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Nissi Orchestra Celebrated Its 20th Anniversary with Special Performance 'Arirang'



"We met our Lord on the Arirang Pass." Nissi Orchestra is the first orchestra specializing in praise in Korea. On March 4th, in celebration of their 20th anniversary, they performed the song "Arirang", a hymn that is included in many American hymnals. The Nissi Orchestra was organized on March 1, 1992 with Elder Gwanhyung Cho as the conductor. The orchestra has made a great contribution to spreading the gospel and developing Christian culture by performing in Korean Christian Churches' events and many charity concerts. From among its members it also has turned out powerful pastors, conductors, and church workers.

GCN Broadcasting's Globalization Was Realized '2012 NRB Convention and Exposition'

GCN TV (Board Chairman: Dr. Jaerock Lee) has shown a variety of contents that contain the pure gospel and the God's power with HD technology and 3D presentation. From February 18 to 21, 2012, it participated in 2012 NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) Convention and Exposition held in the Convention Center in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

NRB is a Christian organization that spreads the gospel through broadcasting. It has around 1,700 organizations as its members. They share their broadcasting technologies and programs in the convention and exposition every year.

This year, approximately 6,000 Christian broadcasters and 200 Christian broadcasting groups took part in the exposition. GCN participated in it with the new name, GCN Broadcasting Co., Ltd. They also had a fabulous looking booth with an eye-catching publicity banner that caught the attention of visitors.

While many other participants promoted their programs, GCN Broadcasting also showed Dr. Jaerock Lee's 'Word of Life' that was filmed with HD technology, which attracted visitors' attention. Many visitors watched Manmin's many other content offerings in total

amazement.

In particular, GCN TV presented the 3D video, 'The Castle of the Shepherd' that describes the beauty of Heaven. Through this, people recognized its advanced technology. It enhanced the Christian broadcasters' position by demonstrating such a competitive presentation with cutting-edge technology.

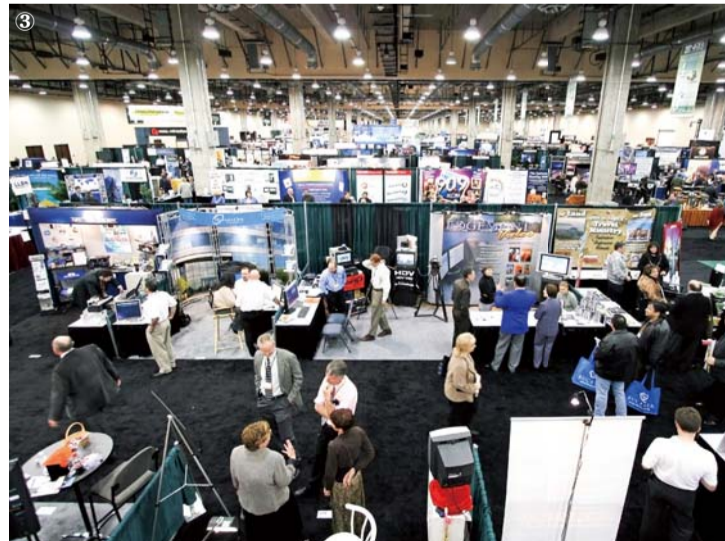
Dr. Frank Wright, President of NRB said, "Of course, it is important to keep up with a current trend or deploy a state-of-the-art technology. But what's on top of them is powerful content. GCN Broadcasting has many powerful contents."

Truli Media Group has world's largest library of faith-based Christian entertainment, spiritual insights and educational content plus it is multiplatform including a Social Network Service and e-commerce. Michael Solomon, its president wanted a tie-up with GCN TV saying, "I'd like to provide all viewing audiences in the world with Dr. Lee's sermons and other GCN programs."

Besides, GCN TV established cooperation agreements and business arrangements with 15 Christian broadcasting organizations and groups from six countries including Life Zone TV in the U.S. and SCT International in Brazil.

A worker for GCN TV stated, "I could realize active cooperation is going on here to help GCN TV's globalization. We will bring Christian broadcasters all over

the world together, establish infrastructure that enables people to watch the programs anywhere, and build a multi-lingual system and global distribution network."



GCN Broadcasting has broadcasted the Word of life, God's powerful works, and high-quality Christian culture to 170 countries. ■ Photo 1: GCN Broadcasting's booth in 2012 NRB Convention and Exposition ■ Photo 2: NRB leaders watching 3D video presentation ■ Photo 3: Full view of 2012 NRB Convention and Exposition

God of Answers

“Yet He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven; He rained down manna upon them to eat and gave them food from heaven. Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance.” (Psalm 78:23-25)

God protects His beloved children with His blazing eyes and gives them whatever they ask.

