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“All Has Come by the Grace of the Lord!”

A wide spectrum of awards and recognition granted to members of Manmin



▲ God is the fountain of wisdom. If we rely on Him, we can be outstanding persons and glorify God. Photos 1. Deaconess Boksun Oh, 2. Sister Yunha Lee, 3. Deaconess Misuk Cho, 4. Deacon Sunwook Hwang, 5. Brother Bonbu Kim, 6. Sister Hyunji Choi, 7. Brother Juhwae Na, 8. Sister Eunseo Gil and Manmin's children who received many prizes in Namhansanseong Patriotism Cultural Asset Writing & Drawing Contest for students

“I was in pain without knowing God, but now how thankful I am that I was accepted by South Korea and I met God and was healed of all my diseases in this precious church, and then I am preaching the gospel. I am so thankful that I did nothing but received even this prize.”

On December 3, 2014, Deaconess Boksun Oh, a member who belongs to the Love of the Lord Mission of Manmin Central Church received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for North Korean Refugees in the 7th Proud Korean Volunteer Award Ceremony 2014 held in the main auditorium of National Assembly Memorial Hall (Photo 1).

She has looked after and prayed for other North Korean refugees who were living in sorrow with nobody to rely on, as though she were their mother and friend. She said, “I was healed of cataracts, arthritis of the knees, and high blood pressure by my Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer. Since then I have never been sick. I hear from others that I look younger than before. It is the Lord’s grace.”

She was set free from diseases and even gained salvation. Though she is 72 years old, she is now excited to preach the gospel to many people.

‘2014’ has been full of blessings in Manmin. The members have grown up

in faith through the amazing power of God. In the meantime, many members gained social recognition and awards in various fields. The grace and love of God they experienced can be felt in what they say.

Here is the testimony of Sister Yunha Lee, 11th grader. She was selected as one of the greatest volunteers in the 17th Gyeonggi Province Youth Volunteer Contest and awarded Prize of the Minister of Gender Equality and Family (Photo 2).

When she was in the third grade, she registered in Manmin. As she had been taught by her Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who is leading an exemplary life of goodness and love, she started helping her friends and teachers. She said, “I was paired with a classmate with special needs when I was a sixth grader. I helped her with her school life. Her mother hoped that she and I would be together again at middle school. It was the beginning of my volunteer work. I found it easy to put what I learned into practice and to do it with love for I have seen my Senior Pastor’s constant and specific deeds of goodness and charity work.”

Sister Yunha Lee teaches basic living habits to children in the local Children’s Welfare Center and of multicultural families, and helps them

study. She said it is rewarding to see them become bright.

There are many students who even do international volunteer works, but Sister Lee was chosen as the awardee. She said, “I give thanks and glory to God. I have seen my Senior Pastor steadily and continually helping over 10,000 households. It made me start this work of good deeds. Thank you, Senior Pastor for teaching me well and showing me good examples in your deeds.”

Deaconess Misuk Cho, a member of the Light and Salt Mission received the Award of Merit as one of the most outstanding managers in the COEX branch of Hyundai Department Store and has been the awardee ten consecutive times in a row now (Photo 3). She stated, “I receive Senior Pastor’s ‘prayer for the beginning of the day’ every morning and I pray with the handkerchief of power. I am focused on how I can make visitors have a great time shopping, not on how much I am able to sell. Consequently, this approach has caused the number of regular customers to increase. They say they are happy just to see me because I always smile.”

Manmin’s children won many awards in the contests as well. Among the middle and high school students in ‘The 14th Incheon Korean Traditional

Performance Contest’, Sister Hyunji Choi received the Grand Prize in the category of Korean traditional dance. She said, “I receive Senior Pastor’s prayer before contests. Then, I become confident and feel God helping me not to make mistakes” (Photo 6).

