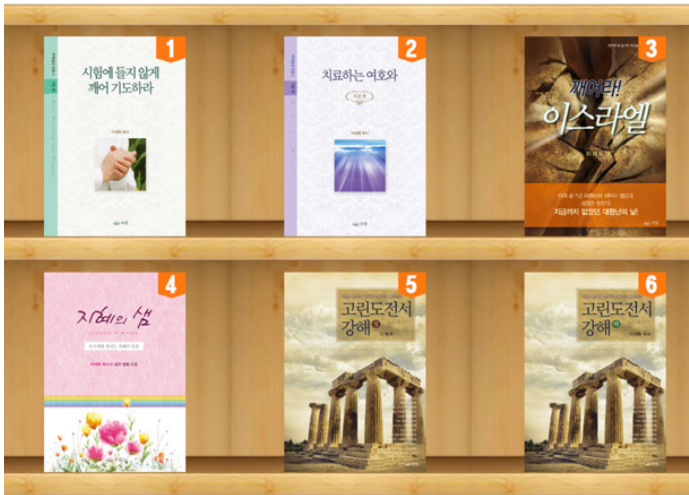


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## ‘Religious Book Reading Campaign’ For all believers’ spiritual growth

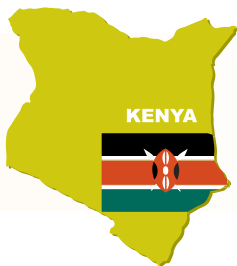


Manmin Central Church has been dedicated to the Word and prayers and currently holding religious-book-reading campaign. From September 1 to November 30, Pastors' Association is hosting a campaign of reading Senior Pastor's books.

This kind of spiritual growth project is held twice every year: Bible Reading Contest in the first half and Religious Book Reading Campaign in the second half. Many believers actively participate in the event and get profits. The Religious Book Reading Campaign of this year selected Senior Pastor's 6 books: *Keep Watching and Praying*, *God the Healer*, *Awaken Israel*, *Fountain of Wisdom*, and *Lectures on the First Corinthians I & II*.

*Keep Watching and Praying* teaches readers what prayers are in accordance with God's will and what kind of attitude and mindset they must have in prayers. *God the Healer* provides a fundamental solution to healing of diseases, *Awaken Israel* contains God's profound love and secret plan for the end time, and *Fountain of Wisdom* is a collection of biblical wisdom columns taken from Lectures on Proverbs. *Lectures on the First Corinthians* presents clear answers to various problems in their real lives.

It is expected that many readers will grow spiritually, receive healings of various diseases, and fulfill their heart's desires so that they can give glory to God.



## Missionary Sending Ceremony To Africa and Nairobi Manmin Church in Kenya

During the Sunday evening service on September 3, there was a missionary sending ceremony to Africa.

Pastor Caleb Shinhyun Moon was appointed and dispatched as the senior pastor of Nairobi Manmin Church in Kenya. He is planning to hold pastors' and church leaders' seminars and handkerchief healing meetings to spread the holiness gospel and God's powerful works throughout Africa (Acts 19:11-12).

Long ago Pastor Moon encountered the manifestations of God's power through *Manmin News* during his pastoral ministry in other denomination. Through Senior Pastor's sermon tapes and religious books, he grasped the gospel of holiness and was deeply moved. Then he completed the 19th course of MMTC (Manmin Missionary Training



Center) in 2009, and served as a short-term missionary to Kenya for 11 months. Since 2011 he has served the Lord as a parish pastor for Parish 15 and Foreigners' Parish, and President of United Holiness Theological Seminary and Manmin International Seminary.



## The 22nd Verse Memorizing Contest

Members from Manmin Central Church have practiced reading one chapter of the Bible and memorizing one verse every day and Verse Memorizing Contest is annually held by Men's Mission since 2000.

On September 3, the 22nd Verse Memorizing Contest's final round was held at GCN Studio and live streamed on YouTube. Questions were taken from the 365 verses that appeared in church weekly bulletin from July 1 of last year to June 30 of this year. In the preliminary round 39 people from central church and domestic branch churches passed, and 39 competed in the semifinal, and 22 in the final round.

