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A Letter from Overseas



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My wife was pregnant with the 3<sup>rd</sup> child 3 years ago but she had a miscarriage due to high blood pressure in the 28<sup>th</sup> week. She had internal bleeding and was at risk of losing her uterus completely. Her life was hanging by a thread.

In early 2018 she became pregnant again,

## I Got My 3<sup>rd</sup> Son Benjamin A Month Ago!

but the doctor said the fetus wouldn't last 12 weeks, because she had high BP and thrombophilia (abnormality of blood coagulation).

She was referred to a special doctor but they refused treatment saying both the mother and fetus were in a life-threatening situation. We went back to the first hospital asking to treat her, and fortunately the doctor prescribed medicine with delicate care.

Meanwhile we began to attend the Manmin home church in Argentina. It was too far for my wife to go, but in March 2018, the whole family attended the worship service and received the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick on video.

I believed that God would protect my wife and child through the Senior Pastor's

prayer. In the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the pregnancy, the doctor said everything was normal and the baby was going to be born without a problem. But in the 8<sup>th</sup> month, my wife had another episode of blood coagulation and anemia requiring blood transfusion. To make it worse, the drug treatment was no longer effective.

However, she recovered as we prayed and asked for God's help. Finally, she gave birth and it was an easy delivery by God's help. The baby was underweight but he grew up very fast making his doctors very surprised. My wife is taking care of all her 3 sons very well now.

I give thanks to God who made all these things possible in Argentina through our Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee's prayer. Everything is the grace of our dear Lord.

## Used To Be Violent but Now a Loving Husband

Kijoo Song (Age 75)



we just went with her.

The sermons of the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee were easy to understand. I had good feelings whenever I went to church. While listening to the sermons, I felt very apologetic toward my wife. I quit smoking and drinking and tried to be a nice husband.

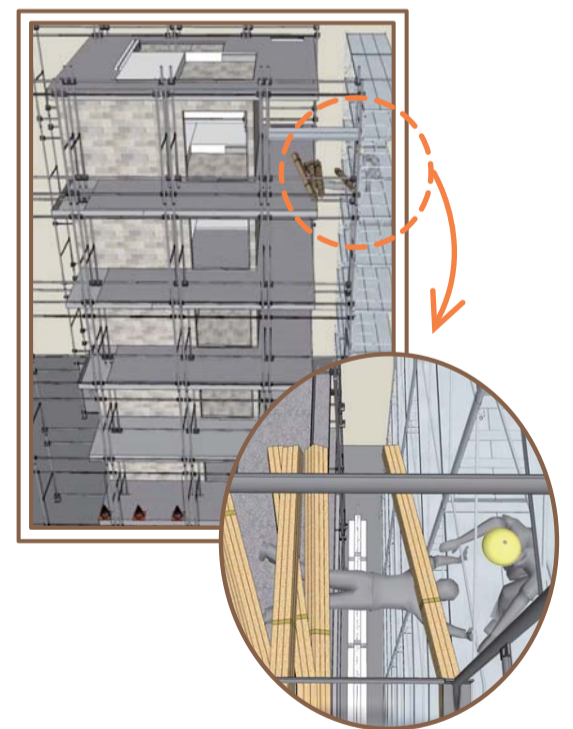
Then her depression disappeared and through prayer she was healed of a skin disease that she had for 10 years. I was also healed of peritonitis by prayer! Hallelujah!

### The Turning Point

As our smiles were put back on our faces, we tried to share our happiness with the members of Kangdong local Sanctuary. I drove the church van for the seniors or those who are physically challenged. My wife prepared savory dishes every Sunday for the church members.

In late 2016, I started working as a carpenter again. While I was working, I almost fell from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of a building.

I was working outside the building on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, and the pile of lumber fell on my head and knocked me down. I held on to the steel frame on the wall, and with my legs that were spread on a board I tried to support my bodyweight but I couldn't. To my surprise another pile of lumber fell on my legs and it supported my bodyweight. I was miraculously rescued by my colleagues. The medical test showed I didn't have any injuries to my head or the legs.



In the past, nothing went well for me. I always had financial difficulties, and my heart also became increasingly hardened. I also doubted my wife in everything. I'd get drunk and become violent toward her or break dishes when I didn't like something. It was only a matter of time before she got depressed.

In May 2004, my wife and I came to Seoul to help our first son who was running a restaurant there. We'd never been to any church, but our daughter-in-law (Kyeong Hee Jeon) is a good person, and when she asked,

One of my colleagues actually gave glory to God saying, "You always receive pastor's prayer every morning before work, and God really protected you!"

In 2018, we were blessed with a new house. In this year 2019, I got a new job even at the age of 75 and I am working very hard.

