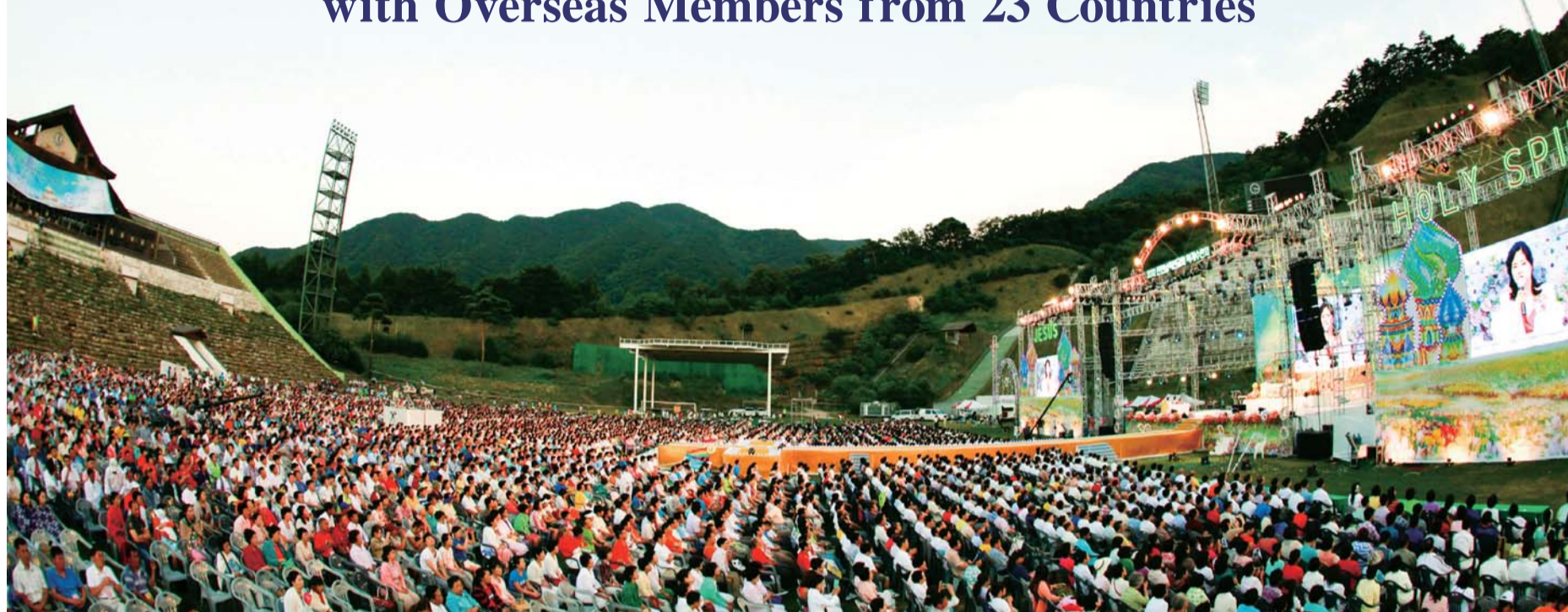


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## The Heart of God Who Is Spirit Was Felt!

### 2012 Manmin Men's and Women's Missions' Summer Retreat with Overseas Members from 23 Countries



Athletic Meet



Experiencing of dragonflies



Camp Fire Worship & Praise

The Manmin Men's and Women's Missions' Summer Retreat was held at Deogyusan Resort located in Muju, Jeonbuk Province. From August 6th and continuing for two nights and three days, church members learned the heart of God who is spirit and increased their faith through various programs.

The retreat was a global event with around 300 pastors and believers from 23 countries such as the USA, Germany, Switzerland, France, Kenya, Japan, China, and Taiwan as well as church members from Seoul, Daejeon, Busan, Gwangju, Gumi, Masan, Chuncheon, and Jeju. In particular, 50 hearing impaired believers from Thailand, Malaysia, and Faroe Islands participated in the retreat and caught the attention of many people.

In the seminar on the first day Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center, spoke about her secrets to achieving the heart of spirit under the title of "Making a Beautiful Heart" based on 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. She emphasized that in order to accomplish the heart of spirit we need longing,

strong resolution, and effort to get rid of sin, evil, untruth, and darkness. She added that we should change ourselves with fervent prayers saying that patience is necessary in the process. Then, she led praise and prayer full of the Spirit.