The Grand Prize was awarded to Brother Myoungchul Kim from Gwangju Manmin Church, Gold Medal to 3 persons: Senior Deaconess Miyoun Lee from Canaan Mission, Pastor Namsook Heo and Deaconess Gyeheyon Ahn from Daejeon Manmin Church, Silver Medal to Deaconess Young-ah Lee from Canaan Mission, and Bronze Medal to Pastor Youngim Cheong and Pastor Jinyoung Jung.

A couple of participants including Deacon Gyeongseok Ko (1-3 Men's Mission, 2001 Grand Prize Winner) have competed in the final every year by practicing memorizing one verse steadfastly.



### “Now I can straighten my back and walk without a cane!”

Deaconess Jungdeuk Nam (88, Chinese Parish 2 in Manmin Central Church)

In 2010, I felt my legs almost numb and painful and went to the hospital. I was diagnosed with spinal stenosis. The doctor said that a nerve in my back was blocked and told me to receive surgery. I had surgery, but the pain still remained and I could not walk properly. I could not straighten my back, nor could walk even a step without a cane.

I eagerly hoped to be healed by God in the upcoming Manmin Summer Retreat. In July 2023, I attended a Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting every night and prayed earnestly to receive healing.

On July 31, the summer retreat began. On the first evening Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee led

a special seminar and divine healing meeting. I was greatly touched at her messages and earnestly received her prayer for the sick when she prayed from the podium. Not a few people came up to the stage to testify of their healing and I walked forward to receive the prayer from Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee.

Shortly after her prayer I felt cool sensation flash through my lower back and I could straighten my back and began walking without a cane. I had not been able to move my arm for over a year due to severe pain in the right shoulder, but at the same time, I was healed and could lift up and move my arm freely without pain. Hallelujah!



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

## Having Faith that God can raise people from the dead

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your descendants shall be called.’

He considered that God is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type.” (Hebrews 11:17-19)

In the Bible God was pleased with some pioneers of faith who followed God’s words without using human thoughts in any situation and blessed them. Abraham believed completely that God would be able to raise people even from the dead and proved his faith through actions so that he became the ‘father of faith.’ What kind of faith did Abraham have and what kind of actions did he demonstrate as proof of his faith in receiving amazing blessings physically and spiritually?

### 1. Abraham trusted in God and obeyed His words only by faith

#### 1) With the faith that obeys God without mobilizing fleshly thoughts

Abraham lived about 4,000 years ago and his original name was Abram. He had no child because his wife Sarai was barren. His father Terah left his hometown of Ur of the Chaldees along with all his family and headed toward the land of Canaan. In the middle he settled in Haran.

In those days idolatry was prevalent not only in Ur of the Chaldees but also in Haran. Terah maintained his pure lineage in reverent of God despite such environment but at some point, he got increasingly stained with idolatry. So, God caused Abram to leave his native country and his father’s house and become independent so that he would not be stained (Genesis 12:1).

It was the beginning of the plan of God to make him the father of faith, and God gave him a covenant of blessing, saying, “you shall be a blessing” (Genesis 12:2-3). Abram did not know where he was going, but he wholly trusted God and set out in obedience to God’s word without any thought (Hebrews 11:8). This departure in obedience was itself the proof of his faith in God.

Because he believed in God’s promise of blessing Abram was able to lay aside his former life without any lingering attachment and to depart in obedience to God’s words.

#### 2) With the faith in God who controls misfortune and fortune

Abram believed that *only God controls disasters and blessings*. The ground for this kind of faith was that he experienced God’s work of turning misfortune into fortune not long after he left his hometown and moved to Egypt.

When Abram arrived in Egypt, the people there saw his wife Sarai and found her so beautiful. They even praised her in front of the Pharaoh. The Pharaoh became curious about her appearance and summoned her to the palace. This way Abram lost his wife to Pharaoh, King of Egypt (Genesis 12:14-15).

This could possibly happen in ancient times. In return for Sarai the Pharaoh treated Abram generously and gave him many livestock and slaves. However, the Pharaoh and his house met with a big plague by God and he discovered that Sarai was Abram’s wife, so that he sent her back to Abram (Genesis 12:17-20).

