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## Performing Arts Committee, God-pleasing Model of Performers

In Preparation for the 30<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration Performance “Heaven and Earth”



By presenting the archangel's praise, the amusement park in New Jerusalem, the banquet in the castle of the shepherd, and the like, Manmin's Anniversary Celebration Performances describe the beauty and wonder of Heaven. They have impressed audiences in ways we haven't seen anywhere else. People both in and out of Korea highly compliment songs sung in various languages, the beautiful costumes and wardrobe, the dance, and the orchestra and other instrumentals. People have higher hope for the performance year by year.

On October 7, 2012 it will be Manmin Central Church's 30th Anniversary. The church's Performing Arts Committee (Chairperson Pastor Heejin Lee) is making preparations for the Celebration Performance. The performance this year will present the beauty of Heaven under the theme of "Heaven and Earth." About 500 people are involved in devoting themselves to the fantastic performance constructing the stage, arranging praise songs, recording, dancing, practicing, and in production of props and the wardrobe.

Under the lead of Performing Arts Committee, Nissi Orchestra, choirs, and many performance teams prepare to present a magnificent performance on a beautifully-decorated special stage with wonderful wardrobe and props every year. The audience praises the performance, saying it describes well the beauty and happiness of Heaven.

The 28th Anniversary Celebration Performance in 2010 showed believers'

joy and thanksgiving of entering Heaven after human cultivation on the Earth under the title of "Banquet at Sea" (Photos 1 to 3). In 2011, "Castle of the Shepherd" was performed displaying the banquet in New Jerusalem in Heaven as the 29th Anniversary Celebration Performance (Photos 4, 5, 6, 8, 9).

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee has prayed thinking of the 150th chapter of Psalms since the opening of the church and dedicated himself to nurturing skillful praise teams and performers. The Performing Arts Committee now consists of Nissi Orchestra, specializing in praises; five choirs; 24 performing teams including Heavenly Voice Chorus, Power Worship Dance Team, Heavenly Dance Team, Crystal Singers, Sound of Light Chorus, Korean Traditional Dance Team, Love Dance Team, Serem Korean Traditional Music Team, and Brass Ensemble; 18 soloists; hair and make-up designers; and other staff members. The committee is still

growing by organizing new teams. Thus, the performers try their best to achieve sanctified hearts as well as improve their performing skills.

Also, Dr. Lee has expended effort to offer up God-pleasing praises to God in this generation where even praises become stained with secular music. In an answer to his prayer, since 2009, God Himself has given the church Manmin Praise that can be sung by all people of all nations. It is just as God gave the Israelites a song so that they wouldn't forget the Law and God's love as written in Deuteronomy 31:19-22. Now the church has more than 160 Manmin songs and is preparing for the fifth Manmin album.

The Performing Arts Committee has played a significant role in improving the church members' faith. Its performers lead the preliminary praise before services, give special performances, and perform in the church events like Easter Performance,

Christmas Performance, and Church Anniversary Celebration Performance.

They have shown the essence of high-quality Christian culture in overseas crusades and given great glory to God, which accelerated the world mission and boosted national prestige. The local traditional attires, dance, and their accurate pronunciation of local languages in praise brought amazement to those in attendance. By performing the Korean traditional fan dance, they introduced Korean traditions to the world and played a role of a private diplomatic envoy.

All performances of Performing Arts Committee are produced predominately with God-given songs, 'Manmin Praise'. Singing the Manmin praises, stimulates our hearts to become purified and filled with God's love. The performers will keep trying to possess the best skills ever both in spirit and body to spearhead the 21st century Christian culture.



# Love Is Not Jealous and Does Not Brag

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Envy and jealousy have a very evil influence on our Christian lives. In most of cases, we don't feel jealous of unfamiliar people. We usually feel envious of close friends or people with whom we have rivalry. For instance, if a person runs a restaurant, he may not feel jealous of an office worker who gains recognition in the company. But he feels nervous and jealous when another restaurant that serves the same kind of cuisine has many customers.

Also, extreme jealousy leads to envying with evil action. The same applies to bragging. When you want to brag and gain recognition, it causes quarrels, jealousy and envy.

Then, how can we achieve spiritual love that is not jealous and does not brag?

## 1. Love is not jealous

Extreme jealousy leads to envying others and may even result in evil actions towards them. If you feel uncomfortable when things go well with others and they receive love, it means you have jealousy and envy.

When your heart has jealousy and envy, your pride can be hurt seeing others who are wealthier or more talented than you. If a co-worker gets promoted rapidly but you remain a low-ranking employee, then you may feel bitterness and lose strength and desire to work. Jealousy and envy lead to discouragement. When you compare yourself with others with jealousy or envy it increases your sense of inferiority.

