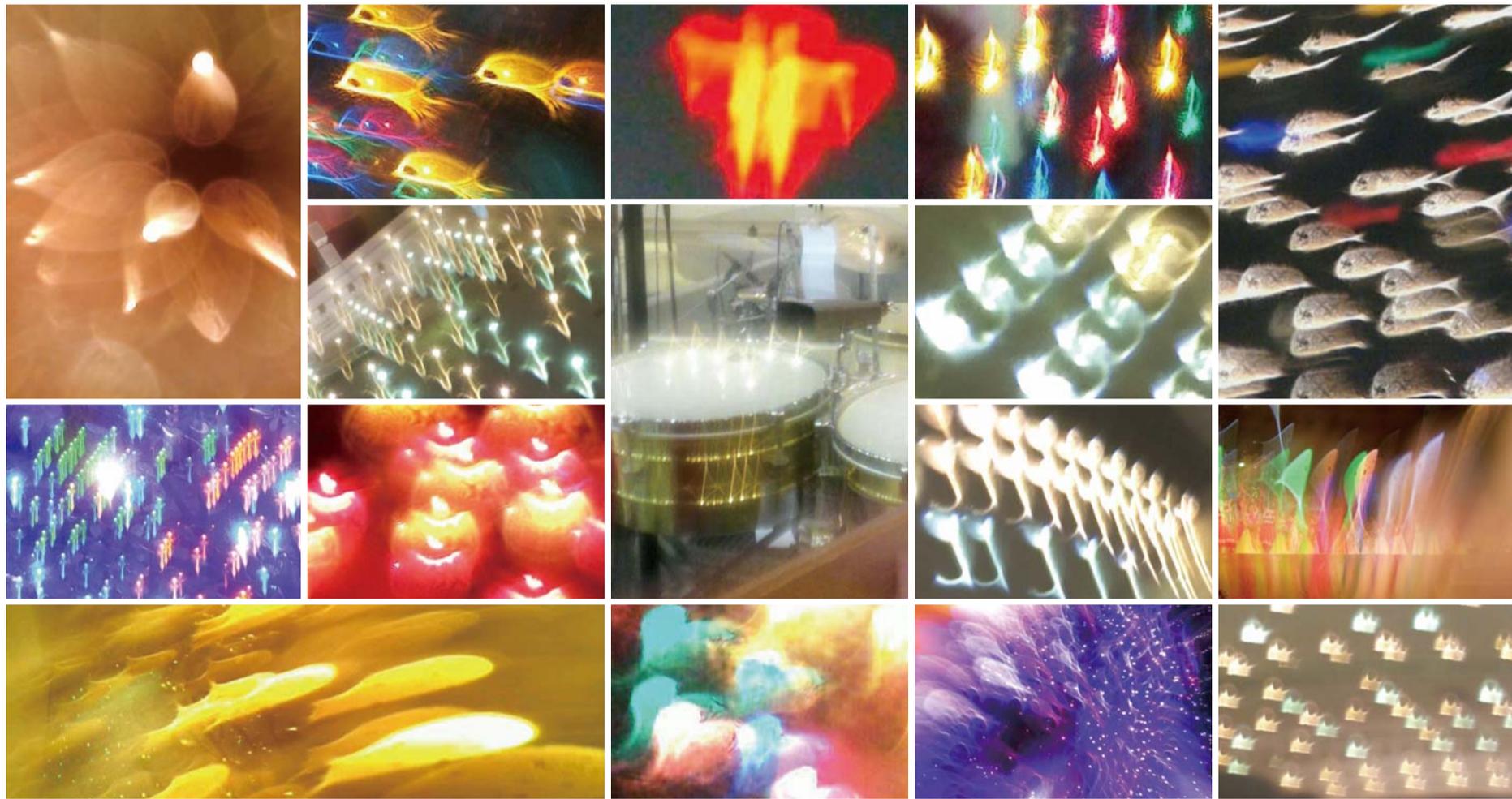


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“The Love of God in Aurora-like Lights”



In the front yard, in the main sanctuary, and in other places of Manmin Central Church, the church members have taken pictures of colorful and beautiful images made by aurora-like lights on their cell phone cameras. The lights form a variety of fascinating images, which give the members faith and hope for Heaven. In general, the auroras are natural light phenomena, usually observed in the sky of the Polar Regions. Auroras are produced by the collision of charged particles from Earth's magnetosphere. Their color varies in shades of red, blue, yellow, green, and pink.