Matthew 7:7 reads, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” However, it doesn’t mean we can unconditionally receive answers to whatever we ask. Only when we ask according to God’s will as His children and we obey His words can we receive answers.

1. God Meets Us and Gives Answers to Us

The Israelites were God’s chosen people. In God’s providence, they had to live under the bondage of Egypt for 400 years. The sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help rose up to God as written in Exodus 2:23. God appointed Moses as their leader and let them come out of Egypt and guided them into the land of Canaan, the ‘land flowing with milk and honey’.

On their journey God manifested many signs and wonders before the Israelites’ eyes. He guided them with the pillar of cloud during the day and with the pillar of fire during the night. He let them drink water from the rock. He opened heavenly gates and sent them manna to feed them when they had no food.

The Israelites who had suffered from the bondage came out of Egypt and headed for the Canaan land. Their journey from Egypt to Canaan is closely related to our Christian lives. The journey indicates our Christian life on this earth, from when we lived in sins in the world and to when we finally enter the heavenly kingdom.

God wants us to achieve a victory in the world which is like the wilderness and take a better dwelling place in Heaven by force. So God finds us and guides our ways in life just as He worked on the sons of Israel. He doesn’t want us to live a Christian life that we see fit nor to stand still. God wants us to become wise children who ask, seek, and knock diligently because only then can we receive God-given abundant blessing.

What parents want their children to suffer from poverty or diseases? Even evil parents want to give good things to their children. God is more eager to give us good things than our parents. He promised in the Bible He would answer those who seek and ask.

John 15:16 reads, “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.” But God doesn’t bless just anyone or solve everybody’s problems. He answers our prayers when we have hearts or deeds that deserve His answer.

There are forefathers of faith who receive answers and blessing by pleasing God. I hope you will closely check yourself seeing their examples.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

2. What kind of man receives God’s answers?

1) Those who Have Unchanging Faith under Any Circumstances

Abraham could obey God’s command to give his only son, Isaac as a burnt offering since he believed God is the almighty God who can revive the dead. Because he had such faith God chose him as the forefather of faith and gave him all kinds of blessings including children, health, wealth, and fame. However, many people doubt and disobey God’s will when it doesn’t agree with their thoughts or they think it might cause loss. When things aren’t going well they easily complain, lose heart, and fall into despair. This is because they don’t trust God completely.

Numbers 23:19 says, “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” When we have unchanging faith in any circumstances like Abraham we can receive answers from God.

2) Those who Offer Fire-like Prayer with an Earnest Heart

Elijah knelt down on the earth and put his face between his knees while praying to receive answers as described in 1 Kings 18:42. He prayed so earnestly that he put his face between his knees. Through such prayer he brought down a great amount of rain on earth where it hadn’t rained for three and a half years.

3) Those who Revere God, Give Alms, and Pray All the Time

Cornelius was a Gentile but he was a devout man who feared God, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually. God knew him and met him. Namely, God sent the apostle Peter to his house and let him, his family,

his relatives, and even his friends receive the Holy Spirit and salvation. (Acts chapter 10)

4) Those who Go Forward Boldly with Faith

Armed only with a sling and a stone, David defeated Goliath, the Philistine who defied God and the Israelites as recorded in 1 Samuel 17:32-49. The Philistine armies fled and Israel won a landslide victory. David was just a little shepherd. Since he had faith and trust in God, however, he could boldly fight against the giant Goliath with no fear.

Do you have a serious problem before you? Do you have anything that seems impossible for you? I hope you will just boldly go forward with faith by trusting in God.

3. The Hearts of Men who Quickly Met God

Joseph was betrothed to Mary. One day she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. They hadn’t come together yet, but she was pregnant. How shocking it would be! According to the Law a woman who committed adultery should be stoned to death. But Joseph didn’t want to disgrace her, so he planned to send her away secretly.

Because Joseph was such a good and righteous man he could hear from an angel of the Lord, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:20)

It was the same with Zacharias and Elizabeth recorded in Luke chapter 1. Luke 1:6 says, “They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.” They didn’t commit sins but only obeyed the Word of God and gave joy to God. But they had no child although they were quite old. Now God gave them a great present. It was their son, John the Baptist.

