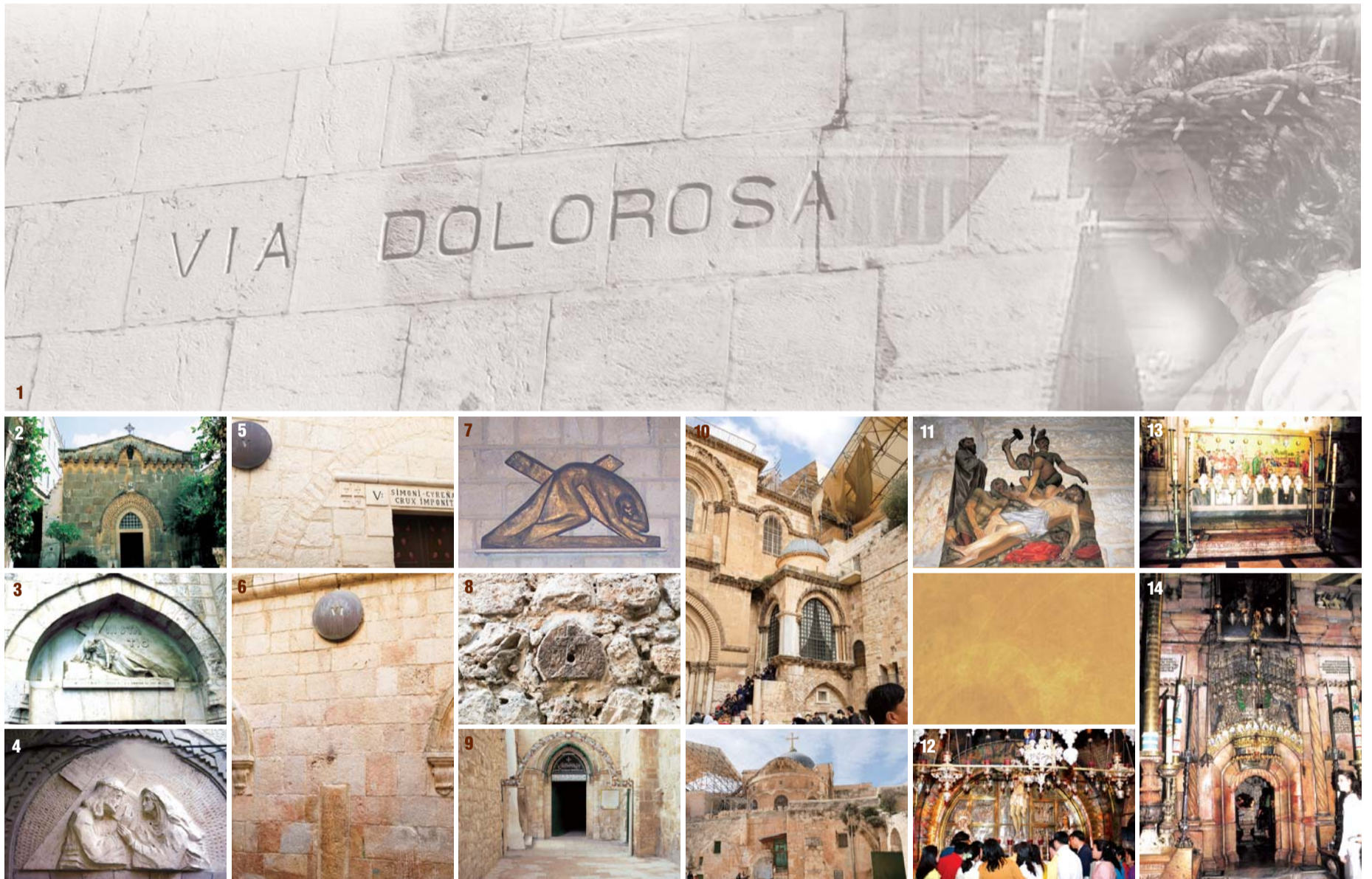


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Engraving the Love of Cross In Our Heart



Photos of Via Dolorosa for this Easter

Via Dolorosa means 'painful way' or 'way of suffering' in Latin. There are 14 locations beginning at the place where Jesus was sentenced to death by Pilate to the location of His sepulcher on this road, a distance of about 800 meters.

Let us remember the sufferings and death of Jesus, and the love of God who gave His only begotten Son for us through the photos along Via Dolorosa.

