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On the season of Pentecost

God's children who have received
the Holy Spirit

try to keep His commandments,
want to obey God's Word happily,
want to live a purified life,
begin to love brothers of faith deeply,
live by overcoming the world with faith,
have the assurance of salvation,
have confidence about answers to prayer,
and put God first in their life.

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.” (Acts 2:1~4)

GCN Special Program for Children's Sunday and Parents' Sunday



In May, the events of love and gratitude are held in our church.

Every year, Children's Sunday celebration worship by Children's Sunday School, and Parents' Sunday event organized by Senior Deaconesses' Association, are held happily with gracious messages and various performances. However, this year, GCN TV has replaced them with special programs due to COVID-19.

On May 2, at 1:30 PM, the "Children's Sunday Online Event" produced by Children's Sunday School was broadcast on GCN.

Following the sermon of the Acting Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee, there were congratulatory greetings from the Children's Sunday School principal pastor Seongsik Jang and guidance teachers. The program gave children a fun and happy time with various ways, including

children's testimonies, letters of love to the Lord, and photos of events and activities at Children's Sunday School.

On May 9 at 1:30 PM, a feature program on Parents' Sunday called "Parents' Grace" was broadcast.

This program, hosted by the announcer Hye-eun Kim, was produced in strict compliance with the COVID-19 quarantine guidelines.

In addition to the sermon of the Acting Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee, the program included the gratitude notes to parents, Spirit-filled praise and dance by the Performing Arts Committee, and a video of families expressing gratitude to the parents.

Meanwhile, the Children's and Parent's Sunday programs were broadcast on GCN through satellites, KT Olleh TV CH. 882, and GCN website.

"The work of God is accompanied by blessings"

I was in charge of hosting a special program for Parents' Sunday called, "Parents' Grace" organized by GCN, I prepared for it with all my heart.

Since this God-given duty is more important than immediate material gains, I minimized my schedule from about two weeks before the event.

It was to avoid overlapping movements with people as less as possible due to COVID-19.

I did my best to give church members even a little more grace by writing the script for the event, making hair ornaments that

matched my Hanbok(traditional Korean dress), and searching for props.

Then, just as blessings poured into my workplace after hosting the 'Easter Family Praise Contest' last time, I have been recruited from 15 places in 5 days after I finished recording 'Parents' Grace'.

It is a tremendous blessing in this season when it is difficult for freelance to receive projects.

I am grateful to Father God for showing me evidence of love for my sincere heart.



Hye-eun Kim
(Young Adults' Mission)



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Love Doesn't Take into Account a Wrong Suffered

“[Love] does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered.”

(1 Corinthians 13:5)

Suppose two people are looking at the same situation. One thinks positively whereas another person passes judgment with a negative way of thinking. In another case suppose there is someone who thinks something bad he heard was about him although it was not he they were talking about. Then, he causes embarrassment for them. Thoughts of goodness give us peace and life, but evil thoughts result only in harm and make our lives unhappy. In addition, such thoughts have negative influences on others.

Here, the 'wrong suffered' refers to anything that is not in agreement with God's will. Then, what should we do to achieve spiritual love that doesn't take into account a wrong suffered?

1. Not to take into account a wrong suffered

1) If you want a situation to go wrong with other people, you must cast off the thought

Let's say you feel jealous of your friend who enjoys great wealth. If you think 'He is rich, but what am I? I want him to fail,' this is an evil thought. If you have spiritual love in your heart, you will never have such an evil thought.

Nobody would want his/her beloved persons to be sick or to get into an accident. You would always want your dear wife or husband to be always healthy and free of any accidents. If you want something to go wrong with others and you rejoice with other people's unhappiness, it shows that you don't have love in your heart to that extent. That's also why you want to know the iniquities or weak points of other people so you can make them known to others.