‘GCN TV Mobile Web Service’ Helps You Lead a Smart Christian Life



Recently, the number of smart phone users hit 20 million in South Korea. A smart phone is in the spot light as a tool to keep Christians filled with the Holy Spirit as well as to communicate with others. This is because they can easily access the programs like “The Word of Life” and other contents.

According to the trend, GCN TV Mobile Web Service is capable of providing Christians with Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons, praises filled with grace, and testimonies of those who experience the power of God. This service is growing in popularity among

Manmin members.

When you put the web address, ‘m.gcntv.org’ in your smart phone, the programming appears. The program is divided according to the categories of live-broadcasting, the prayer for the sick, sermons, praises, testimonies, crusades, culture, and community.

In particular, the live-broadcasting service offers all GCN TV programs all 24-hours a day. Through this broadcasting you can watch Sunday Morning Service, Evening Service, the Wednesday Service, Friday All-night Service, and the Daniel Prayer Meetings live.

The person in charge of the service stated, “The number of hits has dramatically increased. We are planning to provide services in other languages and develop a smart phone application.”

Deacon Kyungho Kahm (aged 39, Canaan Mission) said, “I’ve bookmarked GCN TV website on my smart phone. I have received a lot of grace whenever I want. I really like it because I can watch and listen to sermons and performances and read weekly Bible verses even on bus on the way to work and on the way home.”

Pastor Christina Roh (aged 42, ministering to Anomanmin Church and Manmin Mission Center in Belgium) remarked, “I usually watch sermon programs and other programs. I love this because I don’t have to think about time difference. I also don’t have to carry my laptop since I can attend services and Daniel Prayer Meetings in any area where Wi-Fi (a wireless internet service provider) is available through my smart phone.

The Love of the Lord Mission’s 8th Anniversary Service and Lunar New Year’s Holiday Celebration Feast

On January 22, The Love of the Lord Mission, of which members are North Korean Refugees, had its 8th anniversary service and Lunar New Year’s holiday celebration feast in the 2nd sanctuary of Manmin Central Church.

The Speaker, Pastor Dongcho Shin, delivered the message entitled ‘The Most Valuable Thing.’ He told them that just as Joseph was sold as a slave, but became a prime minister, we can also receive blessings wherever we go if

God is with us. Thinking of Joseph, God saved Joseph’s 70-member family from famine. He added, “I prayed that all your family members will be saved through your prayer.” Then, he prayed for them with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12).

The members also received presents prepared with the financial support of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and one of them said with happiness, “The message touched my heart. All events were interesting and enjoyable.”



The Kingdom of Heaven Suffers Violence

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12)

How happy an athlete would be who wins gold medal in the Olympic Games! All the hard training that had been endured would change into joy and the athlete would be filled with rapture. Likewise, when we win the spiritual battle against the enemy devil and Satan and become a final winner, we can enter New Jerusalem and nothing on this Earth compares with that glory. Even on this earth, we do not spare sacrifice or toil to receive some prize or reward. So then, how do we have to live to look forward to such heavenly rewards?

1. Heaven Taken by Force with Faith

Matthew 11:12 recounts “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.” Since Heaven is the world of God who is Light itself, the enemy devil and Satan can’t approach it at all. But who would dare to inflict suffering on Heaven by trying to take it by force?

This means that God’s children come to possess the heavenly kingdom by achieving a victory against the enemy devil and Satan. Furthermore, we can enter better dwelling place in Heaven to the extent that our faith increases. Men have no other choice but Hell due to their sins. But, by believing in Jesus Christ and receiving salvation, they gained the ability to enter Heaven.

Still, the enemy devil and Satan try their best to stop people from listening to the gospel and believing in the Lord. They are on the alert to even tempt Christians to commit sins. We can completely possess the heavenly kingdom after we win the battle against the enemy devil and Satan who want to lead us into temptation. Therefore, the Bible tells us that ‘violent men take it by force.’

Why did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven suffers violence ‘from the days of John the Baptist until now’? John the Baptist had the duty to make ready the way of Jesus and he testified to Jesus so that He could accomplish all works as the Savior. Thus, ‘from the days of John the Baptist until now’ refers to the time of Christ and the New Testament time when people receive salvation by faith.

