.

This changing of the mind is such a great obstacle in a Christian life. The reason why I could reach the levels of spirit and whole spirit, and even to deeper spiritual realm, is because I had no change of mind. I could have gone into the deeper realm of spirit today because I neither changed mind nor gave up. You cannot achieve it just by thinking, ‘If I can’t, it means I can’t.’ So I had a clear goal and tried without changing and giving up mid-way. Of course, physically there were so many hardships and I had to expend great toil and effort with fasting and prayers, but I never thought those things were difficult.

In case of a mountain-climber, if he thinks he wants to rest in the middle or he wants to go back down, then from that moment on he will feel it’s difficult. We feel a Christian life is hard and difficult because we have the desire to give up in the middle and change our attitudes.

It is not an easy thing to get promoted in your work place. But if you give up in a couple of years just because you are not promoted, or if you shift your workplace many times

with changing attitude, it will be more difficult to get promoted. In fact, for us to change and go to New Jerusalem is easier than to get promoted. If your thoughts that the life of faith is difficult or hard disappear, you can lead a happy life of faith.

Thirdly, we have to be joyful and happy going towards the goal.

The reason why people climb mountains, even though it’s hard, is probably because of the happiness they get after they climb the mountain. As they feel the happiness of conquering each mountain, they do not think it’s hard to climb the mountains but they’d rather feel happier and happier. Likewise, as we lead a life of faith in Christ, there are different goals that we have to achieve at different times. For example, at first we have the goal of 1st kingdom of heaven, and the 2nd kingdom, then the 3rd kingdom of heaven, and then to enter New Jerusalem. As we conquer each level one by one, we will finally reach New Jerusalem.

But some of you say that you feel it is hard when you discover the shortcomings in your Christian life. Since I was a new believer, I was happy to find my shortcomings and cast them away. I never thought it was hard to face my own shortcomings nor did I feel it somewhat wasteful to cast them away. I thought I would get into better heavenly dwelling places only when I cast them away anyway. And the more I cast such things away, the happier I became. So, I hope you will rejoice more and give thanks when you realize your own evil. Then you will always have joy and thanks even in trials and tests and you will find out yourself even more and make yourself more perfect. You are happy to realize yourself, to be able to cast them away, and to be changed. This is the reason why you can always be happy in our walk of faith in every kind of situation. I pray in the name of the Lord that all of you will take this march of faith with joy and happiness, so we can go ever nearer to our goal of New Jerusalem.

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Brief News

Medical Doctors from DR Congo Attended Sunday Morning Service of Manmin Central Church

On January 17th, eight medical doctors from DR Congo attended Sunday Morning Service of Manmin Central Church. They were visiting Korea for the purpose of participating in the medical training supported by the Korea Foundation at Seoul National University Hospital, Korea University Hospital and Seoul St. Mary’s Hospital. They came to attend the service under the guidance of Lundula Jimmy, Councilor at the Embassy of the DR Congo in Korea, who is a member of our church.



The medical doctors from DR Congo who visited Korea to attend the medical training are exchanging greetings with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee after Sunday Morning Service on January 17.

The Children’s Version of *The Measure of Faith* Being Sold

On January 22 the children’s version of *The Measure of Faith* began being sold in the church’s bookstore. This book has been simplified, abbreviated and edited for children from Dr. Jaerock Lee’s book *The Measure of Faith* and will be used as a textbook for Children’s Sunday School. The price is 3,000 won (about 3 dollars in US currency).

The United Canaan Mission Had a Meeting with Senior Pastor

The United Canaan Mission (Guidance Pastor: Senior Deaconess Hyunsook Cho) had a meeting with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee at his home at 1:20 in the afternoon on this past January 16. Dr. Lee said, “I am thankful to God who protected Manmin members while the world was in tribulation with swine flu, heavy snow, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. And I hope that all of you find the secrets to blessing by understanding the spiritual realm based on your intelligence and knowledge, become a man of spirit as soon as possible, and thereby greatly glorify God in this ‘Year of Reaping’, 2010.”

Sending the Love of the Lord by Collecting Winter Clothes

From last January 18 to 24 we had an event ‘Sending the Love of the Lord by Collecting Winter Clothes’. Many members regardless of age or sex brought their winter clothes and put them in the collecting box placed between the second sanctuary and the main sanctuary. The clothes that were collected will be distributed to the homeless near Seoul Station, Myung-dong and Toegye Street through ‘Canaanhappy Company’ (Director Pastor Sangbok Lee). Early last year, the members of the 31st Parish (Parish Leader: Pastor Sunghun Ahn) gathered winter clothes and donated them. But this year, the event was extended to the entire congregation aiming to spread the love of the Lord.