After the seminar, there was time to experience wonders. Though the sky in the distance was covered with clouds, countless stars could be seen embroidered in the sky as the clouds had cleared away above the seminar venue. Everyone felt thankful for the love of God who allowed them to feel His love through shooting stars and dancing stars.

During the morning of the second day there was the Athletic Meet. The members showed great interest in it since it was the first Great Grand Parish match. The four teams – the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Great Grand Parishes, and Branch Churches' and Foreigners' United Team competed for gold medals.

The opening ceremony began with Dr. Jaerock Lee's recorded opening declaration and receiving of his prayer. Then the meeting started in earnest with

the 'first ball' being kicked by Pastor Soojin Lee, the Consolidated Great Parish Pastor. There were ten different games: Fill-the-tower Ball Toss, 100m race, Long-distance Race, Group Jump-Rope, Spot-kick Shoot Out, Soccer, Volleyball, Air-ball Roll, Tug-of War, and Relay Race. The players competed for a total of 14 gold medals.

They played in exciting games and each team's passionate cheering added happiness to the event. The Championship Trophy went to the 2nd Great Grand Parish that had grabbed seven gold medals! Deacon Sunghee Kang and Deaconess Suhyang Cha of the 2nd Great Grand Parish were selected as the MVPs of the meet.

That evening Pastor Heejin Lee, President of Performing Arts Committee, preached the message entitled "Spirit" from John 4:24. She said that spirit is the heart of Father God. It is goodness and love itself. Pastor Lee explained that we can check how much spiritual heart we've achieved by seeing how much we understand our family, relatives, and

coworkers with patience and checking how much we have God's heart, His goodness, and His love. After the message, the members repented and prayed to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Camp Fire Worship & Praise with Pastor Heesun Lee, General Guidance Pastor of Men's and Women's Missions followed. They gave glory to God with praises full of hope for Heaven and a fireworks display added to a scene of overflowing emotion. All members not only from the Seoul Central Church but also from other areas in Korea and overseas countries were united as one in the love of God.

As Dr. Lee had prayed, members enjoyed cool weather at the Summer Retreat. This year too innumerable dragonflies sat on the members' faces, hands, and shoulders which let the members feel the presence and love of God. With overflowing thankfulness, joy, and hope for Heaven we give all thanks and glory to God who filled Manmin with grace and emotion at the Summer Retreat.

# Importance of Spiritual Love

**“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)**

The 13th chapter of First Corinthians is called the ‘Love Chapter’. It puts an emphasis on the importance of love before the detailed explanation about spiritual love. Even though we have enough food, clothing, shelter and lack nothing; if we have no love, all our hope and reason to live are gone. In other words, love is the most important factor in our lives.

1 Corinthians 13:13 says, “But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.” Even if we speak beautifully like the angels speak, have the gift of prophecy, possess the faith to remove mountains, give all our possessions to feed the poor, and can surrender our bodies to be burned, we need true love to make all our deeds perfect.

## 1. Even if I speak with the tongues of men and of angels

Here, “The tongues of men” do not refer to the gift of tongues that is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but to all languages used on the Earth such as English, Chinese, and Russian. When we see how human civilization has been improved and passed down onto descendants by language, we can see the tremendous power of words.

Languages have the power to move people’s hearts so we can achieve many things. If we could just speak good words with beautiful voices like angels do, how amazing it would be!

If we speak with the tongues of men and angels but do not have spiritual love, we have become like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. A gong makes sound when it is empty or it is light. In the same way we are just like chaff when we are empty and without spiritual love. Only when we are full of love as God’s children who resemble Him can we be valuable as wheat before God who has cultivated mankind. When we say something, we should give life to the listeners and think, “With what words can I encourage him/her?” and “How can I help him/her come into the truth?”

In the Book of John chapter 8, the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus and said to Him, “Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?” If He had told them to stone her, they would have said that He had no love. If He had told them to forgive her, they would have said that He ignored the Law. Jesus began to write their sins one by one on the ground. Seeing the list of their sins on the ground they had qualms of conscience and left the place. Only Jesus and the women were there. Jesus said to her, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on, sin no more.”

