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On its 26th anniversary, *Manmin News* was published in 29 languages



Multilingual *Manmin News* has been printed in 29 languages including the most-spoken language Chinese; as well as English; Spanish; Arabic; Hindi; Russian; Portuguese; and French for the love of Jesus Christ to be reached to over seven billion people in the world. *Manmin News* will be translated and published in more and more languages and with more quality contents until the love of God and the holiness gospel of Jesus Christ arrive at all people of all nations regardless of nationality and race.

Manmin News, that has led innumerable souls to the way to true life, celebrated its 26th anniversary. This paper has been spreading the holiness gospel in every corner of the earth and has acted as a mentor for believers by providing them with diverse contents such as Dr. Jaerock Lee's Word of Life; Testimonies of answers, healing, and blessing; Feature Story, providing a boost of energy in Christian life; and Church News.

Manmin News was first released as *Manmin Joong-ang News* on May 17th in 1987. It was published every month at first, and later every other week beginning in October of 1991. In January, 1999, starting with the publishing of English edition, multilingual *Manmin News* embarked upon overseas mission distribution.

In October, 2009, the paper's title was changed into *Manmin News*. It is currently issued both on the website and in a paper form. Now

it is no longer a newsletter for the church members in Korea alone, but it becomes a newspaper for all people of the world and it plays an important role in the publication ministry.

So far in May, 2013, the paper has been translated and published in 29 languages: Korean, English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Russian, Portuguese, French, German, Japanese, Dutch, Danish, Finnish, Estonian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, Hebrew, Nepali, Urdu, Tamil, Sinhalese, Thai, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Indonesian, Tagalog, and Bisayan.

Now this multilingual newspaper, *Manmin News* is loved by readers abroad as well as in Korea.

Deaconess Davaansuren from Mongolia said, "Reading *Manmin News*, I was blessed to gain answers to my problem that had troubled me

and to realize how to lead a proper Christian life.

Sister Yolanda Lancheros from Colombia stated, "The Word of Life in the paper adds God's love and hope for Heaven to my heart, and the church news about the world mission achieved by the power of God is a powerful spur for me to boldly spread the holiness gospel."

Dr. Kiril Dechkov Svilenov from Bulgaria is quoted as saying, "The publication of *Manmin News* is a significantly distinguished form of ministry because it can be reached by countless people all over the world online as well as through the published paper.

Mrs. Lina Dabbagh in Israel who translates *Manmin News* into Hebrew said, "*Manmin News* is full of life. I have learned many things necessary for my Christian life reading the Word of Life. Since I myself also

experienced God's miraculous healing work through Dr. Jaerock Lee's transcending-space-and-time prayer, the testimonies in *Manmin News* have touched my heart all the more."

Manmin News is delivered to and made for the use of pastors and believers who long for the holiness gospel and the works of power, and through it they have grown in faith and evangelized people with it.

Manmin News is available in 29 languages on www.manminnews.com, and the print-friendly PDF (Portable Document Format) file is at hand in the section 'Printed PDF Download' on the website for being used in all ministerial areas in the world.

Manmin News, with the celebration of the 26th anniversary, will be translated into more languages and make another leap as an 'advance guard' in achieving the global parish and extending the kingdom of God.

Goodness (15)

Elijah's Goodness (1)

“As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven” (2 Kings 2:11).

Elijah was a prophet who proclaimed the will of God with boldness in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at the time of King Ahab when idolatry was so prevalent in the 9th century BC. When he confronted 850 prophets of foreign gods, the fire was brought down from heaven through his prayer. And through his fervent prayer, heavy showers came upon Israel which had been suffering from severe drought for three and a half years.

Elijah went to a widow in Zarephath and he was given a piece of bread by her. He prayed to God that He might bless her with unstoping food until the drought came to an end. He also restored life to a young boy by the power of God. He parted the Jordan River and prophesied about things that would happen in the future. Finally, he was caught up by a whirlwind into Heaven without seeing death.

What kind of goodness did he have that brought down the blessing of receiving God's power and being taken up into Heaven?

1. Elijah was very humble in heart and had peace with all men

Elijah was of weak temperament. He was not confident in everything and he thought he had nothing that made him stand out among others. Whenever somebody's opinion did not agree with his, he never tried to insist on his own way, but always gave into others. Since he was that humble and did not quarrel with anybody, there was always peace wherever he was. He seemed indecisive on the outside, but with the personality he possessed, he had a special quality by which he could become a great prophet if he managed to reach the level of spirit.

God deemed Elijah's heart as very good, and refined him so that God could use him as a great prophet. Before they were changed, Moses and the Apostle Paul had been courageous people in a fleshly sense, but until they were used by God, they needed to deny themselves through refinement.

