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## “I Want to Resemble God who is Spirit!”

### 2012 Children’s Summer Bible School Filled with Heavenly Joy



In the 2012 Summer Bible School, children were filled with happiness through the messages, prayer, praise, Manmin Children’s Performing Arts Competition, the Power Jesus Worship and Praise, Fullness of the Spirit Prayer Meeting, the time to take the cross and pass through the pearl gate. It made children feel close to God- who is spirit- and realize the process of cultivating the heart of spirit.

From July 29 to August 1 in 2012, the Children’s Sunday School (Principal Pastor: Sungsik Chang) had its Summer Bible School in Manmin Central Church.

Because the Summer Bible School was broadcast live via GCN TV ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)), the members of branch churches world-wide could watch it. And children not only in Seoul but also from Wonju, Gyeongju, Gumi, Eastern Gwangju, Muan, Chuncheon, Ansong, Seosan, Tongyeong, and Pohang Manmin Churches participated in the Bible School.

For the opening service on the first day, Pastor Dongcho Shin delivered the message under the title of “Spirit” taken from Proverbs 4:23. He said that people with the heart of spirit can do anything once they make up their minds; they have the same attitude whether someone sees them or not; and

they always live in the Word of God.

On the second day, Pastor Soojin Lee preached the message with the title “Let’s Cast off Greed” taken from James 1:15. She stated when we get rid of desire to have more and receive more love we can have a beautiful heart that can share things with others and rejoice with the truth together.

In the afternoon, children had the Bible Study time, talent shows, and Pilgrim’s Progress with friends in the same grade. Sister Woorim Son from Muan Manmin Church said, “The 4th graders including me invited Elder Sungku Chung to our meeting and we heard about the spiritual world. Listening to his message, I came to hate Hell very much, but I felt so good about Heaven and I wanted to live there forever.”

On the third day, in the morning, children had the 5th

Children’s Performing Arts Competition. After the opening performances, given by Manmin Children’s Marching Band and Angel Worship Team of Muan Manmin Church, the competition started with Jooeun Gang and Dayung Kim as MCs. Children showed their talents with various performances including singing in solo, duet, and chorally; various dancing routines; demonstrations of Taekwondo; and a trumpet instrumental presentation, etc.

The Grand Prize went to Sister Nayung Gu who sang in the Korean traditional style. The Golden Prize went to Sister Haeun Shin, Silver Prize to Aroma of the Lord Mission- that danced beautifully, and the Bronze Prize to the Power Junior Team that performed Taekwondo with dance. The Popularity Prize went to Hallelujah Brass Band who played a trumpet quintet.

Additionally, the Fruit Prize, Rainbow Prize, Blessing Prize, Aurora Prize, and Serem Prize were given.

In the afternoon, ‘Power Jesus’ presentation was held with Pastor Heesun Lee. She preached the message about how to accomplish the heart of spirit in our real lives and attendees had a time of repentance. She also led a time of praise that was full of the Spirit. Children gave thanks to the Lord who gives us Heaven and glorified God.

On the last day, on August 1, Mrs. Boknim Lee, president of Manmin Prayer Center, led the ‘Fullness of the Spirit’ Prayer Meeting. Mrs. Lee explained about the heart of spirit and the heart of the flesh and led in a time to increase hope for Heaven through praise and prayer followed by individually carrying a replica of the cross and passing through a ‘Gate of

Pearl’. In the afternoon, each grade’s mission had various events like ‘the Golden Bell’ and a Bible Verse Contest.

In services, teachers led praise filled with the Spirit. They ran all programs with the grace even in the hot weather. Guidance teachers and directors offered helping hands in many ways.

Many believers and parents helped throughout the program as assistant teachers and volunteering for many works like ushering, cooking, and cleaning the lodging facilities of branch churches’ children.

Parents felt proud of their children who were growing up by the grace of God. Deaconess Yusoon Yeop, Vice President of Teachers’ Association said, “Speakers prepared abundant spiritual food for children, so I’ve heard that children became nicer and lovelier in the Summer Bible School.”



# I Will Offer It Up As a Burnt Offering

“Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, ‘If You will indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand, then it shall be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall be the LORD’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.’” (Judges 11:30-31)

In our lives, we sometimes make promises with others. If we break the promise, we may cause great loss to them and the trust relation might be hurt. On the contrary, when we keep the promise even when it means our loss, we can bear beautiful fruit.

The same applies in our relationship with God. If you have an appointment with the President of your country, you probably would not tell him, “I will be ten minutes late due to a personally urgent matter.” In the same way, if you break or change the promise made with God who is the Creator and the Master of the heavens and the earth, just how rude do you think that would be!