They are the great and mighty things that have taken place since I met the living God. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father for giving me hope of heaven in this life.

# Love 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

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

In most cases, when people feel that are better than others in some aspects, they like to flaunt it and gain recognition. Furthermore, those who like bragging will openly talk about what they're good at without caring about other people's reactions.

To brag is to talk or write about oneself in a proud or self-impressed way. Those who brag are stingy when it comes to praising others. They think their merits will not be recognized if those of others are. So they try to bring down others to elevate themselves. In doing so, they cause strife with others and disgrace God.

The desire to brag is far from spiritual love that seeks the benefit of others. We might think we will be recognized and lifted up when we reveal ourselves, but we won't. We won't get any heart-felt respect or love from others. It only causes envy and jealousy in others (James 4:16). That is why one of the characteristics of spiritual love is “It does not brag”.

## 1. Boastful Pride of Life

Now, what is the reason that people want to reveal themselves and brag? It's because they have boastful pride of life. 'Boastful pride of life' is the nature to reveal oneself and feel elated for self-satisfaction and pleasure. It comes from love for this sinful world.

1 John 2:15-16 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. 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.”

Most people brag about the things they consider important. Those who love money will boast of their wealth. Those who consider being good-looking and physically attractive important will brag about their appearance. It means they cherish their money, appearance, fame, and power more than God.

Hezekiah, the 13<sup>th</sup> king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah was once honest before God, and he also purified the Temple. He overcame the attack of Assyria through

prayer. When he got a fatal illness his life was extended by 15 years through tearful prayers.

However, he had some boastful pride of life. The king of Babylon sent his diplomatic delegation upon hearing the news of Hezekiah's recovery. Hezekiah was so happy that he showed to them all his treasures and the vessels in the Temple to brag about them. Due to his bragging he was finally invaded by Babylon, and everything he cherished was taken away (Isaiah 39:1-6).

Boasting comes from the meaninglessness of the world, and therefore, it shows that one does not love God. In order to cultivate spiritually true love, we have to cast away 'boastful pride of life' which comes from the love for the world.

## 2. Boasting in the Lord, Giving Glory to God

2 Cor. 10:17 says, “But he who boasts is to boast in the Lord.” Boasting in the Lord is good because it is giving glory to God. One of the best examples is giving a testimony.

As the apostle Paul said in Gal. 6:14, “But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world,” it is to boast of Jesus Christ who saved us and gave us the kingdom of heaven.

2 Cor. 12:9 says, “And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

In fact, Paul manifested such great power of God that when people took handkerchiefs or aprons that he had touched him to the sick, they were healed. He guided numerous souls to the Lord and established many churches in his 3 missionary trips. However, he only boasted in the Lord saying everything was God's grace and the power of Christ.

Today, many people testify of their experiences of meeting the living God. They testify of God's grace that gave them divine healing, financial blessing, and peace of the family when they sought and loved God

earnestly.

They testify of spiritual blessings, meaning they came to experience God's love and gain faith. Boasting in the Lord not only gives glory to God but also plants faith and life in other believers as well. It is to store up heavenly rewards, and their heart's desires will be answered more quickly by giving testimonies.

However, there are some cases where they say they give glory to God but in fact they are making something about themselves known to others. They tacitly express that they received blessings because they tried hard. It seems like they are giving glory to God but actually they are taking the credit for themselves.

Satan can bring accusations against such people. Boasting of oneself might result in tests and trials. If other people don't recognize them, they might even leave God.

If we really love God, we should speak words that edify, namely, the words that give others faith and life (Romans 15:2). As water is purified through the filters, we shouldn't hastily say just anything, but we should first think about whether our words are edifying others or hurting them, before we actually say them.

## 3. Cast Away Boastful Pride of Life

Even those who have many things to brag about can't live forever. After the life on this earth they will end up either in heaven or hell. In heaven, even the roads are paved with pure gold, to which no splendor of this earth is comparable and it puts everything that is boasted on this earth to shame. If they end up in hell, what could they boast of even if they had wealth, knowledge, fame and power on this earth?

Matt. 16:26-27 says, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.”

Nothing in this world can give us eternal

## 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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life or eternal satisfaction. But rather, they cause vanity which leads on the shortcut to destruction. If we realize this fact and fill our hearts with the hope of heaven, we will receive the strength to pull out boastful pride of life completely. If we really know about the beauty of splendid gemstones in heaven and believe it, we won't be attached to the things of this earth.

When we cast away boastful pride of life,

we will only boast of Jesus Christ. We won't be proud of having worldly things but of the eternal glory we will enjoy in heaven. We will be filled with the joy of salvation, and even if we face various trials, we won't say they are hard.