- 1** Pilate gave death sentence to Jesus here. Today an Arabic elementary school stands.
 - 2** Starting point of Jesus's going up to Golgotha carrying the cross. The site of Flagellation Church.
 - 3** The site where Jesus fell the 1st time carrying the cross. Armenia Commemoration Church was established in 1856.
 - 4** The place where Jesus encountered Virgin Mary.
 - 5** Simon the Cyrene took the cross for Jesus. A commemoration church is built here.
 - 6** The place the woman healed of bleeding made her way through the angry crowd and soldiers to wipe Jesus' face.
 - 7** Where Jesus fell the 2nd time.
 - 8** Where Jesus said to the women following Him, "...stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."
 - 9** Where Jesus fell the 3rd time near the Golgotha.
 - 10** Where the Roman soldiers stripped Jesus of His clothes.
 - 11** Where Jesus was nailed on the cross.
 - 12** Jesus breathed His last on the cross.
 - 13** Where Jesus's body was laid.
 - 14** Jesus's sepulcher
- *10-14 are all in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Manmin Central Church Receives Letter of Appreciation



On Apr. 2, Dongjak Gu Office of Seoul City Govt. held a ceremony to present their letters of appreciation for charitable work during the winter.

According to Matt. 22:39 that tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, our church has

been supporting the local communities for social welfare. We've participated in the 2019 Charity Campaign of Dongjak Gu Office and was given a Plaque of Commendation by Community Chest of Korea and a Letter of Appreciation by Dongjak Gu

Office.

The Community Chest of Korea is a quasi-government organization established for fair collection and distribution of charitable donations. Our church has been donating 200 kg of rice every year for the last 10 years.

Love Bears, Believes, Hopes, and Endures All Things (2)

“... [love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”
1 Corinthians 13:7

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 explains the concept of love and draws the conclusion by stating true love is to bear, believe, and hope all things.

We will continue to delve into love that bears all things and how we can cultivate love that bears, believes, and hopes all things.

1. Love Endures All Things

As we bear all things that are not in accordance with spiritual love, we are apt to face the aftereffects. Smaller waves follow a big wave. When we bear with all things, bearing is not the end but there could be additional tests or pain in heart that follow.

The aftereffect of bearing with all things might come from outside. When we bear all things in obedience to God's word, the situation might look like it is only getting worse. It's God's plan to allow us such trials. Through them God blesses us and makes us more complete.

As crops endure wind, rain and many other things until they bear the fruit, we will also become the wheat through endurance. God cultivates human beings so that they will become His true children through trials.

The devil always tries to stop God's children from walking in the Light. They accuse the believers whenever they have a chance.

Suppose you see an evil-doer. You bear with him on the outside, but in your heart you dislike him. The devil knows this and they accuse you, thereby bringing trials to you. Until you are acknowledged that your heart is free of evil, you will have trials.

Of course, trials might come even if you don't have any evil. It is for your blessing. God is leading you to cultivate greater love and goodness that goes beyond the level of having no evil. The same goes for accomplishing the kingdom of God and not just personal blessing.

For us to bring down God's greater works, the measure of justice must be filled accordingly. We must prove that we are ready to receive the answer through acts of great faith and love so that the devil can't object to it.

For this reason God sometimes lets us endure the storms of suffering. If we overcome with

goodness and love, we will be able to glorify Him. In particular, if we overcome persecutions and hardships that we suffer for the name of the Lord, we will surely receive blessings (Matt. 5:11-12).

2. To Bear, Believe, and Hope All Things

If we bear, believe, and hope all things in the truth with our love for God, we can overcome any kind of hardship. What must we do to do so?

1) We must trust the love of God even during the trials.

1 Pet. 1:7 says, “...so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” Namely, God lets us go through trials so we can be qualified to receive praise and glory and honor at the end of this life.

We might suffer without reason even though we live by God's word and do not compromise with the world. However, if we believe that we are receiving special love of God, we can be thankful because the suffering is allowed so we could go to heaven.

If the suffering is prolonged, we might wonder if God really loves you. However, we have to engrave God's love in our heart especially at those times. If we endure with our trust in His love, we will eventually become a more perfect individual (James 1:4).

2) We must believe trials are a shortcut to fulfilling hope.

Romans 5:3-4 says, “And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope.” Trials are a shortcut to fulfilling hope. We might doubt ourselves thinking we'll never change. However, if we keep on changing ourselves, we will eventually become the kind of children who resemble God completely.

Therefore, we must try to pass the trials with

hope. If we try to avoid them, it will only delay our progress. Suppose your friend irritates you with persistent faultfinding. You don't outwardly express it but you are uncomfortable. In these moments, you shouldn't just avoid the situations but deal with it.