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Arming Manmin Members with the Word of God The Five-week Education Program for New Comers and Manmin Bible Academy

In this New Year, 2010, our church members are in earnest mood to arm themselves with the word. God puts emphasis on our arming ourselves with the word because everything in our lives will prosper as we know the word of God and live within it.

Staying close to God’s word is one of the best ways to distancing ourselves from the world, and we can equip ourselves with the power and strength to demolish the camp of the enemy Satan and come forth as a spiritual warrior with the word of God.

The Five-week Education Program for New Comers

There is the Five-week Education Program for those who are newly registered in our church. The new comers learn the basics of God’s word and attend the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting. They can participate in this program anytime after they become a registered member. The program lasts for 5 weeks and newcomers can start at any point in the program.

At 2 PM every Sunday at the Newcomers’ Welcoming Room, Pastor Timothy Kim gives lecture (1) on ‘The Message of the Cross’ titled ‘Why Is Jesus Our Only Savior’; and Pastor Deborah Lee lecture (2) on ‘The Message of the Cross’ with the title ‘Eating the Flesh and Drinking the Blood of the Son of Man’; Pastor Seungshin Kim lectures on the basics of ‘Spirit, Soul and Body’; and Pastor Chongbong Joo teaches the basics of ‘the History of Christianity’. The Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting is held at 1:50 PM on the third Sunday of every month at the second sanctuary, and it is led by Pastor Hyungkwon Joo, Pastor Hyukhee Cho and Pastor Crystal Soojung Kim.

Through this education program, new-comers are learning the basics of God’s word, gaining useful church information, and they adjust to their new life in the church. In addition, because they need to receive the Holy Spirit to become children of God, they attend the prayer meeting and receive the Holy Spirit.



New comers are being served noodles for lunch at the New Comers’ Welcoming Room after Sunday Morning Service.



District leaders are helping with attendees’ prayers at the Holy Spirit Prayer Meeting for New Comers.

Manmin Bible Academy, a Cradle for Spiritual Warriors

Manmin Bible Academy (President Pastor Gamaliel Lee) was established in 1997 with the goal to teach the Bible to members. It has served as a cradle for spiritual warriors and systematically teaches the Bible with the explanations from God for the members’ growth of faith. Those who have a title of cell leader, group leader, junior deaconess and above are required to finish the courses of Manmin Bible Academy.

The education consists of two semesters; in spring and in autumn of every year. The students attend the class once a week from 8 PM to 10 PM and there are the basic, intermediate and upper level classes. Each class is a 10-week-long program. The student studies the ‘The New and Old Testaments’ and ‘The Message of the Cross’ during the basic level class, currently held in the third sanctuary; ‘The Measure of Faith’ and ‘Man of Spirit’ are



The Completion Ceremony of Manmin Bible Academy was held during Sunday Evening Service on December 13, 2009.

taught during the intermediate level class that meets in the first nursery room; and in the upper level course they study ‘Spirit, Soul and Body’, ‘The Power of God’ and watch the DVD of ‘Thunder with the Original Voice’. After the students complete all the courses, they receive the certificate of completion from Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee at the completion ceremony held during a designated Sunday Evening Service. The first semester begins in next March, and the applicants can register at the lobby of the main sanctuary from 8 PM until 9 PM from 2 weeks before the opening day of this semester.

To Spiritually Arm Ourselves with the Words



1. You have to diligently read, hear and recite the word of God and engrave it in your heart.

Proverbs 3:3 reads “Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” The children of God not only should stay close to God’s word but also they have to keep it in mind. The reason is because of the changeable nature of humans. They easily forget the word they heard, and to the same extent that they are in the flesh, it is not easy for them to always keep their heart. Thus, you have to engrave the word in your heart and act according to it by reading it again and again until you can recite it. Then, you will finally be able to act by the word as habitually as you eat and sleep.

2. You have to daily meditate on the word of God and pray fervently holding onto the word.

Those who long for the word of God would like to meditate on the word in whatever they do. Even though we know the word, living according to it is not easy only by the will and effort of man. Only when we receive the grace, ability and the aid of the Holy Spirit from God, can we throw away sins and live according to the word of God. This is why it is written in Timothy 4:5 that “For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.”

3. By keeping and acting by the word, you have to completely cultivate your heart into that of the spirit.

Romans 2:13 reads “For it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.” Once we hear the word of God, it is important to act according to it. Only when we bear the fruit of living by the word, and our faith becomes perfect, not only will we reach salvation but we will be able to enter New Jerusalem.

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)