However, Elijah's heart did not become humble through trials, but his nature was originally delicate and he had no self-esteem and he was never conceited. When God called him for service, he was afraid thinking, 'How can I accomplish God's work, I, who have so many deficiencies? I am afraid that I would fail in the work of God.' So, he had to change his feeble nature into spirit to be used as a great prophet of God. So, God allowed him to receive trials.

Elijah prophesied in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at the time of King Ahab who was the most evil king in Israel's history. Ahab's father, the king Omri made Ahab marry Jezebel, the daughter of the king of the Sidonians because the marriage was to build a military and commercial alliance with them. But, because of the idols of Baal Jezebel brought with her, idolatry prevailed throughout the kingdom of Israel.

Due to this, God's wrath was great and His judgment



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

came upon the Northern Israel that no rain would fall for years. Elijah had to deliver God's Word to Ahab. This was the first task that was entrusted with Elijah. Far from repenting after hearing Elijah's word, Ahab tried to capture and kill Elijah.

After the three-and-a-half years of drought, God told Elijah to go to Ahab and tell him that He would send rain on the earth. At that time King Ahab blamed Elijah for the long drought that came upon Israel, so if he had been caught by the king he would have lost his life. How difficult it must have been for Elijah, who was fragile in nature, to obey the command of God!

However, Elijah went to the king according to the command of God and spoke God's will to the king exactly. Moreover, he suggested to the king that he should send the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah to Mount Carmel and that they and Elijah would wage spiritual warfare to reveal who the real God is (1 Kings 18:19).

2. Elijah never stopped communicating with God and obeyed only in faith

The reason that Elijah overcame his weakness and acted so courageously was because he never stopped communicating with God. Because he thought of himself as lacking in so many ways, he tried his best to communicate with God and to clearly understand God's will. He knew he could do nothing on his own. So he had no choice but to rely on God and try to receive God's power by which everything is possible.

That's why he could overcome his weakness and triumph to the end with the faith, courage and the power God had given to him. Through these experiences, he came to long for the power of God all the more and became certain that anything that is impossible with human thoughts is possible when God commands it. He did not rid himself of the weak and fragile nature all at once. While receiving the trials God allowed, he never stopped relying on and

communicating with God and he was strengthened and empowered by the power of God.

Since he went through the trials he was confident that he could do anything in the faith coming from God and greatly glorified God. The reason that he manifested great power was because he always obeyed the will of God and had firm faith that anything he could not do within his human ability was possible through God. He obeyed everything in faith, and through him God accomplished what is impossible in this physical world but is possible in the spiritual realm (1 Kings 18:46).

Our Father God is omnipotent and omniscient. With God there is no need for Him to search for competent people for His glory. The only person that God needs is the one who is willing to abandon all his will and proclaim only the will of God so that he can receive and show the power of God. If a man's heart vessel is full of his own self, the power of God cannot fill it. Even if God pours down His power into his heart vessel, the power of God cannot be fully revealed because it would be mixed with the self that has filled his heart.

The vessel God searches for is, above all else, pure one that it has shaken off its 'self' and is humble. Even if a vessel is empty and clear, it can contain more with a greater depth than with one that is shallower. In the same way the humbler one's heart the more he receives the power of God.

Elijah met these two conditions. He always confessed from his inner heart he was nothing and could do nothing, and he never ceased to communicate with God. Although the Holy Spirit had not yet to come upon people's hearts, Elijah could make peace with anybody by not insisting on his opinion.

Today, some of Christians who have received the Holy Spirit and grace are in discord with others and have hard-feelings. When sinners repent and turn from their ways, however, God forgives them of their sins and transgressions through the blood of Jesus Christ and He pours down grace upon them. Therefore, in the grace of God we must not only discern sin and righteousness with the truth but also we must cover everyone with love just the way the Father has done.

And we have to serve people who appear unrighteous—just as our Lord Jesus served sinners. It is real righteousness in the sight of God. When you empty and humble yourself, it is deemed to be good in the sight of God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, 2 Corinthians 4:7 reads, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves." I pray in the name of the Lord that all of us will give thanks to God for choosing us like earthen vessels and making us a vessel that can contain the treasure and will become a precious instrument used by God by humbling ourselves.

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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How to become a pure and beautiful bride of the Lord

No blemish

When you accept Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit as a gift, your name is written in the Book of Life and you become God's child. This is the beginning of your preparations to become eligible as a bride of the Lord who opened the way of salvation with love through the crucifixion. The Lord who resurrected and ascended into heaven is currently preparing dwelling places in Heaven for believers who have gained the authority as God's children and He will come in the air to welcome His brides who have pure and beautiful hearts.

"Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).

"So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:26-27).

What should we do to become a blameless and beautiful bride who has no blemish, no spot, no stain, and no wrinkle? Let's look at some of the spiritual meanings.