Abram had a short period of distress in heart but did not lose anything. Instead, his possessions were enriched with the livestock, silver and gold he received from Pharaoh. He almost lost his wife but that incident turned into a greater blessing in flesh and spirit. This experience enabled him to increase his faith in God and to trust God even more sincerely in all he did.

In Genesis 13, Abram was more and more blessed and became wealthier and his nephew Lot, who was with him, was also blessed. Their possessions increased so much that they could no longer stay together. When Abram’s shepherds

and Lot's quarreled against each other, Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me: if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left." (Genesis 13:8-9). Abram was senior to Lot, but he gave up the right to first choice and let his nephew take a better place. Lot chose a better land with plenty of water and left.

The reason Abram followed goodness and gave his nephew the right to first choice was because he believed in God who controls life and death, fortune and misfortune. Abram and Lot were nomads and one of the most important factors in their businesses was water. However, Abram was well aware that real blessing did not depend on such physical conditions but only on God.

So how did God bless Abram when he gave a better land to his nephew Lot? In Genesis 13:14-17, God says "... Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you." God promised him a greater blessing because he completely believed in God who controls fortune and misfortune and sought goodness.

In this sense the key to blessing is whether God is with you or not, rather than any environment or condition. Of course, you should not ignore physical conditions or environments but as children of God you should prioritize the presence of God with you in your business.

For example, when you enter into a business, you should not do it on your own or only with your ability. You should rely on God by faith, who controls life and death, fortune and misfortune. You should do it in accordance with God's will, not out of greed. You should also do everything by faith in God and with a honest and sincere heart and try your best to do good; then blessings will surely come upon you.

### 3) With the faith in God who controls life and death

Abram believed that *God controls life and death*. He believed in God as the Ruler of all life. When he left his hometown, God promised, "I will make you a great nation." And later God said, "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth." However, many years had already passed since he left his hometown, and he had no son to continue his family.

There was a reason that God did not respond quickly like this. Though God knew Abram believed that God is the Ruler of all life, He wanted to obtain from him the evidence of that faith. God planned to confirm his faith and to establish him as the father of faith through the generations.

Since Abram was old and childless, he wanted to make his servant Eliezer, whom he had raised at home, his heir (Genesis 15:3). But God clearly says, "This man will not be your heir; but one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." God also took Abram outside and told him, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. So shall your descendants be." God planted stronger faith into his heart once again to let him have confidence.

When he was 99 God renamed Abram, which means 'the eldest,' to 'Abraham' which means 'the father of a multitude of nations.' God also gave his wife Sarai a new name 'Sarah', which means 'a mother of nations.' God further said that he would have a son at this season next year.

Abraham believed these words of God and indeed had a son Isaac at the age of 100 (Romans 4:18-22). Until he had Isaac he had once thought God's will would be fulfilled through his servant Eliezer or Hagar's son Ishmael. But God repeatedly told him, "One who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir."

At last, the seed of promise was conceived by the power of God through him and Sarah whose bodies seemed to be dead from old age, and Abraham came to fully believe that God controls death and life.

This was just the beginning of the faith that God wanted Abraham to gain. One day God commanded him to do something. God said to him, "Take now your son, your only son, whom



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you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.” (Genesis 22:2).

A burnt offering is one of sacrificial methods in Old Testament times. It involves cutting an animal into pieces, dividing the bones into pieces and cutting the flesh into pieces, placing them on an altar, burning them with fire, and offering incense to God. God promised Abraham many times that He would give him countless descendants, like the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore, and the seed of that promise was Isaac. But now God commanded him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Nevertheless, Abraham obeyed and took Isaac to the place God had instructed him to go to. He had no sadness or resentment in heart at all, but rather a feeling of gratitude. His trust in God did not change.

When Abraham arrived at the mountain, he built an altar, spread out wood on it, bound Isaac, and placed him on top of it. The moment he took the knife and was about to kill his son, a voice suddenly came from heaven calling, “Abraham, Abraham!”

Abraham said, “Here I am”, and a very touching word followed. God said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (Genesis 22:12).

Abraham fully believed that even if he killed Isaac and offered him as a burnt offering, God would bring him back to life to fulfill the promise. Through this, Abraham’s faith in God who controls life and death was clearly confirmed (Hebrews 11:17-19).