In the Old Testament time, people could receive salvation through deeds of the Law. They weren’t considered having committed sins if they didn’t commit sins outwardly although they had evil in their hearts. If they violated the Law, they were forgiven through a sin offering. But the standard of salvation is different between the New Testament time and the Old Testament times. In the New Testament times, we can obtain salvation when we believe in the Lord Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit even though we don’t give the sin offering. This is why people call the New Testament time the time of the Holy Spirit and the time of grace.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

2. Heavenly Dwelling Place Decided According to One's Own Measure of Faith

Romans 12:3 reads, “... but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.” As said, each person has a different measure of faith. What, then, is the first level of faith?

The first level of faith is the faith like that of little children. 1 John 2:12 says, “I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name’s sake.” Here, ‘little children’ refers to the ones who just start Christian life. They have just accepted the Lord and become God’s children. Their faith is the faith sufficient to receive salvation. With this level of faith they are qualified to enter into Paradise, the lowest dwelling place in Heaven.

Next is the faith of children. 1 John 2:13 reads, “I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.” A Christian in this level comes to spiritually understand God little by little and grows to call God, “Father” just as a new-born baby grows up to recognize his father. People with the faith are like a child who ‘drinks milk.’ They can enter into a better dwelling place, the First Kingdom of Heaven.

The third is the faith of young men. 1 John 2:13 states, “I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.” A person with the faith of young men doesn’t look at the worldly things but lives in the truth and overcome the evil one since he has increased faith. He is like a person who can eat solid food. People with this faith can enter the Second Heavenly Kingdom which is better than the First Heavenly Kingdom.

Lastly, there is the faith of fathers. 1 John 2:14 says, “I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.” People with the faith of fathers have gotten rid of every form of evil. They love God to the utmost degree and they can even please Him since they know the origin of God who has existed from the beginning. They also perform their duties well and work faithfully in all God’s household. They become good examples to all

people and obey by discerning the will and heart of God. They can enter the Third Heavenly Kingdom or the most beautiful dwelling place, New Jerusalem.

3. How to ‘Take’ a Better Dwelling Place in Heaven

First, we have to press on toward the goal

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 says, “Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air.” As said in the scripture, it is very important to keep our own position to finish the spiritual race.

You can’t become arrogant or lazy just because you grow up to some degree. You have to keep awake and pray all the time. You must not turn aside to the right or to the left but firmly stand on faith. Then, we won’t be tempted by the enemy devil and Satan. In the end, we will reach better and better dwelling place in Heaven.

Secondly, we have to become spiritual children

Matthew 18:3 reads, “...unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Since young children have not yet developed an ego but still have a pure heart, they obey their parents. In the same manner, only when we become spiritual children can we obey the truth. We can obey God’s words telling us to do, to keep, to throw away, and not to do something. Then, we can give out goodness and love since our hearts are filled with truth. We can love God more than anything else and love neighbors as we love ourselves.

Thirdly, we have to fulfill the Law with love

Everything that Jesus had done on earth was to fulfill the Law with love. He perfectly fulfilled love by being crucified on the cross for sinners. By His sacrifice, people who had been servants of Satan came to possess the heavenly kingdom by believing in Jesus as our Savior. It is all about Jesus’ love and devotion.

Romans 13:8-10 reads, “Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. ... Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” Just as Jesus loved us, we have to love each other. Such love is a strong weapon that enables us to take Heaven by force.

God is love itself and New Jerusalem that houses His throne is the core of love. Therefore, if we hate brothers and pass judgment and condemnation on them, we cannot go to a better heavenly dwelling place. It is real loss for us. The God of love has prepared New Jerusalem, the most beautiful dwelling place for us. I pray in the name of the Lord you will destroy the camp of enemy devil and Satan, increase your measure of faith, and take New Jerusalem.

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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We can examine our Christian lives through the Israelites' history of conquering the land of Canaan. In the last edition of the paper we delved into the reasons we have to study the history of conquering the land of Canaan. We looked at God's providence in establishing the Israelites as the model for human cultivation and the calling of Moses as the leader of the Exodus. In this edition, we will look into how they crossed the Red Sea and the meanings in the Ten Commandments given by God and the laws and statutes.