1 Samuel chapter 1 also talks about a woman named Hannah who suffered because she had no child. She prayed earnestly and vowed before God she would give her son to Him if He let her have a son. She received the answer to her prayer. Hannah gave birth to Samuel and she took him to the priest, Eli when she weaned him. She gave her son as God’s servant.

If she had been an ordinary person, she might have broken the promise with God because she had gained a son after such a long suffering. But Hannah kept her vow completely. Afterwards, God gave three sons and two daughters to her and Samuel became a great prophet of Israel.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, all your problems will be solved and your heart desires fulfilled when you meet the almighty God. Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will receive whatever you ask from God by revering Him, acting in goodness, and possessing unchanging faith.

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

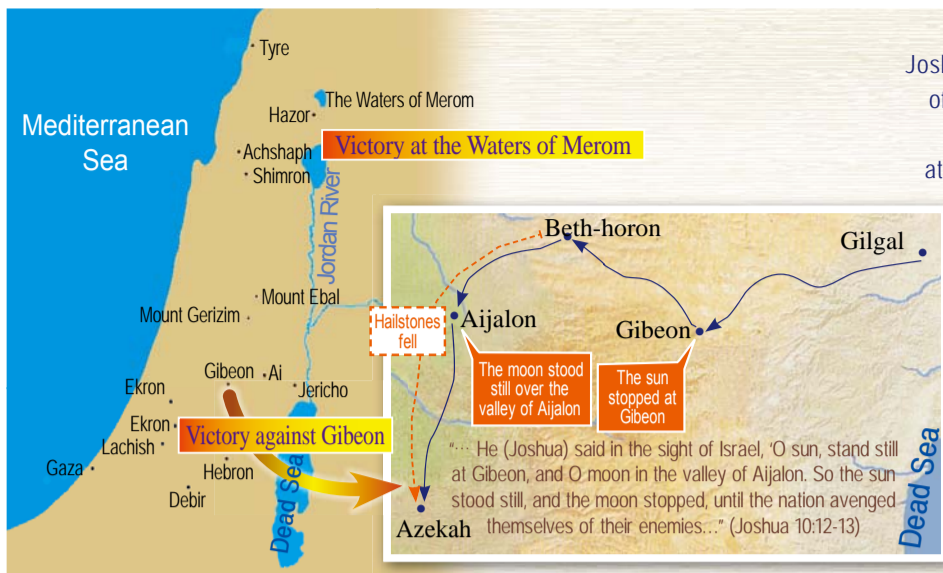
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)
- “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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Joshua, Moses' successor, led the Israelites to the land of Canaan flowing with milk and honey. They crossed the Jordan River with faith, circumcised themselves at Gilgal, and conquered the city of Jericho according to the method of God. But they failed to conquer the city of Ai at first due to Achan's sins. After resolving the sin-related problem they conquered Ai. Joshua built an altar to God and offered a sacrifice at Mount Ebal. Half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses had given command at first to bless the people of Israel. Then they conquered Canaan with God's ways in earnest. (Joshua chapters 8-12)



The Israelites Conquered the Canaan Land in God's Ways!

◆ Lessons to be learned from the incident with Gibeon

As said in Joshua chapter 9, the Israelites conquered the city of Ai which was located in the central part of Canaan. Hearing the news, the different clans in Canaan were afraid and tried to find a solution. The Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites agreed to form a united force to fight against the nation of Israel. The Hivites, who dwelt northwest of Jerusalem in Gibeon, chose to secure a peace treaty rather than to fight against them because they saw God was with the sons of Israel.

Actually, God commanded the people of Israel to totally conquer and annihilate all the people in the land of Canaan. As written in Deuteronomy 7:1-4 God commanded that the Israelites make no covenant with the Canaanites, show no favor to them, and not to intermarry with them. He gave such commands because of the fear that the nation of Israel might become stained by the sins that prevailed in Canaan. But if the people who were well distanced from Canaan wanted to serve and have peace with Israel, God said it was OK to have peace with them.

One day some of the inhabitants of Gibeon came to Joshua in disguise and asked for a peace treaty with them. They said they were from a distant country and they came for a peace treaty upon hearing about the fame of God and the Israelites. As evidence of being from a distant land they showed that the bread they had brought was now moldy and their clothes, shoes, and wineskins were worn out.