However, with spiritual love you can rejoice with the truth. This is because you feel happy as if it happens to you when something good happens to others. But if you get discouraged and lose strength, it shows that you have no love. It indicates you still have your 'self.' If your 'self' wants to receive love and gain recognition, your pride will be hurt and jealousy will arise in your heart.

When jealousy gets extreme, it naturally leads to evil words and actions that harm others. This is envying in action. It is included in the evident works of the flesh written in Galatians 5:19-21. So, envy then can make it harder to be saved.

For example, Saul, the first king of Israel, died miserably in envy toward David. David was a hero who saved his country from Goliath, the champion of the Philistines. He was almost 9'11" tall and fitted with bronze armor. He was the best warrior of the Philistines. He taunted God and the armies of Israel for 40 days. Nevertheless, Saul the king and the armies of Israel were just trembling with fear. Then, David made a sudden appearance and killed Goliath who insulted God by slinging a stone. In the end, Israel achieved a landslide victory and David was loved by the Israelites as a national hero.

Later, King Saul set David over the armies. But an incident stirred Saul's jealousy and envy. On the way back from killing the Philistines, David



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

was being welcomed by countless people of Israel. Then, as recorded in 1 Samuel 18:7, some women came out and sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands". Hearing this, Saul got furious.

He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" He looked at David with suspicion from that day on (1 Samuel 18:8-9). Afterwards, he tried to kill David. When Saul was suffering from an evil spirit he hurled a spear at David as he played the harp for him. He plotted to have David killed by the Philistines and commanded his best soldiers to kill David. He kept envying David and it was not until he died in the battle against the Philistines that he stopped envying him.

Job 4:8 reads, "According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity and those who sow trouble harvest it." Proverbs 14:30 KJV says, "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones." If you do evil, it returns like a boomerang. Diseases and disasters at home and in businesses may be faced in return for sowing evil. Jealousy and envy are only harmful to us and they are great obstacles that hinder us from coming into spirit. So we should pull them out completely.

## 2. Love does not brag

Bragging means to show off and boast of oneself. Most people want to brag if they have something better than others. This is because they want to get recognition and praise from others. They themselves hardly recognize and praise others' contributions. They think that their achievements will be hidden as much as others' are revealed and recognized, so they usually criticize others. Such bragging sometimes even leads to quarrels. You might think you will be elevated and recognized when you brag, but the result is the opposite.

1 John 2:15-16 reads, "Do not love the world nor

the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

Here, 'the boastful pride of life' is a human attribute that wants to flaunt oneself according to the pleasures of this world. Men of flesh show off their prestigious family, fame, authority, expensive vehicles, houses, and jewels. There are those who brag about their close relationships with men of power or celebrities. This is because they put value in life on the Earth.

But what is the use of bragging about such things? Man has no advantage in all his work which he does under the sun as said in Ecclesiastes 1:2-3. Just as recorded in Psalm 103:15, life flies by like a flower of the field that blooms but ends up falling. With the pride of this world, we can't gain true value and life, but rather we become enemies of God and go the way of death.

## 3. Boast in the Lord

After casting off untruths that make us love the world, we won't have any desire to boast and possess wealth, earthly glory, or fame. 1 Corinthians 1:31 reads, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." It tells us to boast in the Lord for the glory of God, not for ourselves.

It's very advisable to boast of the cross of the Lord our Savior, talk about God-given grace, and give testimonies of receiving answers. This is because those things glorify God and plant faith and hope in people. If we boast in the Lord like this, God is pleased with us and repays us with blessings both in spirit and body.

But some of believers indirectly brag about themselves while they say that they give glory to God. They say they did such-and-such things and that is why they can receive this blessing. They give credit to themselves. So, Satan brings accusation against them and they sometimes fall into trials.

The source of the worldly pride can't give us eternal life and satisfaction. It rather stirs useless greed in us and leads us to destruction. But when we fill our hearts with hope for Heaven, strength to cast off the boastful pride of this world will come upon us. After we fill our hearts with the truths, fleshly boasting or the worldly things will become nothing. It is just like toys with which we play in childhood become nothing and other things too become trivial after we grow up.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the apostle Paul said in Galatians 6:14, "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." As Paul said, I pray in the name of the Lord that you may lift up and brag about Jesus Christ who saved us and gave us Heaven!

