

There is a man who has a special feeling when Christmas comes around every year. His name is Samson Kim, 55, of Gwangmyeong, Gyeonggi Province. Even now, he silently kneels down and prays the following prayer:

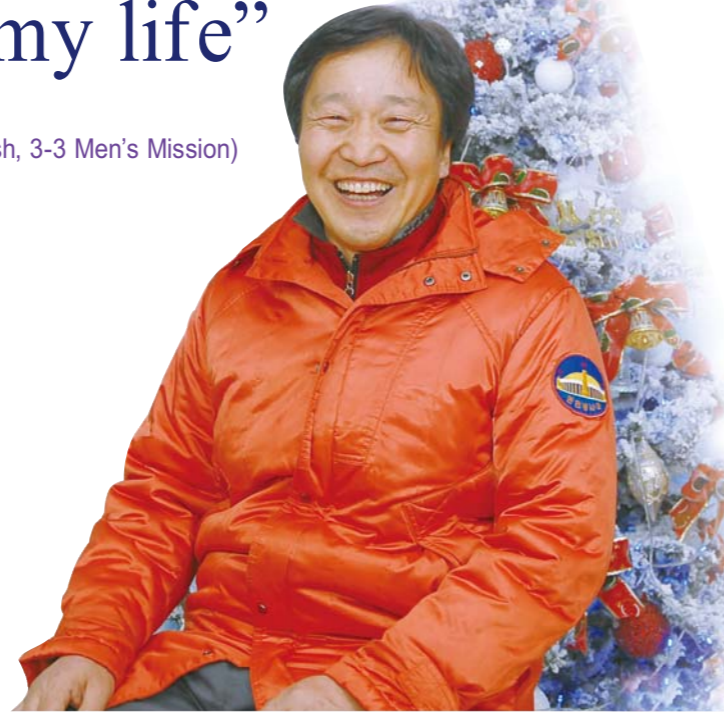
“Lord! Thank You for forgiving me of my sins in the same way You welcomed the prodigal son. From now on, I will not live a foolish life of repeating a cycle of committing sins and repenting; rather, I wish to live by the Word by understanding the heart and will of God. Please help me to always glorify You amidst the joy of salvation and the hope of heaven.”

Deacon Kim was led to church by his wife in 1989. But he didn't understand the messages preached from the podium. He reluctantly attended Sunday Morning Services and then went straight to gamble. Finally, his factory was handed over to someone else, and his family had to constantly move from place to place. He felt so sorry to his family and ashamed of himself that he couldn't even lift up his face. Finally, one December day in 1994, he left home and wandered in the streets for 5 years. He made his income by getting a free share of winnings at a gambling place. One day, he was harshly insulted at the gambling place. He began to miss his wife and home, but didn't have the courage to meet his family again.

Then in May of 1999, he heard about the distorted reports about our church made by MBC (Munhwa Broadcasting

## “As a prodigal son, I will serve the Lord for the rest of my life”

Deacon Samson Kim (14-1 Parish, 3-3 Men's Mission)



Deacon Samson Kim smiling in a Hallelujah Volunteers' Mission uniform in the sixth sanctuary where patient members worship

Corporation). He thought the church would face great difficulty and his family would suffer a lot as well. He found this to be the chance to go back to his family. His wife, Senior Deaconess In-ok Kang, was very thankful for his coming back rather than being contemptuous toward him. The Senior Pastor also encouraged him to lead a life of faith as well. However, this didn't last long. He was tormented by financial problems. He had to come up with living expenses and pay for his two daughters' school fees. Without a decent job, each day was like torture.

After a year, in the summer of 2000, Deacon Kim left home again and drove a taxi for the first time in his life. He thought he had to earn some cash before going back home. Of course, he didn't go to church. But things didn't go as well as he wanted. Despite a year of toil, he returned home only with a disease. He had gastric perforation and had to undergo surgery.

After this, he became poor in heart. He tried to change himself. His family also held onto God

and fasted for him. Several times God gave him the grace to repent with tears. His family began to find peace. He didn't hesitate to take on hard labor to support his family. Even though the work was demanding, he gained strength by thinking about his family.

His wife was overwhelmed when Deacon Kim handed her 8 hundreds of thousand won (\$800 in U.S. currency) one payday.