If a person, who calls himself a Christian, drinks, acts violently, tells a lie, defrauds others, and lives in depravity, then other people may criticize him.

'Blemishes' refer to wrongdoings that are apparently manifested and revealed on the outside. In other words, these include actions against the truth. Thus, after you accept the Lord, first of all, you must shake off the former manner of life in your deeds, and you

also have to diligently listen to, learn, and practice the Word of God. This is a significant point.

Also, 'a blemish' indicates 'a mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something'. If one had done an evidently evil work in the sight of even men as well as God, it can remain in him in a form of a trace though he accepted the Lord and repented of all his transgression. Also, if one has done the works of the flesh recorded in Galatians 5:19-21 after he accepted the Lord, even if he repents of them thoroughly, it will be left like a 'scar'. Of course, it does not mean that he

cannot be saved, but it makes it hard for him to enter the better dwelling places in Heaven. So, he needs to make much more efforts than others.

Aside from them, our deficiencies can be said to be 'blemishes'. A man should properly go through the necessary steps in growth; seeing, hearing, feeling, and practicing things. But if one has undergone a certain step in an abnormal way or if he has skipped the step, it will cause a deficiency of the body to be formed. You can fill the deficiencies only when you take cognizance of your shortcomings and see, hear, feel, and act in the truth.

No spot

'Spot' relates to a sinful nature and all things that come out from the sinful nature. If one is exposed to the sun, after he had moles on his face removed, it causes the moles and spots to be formed again. In the same manner, if

you maintain attachments to the world and you do not remove the roots of the sinful nature, though you repent thoroughly of your past sins, chances are that you will commit sins when you are exposed to the worldly things. Thus, it is very important to cast away sinful natures continually until your heart receives the assurance they are gone.

In the process of the removal of sinful

natures, we need to cast away clearly-revealed evil things first such as lying, craftiness, hatred, jealousy, envy, and adultery. Then, we have to get rid of evil conscience; we should remove everything that is not in accord with the Word of God whenever it is found. Also, we can get rid of the evils in our natures that we cannot discover on our own, in and by the grace of God through trials.

No stain

'Stains' refer to one of the deficiencies of the body that appears trivial but is detectable when we try to find it. In this case, there is a deficiency of the body caused by one's personality

or temperament. Even if an extroverted person has cast away arrogance and boastful nature his active attitude still may seem to be caused by his boastful nature in others' sight.

Also, there is the deficiency of the body formed because of the lack of experience in growth. Let's say one who has never had attachment to the

worldly things has achieved the heart of spirit. He has never experienced the fleshly things so he sometimes cannot understand others' hearts and embrace them. This is not sin but could give reasons for others to judge him. Therefore, only when we fill these deficiencies we can be said we are complete.

No wrinkle

'Wrinkles' refer to self-formed frameworks. They are those of goodness and of truth that we have made on our own. Let's suppose the president of a company says to his workers that they will dine together. But a director says to him, "We are so thankful for just giving us the opportunity to work in this company. You do not have to treat us to dinner, either." Or, let's say the president says to the workers in a restaurant, "Help yourselves. You may eat whatever

you want" but the director chooses a dish that is the cheapest and says, "We are satisfied with it, aren't we?" He might think it is goodness, he does not understand the deep goodness of the president and act like that without thinking the time would encourage the workers to work more earnestly.

Some people stopped God's blessing from coming by their own thoughts. It means they have only a limited concept of goodness in considering others and it stops the receiving of blessings. To reach the deeper level of goodness God wants, and the deeper level of spirit, we need to break the self-framework of goodness.

Additionally, you may have the trace of the flesh that was shaped without noticing it. If you are introverted and gentle, people might think, 'Why does he act like that?' However, as long as you enter the deep level of spirit and then whole spirit God modifies the personality that is a part of you into a soft and sophisticated character and uses it.

As read in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," we have to welcome the Lord as a bride without blame.

Not long after I delivered my first child in February 1992, I began to feel sick. My body felt sluggish for the following seven years and I even lost zest in life; I was suffering from asthenia, a loss of body strength. Furthermore, as the result of a surety bond my husband assumed, my household was heavily in debt. His salary was not enough to pay the interest alone on it.

The sleepless nights I had were in pain... During the day I secretly shed tears behind my husband's back so as not to hurt his feelings. I felt left alone in the world. The memories of it are now flashing through my mind.

God healed me of asthenia at a Special Revival Meeting

In late April, 1999, a ray of light came into my life that seemed like a series of dark tunnels full of endless misery. A paper was placed in front of my house. It was *Manmin News* that contains the news about the 7th two-week consecutive Special Revival Meeting held in Manmin Central Church in Seoul. I also heard that it was possible to attend the meeting in Gwangju Manmin Church, ministered to by Pastor Hyungreol Park, via relay from the Main Church and I had a strong desire to receive grace and healing.