Dear brothers and sisters,  
 God gave us His only begotten Son, and the Lord obeyed until death. When this love of

the Father and the Lord is placed in our heart, we will rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all things.

If we don't have boastful pride of life, we won't be flattered even when we are praised nor will we be disheartened just because we are reprimanded. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will cultivate spiritual love, humble yourself, and lead many souls to the way of salvation.

FEATURE STORY

# Following the Footsteps of the Lord (1)

“Now learn the parable of the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.” Matthew 24:32-33



The fig tree symbolizes Israel. In the Christian documentary film 'Recovery', the fig tree becoming tender was interpreted as the hardened hearts of the Israelis were opened to accept the gospel, and its leaves being put forth as the revival of the Messianic Jewish Christian churches.

God has let us know many things about Israel in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit since the opening of the church. The independence of Israel is one of the signs of the end time and the fulfillment of the prophecy in the Bible.

Jeremiah 31:10 says, "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare in the coastlands afar off, and say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.""

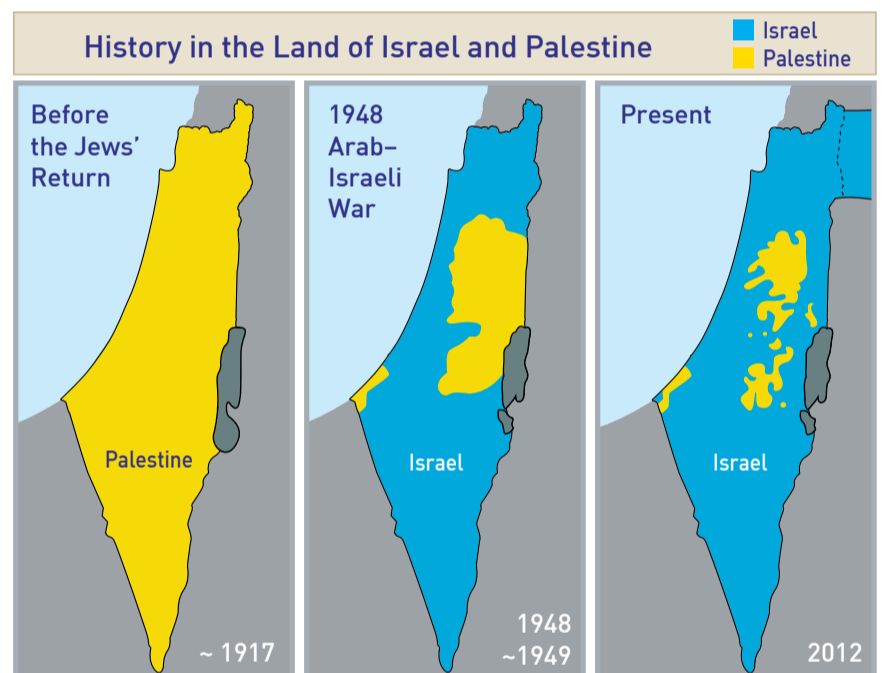
God has chosen Israel to teach the human beings about His providence in human creation and cultivation. When they followed the will of God they enjoyed great honor as an excellent people and nation. When they departed from God and disobeyed Him, they had to suffer being dispersed in many parts of the world.

However, even when Israel was suffering due to their sins, God never forsook them or forgot them. And, because of His special protection and guidance, Israel kept its name and eventually regained independence. They have become one of the most exceptional peoples of the world.

## Independence of Israel: Sign of End Time

Many people say the survival of the Jews is a miracle in itself. And the re-establishing their nation after living in so many parts of the world and especially after the holocaust is also a miracle. This history of Israel shows us that the Bible is true. However, even greater sufferings and hardships will begin after the Second Coming of the Lord in the air.

Those who have accepted Jesus Christ will be caught up in the air



to meet the Lord and have the Wedding Banquet in the air, while those who haven't will remain on this earth and experience the Great Tribulation.

God let us know that at the end time the gospel would return to Israel and even the Jews would come to repentance. When the church began pilgrimages to the Holy Land in 1989, God let us feel that we were actually in the Bible through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

In the 2004 pilgrimage, the pilgrims spent a day near the Dead Sea and headed to Galilee with great expectations and hope.

Galilee has hills with many trees and fertile farm land. The Sea of Galilee is the center of Jesus's early ministry.

Jesus called His disciples at the shore of Galilee. He spread the gospel and manifested numerous signs and wonders. He calmed down the wind and the seas with His power; He also walked on the Sea of Galilee.

The pilgrims were deeply moved by the traces of Jesus embedded in different areas around the Sea of Galilee.