## 2. Abraham became a blessing through his actions of faith

Abraham entrusted everything he did to God who controls life and death, disaster and blessing, and

as that result God blessed him in everything he did (Genesis 24:1). James 2:23 says, “and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,’ and he was called the friend of God.”

Thus, Abraham performed the precious duty of overseeing the Upper Grave where saved souls stay temporarily, until the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Luke 16:22). He received many other blessings as well because he wholly trusted God who controls life and death, fortune and misfortune and entrusted all he did into God’s hands.

Abraham became the father of faith for all who believe in God and was called the friend of God the Creator. Not only spiritual blessing but good health and long life was given. He also got rejuvenated and gave birth to six more sons after Isaac. His material blessings were abundant as well.

If you truly believe in and love God, you have to rely on God who controls life and death, disaster and blessing and to show the action of faith as the proof of complete faith.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If you believe God controls life and death, fortune and misfortune and entrust everything to His hands, there is no problem in your life that cannot be solved. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will have the same faith that Abraham the father of faith did and succeed and prosper in all things you do.

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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)

## “God healed the torn shoulder tendon and gave everything I asked for. He is my good Father!”

Deacon Joomyung Seo (81, Parish 19 in Manmin Central Church)

It happened on February 8, 2023, when I was shaking off the blanket in my house.

At first, I carried a large, heavy cotton blanket outside the veranda to dust it off, but it did not shake out well. So, I stretched the blanket down with all my strength again. At that moment I heard a popping sound in the right shoulder and unbearable pain came over me. That night I suffered so much pain with chills and fever.

Next day I went to the hospital near my house. After an x-ray check-up the doctor told me to take painkillers for a week. But the pain, fever, and chills only worsened even though I took a medicine.

A week later, on February 16, I went back to the hospital. Because my symptoms had not improved at all, I had an MRI scan. The doctor said that the largest tendon in my shoulder was torn, so I needed surgery quickly.

After returning home I discussed with my family and on February 17, I went to the hospital as recommended by my son-in-law. The doctor also told me that surgery was urgently needed and my surgery was scheduled on February 22. And I came back home.

On Saturday February 18, while taking a shower, I suddenly came to think, ‘If Senior Pastor were present here, I would go to him to receive his prayer instead of surgery. But shall I not pray but go to the hospital because he is not present with us?’ At that moment another idea came upon my mind, ‘I have to go to Acting Senior Pastor to receive her prayer!’



Until then I had witnessed many people healed and receive answers through Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee’s prayers, and I firsthand experienced. In February 2006, I could quickly receive answer in moving into a new house by God’s grace. I put my

house for sale in November 2005, but it had not been sold for 3 months. No one came to see the house, and real estate agents almost gave up.

Shortly before Friday All-night Service, I wrote a prayer topic for house problem and received a prayer from Senior Pastor. Next day something amazing happened. The house was sold immediately around 5 pm and the contract for a new house was signed around 11:30

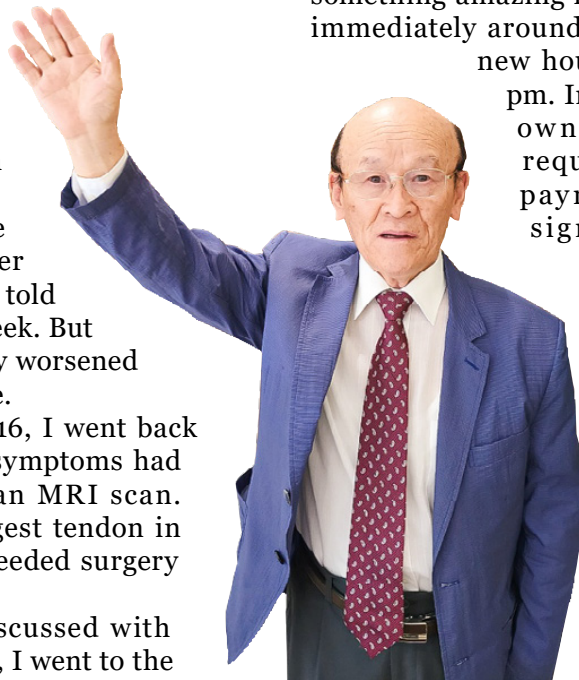
pm. In that situation the new house owner made an unreasonable request to pay an intermediate payment within 10 days after signing the contract but the buyer of my former house paid completely right on time and I could pay the intermediate payment.