You should endure the hardships that are caused in dealing with the situation. You should understand and forgive them truthfully so that God will lead you to change yourself. Each of the trials will become the stepping stone for fulfilling your hope.

3) You should act in goodness.

If things don't get better even after bearing with all things, many people begin to complain toward God. In a physical sense, trials and tests seem to come from other people or situations, but in spiritual sense they are not. All trials of faith are brought on by the devil. The trials are a battle between good and evil.

To win the spiritual battle, we must fight according to the spiritual law. Romans 12:21 says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” If we do good, it looks like we are losing and suffering a loss. However, goodness always wins, because God of justice rules over every matter of human life.

Therefore, we have to act in goodness especially during trials and persecutions. Some believers are persecuted by their unbelieving family members. If you think your family members are evil, the trials will only be extended.

The darkness will go away when you pray for them with love and become the light in the family through your service in the Lord. If you do not get weary while doing good, God will solve the problem at the best time. He will drive away the devil and move the hearts of people.

All problems are resolved when you act in goodness according to God's law. The greatest power in spiritual battle is not human power or wisdom but goodness of God.

Some people give hard time to everyone around them; some others complain and sulk all the time. Still others are so arrogant that others

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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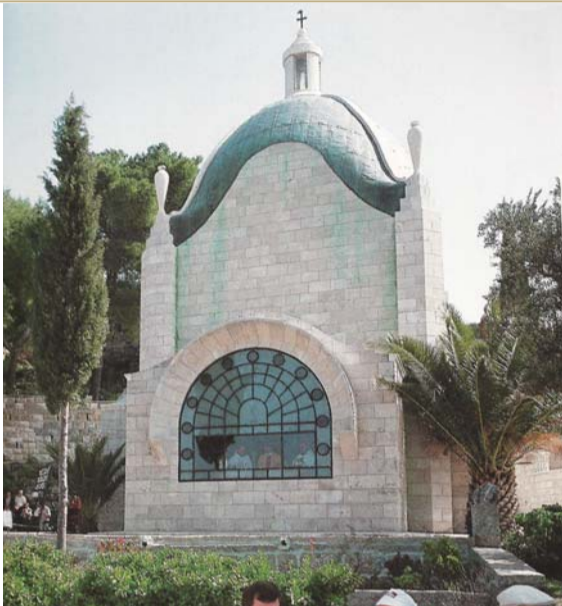
can't understand their actions. However, if we cultivate true love in our heart, we won't have anyone we won't be able to bear with. We will love others as ourselves, so we will understand and accept everyone (Matt. 22:39).

God also bears with and understands each of us with this true love. The pearl oyster makes

the pearl by enduring the pain and covering the foreign object that pierces its flesh. In the same way we have to endure all the pains with faith and hope so that we can cultivate love.

In doing so, if we possess spiritual love, we will be qualified to enter the city of New Jerusalem passing through the 12 pearl gates.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Spiritual love is to bear, believe, and hope all things in the Lord. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will understand the providence of human cultivation, which is to lead us to New Jerusalem and quickly cultivate spiritual love.



'Jerusalem' means city of peace. Half way down the western slope of Mt. of Olives is the Domine Fleuit Church, commemorating Jesus's lamenting and shedding of tears during His entrance into the city of Jerusalem.

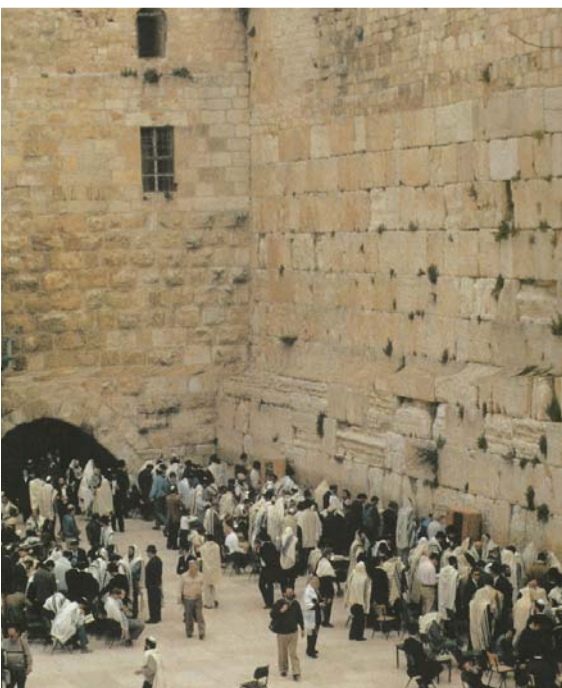
Jerusalem

There are not many cities that have suffered as many wars as Jerusalem. David conquered the Jebusites and made Jerusalem the capital around 1,000 BC. Later Solomon built the Temple on Mt. Moriah but it was destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC.