The Exodus, Journey towards the Land of Canaan

1. After the plague of the death of the firstborn, the Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to depart from Egypt

The Israelites' cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God as written in Exodus 2:23. God called Moses as the leader of the Exodus and told him to deliver the Word of God to the Pharaoh. He stood before the Pharaoh with Aaron, his prophet and brother and delivered the will of God. But the Pharaoh with a hardened heart didn't listen to him.

Then, God inflicted the Ten Plagues one by one until the Pharaoh set the sons of Israel free from their bondage. But he didn't change his mind even after seeing the plagues. While all people of Egypt suffered from the

plagues, none of the plagues came upon the Israelites in Goshen at all.

The Pharaoh finally told the Israelites to leave Egypt after all the firstborn of Egypt, including the firstborn of livestock, died of the tenth and last plague. (Exodus 12:31-32) Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot. The number might have been as many as two million in total if children, the elderly, and women had been included. They eventually started the journey for the Promised Land, the land of Canaan.

** Why didn't God lead them by the way through the land of the Philistines?

The fastest way from Egypt in Northeastern area of Africa to Canaan is to march northeasterly by way of the Mediterranean Sea, pass through Gaza area and through the land of the Philistines. But if they had taken that way, they would have been faced with wars. If the Israelites, who had such small faith, had seen war they might have changed their minds and returned to Egypt. (Exodus 13:17) That's why God had them detour crossing the Red Sea and marching in the wilderness although there was easier ways to go to the Land of Canaan.

2. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea with Moses

Not long after the Israelites departed from Egypt, the Pharaoh's heart was hardened again and he chased after them with all his chariots. In front of the Israelites was the Red Sea and behind them was the Egyptian army. At that time, they complained and grumbled against Moses. They still did not believe in God who had protected them during the Ten Plagues.

God didn't reprimand them for their small faith, but He rather manifested great power through Moses. There was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night between the camp of Egyptians and the camp of Israelites. Thus the army of Egypt did not come near the Israelites all night. Then Moses

stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

By the time all the Israelites finished crossing the Red Sea, all the Pharaoh's army went in after them into the midst of the sea. But when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, the sea returned to its normal state and all the Egyptian army died under the waters. (Exodus chapter 14)

** How could they walk in the midst of strong wind that was enough to part the Red Sea?

It was possible to divide the waters of the sea and make it like a wall on right and left only if an extremely strong wind existed. At that time God placed the Israelites, who followed Moses with trust in him, into the spiritual world for a while to let them walk freely in such a strong wind. It's easy to understand if you imagine a transparent glass-like tunnel between the parted sea waters.

3. God gave the Ten Commandments and statutes on Mount Sinai

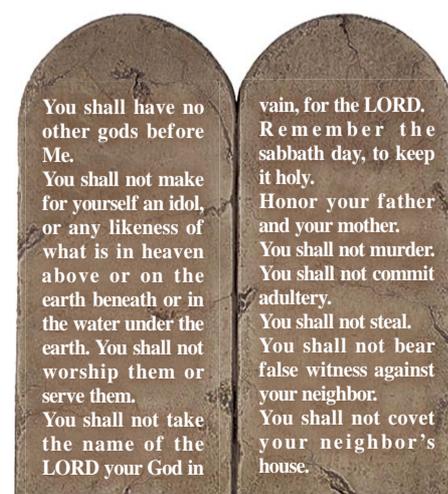
The Israelites lived under bondage for a long time so there was no law and order for them. God led them to Mount Sinai to make a covenant with them and give the Law in a bid to set criteria to solve many problems among people. After He consecrated them, He gave Moses the Ten Commandments inscribed on two tablets of stone. And He also taught them statutes in detail.

God didn't force them to keep the commandments, but He rather let them believe and obey by His manifestation of countless powerful works. The Ten Commandments were the strict criteria that would show whether they were men of God or not. Today the commandments are still extremely important standards of the will of God whether or not salvation is received. (Matthew 7:21)

He also taught them how to make the tabernacle in

Exodus chapters 26 and 27. The tabernacle was the tent where God came, so it was the same with today's churches. Since He knew men's hearts that want to confirm something with their own eyes, He let them feel God's existence and His glory that remained in it. The tabernacle was also used as a place to give sin offering for having violated the detailed statutes.