Brother Juhwae Na won the Grand Prize in the piano competition portion of the National Students’ Music Competition after receiving Dr. Lee’s prayer on the ARS. Sister Eunseo Gil received the ‘National Assembly Speaker Award’ in the 11th Namhansanseong Patriotism Cultural Asset Writing & Drawing Contest by drawing a picture after spraying Muan Sweet Water of power on her hands (Photos 7, 8). Additionally, Elder Pyeongseo Ku received Director of Jungbu Regional National Tax service, Republic of Korea Award for his collaborative works on tax administration and earnest tax payment. Deacon Sunwook Hwang received the Chungcheongbukdo Governor’s Award Certificate (Photo 4); Sister Naransol Kim, won first place in vocal competition at the 23rd Haneum Music Competition; Brother Bonbu Kim received the Award of Excellence with his poem in the Youth Literature Contest held by Korea Land & Housing Corporation (Photo 5).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).

“You Shall Not Bear False Witness against Your Neighbor”

you have eaten yet, in consideration of the person, you might say that you had already eaten though you actually did not. In this situation, still, it is better to say honestly, “I didn’t, but I don’t want anything to eat.”

Let’s look into such a case in the Bible. When Saul was trying to kill David, Jonathan hid David in the field and didn’t tell his father, Saul, the truth. Instead, he said David had gone to meet his brothers. Though it was not a perfect choice, he still did his best to save David.

As seen in this case, if we lie with good intention and no desire for our benefits, God does not unconditionally condemn us for that lie you told. But if we enter a higher level of goodness, this kind of situation is not made in the first place and we won’t be trapped in telling a ‘white lie’. God works in such a way that we will avoid such a situation. Since God knows even our inner heart and we can’t deceive Him, we first should have truthful hearts, receive wisdom from above, and always speak virtuous and gracious words.

2. To add or omit something through your personal thoughts and feelings

When people deliver a message from one person to another, they often add or omit something. If they do it with a good intention, that may not seem bad. But if it is with an evil intention, then it may cause misunderstanding between the persons. It is a problem. Even if they deliver exactly the same words, according to their intonation and accentuation, the meanings can be changed.

For example, saying “Why”, with an imploring tone of concern, and “Why?” with a tone of contention and anger, conveys completely different meanings. Of course, it is hard to deliver somebody else’s message exactly the same way as it was spoken, like an audio recording. But, we still have to try to deliver the original intention of the one who said those words as precisely as possible.

Also, even if we can deliver the intention correctly, if it is not gracious or edifying and is not truth, we should not deliver it. Although we are delivering the message with good intention, the listener’s heart will be broken, and this results in alienating

people from each other.

Matthew 12:36-37 reads, “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” I hope you will say only gracious and edifying words so that you will be recognized as a righteous man by God.

3. To speak words that judge and criticize somebody without really knowing his heart

When one sees others’ faces and actions, or he hears them, he often judges their heart with his own thought and feeling. Your friend passed by you without even noticing you. His eyesight may be poor or he may have been mentally pre-occupied thinking of something else. But you may think, “He ignored me” or, “Does he have some bad feelings towards me?”

Though we may be quick to sense a person’s feelings and we are very close to that person, it is still hard to understand the person’s whole heart. So many people misunderstand, judge, and have ill-feelings; they slander and criticize others and it is only because they use their personal standards as the standard. It is a case of ‘false witness’ because they may spread something that comes from their judgment though it is not true and may be different from the person’s heart. If we join in judging others, it is also the foolish act of participating in false witness.

Most men of flesh think others will show the evil that they had shown if others are in the same situation that they were in. That is, a person with a lying heart doubts whether others deceive him. A person who ignores others thinks that someone will ignore him as well in a certain situation. Therefore, we must not judge and condemn others by our own standards.

If one talks about others’ faults and criticizes them, he should realize that he is doing an even greater act of evil (Matthew 7:1-5). We can discern the wrongdoings of other people only when we cast off our evil and become sanctified. But in fact, after we cast off all evil we wouldn’t want to see the faults of others. Rather, we would see only good things of them and cover up their faults.