“Darling! This is all by the grace of God. Let us save our money and sow for God's

kingdom.” They decided to offer three hundreds of thousand won (\$300 in U.S. currency) as GCN-Manmin TV mission offering. In addition, Deacon Kim looked around all corners of the church and did volunteer work. He then became a building manager for a shopping center in Ilsan, Gyeonggi Province, with the help of Deacon Jongkwon Kim. But the job was difficult, since he had no experience in this field. When he wanted to quit, he reminded himself of the

Senior Pastor's message. It was humbleness and serving others. So he began to treat tenants with politeness all the time. Then, they became grateful and in return, tried to help him. And after one year, he became so qualified as a building manager that he was blessed to manage one more building.

Deacon Kim confesses that all of this is by the Lord's grace and the Senior Pastor's love. The Lord always led him with love, even though he left the church twice. He tried to do whatever he could to pay back the grace he received. So he decided to join the Hallelujah Volunteers' Mission.

“I didn't even feel disgusted when I had to wipe after a patient's bowel movement. I am just thankful that a person like me can serve others.”

Deacon Kim has now been helping wheelchair-dependent members every Sunday for the 3 years. Rain or shine, hot or cold, with a bright smile on his face, he diligently helps members in wheelchairs.

“I sometimes shed tears when I think about the Lord's love that forgave me, like the prodigal son, and blessed me with a new life. I am a person who received a grace that I can't pay back for the rest of my life.”

With thankfulness for the Lord's grace, Deacon Kim commits himself to live a life of helping his neglected and needy neighbors.

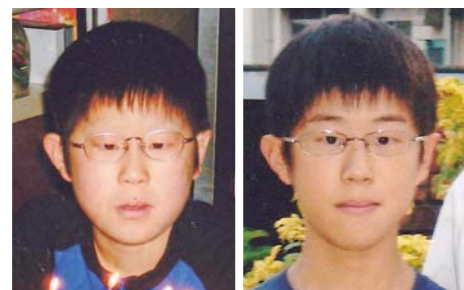
In February of 2007, when I was in the fifth year of elementary school, my mental stress reached its peak due to extra schooling and many assignments. As a result, the symptoms of atopic dermatitis that I normally had got even more serious. From constant scratching, my entire body was covered with blood and oozing pus.

With itchininess around the eyes, I scratched to the point that I lost all my eyebrows. This lasted 2 years and 3 months. I became ashamed of my appearance and even avoided meeting people.

While in elementary school,

## “My eyebrows grew back”

Shohei Nakano  
(the first year of middle school, Osaka Manmin Church, Japan)



I could hide my forehead with long bangs. But things were

different when I entered middle school, because as a dress code, I had to have short hair.

Pastor Marco Kim (Osaka Manmin Church) and his wife, Pastor Changmi Lee, were well aware of my problem. So they earnestly prayed for the healing of my

atopic dermatitis. And they kept telling me about other members' healing testimonies and planted faith in my heart.

It was one day this June. Someone next to my class ridiculed me about my eyebrow. I came home heartbroken. As my mother saw me depressed, she asked, “Did something happen in school?”

“Someone ridiculed me at school about not having any eyebrows.”

My mom said that we should give thanks and pray together, since God said, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” Even though I couldn't accept this from my

heart, I obeyed and made a confession of faith. I said “Thank you”, and then again I said in a louder voice, “I am thankful for the boy who teased me.”

After 2 weeks, the itchininess went away, and one third of my left eyebrow grew back. Pastor Changmi Lee prayed for me with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) as often as she could. As time passed, the right eyebrow began to grow back as well. In 3 weeks, so much hair grew back that my eyebrows were dark with hair! This experience gave me big faith, and now I am leading an earnest life of faith thanks to the love of God.

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At 9:50 PM on last December 11, as Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee pressed the button at Christmas Lighting Ceremony, where thousands of members gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus who came to this world as the Light, all the light bulbs were lit up.

## Brightening the World with the Lord's Light

### 2009 Christmas Lighting Ceremony Broadcast Live and Rebroadcast to the World



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee presses the button for the lights at the ceremony.

2009 Christmas Lighting Ceremony was held in front of the main sanctuary at 9:50 p.m. last December 11. The ceremony was presided by Pastor Daehee Cho, and Pastor John Kim, ministering to Busan Manmin Church,

and carried the cross to redeem us from our sins. So Christmas is a very significant and happy day for us who believe in this fact. I always become excited and joyful when Christmas comes every year, and I appreciate all the members who volunteered for the ceremony.”