Of course, there are times and cases where you have to listen because you need to know the facts about a person's situation to stop him from going the wrong way and lead him to the way of goodness. But if it's not the case, the reason why you tend to be interested in such things is usually because you have the untruthful desire to slander and gossip about others.

Proverbs 17:9 says, "He who conceals a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates

intimate friends." Those who are good and have love in their hearts will try to cover the fault of others. Also, they will not be jealous or envious when others are well-off. Rather they will rejoice together and feel happy.

2) If you pass judgment and condemnation on others, you must cast off the thought

Suppose you saw a believer going into a place where believers shouldn't be going. Then, what kind of thoughts would you have? 'How can he do that?' You may have such a negative opinion of him. Or, you may wonder, 'Why would he go into such a place?' But then, you might change your thinking and realize that he must have a reason for it.

If you have spiritual love and have no evil in your heart, you won't have any kind of negative thoughts in the first place. Even if you heard something that's not good, until you check what really happened, you wouldn't judge anybody.

James 4:12 says, "There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?" Only God can pass correct judgment as Judge. If we judge others, it is evil.

Suppose someone clearly did something wrong. In this situation, to a person who has spiritual love, it is not important whether that person is right or wrong. He would just think of what is really beneficial for that person. It not only covers the transgression, but it can also help the person to be able to repent. We should love even those who have many faults, so it is natural to love those who don't have any. If you easily judge and condemn others, you need to realize you don't have spiritual love.

3) If you have a thought that is not in agreement with the will of God, you must cast it off

In the world, people who live by high moral standards and according to conscience are said to be men of goodness. But even such morality and conscience can't be the absolute standard of goodness because there

are still many things that are contrary to God's Word. Only the Word of God can be the absolute standard of goodness. Things that don't belong to the Word are all evil and sins.

When one accepts the Lord, he confesses he was a sinner. He might have thought he had lived in goodness, but when he thinks in the light of God's Word he can find out many evil things in him. So he confesses he was a sinner and repents.

Here, let me explain the difference between sin and evil by comparing these two with the analogy of a tree. 'Evil' is like the root that is in the ground and is not visible and 'sin' is like the tree's branches, leaves, and fruit. Just as branches, leaves, and fruits originate from the root, 'sin' is the fruit of the root 'evil'.

Evil is a nature that is in one's heart like a root that is deep in the ground. When this evil is manifested concretely in a specific form of action or thought, it is referred to as 'sin'. Luke 6:45 says, "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart."

Suppose a person is using foul language and hurting someone whom he hates with violence. This is when the nature of 'hatred', which is evil in his heart, is realized as 'evil words' and 'violence', which are specific sins. But not all men commit sins although they have evil in their hearts. If they are well-disciplined or they control themselves through the Word of God, the evil doesn't come out as sin. But because they still have evil in their hearts, they can't be said to become sanctified. Only when they cast off all the sinful attributes from their hearts, can they be acknowledged as sanctified men and achieve spiritual love.

God is love. Basically God's commandments can be condensed into 'love'. Thus, we need to be aware that it is evil and sin not only to hate others but also not to love. Thus, we must cast off every form of evil and love others all the more.

2. To achieve spiritual love

Above all, we must not see or hear that which is of untruth. Even if we happen to see or hear something untruthful, we should not try to remember or even think

about it again. But the problem is that the thoughts of it still come to you when you try hard to get rid of them. Then, you need to pray fervently and receive the help of the Holy Spirit. Obviously, we should never intentionally think of such things or remember them. Furthermore, we should cast off even the thoughts that flash through our mind momentarily. Of course, we must not get involved in evil actions.

Men inherit sinful natures from their parents and come in contact with so many untruths in life. Based on these sinful natures and untruths, a person forms the framework of 'self.' So we need patience and efforts to cast off the sinful natures and untruths. We are more familiar with untruth than the truth, so it is relatively easier to accept untruth than to cast it off. If you passionately love somebody, you will like what that person likes and you will dislike what that person dislikes. In much the same way, we can keep the commandments and cast off every form of evil when we love God to the utmost degree.