The house that had not been sold for 3 months was sold successfully and a new house was easily purchased in just one day through Senior Pastor’s prayer. It was an amazing work that could happen only by the help of the living God.

Not only that, but in early December 2008, I suddenly could not move my back. When I got up from bed or went up and down the stairs, I had to hold on to something to move. I took an MRI scan at the hospital and the doctor said that my tailbone was broken.

As I had never experienced such pain at all before I asked him what the reason was. He said that it was probably because I might have fallen down while crawling as a baby and got hurt. He added that my muscles supported my tailbone at my young age so I did not feel the pain, but as I got older, my muscle mass decreased, so I began to feel it.

I was also told that I had severe rupture of the 4th and 5th discs in the back. I had since long felt uncomfortable in the stiffened back. That was why I chose a job in which I could sit down on



a chair. I had a herniated disc in the back but I didn't know the reason why. The doctor told me to walk carefully leaning on a cane instead of taking surgery because of my age. When I heard that, I felt like I had been sentenced to death.

I attended a 'Two-round Consecutive Special Daniel Prayer Meeting' and prayed earnestly. One day I felt light while coming down the stairs, and I thought, "I am being healed!" Then, I came to Senior Pastor before Friday All-night Service that week and received his prayer. On the spot I was completely healed. Hallelujah!

Through that experience of the grace and power of God I was determined to receive healing of my torn shoulder tendon by the prayer of faith instead of surgery at the hospital.

So, on February 19, after Sunday evening service I received a prayer from Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. At that time, I felt a cool sensation in the right shoulder and on my way home the pain began to subside. After a week there was no problem in daily life. I felt like I was about 80% healed.

For the past 27 years of my religious life, I disobeyed in many aspects in front of God. The heavenly Father full of love had been patient with

me and waited for me for long, and through this incident, I felt His love that enlightened me and I decided to change my heart. So, I prayed hard and tried my best to obey God's word.

In preparation of Divine Healing Meetings held in March and May of 2023, and also in preparation of Manmin Summer Retreat 2023 held on July 31, I attended a Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting and prayed sincerely to change spiritually even more. At last, at the Seminar and Divine Healing Meeting held on the first day of the retreat I was completely healed after receiving the prayer from Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. Hallelujah!



Now I have no problem at all in carrying heavy things and moving the arms.

I could meet the living God and experience His powerful works through Senior Pastor. That's why God's grace is always within my heart. Now I want to be transformed by the renewing of my mind and bring joy to Father God as a true child of God.

I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who loves us so much, the Lord of love who saved us with His redemptive blood, and to the Holy Spirit who guides us with warmth and love.



## “Through prayer stone came out and I was healed of urinary stones!”

Senior Deaconess Nanhee Kim (62, Parish 11 in Manmin Central Church)

At 7 am on June 19, 2023, my lower right abdomen began aching, and I started throwing up violently and vomited even dead blood.

I received Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick through the telephonic automated response service twice. Then, pain and vomiting stopped immediately and I felt comfortable. However, my daughter persistently urged me to go to the hospital and when I came out of home, extreme pain and vomiting started again. Even while waiting for treatment at the hospital with my daughter, I could hardly bear.

The examination showed urinary stone, and the doctor suggested I take medication for a week. But I could not even drink water because of the vomiting. And I could not sleep well because of the pain.

On June 21, Parish Pastor Eunyoung Cho visited me and I told her my illness and the condition that I was unable to eat or even walk. Then, Pastor Cho planted faith into my heart by sharing a few testimonies of healing of urinary stones. She placed the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) on me and prayed earnestly for me. I said, "Amen! Amen!" at her prayer and was deeply touched.

I saw her off and slept deep for 2 hours for the first time in 3 days. I felt refreshed and went to the bathroom to urinate. I saw two small stones in the toilet. The stones came out immediately. Afterwards, the severe abdominal pain, vomiting, chills, and cold sweat were completely gone. I felt like I were flying in the air. Hallelujah!