Joshua accepted that they were not from the land of Canaan and he made the peace treaty with them without asking God or carefully examining the case. Three days later the Israelites came to know the truth that these people were Hivites who were dwelling in Gibeon. The consequence was that they had to give the Hivites the lands

of Gibeon, which they were supposed to conquer. Because Israel had already made an oath before God, Joshua let them live and instead made them serve the Israelites as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

※ What are the lessons to be learned from the incident of Gibeon? Joshua had already made the mistake of not asking God's will when attacking the city of Ai. However, Joshua made the same kind of mistake again by following the opinions of others without asking God's will. If he had asked God's will before he made the peace treaty he wouldn't have been deceived. Here, we should realize how important it is that anything that we do must be done by first realizing God's will and then following it, whether the matter is big or small. We also should keep in mind how important our words from lips are.

◆ Joshua caused the sun and the moon to stand still and conquered the southern part of Canaan

The southern Canaanites heard the news that the people of Gibeon entered into a peace treaty with Israel just to survive. When this news reached the five kings of the Amorites, they formed an alliance and attacked Gibeon. As recorded in Joshua chapter 10, the Gibeonites asked Israel for help. The allied forces of the Amorites could be a big problem to Israel, but at the same time it could also be a great opportunity. This is because if they destroyed the allied forces, they could gain many cities at one time.

So, they moved quickly overnight and launched a surprise attack against the Amorite kings. The allied armies of the Amorites were unable to retaliate and were defeated. They began to run away and Israel chased after them. At this moment, God did something

amazing for the Israelites. Suddenly, large hailstones began to fall on them from heaven. There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

If the night's darkness came, it would be easy for the remaining enemy force to hide, so they had to quickly finish the battle while the sun was up. At that moment, Joshua showed great faith to fulfill God's command. By relying on God, who controls everything, Joshua commanded the sun and the moon in the sky to stand still as recorded in Joshua 10:12. God guaranteed his word. In the end, Joshua and Israel chased after and defeated the army. The Israelites finally conquered the people in the southern part of Canaan.

※ From a common sense point of view it is impossible for the sun and the moon to stand still because the order of natural law, which is running perfectly in God's providence in the universe, cannot just be broken. But, there is nothing impossible by the power of God the Almighty. Of course, God doesn't just stop the sun and the moon any time He feels like it. But if it is necessary to fulfill the providence of God and the children of God show spiritual faith, God can do even greater things than stopping the sun and the moon!

When Joshua used his own thoughts and put his own theory into practice, he was deceived and he made mistakes. But, when he asked for the counsel of God and obeyed His will, he could even manifest the awesome work of stopping the sun and the moon. Likewise, if we also look up to the almighty God alone and march on with faith and with positive confessions of faith, we can be guided to prosperity. Namely, unimaginable works of God can take place through us.

◆ The Israelites defeated many allied enemy forces and conquered the northern part of Canaan

The news that Israel had conquered the allied armies in the southern portion of Canaan by the power of the almighty God spread quickly to the people in the northern part. Now they felt a great need among themselves to unite in a stand against Israel as written in Joshua chapter 11. Hazor was one of the north's strongest cities. The king sent his messengers to his neighboring countries and formed an allied force against Israel. When they all came out with their armies, their number was like 'the sands on a beach'. The nation of Israel had wandered in the wilderness for a long time and they had now also fought many battles. They might have been discouraged and even fearful if they had relied on their soldiers and their strength.

But this time too, God promised them a victory and encouraged Joshua. With the promise of victory, Joshua and army of the nation of Israel launched a surprise attack without any hesitation as soon as they received the word of God. The allied forces had camped near the water, and though they believed in their military power, they were thrown into great confusion.

Israel defeated the allied armies of Canaanites all at one time without leaving any survivors. As God commanded, they hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots with fire. Also, they burned the great city Hazor, which functioned as a unified command center for the allied forces. By doing so the punishment of God was given to the Canaanites. They then also conquered the other cities one by one. This is how they finished another great battle. Continuing victories in the central and southern parts of the Canaan Land, they went on to conquer the northern part, and it was the end of a significant chapter in the conquest of Canaan.

“With the Lord’s Love I Overcame My Weary Life!”

Deaconess Kyungsook Kim (Female Member, Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church)



In October 2003, Deacon Youngdeuk Seo and I got married rather late in life. I dreamed of a sweet marital life but the reality was totally different. I tried hard to serve my parents-in-law but I often had conflicts with my mother-in-law due to the differences in our personalities and the generation gap. The anxiety, emotional and mental stress was building up. My husband knew this but he was not able to help me.

Suffering from Mother-in-law and Daughter-in-law Relationship Resulted in Depression

In March, 2005, as the first daughter-in-law, I gave birth to male twins, but my mother-in-law still didn't seem to like it. My heart was hurt. I felt weary thinking that it was difficult trying to live according to her will.