Therefore, if we make a promise with God, we should keep it, even if it means great loss to us. Then, God will repay us with amazing blessings. Now, let’s delve into how to keep a promise with God by taking a look the case of Jephthah in the Bible.

## 1. God gave a quick answer after listening to the Jephthah’s vowed prayer

After the Israelites came out of Egypt, lived in the wilderness for 40 years, and entered the land flowing with milk and honey, many things happened. After Joshua, successor of Moses, died the Israelites soon betrayed God and served Baal and Asherah. There were no kings, but judges who led the Israelites in those days. At the time there was a judge named Jephthah.

Gilead was Jephthah’s father and Jephthah was the son of a harlot. Gilead’s wife bore him sons; and when his wife’s sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, “You shall not have an inheritance in our father’s house, for you are the son of another woman” (Judges 11:1-2). He fled from his brothers and formed a nation with great power in Tob. When the sons of Ammon fought against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to Jephthah and asked him to be their commander in the battle.

In the end, he fought with the sons of Ammon as head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. In order to win in the battle, he gave a vowed prayer to God. He said he would offer up whatever comes first out of the doors of his house to meet him after the battle if God let him have the victory.

God answered his earnest prayer and gave the sons of Ammon into his hand. He struck them resulting in a very great slaughter. From Aroer to the entrance of Minnith- twenty cities- and as far as Abel-keramim the sons of Ammon were subdued before the sons of Israel (Judges 11:32-33). God knew his inner heart and that he would keep his vow before Him, so He gave the great blessing as an answer to his prayer.

## 2. Jephthah valued the vow with God more than



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

## his beloved child

Who do you think was the one who came out of his house first to welcome him when he returned to his house after the victory? It was not his slave or other servant. It was his only daughter. She heard the news of victory and came out to greet him with tambourines and with dancing. Seeing her, he tore his clothes and grieved.

Although it was his one and only daughter, he couldn’t change his vow before God. And he said, “I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot take it back.” And his daughter also said, “My father, you have given your word to the LORD; do to me as you have said, since the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the sons of Ammon.”

Some might wonder why God accepted the horrible vowed prayer. But it was not God who wanted Jephthah to offer up a human being as a burnt offering and He didn’t tell him to give such a vowed prayer. It was Jephthah who gave such a vowed prayer in haste before the battle.

In the Bible, God commanded Abraham to offer up his only son, Isaac as a burnt offering. Then, God prepared a ram beforehand and stopped him from killing Isaac. But why didn’t God do the same thing to Jephthah? This is because God wanted us to realize how important it is to keep a promise with God.

Abraham and Jephthah both might have felt it easier to offer themselves rather than to give their one and only child. But they valued their relationship of trust and love towards God more than their beloved children, so they could offer them up to Him.

## 3. What we should keep in mind in a vowed prayer and the importance of fulfilling it

Here, we should realize that we must not make a

promise or a vow carelessly even when we are in urgent and desperate situations. Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” Even if you don’t vow something, you must not say something without care. And if you have promised to do something before God, you must keep it whether it is small or not.

Deuteronomy 23:21 reads, “When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and the LORD your God will surely require it of you.” It emphasizes on the significance of paying a vow to God. Numbers 30:2 reads, “If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.”

So Jephthah offered up his one and only daughter as a burnt offering. In other words, he separated her flesh from bones just like he had done to animals and offered her up to God as a burnt offering. God had known this heart of Jephthah, so He listened to his vowed prayer and gave him an answer. He knew that he would keep the promise even when it was harmful to him.

Then, do you keep the promise with brothers in faith, the worldly people, or yourselves as well as God? Keeping promises proves that you don’t have lying hearts or crafty hearts. Those who keep promises well will be recognized and loved by God.

## 4. Blessings that follow after keeping a vow

When we keep a vow before God, He will repay us with amazing blessings. Even if it’s hard to keep it, if you make up your mind and keep it quickly, you will receive blessings for sure. But if you keep it slowly, the blessing will also slow down. And if you don’t even keep your vow, it will make a wall of sin against God. So your prayer will not be accepted by God even though you pray. Thus, it’s not proper to make a vow on impulse with greed.

Then, you may ask, “Isn’t it better not to make a vow or a promise?” But if you want to show your love for God or your faith to God, or you are strongly guided by the Holy Spirit, it’s good to obey.

Let’s say the Holy Spirit guides you to give such and such amount of offering to God but you think ‘I will give when my situation is better’ and ignore His voice. Then, you will miss a golden opportunity to grow up in faith and receive great blessing. Therefore, we have to discern the voice of the Spirit and our own greed.

God is pleased with people who keep their vow and promise without making any excuse in any situation. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will keep vows that you made out of your free will and receive great love and blessings from God.