James 4:11 says, “Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who

speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.” This tells us that judging and condemning brothers is a great evil. It is trying to become like God who is the only Judge.

One more thing we should remember is that we should not judge God’s Word with our thoughts. God can do even things that are absolutely impossible within the limits of men. Therefore, we must not think and say something is wrong or erroneous with the Word.

Sometimes, although they do not have evil intentions, people often tell lies. They exaggerate or diminish a fact. One person might say that someone has eaten ‘much’ of a certain dish. But another might say that the person ‘has eaten it all’. One person might say that ‘there is nothing left’ though there may be a small amount of remaining. We may hear, “Everybody agrees” though only some of them actually agreed.

Some people report a specific number of something though they are not sure how many. Though they didn’t intend to lie, it is still lying. Here is an example where a person delivered a message in his own thought. At a dinner table, a superior was eating with many people and said, “The table looks a little meager.” Somebody heard it and said to another person, “He said there is no meat on the table.” It may seem trivial, but it is still adding or subtracting things.

If one’s heart is filled only with truth, he won’t add or omit anything. He doesn’t add his feelings and thoughts. Therefore, if you lack truthfulness in your words, even though they are small things, you should realize you still have nature of falsehood in you. If you haven’t cast off the root of that falsehood, in a very desperate situation, you may also tell a lie that causes harm to others. Thus, I urge you to cast it off completely.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as children of God who is the Light, I urge you to achieve a pure heart that is free of falsehood concerning even the smallest matter. I pray in the name of the Lord that God will shine in your ways, become a shield in your difficulties, and pour down good things abundantly in your lives of walking in the truthfulness (Psalm 84:11).

Some people confidently say they do not lie. But from the viewpoint of God, who is the truth itself, most people lie often. It is just as a tiny bit of dirt or the most minor staining can be seen when bright light shines that would not otherwise be easily seen in darkness. So, let’s now look into such falsehoods.

1. To say that you did what you did not do and say you did not do what you did

During a legal trial, it is clearly shown how a false witness might have a seriously negative impact. In court proceedings, the words of a witness directly affect the verdict. Because of the impact of a false witness, an innocent person may be condemned, and he may be sentenced to death according to the witness.

The Bible says that both the witness and the judge must be very prudent. It tells us that people must not listen to only one witness, but two or three people should be heard to understand the situation correctly. We also understand that a false witness should be punished (Deuteronomy 19:15-20).

It implies that God’s children should not tell any kinds of lies in their lives, no matter how trivial they appear to be. Furthermore, if they keep quiet when they should tell the truth, this is also a deed of falsehood. For example, say we see somebody being wrongfully accused for a mistake that we made, but we remain quiet about it. Or, if we buy something in a shop and the shopkeeper gives us extra change by mistake and we just receive it, we cannot say that we are truthful people. God wants us not only ‘not to lie’. But He wants our heart itself to be true and all our words and deeds to be truthful.

Sometimes people tell ‘white lies’. For example, if somebody asks you if

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)