During the journey towards the Canaan, the 'land flowing with milk and honey', the Israelites saw innumerable signs and wonders. But they kept complaining and grumbling against God and Moses. But God endured again and again and showed countless powerful works so that they could increase their faith. This is because God wanted them to obey Him from the bottom of their hearts after seeing and experiencing the power of Almighty God.



You shall have no other gods before Me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them.
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in

vain, for the LORD. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

Manmin Central Church has devoted itself to giving the best of praise to God since the opening of the church. The Performing Arts Committee is in charge of the duty. It has 30 performing arts teams, five choirs, the Nissi Orchestra, and 18 soloists.

They present God's grace through their praise, dance, worship dance, instruments, and Korean traditional music in meetings in and out of Korea. They also move the hearts of a great number of souls through GCN TV (Global Christian Network). Among the teams is the Power Worship Dance Team. With the variety in their worship dances giving glory to God, they have also received the love of the church members.



The 29th Church Anniversary Performance



2003 Russia United Crusade



2009 Israel United Crusade



2010 Estonia Miracle Healing Festival



Special Performance during Friday All-night Service

Power of God!

We Praise the Power of God!



The team has been formed for 14 years

In 1999 the team was composed of six members for the Transfiguration Mount Tuesday Worship Service that was for five missions: Young Adults' Mission, College Mission, Canaan Mission, Paul's Mission, and Mary's Mission. This Transfiguration Mount Worship Dance Team came to belong to Performing Arts Committee in 2001 and with the addition of three new members their name was changed to the 'Power Worship Dance Team'.

They have been participating in various events and the team now has 14 members. In particular, the team gave glory to God with wonderful worship dances beginning with the 2003 Russia United Crusade and continued with Dr. Jaerock Lee's crusades in Germany, Peru, the U.S., and Israel.

"We are one family in the Lord"

From 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., the members practice very hard during weekdays. They take lessons and prepare for special performances for services or events. Nevertheless, they feel like practicing more. So they often practice all night and even on Saturday or during national holidays.

In the midst of it all they also put their time and efforts into developing and designing new choreography. They share ideas about it and try their best to present the best performances. What's interesting is that they have no secrets they keep from each other. They talk about their personal matters and share everything with love like the Early Church members.

Trust in service and love

Their practice time is a good chance to practice the love they've learned. If there was a member who lagged behind others, other members came to church earlier in the morning to help and encourage her. Of course, they did so voluntarily. As the member noticeably improved in her dance skills, with confidence she came to play a significant role on the team.

Sometimes, they have fallen down or run into each other but they stood up immediately. This is because they didn't want to make other members worry about them even though it hurt. They always feel the love and put trust in each other, so they feel like they are in Heaven.

Most members started to dance late in their lives so they had to get over some painful times with patience in their studies in modern dance, jazz dance, ballet, rhythmic gymnastics, and acrobatic dance. But they thought all the time, "As long as we can give grace to church members with a little bit of toil..." They have comforted and encouraged one another saying, "We can do more." On this foundation of love, the new members have improved their dance skills.

Testimonies overflow in their lives

The team members have given out the fragrance of Christ around about them, and supported their families and relatives. Their families came to have peace and the financial blessing and healing testimonies flood over their lives.

Deaconess Jinah Kim, the team

leader was healed of a hip fracture and twisted pelvis; Sister Sora Chung was healed of pain caused by inflammation between collar bones and ribs; Deaconess Ji-yung Cho, of damaged thumbnail; Deaconess Myung-hee Hyun, of pain in right knee; Sister Yeonkyung Kim, of backache; Sister Kongjoo Lee, of bloody nose and menstrual pain; and Sister Yeonok Kim was relieved of backache caused by a sprained back. Sister Ahgang Kwon had 1.5-liters of fluid in the pleura of her left rib cage, but it totally disappeared.

The goal of becoming the best of the world-class teams

In 2003, they came to have a vision for the world mission while giving the performances in Dr. Lee's Russia United Crusade. They saw their performance spread to the whole world through many TV broadcasting stations and realized that how important the praise filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was in the Christian ministry.

To have better skills than worldly cultural arts performances they have taken lessons. They have been preparing for the day when they will accomplish the world mission with the shepherd.

Based on dance skills, choreography, and performance skills, they also prepare themselves to become dance teachers for new members. They now practice earnestly to become the world's best team. We hope that through them spiritual praise and dance will be spread throughout the whole world.



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