Next, to achieve spiritual love, we must make the Word of God our 'bread of life' and offer up prayer like fire. When we meditate on the Word of God day and night, we can drive away evil thoughts and have good thoughts. Also, as we pray fervently, we can realize the evil in our thoughts, words, and deeds that we haven't noticed. We can then cast them away.

Dear brothers and sisters, spiritual love doesn't take into account a wrong suffered. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become men of spirit who always have thoughts of goodness and act in the truth by casting away every form of evil quickly by means of the Word of God and fiery prayer.

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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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Hyungjun Kim
(Young Adults' Mission)

Stethoscope for Christian life of modern people in new normal society

As a Christian, I have been trying not to look contradicted to the people around me. I wanted to keep up with morality, conscience, and culture for those who have certain expectations for so-called "Church people". It's because even though I chose to be a Christian, I thought I could be told, "Why are Christians doing like that?"

Then one day, a coworker asked me, "Why do you go to church?" It was difficult to know what to answer. I didn't like to give the typical answer, "To go to Heaven". So, I said, "To live a good life". I want's satisfied, but I ended up like this because I didn't want to give a long sermon to him.

But after that answer, my own question began. I didn't think of what the wise answer was. Even when I asked myself, "Why do I go to church?" and "Why do I believe in God?", I couldn't answer clearly. One day, when I read the anecdote of Pastor Yangwon Son, I felt ashamed of myself.

He refused to worship at the Japanese shrine, forgave the murderer who killed his two sons, and welcomed him as an adoptive son. "I have to be a Jesus addict. Alcohol addicts live only with alcohol and then die from alcohol, and opiate addicts live only with opium and die from opium. So, let's become addicts of Jesus and live with Jesus and die for Jesus. If we live our entire life for the Lord, we will be resurrected like the Lord. Being the Lord's servant, let's work for the Lord alone. Let's not work for myself." I looked back on my life.

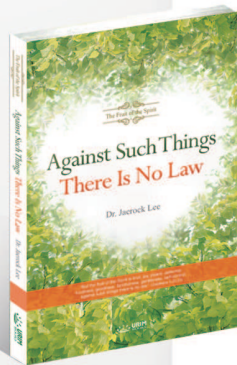


Can I refuse to visit the shrine to protect my faith in the threat of Japanese guns and swords? I live in this land of prosperity with the blood of martyrdom of people like Pastor Son, but if I were at a disadvantage in the process of keeping my religious value, can I be grateful?

I was embarrassed by myself, who tried to have the "look" of a Christian, but was unable to cultivate a true "heart". In order to possess the heart of Christ who taught us the heart to love any soul around with our love for the Lord, rather than the "action" for living a life conforming to the truth, I had to meet Him in worship, praise, and prayer. The appropriate answer to the question of why I attend church was 'love for the Lord'.

After the organization has set management goals, it regularly checks interim progress. Starting with the performance goals of the government or corporate organization, there are also personal life goals. In particular, Christians live with the hope of heaven waiting for the Lord's Second Coming. Just as God loves us, we love God first, love our neighbors, and want to be

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the true light and salt of the world. We strive to keep the Lord's Day and offer tithes. Can you be confident that you are living a proper life of faith even if you are practicing the above things?

Due to the situation of COVID-119 that has continued since 2020 last year, the traditional daily routine of going to church and worshipping every Sunday and having fellowship with the saints has stopped and we've been worshipping at home for about a year. In the early days, it was regrettable that I could not associate with other saints for a while, but I saw myself falling into mannerism as time went by. Just as I went to church on Sunday, I felt the behavior of turning on the PC for worship at home on Sunday was changing like a habit. Then, I suddenly thought, 'Wherever you are, what is the true life of faith? How can you diagnose your state of faith?'



You can find the answers to those questions in this book. You can lead an essential life of faith that resembles the beautiful heart of the Lord day by day with a heart that truly loves the Lord, realizing the broad and profound will of God, rather than focusing on the appearance.