Words with spiritual love have power to revive lives. But if you try to force your ideas on others or point out others’ fault with words, you can’t truly change them or give true life, even if your words are



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

perfectly right.

## 2. Even if I have the gift of prophecy, know all mysteries and all knowledge, and have all faith, so as to remove mountains

In general, prophecy is to speak about something that will happen. In the Bible, men prophesied that something would happen by receiving the heart of God in the inspiration Holy Spirit for some particular purpose. It couldn’t be done by men’s will but men in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit could receive prophecy from God (2 Peter 1:21).

But here “The gift of prophecy” in the Love Chapter doesn’t refer to the gift given specifically to such people. Here it is to foreknow and proclaim that saved souls will be caught up into the air when the Lord comes in the air and then they will have the Seven-year Wedding Banquet whereas unsaved souls will suffer in the Seven-year Great Tribulation and go to Hell after the Great Judgment of White Throne.

Here too “Mysteries” refers to the mysteries hidden before the beginning, that is, the message of the cross. The message of the cross is God’s providence prepared before the beginning to save mankind. God foreknew that men would sin and go the way of death so He prepared Jesus who is our only Savior before the beginning. God let it be hidden as a mystery because if Satan had known about it the mystery couldn’t have been fulfilled because of Satan’s interruption.

The enemy devil and Satan thought that they could have kept the authority given to them due to Adam’s sin if they killed Jesus. So, they instigated evil men and caused them to crucify Him. Contrary to their expectations, however, the way of salvation was opened by their killing of Jesus who had no sin at all. Although we know this amazing mystery, if we do not have spiritual love and preach about it, it is of no use.

The same applies to knowledge. “All knowledge” doesn’t mean only academic knowledge, but also all knowledge of the truth written in the Bible. If we know God, we should believe Him from our hearts by meeting and experiencing Him. Otherwise, our knowledge is just knowledge and it even plays the role of our standard to pass judgment and condemnation on others. Thus, knowledge without spiritual love is also useless.

If we have “All faith” capable of removing mountains but do not have love, we are nothing. Peter walked on the water for a while with faith when Jesus walked on the water. But he had no spiritual love and eventually in face of threats to his life he denied Jesus since he had neither received the Holy Spirit nor had he yet become sanctified.

When we experience God, faith can grow; however, spiritual love grows in us only when we try hard to cast away sins. It doesn’t mean that faith and love are not interrelated. It is by faith that we want to cast away sins and love God.

## 3. Even if I give all my possessions to feed the poor and surrender my body to be burned

Those who help the poor to flaunt themselves will become more arrogant when they are praised. They mistakenly think they are righteous so they don’t try to circumcise their hearts. It is harmful to them. But those who help the poor out of love don’t mind whether someone recognizes their deeds or not. This is because they believe that God, who watches them in secret, will repay their deeds with blessings and rewards according to their deeds (Matthew 6:3-4).

It is the same with sacrifices. To ‘surrender my body to be burned’ means complete sacrifice of self. Of course, we can make self sacrifices when we have love. But, we can make sacrifices even if we have no love. In other words, we complain after working faithfully or we feel uncomfortable when nobody recognizes our efforts, devotion, time, or financial contribution. We judge others who don’t work faithfully thinking, “How could they do nothing although they say they love God?” With hearts like these, we ourselves feel troubled and break peace with others. Thus, the sacrifice profits us nothing.

Why do we give sacrifice without love even though we have faith? This is because we don’t have a sense of ownership that ‘what’s God’s is mine and what’s mine is God’s.’ If our hearts are filled with spiritual love, we can devote ourselves for the Lord whether or not someone sees us and recognizes us.

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will achieve spiritual love by unsparingly giving yourselves for others like a candle that burns sacrificing its self to drive away darkness and brighten it up around it.

## 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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# Youth's Journal Written with Faith, Hope, and Love

## Six Missions' United Summer Retreat



On August 6 in 2012, Manmin's youth gathered at the Hyundai Sungwoo Resort in Hoengseong, Gangwon Province. The members of Youth, College, Canaan, Paul's, Mary's, and Light and Salt Missions felt deep love of God in the four-day retreat and came to have faith that they can achieve spiritual hearts. They also came to have greater hope for New Jerusalem, the best dwelling place in Heaven.