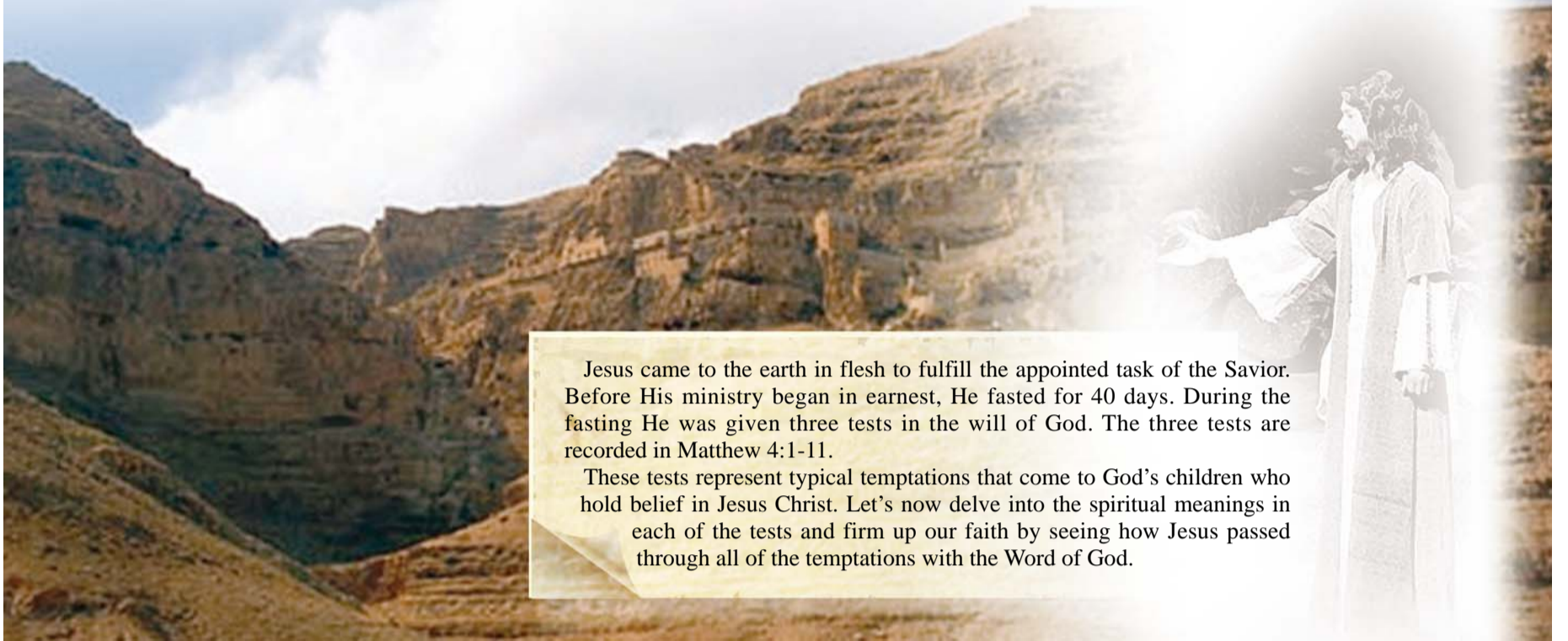
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Lessons from the Three Temptations of Jesus



Jesus came to the earth in flesh to fulfill the appointed task of the Savior. Before His ministry began in earnest, He fasted for 40 days. During the fasting He was given three tests in the will of God. The three tests are recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. These tests represent typical temptations that come to God's children who hold belief in Jesus Christ. Let's now delve into the spiritual meanings in each of the tests and firm up our faith by seeing how Jesus passed through all of the temptations with the Word of God.

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The first temptation, "Greed"

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"And the tempter came and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread'" (Matthew 4:3).

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The second temptation, "Arrogance"

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"Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down...'" (Matthew 4:5-6)

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The third temptation, "Earthly Glory"

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"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, 'All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me'" (Matthew 4:8-9).

God's children should stand firmly against and resist the temptation of the devil (James 4:7). This is possible only with the Word of God (Ephesians 6:11, 17). Note that they should not have only knowledge of the Word, but they should practice it and thereby cultivate their hearts into spirit. If they have the Word cultivated in heart, they can pass the tests.

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'Greed' refers to an excessive desire to acquire or possess more than what one needs or deserves. People may be greedy for wealth, food, and the like. For instance, suppose a person fasted and is now supposed to have recovery meals, but he eats inappropriate food. It results from being overcome by greed. Even if they look insignificant, we should pass tests 'with the Word of God', and through such experiences we become more capable. Otherwise, we can't be provided with the ability to pass greater tests.