## The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

- Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
  5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- "[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)  
 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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The Second Stage of 'Take-off': 2000-2009

# As the Lord's Witnesses, to the Remotest Part of the Earth

**After the Founding Service in 1982,** Manmin Central Church experienced rapid revival just like the early church did. In February, 1993, Manmin was selected as one of the "World Top 50 Churches" by the *Christian World* magazine of the United States. During the first stage of take-off, the church was established within God's providence, and we preached the holiness gospel earnestly and achieved great revival. Then, we began manifesting amazing works and by doing so, we became the Lord's witnesses who spread the power of the Holy Spirit to the remotest part of the earth.

**In March, 2000,** a work of creation took place: salty seawater in a well on the island of Muan in Jeonnam Province was changed into sweet drinkable water. In July, 2000, the world mission era dawned beginning with the Uganda Holy Gospel Crusade reported by CNN. In October, 2000, we preached the gospel with powerful works in the Pakistan United Crusade that was held in an Islamic country. Many people there were converted to Christianity and gave great glory to God.

**In 2001,** all kinds of diseases including AIDS were healed in the Kenya Holy Gospel Crusade. In the Philippine United Crusade, we proclaimed Jesus Christ though the country is predominantly a Catholic country.

**In 2002,** we conducted the Honduras Miracle Healing Crusade, which brought the 'tornado of the Holy Spirit' to Latin America. In India where majority of people are Hindus, we held the Miracle Healing Prayer Festival. It attracted a total of more than three million people and brought countless souls to conversion and healing.

**In 2003,** the door to the ministry of Middle East was opened. By conducting the Russia Miracle Festival, we spread the holiness gospel in more than 150 countries via 12 satellites, public television broadcasting, cable television, and the Internet.

**In 2004,** the holiness gospel was spread in the western European countries through the Germany Miracle Festival. The following Peru Healing Crusade was supported by the Peruvian president, political figures, journalists, and Christian societies. Moreover, WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network) and MIS (Manmin International Seminary) were organized in 2004 as well. We began to spread the holiness gospel and the work of power in earnest through Dr. Jaerock Lee's books.

**In September, 2005,** GCN TV, the church's TV station, broadcast its first program from a transmitter in the Empire State Building in the U.S. In October, 2005, with its official opening, the door to the broadcast ministry was open wide and it has made such noticeable development that it is now broadcast in around 170 countries.

**In 2006,** with active support of the government, we conducted DR Congo Miracle Healing Festival with 700,000 people in attendance. We also held the 2006 New York United Crusade in Madison Square Garden in New York City. The crusade was broadcast in more than 200 countries through satellites and public television.

**In July, 2007,** the three-year Israeli ministry commenced. We preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit from Galilee in Northern Israel to Eilat, the southernmost area of the country. Through the ministry, the Israeli Christian society gained strength. Orthodox Jews as well as Messianic Jews joined our meetings.

**In September, 2009,** we finally conducted the Israel United Crusade in the ICC (International Convention Center), Jerusalem in Israel. Dr. Jaerock Lee boldly proclaimed the message entitled "Why Is Jesus Our Savior?" The crusade was featured in the Associated Press, Reuters, and other renowned broadcast media. It was aired in around 220 countries via 33 broadcasters. All of them were accomplished by all church members' prayer and devotion.



Muan Sweet Water Site, the scene of power



2000 Uganda Holy Gospel Crusade on CNN



2000 Pakistan United Crusade



2001 Kenya Holy Gospel Crusade



2001 Philippine United Crusade



2002 India Miracle Healing Prayer Festival that abounded in the works of healing and conversion and drew around three million people in total



2003 Russia Miracle Festival



Conversation with the Peruvian President at the time of the 2004 Peru Healing Crusade



Conversation with the President of DR Congo during the 2006 DR Congo Miracle Healing Festival



2006 New York Crusade



2009 Israel United Crusade where Jesus Christ was proclaimed in the remotest part of the earth



My parents are both musicians, so I naturally have loved praises and showed great interest in music from early childhood. I even picked up the double bass bow among other choices in my first-birthday party. Even before I became one year old, I liked music such that I could listen motionlessly to my father's double bass practicing for three hours in a row.

**After healed of acute appendicitis by faith**

In November, 2005, I was a sixth grader. All of a sudden, I vomited, became feverish and had pain in my stomach. After I received Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer recorded on Automatic Response System, I got better. But the symptom wasn't completely gone, so I went to hospital with my parents.

The doctor said I had acute appendicitis and pus had already oozed out inside. He added that I had to get operation immediately. But I told my parents I would be healed by God the Almighty. They agreed feeling proud of me. At night on the same day, I received prayer from Pastor Sangtae Kim of Masan Manmin Church and slept with comfort. Next day, I received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick through GCN TV during Sunday Morning Service. At that moment, something cool like peppermint's scent surrounded my whole body. I could see I was healed right then.