Deacon Geunsik Park, of the Facilities Management Office, which has prepared for the ceremony every year, said, “This year's preparation was easier than last year's, because we had more volunteers, and better weather conditions, and we worked with a joyful heart, thinking about the members who would be so happy when seeing the Christmas tree beautifully decorated.” The weather was warm and pleasant during the lighting ceremony, and the ceremony was broadcast live via Manmin TV and the Internet, and was rebroadcast via Manmin TV on the 24th and the 25th.

### Let Us Know!

#### Your Information Can Become an Article!

Manmin News covers news happening in all corners of the church. The newspaper's duty is to serve church members as a guide to facilitate their church life, and to stay close to them. Anyone who has newsworthy information that can be shared with the Manmin community can contact Manmin News. The staff at Manmin News will try their best to cover the story. Manmin News is always with you!

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# Three Gifts

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:10-11)

Christmas is one of the greatest of the feasts the children of God celebrate every year. On this day we give thanks to God. We rejoice and celebrate Jesus, who was born as the Savior to save all mankind from sins and keep us from going on the path to destruction.

Around 2,000 years ago a baby was born who would become the Savior and bring hope and joy to mankind. The Magi received the revelations of the birth of the Jesus who would become the Savior. They saw the star of Jesus and followed it, and in Bethlehem they worshipped the baby Jesus and as gifts for His birthday, they gave Him the three gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense (Matthew 2:11). What are the spiritual meanings of the three gifts the Magi gave baby Jesus?



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers."

Of course, when we offer the Lord everything we have, just as the Magi gave Him gold, God repays with blessings according to what we have sown. But if we have circumcised our hearts and spread the fragrance of Christ, we can please God and receive far greater blessings than we have sown. God doesn't see only our deeds but measures our hearts as well. So first of all, He joyfully receives the aroma of our hearts. Those who love the Lord with a sincere heart will try their best to

cast off every form evil. Accordingly, if we have circumcised our hearts and spread the fragrance of Christ, our heart is to give the Lord whatever we have and not to spare our lives.

### First, gold spiritually represents our heart.

Gold is one of the most precious of metals that people love most on earth. It symbolizes riches and wealth. As recorded in Matthew 6:21 it says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." When we give God gold as offering it means we give all our hearts and we offer Him everything we have. We should not only give the Lord things from among what we possess that we can give, but we should also be willing to offer the most important thing, our lives.

Mark 12:42 describes a poor widow who offered all she owned, all she had to live on, out of her poverty. She put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent, but Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury." In 1 Kings 17 is a scene where a widow in Zarephath served Elijah, a man of God, with the last remnants of food with which she and her family could survive. She had nothing but a handful of flour in the flour box and a little oil in the jar for food because of a long drought. The remnant of food was no more than life-buoy to her family. But when she offered this last bit of food to a man of God, to Elijah, God blessed her home. The box containing the flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty until the long drought came to an end. Thus, the heart with which we can give the Lord everything we have and we can serve God first above anything else in seemingly impossible circumstances, this is the heart that is deemed beautiful in God's sight. It is the gift of offering the heart of gold.

### Secondly, myrrh signifies the fragrance of the Christ.

Myrrh gives off a sweet aroma and removes bad odors. Myrrh spiritually symbolizes the fragrance of Christ. So when we cast away all forms of evil and spread the fragrance of Christ with good deeds, it is symbolically giving the Lord myrrh. Spreading the fragrance of Christ means our hearts have already been circumcised, so everything goes well with us and we can enjoy good health in spirit and body as recorded in 3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if parents truly love their child, they don't spare even their lives for that child. They never complain or grumble at all even if the child doesn't pay them back with sacrificial love. That is because they love their child more than they love their own lives.

Even if we were to fill the ocean with ink and made the skies of parchment, it would not be enough to describe the love of the Lord who is by your side and who always encourages and strengthens you. He is earnestly praying for you to walk the right path and He is like the water springing up from the well that never runs dry. This Christmas, I wish for you to understand the spiritual meanings of the gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense given to Jesus and for you also to give true and valuable gifts to the Lord.

If you want to hear this message in greater detail, you can visit ([www.manmin.org](http://www.manmin.org)) and click "WORD OF LIFE" then choose the sermon topic of your choice.