James 1:14-15 reads, "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." Let's say a businessman has greed in his heart and is given a chance to gain great profits if he makes an illegal choice just this once. If he carries out the unlawful act, it means he fails to resist the temptation. At the moment, this may seem like an opportunity of blessing, but rather it will lead to difficulties.

This is because God is alive, and He blesses those who keep His commandments and walk in the Light. He answers their prayers when they ask in faith.

The second test is concerned with arrogance. 'Arrogance' means superiority or self-importance, overbearing pride and haughtiness.

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This temptation of arrogance mostly comes to a believer whose faith has grown up to some degree. He has learned the Word of God, he is able to discern the truth, and he may work having a God-given duty. In the meantime, arrogance may sprout in heart without their knowing. Because such people always try to live in goodness based on their knowledge of the truth, they find it hard to perceive the arrogance in themselves.

Or, typically, this test is given to a believer who has received a duty in church not long after he became a Christian (1 Timothy 3:6). People may also face this temptation when they have vast spiritual knowledge of the Word but their hearts have not been cultivated with it. They believe they understand the Word with the heart though they have only knowledge of it (1 Corinthians 8:1).

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If one's heart is cultivated with the Word, he humbles himself, serves others, and enjoys sacrificing himself for the benefit of others. On the contrary, if people simply have knowledge of the Word and become leaders with the passing of time, most of them like to give orders to others and to be served. We should pass the test of 'arrogance' with humbleness and regarding others more important than ourselves. This is a short-cut to achieving the heart of spirit.

Here 'all the kingdoms of the world' were originally given to Adam, the first man, by God the Creator. God allowed Adam to subdue and rule over them. But by disobeying God and obeying Satan, Adam's authority to rule was handed over to Satan. But we believers in Jesus Christ who restored the authority won't be trapped by this temptation as long as we are spiritually awakened and always pray.

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Some believers enter into the temptation because they see the glory on this earth. Since the worldly fame, authority, glory, and wealth look great, they compromise with the world and even forsake their faith to get them. It is like worshiping the devil.

Snared by this temptation, some violate the Lord's Day to earn more money though they have received great grace from God. Others pray less and work less for the kingdom of God than before. Still others conceal that they are Christians for fame, or enjoy drinking and worldly pleasure like the worldly people do. All these come from their love for the world.

1 John 2:15 says, "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." Therefore, we should overcome all temptations from the world through the Word of God. Above all we should arm ourselves with the Word and prayer and live godly lives.



A letter from abroad

‘My daughter in the womb became normal by the space-and-time transcending prayer!’

Brother Joshua Hwang,
age 38, New Zealand

Dear Dr. Jaerock Lee, thank you for praying for my child. When I sent you the prayer request, my wife was 16 weeks pregnant and had just received a routine test. The test revealed three abnormal symptoms of her fetus.

One was a choroid plexus tumor (tumor in brain tissue); another, calcium build-up in heart (which is related to Down syndrome); and the other, that the amnion covering the fetus had been separated. She was in a high risk group (350:1) of having a baby with Down syndrome.

Right then I came up with your power. In 2008, I had visited Manmin Central Church with my wife by the guidance of Missionary Wong Ping Ping ministering to Singapore Manmin Church. There I had seen and heard about many powerful works manifested through you. So I asked you to pray for us through Missionary Wong. Thankfully, you prayed for us on the church’s anniversary October 12, 2014.

On October 22, we visited hospital again for a regular checkup. The radiologist said all the three abnormal symptoms that had been detected in the previous test no longer existed.

Praise the Lord! At the 16th week, my baby was too small but now has become big enough. Thanks to your prayer, my daughter is growing up well in the womb. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you who prayed for us. Thank you!