Zerubbabel came back to Jerusalem from the exile and rebuilt the Temple in 515 BC, but it was rather shabby compared to the Solomon's Temple. Herod the king of Judea under the rule of the Roman Empire extended the Temple as a part of appeasement policy, and it is called 'Herod's Temple'.

However, as the Roman army conquered Jerusalem in 70 AD, the Temple was completely destroyed. A part of the western embankment of the Temple remains to this day, which is known as the Wailing Wall.

After the fall of Israel the Jews had prayed with tears, longing to come back to Jerusalem.

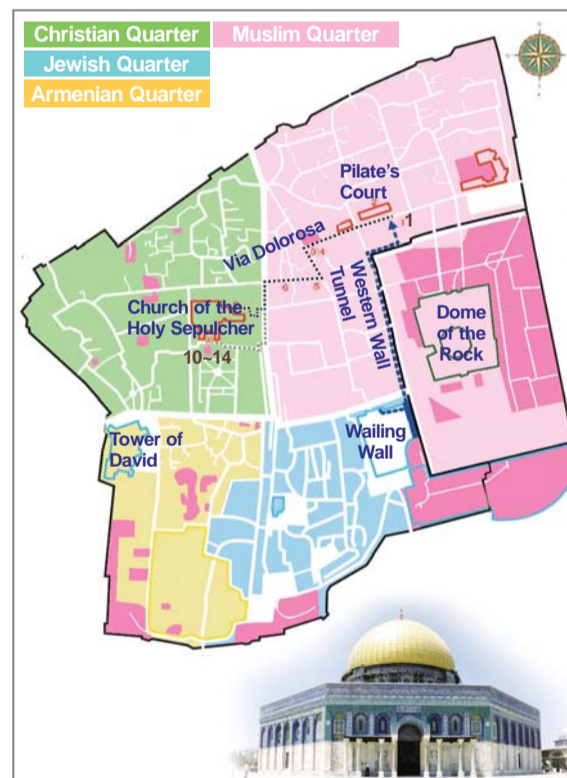


FEATURE STORY

Following the Footsteps of the Lord (4)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!
How often I wanted to gather your children together,
the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."
Matthew 23:37

Since the re-establishment of Israel in 1948, they are still praying at the Wailing Wall for the reconstruction of the Temple.



Jerusalem: Holy Place for Jews, Christians, and Muslims

Today, downtown Jerusalem has Jewish synagogues, Roman Catholic churches, and mosques. The northwestern part is the Christian area; the east is Islamic; southeastern part Jewish, and southwestern part Armenian. Jews, Christians, and Muslims coexist.

On top of the Wailing Wall is the Dome of the Rock. Arabs conquered Israel in 7th century and built it where Solomon's Temple used to be. To this day it is the symbol and the seed of conflict between the Jews and Arab Muslims.

Some believe that in the Solomon's Temple at the time was a big rock, which was the altar that Abraham used in offering his son Isaac as a burnt offering. The Muslims believe God commanded Abraham to offer Ishmael, and they consider Jerusalem the 3rd most important of holy places next to Mecca and

Medina.

For the Christians Jerusalem is where Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, took the cross, and resurrected on the 3rd day. The Mt. of Olives on the east side of Jerusalem is believed to be where Jesus ascended into heaven.



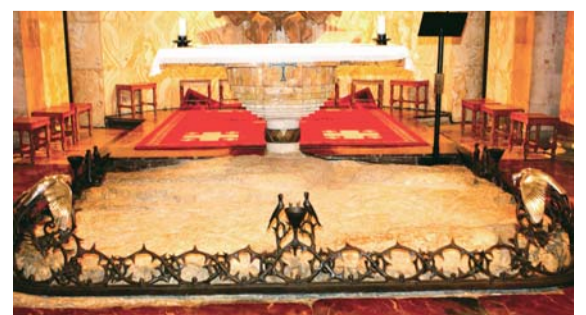
Gethsemane

The pilgrims went up to Gethsemane the day after they arrived in Jerusalem.

Gethsemane is also called the Garden of Gethsemane. The Mt. of Olives has four small peaks and the highest stands 800 meters above sea level. Jesus taught at the Temple during the day and took rest and prayed at Mt. of Olives at night (Luke 21:37, 22:39-41).