### 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)

### Brief News

Urim Books Holds "Giving a Book of Love" Gift Event; "Key to Heaven" Will Be Given to the first 1,000 People



How about giving books to family and relatives to share the Lord's love in celebration of Christmas? The "Giving a Book of Love" gift event is held for 21 days from December 20, 2009 to January 9, 2010 under the auspice of Urim Books. With a purchase of more than twenty-thousand won at the church bookstore, you can receive free shipping to any destination of your

choice. When you write down the destination address on the form provided and place it—along with the books being sent there—into the box located in the bookstore, the books will be delivered the following day. And beginning December 24, the first 1,000 people to purchase Dr. Jaerock Lee's newly published book, *Love Is the Fulfillment of the Law* at any branch of Kyobo Bookstore in Korea, Jongno branch of Youngpung Bookstore, Jongno branch of Bandi & Lunis and Euljiro branch of Brooks Libro will receive a free "Key to Heaven" cell phone accessory. For more information, contact the church bookstore at: 82-2-818-7425-6, or Urim Books at: 82-2-837-7632.

### Performing the Christmas Celebration Play "Jesus Christ"

The Christmas eve service with speaker Pastor Soojin Lee, was offered in the main sanctuary at 7 p.m. on December 24. After the sermon, there was a special performance titled "Jesus Christ". The performance, hosted by Pastor Andrew Kim, lasted about 40 minutes and consisted of two parts. The first part displayed events before Jesus' birth, and the second part displayed the joy of Jesus' birth through praise and dancing. The Hallelujah Praise Team, Power Worship Dance Team, the Sound of Light Chorus, the Passion Praise Team, the Whitestone Choir, and Nissi Orchestra of the Performing Arts Committee participated in the performance.

### Foreign Pastors Visit Our Church

Pastor Vladimir Osipov, chairman, the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Russia and head minister of St. Petersburg Manmin Church, Pastor Sakhanchuk Naum, head minister of the Grace Church in Belarus, Pastor Petr Potapenko, head minister of the Ark of Salvation Church in Finland, and Pastor Yury Mamontov, head minister of St. Peter's Church in Russia visited our church Friday, December 11. They visited the church to learn from the Manmin's ministry, which is spearheading world evangelization and is experiencing constant revival. The visitors wanted to set Manmin as a model for their own ministry. They attended worship services and Daniel Prayer Meetings, which are filled with the Holy Spirit. And they also visited the Muan Sweet Water site in Muan, Jeonnam Province, and left Korea on the 16th.



From left, Pastor Sakhanchuk Naum, Belarus, Pastor Petr Potapenko, Finland, Pastor Vladimir Osipov, Russia, and Pastor Yury Mamontov, Russia

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# "Korea Is My hometown of Faith, and Manmin Central Church Is the Holy Land of Faith"

## Stories of Foreign Parish Members Growing in their Faith through Manmin

After Sunday Morning Service, foreign members gather at the meeting place. They open up the fellowship lunch box prepared by the foreign parish and talk about what happened during the week. Their lives are also full of answers and blessings, just like all the other Manmin members.

Most of them were part of the elite, as college graduates in their countries. But many of them became average workers in Korea, earning average salaries. Kinavuidi Kitoko, 41, of the Democratic Republic of Congo, was previously a medical school student of Kinshasa National University. He came to Korea in July of 2000 and attended our church on the first Sunday upon arrival and received much grace while listening to the sermon. Even with a tight daily schedule, Kitoko summarized Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons which were carried on the Foreign Parish's weekly bulletin, and he later began translating the sermons into French during worship services. After editing Dr. Jaerock Lee's book, *Tasting Eternal Life before Death*, he began working for the Translation Bureau of our church in February of 2006. He married his wife, Gisele Kitoko, in 2007, and had two children.

Also, Asher Nazir, 43, of Pakistan is an efficient worker, with proficiency in five different languages. After coming to Korea in 1999, he took on various different jobs, often experiencing many difficulties. After he came to our church, he was able to overcome them with faith. He currently translates the Urdu website for Manmin TV. A few months ago, his mother, living in Pakistan suffered from hemiplegia. She couldn't move her body or talk properly, but she received healing by the Senior Pastor's prayer.

Salonga, 28, of Mongolia, started working in a cosmetics store, thanks to her fluency in Korean. But she had to work on Sundays. Though her paycheck was cut down five hundreds of thousand won (\$500 in U.S. currency) with the condition that she doesn't work on Sundays, she was happy for being able to keep the Sabbath day. So God blessed her with a better workplace, and she is now receiving many blessings.