‘Why should I live like this? Why should I have any interest in living like this? I am really lonely. Maybe I should consider divorce.’ I lapsed into such thoughts more and more.

I was so severely depressed that I couldn't sleep at all. I even had nightmares. In my nightmares I became paralyzed. I sometimes saw a demon. Looking back upon that time now, I think I suffered from such things because I hadn't practiced goodness. The idol-worship of my parents also had influenced me as well.

To make the matters worse, I came to have pain in my back and left leg. The pain was caused by aftereffects of childbirth. In the early 2009, I underwent an MRI scan. The result showed that I had spinal stenosis and herniated lumbar discs. But I couldn't afford to get an operation

because I had to take care of my twins. I suffered from severe depression and at that time I just wanted to die.

I Received the Fire of the Spirit during the Handkerchief Healing Meeting

One day in October 2009, the Lord of love came to me. Deaconess Jinkyung Cheong who tried to evangelize me came to my mind all of sudden. She had often showed me Manmin Central Church's website and the pictures of those who were healed of atopic dermatitis by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer.

She guided me to Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church. I shed tears as soon as I had a seat in the sanctuary. My makeup ran with mingled tears. Afterwards, Pastor Yeonok Cheong visited my home and we had a family service together. She prayed for me with the handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12). After the prayer I was freed a lot from nightmares and the depression.

Two months after I started to attend the church, I attended the Handkerchief Healing Meeting with Pastor Heesun Lee, the General Guidance Pastor of Men's and Women's Missions, Korea. She read my heart in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and prayed for what I needed. I felt the love of God who knew my heart and consoled me. Tears kept flowing down my face.

I repented that I had befriended the world before I believed in God. I felt the fire of the Spirit come into my head and my body got hot and I sweated.

That night an amazing work took place. I slept well and felt refreshed when I woke up in the morning. The following day, I also felt something coming out of my leg. It was the moment when my spinal stenosis and herniated lumbar discs were healed. Afterwards, I was able to work out as I wanted and there was no discomfort in living my life. Of course, depression, insomnia, and the nightmares had also gone completely. Hallelujah!

My Family was Evangelized and Happiness Came to Me

What's more grateful is that my broken heart was healed and changed into a new heart. Through the messages in the church I came to know the goodness of Ruth who fulfilled her duty toward her mother-in-law and I realized what God-pleasing peace, service, and love really are. I also found the ill-feelings, hatred, and irritation that filled me. I came to admit that all the conflicts between my mother-in-law and me were caused by me. I thoroughly repented rending my heart. I also gave the prayer of repentance for my arrogance in ignoring my husband.

I came to be changed with fasting and prayer. My mother-in-law and husband also have peace after I served them with a renewed heart. My mother, who had attended the Buddhist temple, also came to our church after listening to my testimony. I am so happy receiving the blessing of family evangelization.

I often shed tears of thanks thinking of God's grace. He healed me both in spirit and body and allowed for my family to have peace. He even let me have hope for New Jerusalem. I give all thanks and glory to our Father who has given me such great blessings.

I Had a Truly Amazing and Wonderful Experience!

Sister Uyonchimek
(Female Member,
Mongolia Manmin Church)

I had high blood pressure, 20-year-long headache, allergic eczema on my legs, and hepatitis C. I had to take medicine all the time. In addition, my kidneys also didn't function well. I frequently went to bathroom. I also had severe back pain.

On December 31, 2009 I experienced God's love in Mongolia Manmin Church. Since that time I have led a happy Christian life. In May 2010, I heard that Pastor Hyungwon Ju would preach the message in the church's 7th anniversary service and lead the Handkerchief Healing Meeting.

While listening to his message I repented of my past wrongdoings and idol-worshipping. I received the handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12). At the very moment, my body got hot and my heart became peaceful. Then, I got better and better. I kept attending Missionary Botzorig's Handkerchief Healing Meetings on a regular basis. I recovered my health through the meetings.

One day in July 2010, I experienced an amazing work. Around at 3 A.M., I had a dream. In the dream, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee of Manmin Central Church pronounced a benediction during Sunday Morning Service. Then I heard the loud sound “Bang! Bang!” I was so surprised that I went out to see what happened. I discovered fire where the luxury cars I took care of as a janitor were located.

I rushed to them and put out the fire with water. If I had been a little late the cars would have been on fire. It would be a disastrous incident to burn all the cars there. But God protected them by making me hear some sound even though the apartment was so quiet. I am so thankful thinking of the grace of God now.

I give thanks and glory to our good Father God.



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