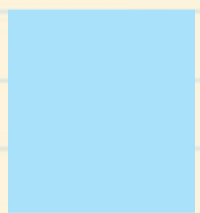
**【 Seminars that made them realize that flesh profits nothing 】**  
 On the first day and the third day, Pastors Soojin Lee and Heejin Lee preached messages entitled "Flesh and Spirit" from John 6:63 and "Spirit" from John 4:24 respectively. Through their messages the participants realized the flesh profits nothing and felt the heart of God who is spirit, goodness, and love. Thinking of God's limitless power, they made up their minds to achieve the heart of spirit all the more earnestly.




**【 The 'Fullness of the Holy Spirit' prayer meeting allowed for them to be united 】**  
 On the second day, through the message "Making a Beautiful Heart" taken from 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center, urged them to accomplish the heart of spirit with longing, strong resolution, and constant efforts with patience. They engraved the love of the Lord on their hearts while praising, praying, and carrying a cross. They also had time to feel the happiness they will enjoy before the pearl gate of New Jerusalem while passing through a replica of the pearl gate. They gave the Spirit-filled praises with all their hearts and bodies.



**【 Athletic Meet full of youth's passion towards the Lord and experiencing of wonders 】**  
 They had the Athletic Meet as mission competition in the cool weather with the sun was covered by clouds. Their games were as follows: 100m race, Relay Race, Long-distant Race, Fill-the-tower Ball Toss, Spot-kick Shoot Out, and Cheering Competition. It was all very close. The College Mission won First Place and Paul's and Mary's Mission's United Team took Second Place. Brother Doosung Go and Sister Seulgi Kim of College Mission were the MVPs and the Cheering Prize went to Paul's and Mary's Missions. Brother Jimin Han and Deaconess Eunok Park who won First Place in the Long-distance Race received special prizes. They also had a great time feeling God's love as dragonflies came to sit on their bodies.



Athletic Meet: Winner in the Long-distant Race (Special Prize Winner)



**"It is by God's grace that I was able to run well."**  
 Deaconess Eunok Park (1st Mary's Mission)  
 I practiced running after Daniel Prayer Meeting for a month. I wanted to become the source of strength for my Mission by winning. I met with difficult moments while running in the game but I thought of my goal to give glory to God. I overcame them and achieved my goal. Through this, I came to have confidence that I can achieve spiritual things. I give thanks to those who were with me and encouraged me during practice.



**【 Camp Fire Worship & Praise, Love Letter of Praise to the Lord 】**  
 "Let's practice the truth with joy and hope. Let's overcome the world and give our youth and hearts to the Lord. Lord, here we are!" Pastor Heejin Lee led the Camp Fire Worship & Praise. The members made heart-shapes with their arms, hands, and fingers for the Lord and their love and grace were greater while jumping and praising hand in hand with other members. They pictured the Seven-year Wedding Banquet and made their minds to become beautiful brides of the Lord. The fireworks added to the beauty of the night sky. Members felt the love of Father God who wants to share love with His children.

I came to Korea with my husband to participate in Manmin Central Church's 2012 Men's and Women's Missions' Summer Retreat. I was amazingly blessed and my eyes of Christian faith were newly opened.

I was born into a Christian family so I have attended church since I was little. But I hadn't felt the Lord's love for a long time. One day, I happened to feel the love of the Lord who said to me that He loves me and He stays with me. Afterwards, I was changed a lot and started to study hard. I entered into employment with Singapore Airlines and worked as a flight attendant for five years.

In 2007, one of my friends, Missionary Wong Ping Ping (who was a former producer in Far East Broadcasting Company) gave me Dr. Jaerock Lee's books *The Message of the Cross*, *Heaven I*, and *Hell*. Reading the books, I understood the providence of salvation and knew about Heaven and Hell clearly. I also received a lot of grace through the messages on the Sabbath and goodness in the magazine named Manmin.

Dr. Lee's messages have moved my heart and urged me to accomplish sanctification. I went to many churches in many countries, but I've never heard about a church that emphasizes sanctification this much. Listening to the holiness gospel, I realized what sins are and that I as a child of God should



## “I Became God's True Child by the Lord's Love”

June Rebecca Loh Yoon Earn (Singapore)

resemble Him for He is holy.