The author's deep insight into the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, helps to understand the Bible verses through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This suggests a way to check our faith in the last days like this, grasp the current position of your faith, and make efforts to become more like the Lord's heart and bear fruit. It deserves to be used as a guideline for the modern life of faith that helps Christians to practice righteousness, goodness, love, and truth that are proper in the sight of God until they bear nine fruits of the Holy Spirit through love for the Lord rather than the standard of a person's "righteousness".

Finally, I leave confession of the author in the book that leaves a lot of lingering. You can feel the value of how the author treats the saints as a pastor, and I think that the spiritual "love" he describes is implied here.

"I once made this confession before the saints. 'If I could save a thousand souls, even if I had to go to Hell instead, I would do it.'"

Will any Christian in the world say that he wants to go to hell on behalf of others? He is also the author who deeply communicates with God and interprets the words like in this book.



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“I was healed of chronic atrophy gastritis and hyperproliferative polyps.”

Deaconess Gumok Yoon
(Age 75, Chinese Parish)

I didn't feel anything wrong with my health except indigestion or heartburn, from which I suffered for a long time.

However, I heard that I had chronic atrophy gastritis and hyperproliferative polyps as a result of gastroscopy on March 25th.

The doctor told me that it could develop into stomach cancer, so I should tell my children and undergo a resection of the stomach at a big hospital.

But I wasn't worried at all.

I don't know how I could be given such boldness, but all I thought was, 'I should take this opportunity to be healed with faith and give glory to God.'

During the First Senior Pastor's Book Reading Campaign, I participated joyfully and read all 10 books. And my desire to grow in faith grew hotter and stronger.

But my children made an appointment for my operation at a big hospital.

I received Dr. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer for the sick by phone 3 times a day and made a confession of faith saying, "God will heal me. So, the test result would show nothing wrong."

On Monday April 12th, the day before the operation, I woke up early in the morning and received Dr. Lee's recorded prayer 3 times. And suddenly I wanted to go to the bathroom while I was hearing his sermon.

I defecated a lot of black things.

At that moment I was very happy because I was convinced that I had been healed.

On April 13, Tuesday, the next day of being hospitalized, I heard the surprising result before entering the operation room.

Gastroscopy showed that my stomach was surprisingly normal.