The Garden of Gethsemane is the place where Jesus was arrested in the betrayal of Judas Iscariot. Jesus was praying as usual at the Garden of Gethsemane, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:44).

A church was built at this place. A big rock in a natural state is placed. They say it was the rock on which Jesus prayed. In the garden are very old olive trees, too.





“Ringing In My Ear Disappeared!”

Jong Eun Kim (83, 16th Parish)

Probably because I used to listen to music with earphones, I had ringing noises in my left ear by 2017. The noise was like chirping of insects and irregular at first, but later it was there constantly.

I could understand only about 60% of what the people were saying due to the noise. It was very uncomfortable for me. I just thought to myself, “It’s natural I have this condition because I am pretty old.”

In 2019, I read the testimonies of church members who were giving glory to God for the divine healings they experienced. I wanted to be healed by faith, too. I attended all of the 2-Term Consecutive Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. As I prayed every night with all my heart, I gained peace in mind and I was filled with the Lord’s grace.

I also attended the Manmin Prayer Center meetings in the morning. On March 28, Mrs. Lee the director of Prayer Center prayed for me with the handkerchief on which the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

In the Special Healing Session in the Friday all-night service on March 29, I received Pastor Soojin Lee’s handkerchief prayer for the whole congregation.

After the Friday all-night service, I returned home and went to bed. When I got up, I realized the noise was gone and I could hear clearly.

How refreshed and light I felt! I was sure that God accepted and answered my prayers during the 2-Term Consecutive Daniel Prayer Meetings that I offered with all my heart.

Also, I had ‘floaters’ in my left eye. I always saw something like mayflies flying around. After the Special Healing Session, the condition has become much better now. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who has healed me. I give thanks for the Lord’s grace for leading me to this precious church that is overflowing with the evidence of the living God.

“The Tumor on My Tongue Has Reduced Significantly!”

Hiwatasi Mikiko (69, Yamagata Manmin Church, Japan)

My palate became dull since about a year ago. It wasn’t easy to cook. I felt somewhat uncomfortable eating, too. I noticed a lump on the left of my tongue on March 26, 2019.

I went to a hospital the next day. The doctor suspected tongue cancer and told me to get a complete medical checkup in a university hospital.

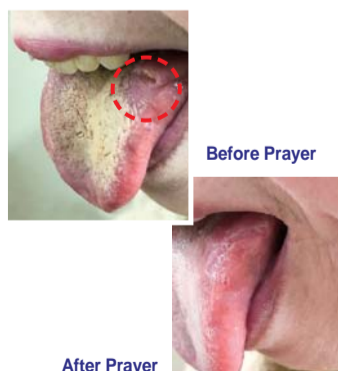
However, I had seen so many works of God’s power manifested through the prayers of Rev. Jaerock Lee and I also experienced the love of God who always protected me in my life. I didn’t want to rely on the world. Instead, I wanted to be healed in the forthcoming Special Divine Healing Session on March 29.

Last winter, I fell and hit my shoulder and face on the paved road, and yet, I was completely protected by God. At that time the 2-Term Consecutive Special Daniel Prayer Meetings were going on, so I prepared for the Special Divine Healing Session with earnest prayers. The members of Yamagata Manmin Church also interceded for me with their love.

On March 27, after the Wednesday service, I consulted Elder Jekyoo Ju about my situation. He suggested I repent of not giving thanks in all things, being negative and disobeying God’s word, and then I prepare for the Special Healing Session



Picture



with fasting and prayers. Then, he prayed for me earnestly with the handkerchief on which the Senior Pastor prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

I offered up fasting and prayers with a desperate and repenting heart. I professed my faith saying, “Father God, thank You for healing me!” while receiving the prayer of the Senior Pastor recorded in Automated Telephone Response System.

On March 29, I attended the Friday all-night service on GCN TV(www.gcntv.org), and with faith received the handkerchief prayer of Pastor Soojin Lee. Then, I could check something amazing took place transcending time and space.

I felt good when receiving the prayer because I was sure that I was healed. Later, when I checked my tongue, the tumor’s size reduced significantly. The coating on the tongue also receded. Hallelujah!

I have since gotten my sense of taste back and can taste flavors. Cooking is such a great joy now. This event let me gain greater faith. I realized once again what great blessing it is to live a life in the love and protection of God the Father.

I also made up my mind to cultivate holiness of heart and enter the city of New Jerusalem. I give all thanks and glory to the living God the Father and our Lord.



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