## 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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# The 5<sup>th</sup> Manmin Children's Performing Arts Competition Awardees' Confession

## “The Lord's Love that I Experienced”

On July 31, 2012, the 5<sup>th</sup> Manmin Children's Performing Arts Competition was held in the main sanctuary of Manmin Central Church. It was one of the events in the 2012 Children's Summer Bible School. The participants showed their talents praising, playing instruments, and dancing. Their performance surprised and amazed the audience. Here are the awardees' testimonies of having met the living God.



**“I want to deliver the love of the Lord to the whole world”**

**“I Have the Beautiful Hope of Giving Glory to God”**

**“I feel happy when I think about the amusement park in Heaven”**

**“I praise the Lord who healed and answered me”**



**Sister Nayung Gu**  
(Manmin Central Church, the 5<sup>th</sup> grader)



**Sister Haeun Shin**  
(Manmin Central Church, the 5<sup>th</sup> grader)



**Brother Jungwoon Lee**  
(Manmin Central Church, the 6<sup>th</sup> grader)



**Sister Nuri Ryu**  
(Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church, 5<sup>th</sup> grader)

I sang a Korean traditional song and received the Grand Prize in the Manmin Children's Performing Arts Competition 2012. I prayed every night before going to bed and before practice, “God, let me give glory to You by receiving the Grand Prize”. I tried to use only beautiful words and practiced with a thankful heart before God. I give thanks to God who answered my prayer.

In June, 2012, there was an event named “2012 Day of Teeth Event with Multicultural Families” hosted by Seoul Dental Association. I received a ‘Good Teeth Award’ there. I haven't taken special care of my teeth, but my teeth are healthy due to Muan Sweet Water that was changed from salty seawater by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer (Exodus 15:25). I've enjoyed drinking it since I was very little. Even when I was a baby, my mom mixed powdered formula with Muan Sweet Water and fed me. I thank Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who has prayed for me to grow up healthy.

I want to be the UN Secretary General in the future. I want to spread the Lord's Word to many people in the world and let them know about our church and Senior Pastor. To achieve my goal, I have been learning English and Japanese. I am also studying to get official certifications in computer skill, Chinese characters, and history. I will study even harder.

I've loved to sing praises since when I was very little. I had many dreams but I always thought about how I could give glory to God. Seeing many performers in my church, I set a goal to become a singer in my church.

That's why I prepared for this competition. But I couldn't have imagined I would even pass the preliminary rounds because there were many teams that are really good. But I received the Golden Prize, so I was so happy and thankful to God.

I was born into a Christian family. My mom attended Manmin Central Church with me in her when she was pregnant. I have known that God is alive and good by seeing Dr. Lee's powerful healing works. And I also experienced God's love.

I used to have TIC disorder, but the symptom was gone after I received Dr. Lee's prayer in the Special Divine Healing Meeting held in June in 2011. Once, I had inflammation on my lips so I couldn't even drink water. My ear was torn due to my mistake once. In those times, I received his prayer and sprayed Muan Sweet Water, and I was completely healed.

Thinking of such things, I feel the love of God beyond any description. I want to deliver His love with singing.

I've been learning vocal music, pansori, and acting because I was selected as a gifted student in arts in school. I took part in the Manmin Children's Performing Arts Competition with my sister, Joy. I praised and danced to the God-given song entitled “Amusement Park” and received the Aurora Prize. I was so happy imagining me together with the Lord in the amusement park in Heaven.

I was very greedy so I used to take my sister's snack from her. But, Pastor Soojin Lee told me to cast away greed in the Summer Bible School. I received a lot of grace and made up my mind to practice the Word.

I have a special testimony. In 2008, I was crossing the crosswalk with no traffic light. I had an accident at that time: my head was injured and my legs were broken. My doctor said I would be crippled if I didn't get an operation. But my parents went to Dr. Jaerock Lee and received his prayer on my X-ray film and I was healed.

I try my best to keep the grace of the Lord in my heart and mind and not to forget about it. In this competition, I felt His love more and gave thanks to Him.

I like to sing praises. Since I was very little, I've seen my mom offer praise. I wanted to become like her. My mom served Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church as a singer. I prepared for this competition with longing and prayer. I took part in it as a member of the Rainbow Team with three friends who danced, and I received the Blessing Prize.

When I was younger, I suffered from atopic dermatitis. In the morning, my pajamas were stained with blood here and there. I was made fun of by friends so I wouldn't wear shorts or short sleeves even in scorching hot weather. But I was completely healed by Dr. Lee's prayer.

And I used to have scary dreams so I was afraid of going to bed. But Pastor Heesun Lee told me with love that demons are things that are not scary but dirty.