# God's Gift for Infertile Couple

I was raised in a Christian family but I was same as unbelievers. I went to the church on Sundays and prayed, "God, I am sorry" and then right from Monday I'd take in worldly things. Then on Sunday, I'd say the same thing.

However, I was never the same after I met Rev. Jaerock Lee. He delivered words of God that let me differentiate myself from the world. My heart felt refreshed listening to his sermons because I had longing for this word of God.

Also, I could very easily quit smoking because I felt nauseated by cigarettes. I was somewhat sorry that my spiritual changes were slow although I was hearing the words of life. However, when I felt God's love in my heart, I could feel that my inner being was renewed.

In the spring of 2014 I married Yuna Park. We couldn't conceive a baby for over a year and did some medical tests. The doctor said my wife's Fallopian tubes were blocked. She went to a very famous herbal doctor and took some herbal medicine to remove impurities from the uterus, but only in vain.

In 2016, she went to a famous laparoscopy doctor, but he said it was impossible for her to get pregnant because of the blockage



Sungmin Choi's (Age 47) Family

in her Fallopian tubes. Only then did we really begin to rely on God. God was probably just quietly waiting for us to do so!

In May 2017, my wife and I began to have home worship services along with fasting in order to receive the blessing of conception, and God's grace began to come upon us. We'd seen so many powerful works of God but we didn't really show any faith of our won. We repented of that. Also, we were thankful for God's grace that guided us to the church filled with word of life and evidence of the living God.

After a month, my wife felt something different in her body. The pregnancy test indicated positive. She went to the hospital and it was confirmed she was pregnant. The doctors said she was in her 6<sup>th</sup> week and he could hear the heart-beat, too. Hallelujah!

In February 2018, we got a very healthy son and we named him Hajin, which means treasure of God. As I began to love him, I can also feel the love of the Father, the Lord, and the Holy Spirit who love us without any conditions. Hajin is the biggest gift from God! I give thanks and glory to the Triune God and I also give thanks to the Senior Pastor for his prayers.

# "I Am Healed of Hypothyroidism"

Hyojin Kim (Age 24)



I began to lose stamina and fitness in April 2018. I couldn't finish my job at work and it depressed me. My body was so swollen that people asked me why I gained so much weight. My neck was also swollen and one of my friends said it looked like I was wearing a rubber ring. I had medical tests and found out I had hypothyroidism.

The doctor was amazed how I went to work with such a low level of thyroid hormones. He said I had to control the hormone level with medicine, and if I didn't take the medicine, the level would go down immediately. Namely, I had to take medicine for the rest of my life.

I had a desire to be healed by God's power, but I took the medicines because otherwise I couldn't go to work. Still, the hormone level was low and I had to increase the dose and keep on taking it to keep the normal level. I always felt tired and lethargic. Fortunately, the Manmin Summer Retreat was coming up, and I really wanted to be healed by God.

From the day before the retreat, I had the conviction that I no longer had to take medicines, so I stopped taking them. On the first day of the retreat Pastor Soojin Lee prayed for the sick with a handkerchief on which the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). I received the prayer with a desperate heart, and to my amazement, I felt light and I wasn't so tired from the end of the retreat.

I wanted to be healed completely, so I

attended the '2-term continuous special Daniel Prayer Meeting' that was held from Oct. 8. I'd burst into tears whenever I prayed with the handkerchief prayed on by the Senior Pastor.

I felt like God was touching and comforting my heart. I repented of ceasing to pray and not having complete faith in God. Every morning I received the prayers of the Senior Pastor for the sick and for the new day before I went to work.

I received the results of medical test on Dec. 10, and everything was normal. The doctor had told me I could never quit taking medicines, but by faith I hadn't been taking any medicine for the past 4 months. I was healed completely only by the power of God. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God for having healed me with the blood of the Lord and guiding me to lead a blessed life.

Medical Test Results			
검사항목	검사	검사항목	검사결과
TSH (2013.2.12)	92.260(uIU/ml)	TSH (2018.12.12)	2.070(uIU/ml)
Free T4 (2013.02.12)	0.39(ng/dL)	Free T4 (2018.02.12)	0.99(ng/dL)
T3 (2013.02.12부타)	0.75(ng/mL)	Albumin(2018.03.01)	4.6(g/dL)
		Bilirubin(Total)	0.65(mg/dL)
(REMARK)		(REMARK)	
검사일시: 2018년 04월 20일 검사 42분 B111 NO: 272826 출력일자: 2018년 05월 03일		[사일시: 2018년 12월 04일 12시 07분 B111 NO: 298130]	

Thyroid-stimulating Hormone is 30 times more than normal. Thyroid hormone level was lower than normal, but it recovered to normal level after prayers.



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