I called Gwangju Manmin Church and struck up an acquaintance with Elder Jung Heo through the phone call. He sensed my spiritual thirst and brought to me 15 sermon tapes on 'The Measure of Faith'.

I listened to them all night. I had never heard of such powerful messages and they moved my heart.

In May, 1999, I went to the Special Revival Meeting. I witnessed marvelous things: many people were healed of incurable and terminal diseases. Some stood up from wheelchairs, and some others threw away their canes and walked and jumped. I felt like the cells of my body became renewed one by one while listening to Dr. Jaerock Lee's message. Then, to get healed by faith, I stopped taking the medicine that I had been taking.

On the first day of the Special Revival Meeting, peace entered my heart and joy filled me. From then on, I was exhilarated every day. I no longer felt sluggish and my body felt light. Without noticing, I was healed of asthenia. Hallelujah!

Since then, I have never been to hospital for my health, and I have taken care of the flock as a district leader to pay back the grace of God.

God changed my husband and blessed him

After I experienced the works of the living God in

the Special Revival Meeting, my family registered in Gwangju Manmin Church. God healed my second daughter of tympanitis and atopic dermatitis as well. But above all else, God renewed my husband Deacon Jongsu Seo.

My husband came to have faith as he saw my health condition improving and witnessing the signs, wonders, and powerful works manifested by Dr. Jaerock Lee. He started to stop doing what God hates. He stopped drinking and gambling. He used to be hot-tempered and he was staunchly accustomed to a patriarchal system, but now he has become so gentle that he can consider and serve others.

A point in particular, he did not skip giving tithes even when he was faced with financial hardship. He gives offerings for GCN TV without stopping and he gave offerings for the construction of the new sanctuary of Gwangju Manmin Church with all his strength. God remembered his deeds of faith and started to pour down blessings upon him.

He was promoted to Deputy Head of his department in the Korea Rural Community Corporation, and he was also assigned to its headquarters located in Uiwang City, Gyeonggi Province from the Jeonnam branch. He also received material blessing. He received Korea Rural

Community Corporation President Award and gained the opportunity to be trained in Japan. He also received an Excellent Dissertation Award when he finished the Advanced Agricultural Policy Program in College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in Seoul National University. Besides, he got a chance to give a lecture in Korea Polytechnics V Gimje Campus which is a public vocational school. He also works as a head of Church Finance Department.

My first daughter Sister Myunghee Seo is a president of Young Adults' Mission and a member of Gloria Chorus, my second daughter Sister Inae Seo is a president of High School Students' Mission and a member of Cedar Wood Praise and Dance Team, and my youngest daughter Sister Jiae Seo is also a member of the team. Sister Myunghee was healed of a pulmonary abscess with faith and gave glory to God. All thanks and glory be to God who changed me, who was hopelessly in lethargy, into a happy woman and blessed all my family members to love God and work faithfully for His kingdom.

A copy of *Manmin News* changed my life! God, thank You!

Senior Deaconess Youngnim Oh
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A letter from
the Philippines

'Dr. Jaerock Lee's books are God-given precious presents for me'



Sister Josephine Viluan Crame
(Davao Manmin Church in the Philippines)

I was born into and raised in a Catholic family. After marriage, I once worked for the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in a hospital in a country in the Middle East. Since the country was a Muslim one, it was hard to keep my faith, but I was able to overcome it in the grace of God and kept my faith during the 26 years working there. After retirement, I moved to Davao City in the Philippines.

On Christmas Day in 2011, Missionary Kathryn E. Kim visited my house to meet my nephew Brother Albert. He is now attending Davao Manmin Church ministered to by Missionary Kim after receiving much grace reading 'The Word of Life' on *Manmin News* in a crack in our door.

Missionary Kim gave me *Manmin Today*, the quarterly magazine of Manmin. It was very interesting because it contains many signs, wonders, and powerful works performed by Dr. Jaerock Lee. She also presented to me Dr. Lee's books such as *The Message of the Cross*, *The Measure of Faith*, *Heaven I & II*, and *Hell*.

Joy sprang up from my heart, and the books were the strength to keep my Christian life going well. I also started to strive to achieve the heart of the Lord. By doing so, I was caught on fire with longing for souls' salvation. So, I sent the books to my sons who lived in U.K. and my friends in the Philippines and in the Middle East. When they have questions concerning a Christian life, I help them with the help of Missionary Kim.

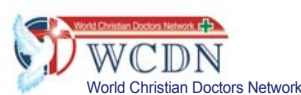
Now, I desire to deliver the precious messages to souls in the Philippines and lead them to the arms of the Lord.



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