Missionary Wong Ping Ping also talked about various kinds of works of God. All of them were the works of the Holy Spirit. Just as bitter water at Marah had been changed into sweet water as recorded in Exodus 15:25, the salty sea water at Muan was changed into the sweet, drinkable water which is called Muan Sweet Water. It was amazing. She

told me that those who, with faith, drink and apply the water can be healed of all their diseases and receive answers to their heart desires. It was also interesting to hear about the Muan Sweet Water Aquarium where saltwater fish and freshwater fish coexist. I wanted to experience God's works in Muan Sweet Water Site. I talked to my husband and decided to take part in the Manmin

Summer Retreat.

On August 3 in 2012, I finally arrived at Manmin Central Church in Seoul, Korea. I attended Friday All-night Service beginning at 11 P.M. It was a true service to God. It was holy and magnificent. The choir anthem, performance by Nissi Orchestra, and special performances reminded me of Heaven. The church members kept smiling and looked so happy. Many other foreign believers visited the church for the Summer Retreat and the church was so considerate in serving them, which was touching.

On August 6, 2012, the Summer Retreat finally kicked off. All programs were filled with grace, emotion, and God's love. It was the hottest of the season in Korea, but it was cool at the retreat place, dragonflies came down from above and sat on my body, and I saw dancing stars.

On August 8 in 2012, I paid a visit to Muan Sweet Water Site. I was deeply touched by the fact that in God's special love I was guided to the scene of the miracle where seawater changed into sweet water just like it had happened in the Bible time.

We've gained a lot of things through this visit to Korea. I was so happy realizing I have a special right as a child of God to go to New Jerusalem as well as to receive blessings on the Earth as long as I follow His will.

## “I Wish for European Christians to Recover by the Holiness Gospel”

Gulbahar Shindler  
(Switzerland)



I was watching TBN Russia in November 2011. It was Dr. Jaerock Lee's Word of Life program. All of a sudden, Dr. Lee's face shone. His face shone while things around him remained the same.

From then, I came to enjoy watching his program and I went deeply into his messages. He said, “We should become sanctified, pray fervently, and fast to cast off evil.” I had been a Christian for five years, but it was the first time to hear about such things.

I had been seeking God earnestly, and the holiness gospel was just enough to initially satisfy my thirst. I listened to the messages not only on TBN Russia but also on Manmin Central Church's website. I listened to them for ten hours a day.

In the early December in 2011, the Holy Spirit strongly guided my heart while listening to the message. “It just takes 11 hours by plane to go to Korea. There's no reason I can't go there if it means my spiritual growth.” In the end

of December in 2011, I finally came to Korea and received a lot of grace feeling God's presence in Manmin Central Church. When receiving Dr. Lee's prayer, I was healed of backache that had troubled me for a year.

Back in Switzerland, I started to fast and pray for my sanctification. I discovered untruthful things in my heart. The fight against sins started, but I came to increase in faith by reading Dr. Lee's books including *The Message of the Cross*, *The Measure of Faith*, and *Hell*. In particular, Heaven I&II gave me great joy and gave me earnest hope for New Jerusalem.

On July 8, 2012, I paid the second visit to Manmin Central Church with my son. I stayed for a month and learned how to pray properly in Daniel Prayer Meeting. I realized the specific ways to become sanctified.

In early August, my husband, Yurik

Shindler, came to Korea for the Summer Retreat. On August 6, my family went to 2012 Manmin Men's and Women's Missions' Summer Retreat with fluttering hearts. My husband received

much grace seeing the wonderfully well-organized events and the members' unification in love during praises. He was also surprised by dragonflies that sat on his body. He said to me, “Now I understand why you've wanted to come to Korea that much. Manmin Central Church is full of the Holy Spirit, and His works take place there. The members pray every day and live according to the Word of God. They are truly amazing.”

After meeting Dr. Lee and hearing the holiness gospel, my life was amazingly changed. My husband and I will preach the holiness gospel in Switzerland. I want to awaken the European churches that are in slumber and help them recover their faith with the message of blessings.



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