Afterwards, I came to eat well and exercised. I got a check-up again the following day and medical data confirmed I had been healed.

I prayed in church every day after school, attended every kind of service even including Men's Mission's Cell Meeting with my family, and enjoyed giving services and prayer. Leading such a diligent Christian life in the grace of God, I became the president of Middle School Students' Mission and the president of High School Students' Mission.

**I was moved by the shepherd's earnest love and made up my mind**

In 2009, I entered a coeducational high school. I started to pay attention to my hair style and fashion mimicking my worldly friends. In those days, my Christian life seemed

to be full of the Holy Spirit on the outside, but I was lazy changing my heart into the truth. Naturally, I began to have love for the worldly things and accept them little by little. I should have been filling my heart with the Lord's love and hope for Heaven.

## “I am a ‘Lord-flower’ Changed by the Shepherd’s Love”

**Brother Youngho Kim**  
(Masan Manmin Church)



In 2010, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee felt so sad seeing students on the way to Hell because they fell into the temptation of this sinful world and committed sins. I realized that his messages were delivered with tears for us and love towards us. And I was deeply moved.

Then, I repented of my past life, gave service with more thanks, and made up my mind to become Dr. Lee's valuable fruit. I was trying hard to remember his love and see only the Lord. In the meantime, God blessed me to be awarded the Grand Prize of the 17th Manmin Students' Praise Contest in 2010.

In fact, I had participated in the

contest every year since 2007. In 2007, I was not able to make it to the final round. In 2008 I received Popularity Prize and in 2009 the Silver Prize. I was determined to give glory to God and the Lord and become the source of joy to the shepherd year after year. And in 2010 when I made a strong resolution by the shepherd's love, I finally received the Grand Prize.

**I have given glory to God with prizes in many meeting contests**

I am majoring in music in College of Arts of Pusan National University as a freshman. I am specializing in double bass. In 2012, I was also blessed to give glory to God as a soloist of Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church in Seoul, Korea.

Also, I have taken part in many contests after receiving Dr. Lee's prayer of blessing. I was honored to receive a lot of prizes in them. I won following prizes: the Grand Prize of orchestral music among high school students in 2011 National Students' Music Competition hosted by Changwon branch of the Music Association of Korea; the First Prize among double bass players both in 2011 and 2012 National Students' Music Contests hosted by the Music Association of Busan; the Excellence Award and College Department's Golden Prize and Special Prize

in the 13th Glo Vil National Music Competition co-hosted by the Culture & Contents Development Center of Pusan National University and Glo Vil Art Hall.

My family is a musical family. Deacon Junhyuk Kim, my father, is a conductor of Masan Manmin Church's Nissi Orchestra. Deaconess Mikyung Lee, my mother and Sister Joeon Kim, my sister play the violin in the orchestra. I also play the double bass and lead the preliminary praise before services and Wednesday Praise and Worship Service in the church.

I give all thanks and glory to God who made me a praise singer and my family a happy musical family.



A LETTER FROM ABROAD

## “I Was Saved from the Danger of Lung Cancer through Intercession and Muan Sweet Water”

**Pastor Fernando Borbon**  
(Costa Rica Ambassador  
to Guatemala)



Pastor Fernando Borbon is giving Dr. Lee's book *The Message of the Cross to Dominican Republic Vice President* in November 2011 (Right)

The Lord saved me from death once again. In January, 2012, I couldn't stop coughing all day. My family woke up from sleep due to my severe coughing. I was having difficulties in my work place. I could stop coughing only when I preached.

On March 3, 2012, I went to a medical center in Guatemala. My MRI scan showed an 18mm-long-lump. It was hyperadenosis that was suspected to be an early stage of lung cancer. My doctor said he would be able to tell if I should have surgery or not four months later.

On July 22, 2012, I went to the hospital again. I received the test result that showed no sign of the lump. The doctor said he didn't know how the lump and all symptoms were gone. I told him it was the power of prayer. How do you think the Lord healed me?

I asked pastors, brothers, and sisters in Manmin Central Church and churches where I had preached to pray for me. And I drank Muan Sweet Water I brought from Manmin Central Church. Muan Sweet Water is sweet drinkable water that is changed from salty seawater at Muan, Korea by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. It contains divine healing power. That is, I recovered my health by the love of the Lord. In upcoming October, 2012, I will go to the 30th Anniversary Events of Manmin Central Church. I give all thanks and glory to the living God.



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