Afterwards, I changed my thought. And I came to sleep comfortably and I didn't shout any more. In the past, I shouted and tossed about when I had a scary dream. So my mom had a hard time. I want to praise the Lord of love who healed me and answered me.



# Northern American Branch Churches' United Summer Retreat Filled with Happiness

From July 9 to July 12 in 2012, the Northern American Branch Churches' United Retreat was conducted with Pastor Heesun Lee (General Guidance Pastor of Men's and Women's Missions) at the Victory Bible College in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The retreat was held under the title of "Spirit (John 4:24)." There were various programs including seminars, presentations on visions of Northern American ministry, Athletic Meet, and Camp Fire Worship & Praise. It was attended by the missionaries and members from Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, and Toronto in Canada; and Los Angeles, Sacramento, New York, Washington, New Jersey, Chicago, and North Carolina in the U.S. Their sense of unity was so amazing. In particular, on July 17, there was the Entrance Service of Manmin Mission Center in California in Garden Grove, Orange County, California in USA, which gave them new resolution towards North American ministry.



## Unity in the Holy Spirit

**Pastor Caleb Chunho Kim**  
(Calgary Manmin Church in Canada)

In the Summer Retreat, Northern American branch churches were united in the Holy Spirit, and believers who have received a lot of grace in Northern America via Internet were blessed to receive spiritual strength. In particular, it was a great time for the second generation of Manmin to be recognized as key players and coworkers in the ministry of Northern America.

Pastor Heesun Lee delivered the message and led prayer time, which were full of grace. The clouds covered the sun in the cool breeze while having the Athletic Meet. In the Camp Fire Worship & Praise, North American branch churches' pastors and members made up their minds to please God with deeds of faith and love. Seeing wonders in the sky, we experienced the spiritual realm and became full of hope for Heaven.

The special performances given by Women's Mission members from New York, California, and Calgary. Younger children and students added to joy for participants. The Power Team from Manmin Central Church gave performances with joy like children. It gave great grace to us. We shouted "Encore" in a standing ovation to every performance.

We give all thanks and glory to God who has been with us in full grace and led us all the time. And I extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who prays for us with love.



From the right, Pastor James Sim, Missionary Hangyeal Kim, Pastor Caleb Chunho Kim, Missionary Jaebaek Lee, and Pastor Peter Taemoon Jeon

## Repentance, Resolution, and New Start

**Pastor James Sim**  
(Manmin International Church in New York, USA)

I hoped that through this retreat my church members would have true heart and boldly proclaim the holiness gospel and the powerful works with assurance and faith in North America including New York. I prepared for this event praying that we bear perfect fruit of the seeds of the holiness gospel that were sown through 2006 New York United Crusade conducted by Dr. Jaerock Lee.

Pastor Heesun Lee preached the message based on Dr. Lee's messages delivered in 2011 and 2011 Leadership Seminars. It allowed for us to become more passionate about passing through the level of standing on the rock of faith and coming into levels of spirit and whole spirit.

And our faith grew up and we were filled with God's love seeing moving and dancing stars and various images of lights through the spiritual space God opened in the bright night sky of Calgary.

The missionaries especially gathered at dawn and prayed together. We repented thoroughly and made up our minds. We repented that we hadn't relied on God completely with prayer and practiced God's Word. In addition, we were determined to go forth out to New York and then North America with the holiness gospel and the power of the shepherd.

I give thanks to Dr. Lee who prays for us, Pastor Heesun Lee for her love and devotion, and Calgary Manmin Church that showed great love by hosting the retreat.

## Entrance Service of Manmin Mission Center in California

**Missionary Hangyeal Kim**  
(Manmin Mission Center in California, USA)

On July 17, 2012, we had the Entrance Service of Manmin Mission Center in California



with Pastor Heesun Lee.

After being dispatched as a missionary for Western America, I had prayed for my ministerial area and God showed a rainbow in Irvine so that I could settle in this area. I believed that God was guiding me and I committed everything to God with prayer.

At first, my house was so small that I had no place to pray. So I prayed in my car, garage, and a small place next to the boiler. I was just thankful for becoming a missionary to spread the holiness gospel which is holy.

As time went by, I felt more desperate in finding a place to pray and give service as a missionary. I asked Dr. Jaerock Lee to pray for it and received answer to it. This place must have been more expensive because of the good location, but I bought it at less than half price.

While spreading the holiness gospel, I realized that many people are waiting for the holiness gospel. They said, "This message is full of life and moves my heart." From now, I will try my best to make my mission center an advanced base to spread the holiness gospel. I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity who blessed us to have the Entrance Service.



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