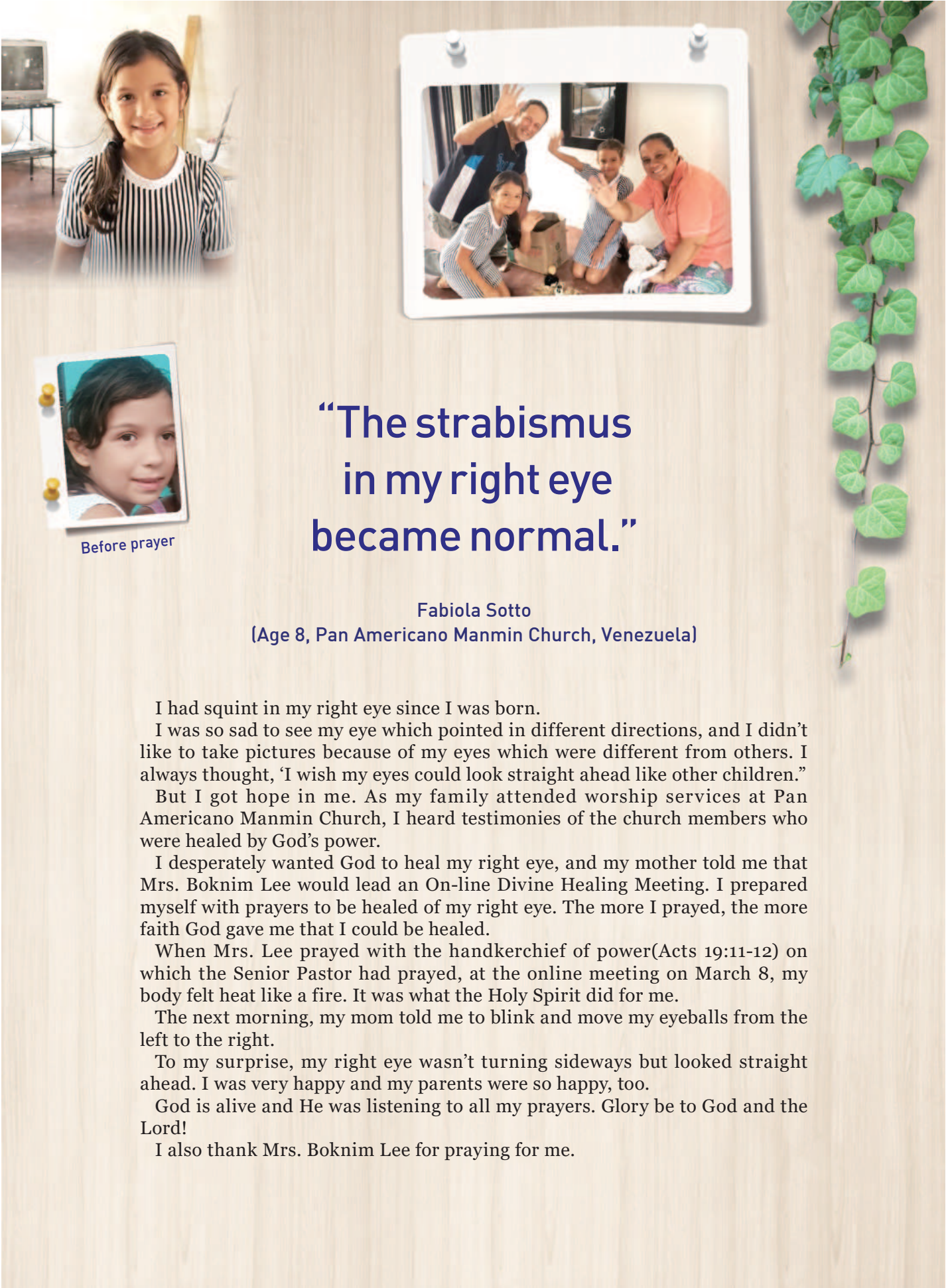
The doctor tilted his head and he asked me if I believed in Jesus.

I answered, "Yes, I believe Him," and he nodded.

Since God healed me, I have been filled with the Holy Spirit and very happy.

I am eager to deliver this good Father God whom I met. I give thanks and glory to Father God the Healer.





“The strabismus in my right eye became normal.”

Before prayer

Fabiola Sotto
(Age 8, Pan Americano Manmin Church, Venezuela)

I had squint in my right eye since I was born.

I was so sad to see my eye which pointed in different directions, and I didn't like to take pictures because of my eyes which were different from others. I always thought, 'I wish my eyes could look straight ahead like other children.'

But I got hope in me. As my family attended worship services at Pan Americano Manmin Church, I heard testimonies of the church members who were healed by God's power.

I desperately wanted God to heal my right eye, and my mother told me that Mrs. Boknim Lee would lead an On-line Divine Healing Meeting. I prepared myself with prayers to be healed of my right eye. The more I prayed, the more faith God gave me that I could be healed.

When Mrs. Lee prayed with the handkerchief of power(Acts 19:11-12) on which the Senior Pastor had prayed, at the online meeting on March 8, my body felt heat like a fire. It was what the Holy Spirit did for me.

The next morning, my mom told me to blink and move my eyeballs from the left to the right.

To my surprise, my right eye wasn't turning sideways but looked straight ahead. I was very happy and my parents were so happy, too.

God is alive and He was listening to all my prayers. Glory be to God and the Lord!

I also thank Mrs. Boknim Lee for praying for me.