▲ Brother Joshua Hwang and his wife



◀ From left, Elder Byeongsul Choi, father; Sister Chanmi Choi, elder sister; Sister Nayeong Choi; and Senior Deaconess Kyesuk Hyun, mother

‘I was healed of a rare disease and set free from danger of blindness’

Sister Nayeong Choi, age 16, Students’ Sunday School, South Korea

One day in December 2013, my vision was blurry all of a sudden. I rubbed my eyes and opened them but things still looked different. They looked bent out of shape in my left eye while my right eye was normal. This symptom stuck with me for a month but I didn’t talk to my parents to keep them from worrying.

I thought about the reason I had not been under God’s protection. I realized my love for God had cooled down because I had filled my heart with things of the world. I had also enjoyed Facebook where I saw many things that I should not have seen. So, I permanently removed my Facebook account.

In March 2014, I went back to school as a new semester began. Still the blackboard looked bent in my left eye. I couldn’t handle it by myself, so I talked to mother and went to see an eye doctor with her. The doctor gave me a written opinion telling me to go to another large or university hospital.

In April, I got a thorough checkup in an eye clinic. The result showed an unexpected diagnosis—choroidal neovascularization with nearsightedness. My serious nearsightedness and astigmatism caused the creation of new blood vessels in the choroid layer of the eye. The choroid is the vascular layer of the eye and the posterior five-sixths of the eyeball, containing connective tissue, and lying between the retina and the sclera. It prevents the scattering of the light from outside.

The doctor said the disease occurs mostly to the elderly and only one out of 1,000 youths may come down with it. He added its treatment is injection into the eye and an injection costs 1,000 dollars. He told me to get it treated quickly because I had astigmatism and serious level of nearsightedness, which meant I would possibly soon become blind without treatment.

But I wanted to be healed with faith because I had been protected by God with no need of medicine and medical treatment through Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer.

I heard that as I was newly born I had difficulties in breathing, which were going to lead to brain damage and mental disorder. But after receiving Dr. Lee’s prayer on the Automated Response System, I was completely healed. When I was a fifth grader, a car ran over my left foot but I felt someone covering up my foot softly and had no problem at all.

Hearing about my situation, my parish pastor said it would be a good opportunity for me to experience the love of God. In fact I couldn’t feel the depth of God’s love though I had been a Christian for a long time. So I started to pray every night in Daniel Prayer Meeting, “Let me feel the love of God”.

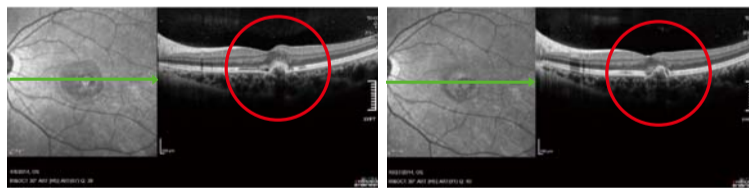
In the prayer, the God of love gave me the realization that I had become used to complaining about everything and I should have a grateful heart. I began giving thanks for allowing me to stay alive and watch the beautiful nature and sky, and leading me to this good church and good shepherd.

Giving thanks this way, I started to feel God’s love and shed a lot of tears. I also prepared offerings and received my Senior Pastor’s prayer whenever he came back from mountain prayer. Then my left eye started to show improvement.

With Manmin Summer Retreat 2014 ahead, I offered up a two-week vowed prayer to receive complete healing. During Divine Healing Meeting that followed Seminar, I received Dr. Lee’s prayer when he prayed on the stage and my left eye felt warm.

During the following Friday All-night Service, I tried looking at a church monitor covering up my right eye. Everything looked normal! Hallelujah!

I went to the doctor again. After a test, he asked me how many injections I had gotten in other hospitals. Of course, I said none because I had never done it. He said doubtfully, “It can’t be treated naturally”. I was healed of this rare disease by the power of God! I give all thanks and glory to God who led me to experience His great love.



▲ Before prayer: A lesion whose borders cannot be determined (sign of CNV)

▲ After prayer: clear border (none)

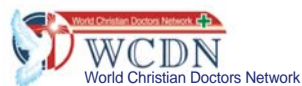


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