Also, Virginia, 36, received Senior Pastor's prayer on the picture of her mother, who had leukemia in France, and Scott, 34, also received prayer on the picture of his mother, who was in a critical state with angina pectoris. Both mothers were perfectly healed after the prayer. Deacon Ankhbayar, 31, of Mongolia, was healed of tuberculosis after listening to Senior Pastor's sermon and receiving the prayer for the sick through a cassette tape.

Also, many foreign diplomats residing in Korea were led to our church and received solutions to their problems and blessings of promotion. For example, Henry, Charge d'affaires at the DR Congo Embassy in Sweden experienced a miracle while he was attending our church. While he worked as a councilor at the DR Congo Embassy

in Korea, he received prayer from the Senior Pastor for a promotion. And soon afterwards, he was appointed as Charge d'affaires at the DR Congo Embassy in Sweden. Normally, this procedure is very rigorous, and requires the agreement of the country in which he would work. So when Henry was appointed, the Foreign Affairs of the DR Congo Embassy was surprised, saying that this was a miracle, because they hadn't received any responses. Umanya, Ambassador at the Honduras Embassy in

Korea was greatly injured of his right leg while riding on a motorcycle in his country. He underwent a surgery in which his leg was fixed with an iron core, so since then, he experienced discomfort while walking. But after receiving the Senior Pastor's prayer, he could walk comfortably.

In addition, Aimee Ibanda, Consul at the DR Congo Embassy in Israel, John Tanoh, Consul at the Cote d'Ivoire Embassy in France, Fernando Borbon, Ambassador at the Costa Rica Embassy in Korea, Daniel

Kouakan, Councilor at the Cote d'Ivoire Embassy, and Akinola, Minister at the Nigerian Embassy in Korea experienced healing and received blessings of promotion. The families of these diplomats, who live in overseas countries are also receiving various blessings through the Senior Pastor's prayer. And government officials and guests of their nation who come to Korea through them, are also visiting our church and attending worship services.



Members of Foreign Parish celebrating Christmas after the service

### Foreign Parish of Manmin Central Church

#### ◆ Consisting of Seven Cells with Members from 16 Countries

Since 1998, the Foreign Parish began to have regular meetings for foreign members of the church who lived in Korea. Members of the Foreign Parish are of 16 countries from all over the world (except for China).

Most of the members of the Foreign Parish came to earn money for a temporary period, so they don't stay in Korea for a long time. And they work in various fields; as diplomat, dentist, lawyer, laborer, English teacher, extra actor, chef, singer, student, member of the orchestra, pilot, and so on.

The parish consists of seven cells, and Pastor Nisa Han serves as Parish Leader, Pastor Laura Oh as Vice Parish Leader, and Elder Seong-keon Vin and Elder Youngsik Kim as Financial Directors.

The first cell is made up of members from French-speaking African countries (DR Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, etc.), the second cell consists of members from English-speaking African countries (Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon, etc.), the third cell of members from the Philippines, the

fourth cell from Mongolia, the fifth cell from Southeast, Southwest Asia (Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Russia, etc.), the sixth cell from Central and South America (Costa Rica, Peru, Argentina, etc.), and the seventh cell is members from other English speaking countries (USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc.)

Each cell has Korean church members who volunteer as cell leaders and vice cell leaders, and excluding the English-speaking cells, the other 5 cells have translators of the different local languages.

#### ◆ Supporting the Members to Be Armed with God's Word, and to Become Workers for God's Kingdom

It is not easy for the entire parish to gather together during the week, since most of them reside in the Gyeonggi Province. So the leaders of the Foreign Parish lead each member by visiting each of them personally. Except for the members who can't make time due to work, the leaders visit the members and have Bible studies with the words of the "Message of the Cross" and the "Measure

of Faith". They also support the members to finish courses offered through the MIS (Manmin International Seminary), Manmin Bible Academy, and the MMT (Manmin Mission Training Center). Some of them have now become missionaries through these Bible studies, and are working in Kenya, the Philippines, Japan, Mongolia, and Israel.

Especially now that official worship services of Manmin Central Church are being broadcast via GCN-Manmin TV and the Internet, translation of many different languages is needed. So members of the Foreign Parish spend a lot of their time volunteering as translators.

The Foreign Parish also offers practical help for the members' adjustment to life in Korea. When members face difficulties due to communication problems, leaders intervene to solve the problems, and they help the members in various areas of life; purchasing necessities, providing life information, interpretation at hospitals, and so on.

In addition to these activities, there is a Mission House that provides meals and a place to stay for members who suddenly lose their jobs and have no place to go.