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The Joint Service in New York Area, USA

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On June 26, 2010, the members of the Church of God, living in the New York area, USA, gathered at the main conference hall of the Sheraton Mahwah Hotel in New Jersey, and had the Sabbath day afternoon and evening services. In these worship services, which were held during the General Pastor Kim Joo-cheol's trip to the American Churches on the East Coast, over 1,000 Church members living in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut participated, and shared the blessings of the Sabbath day and brotherly love with one another.



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The Chief Pastor Kim Joo-cheol, who presided the afternoon and evening services, gave sermons each titled, "God Is the Treasure, or a Stone That Causes Men to Stumble," and "Shine the Light of the Glory of Jerusalem." The point of the sermons were as follows: To those

who believe, God is the treasure, but to those who do not believe, God is a stone that causes them to stumble, so we should have the right faith in the Holy Spirit and the Bride who are the Saviors in this age: When there is no light, people cannot discern between truth and falsehood, but when the light of glory of Jerusalem shines, the darkness retreats and all is disclosed, so let us shine the light of the glory of Heavenly Jerusalem Mother throughout the world so that all people will come to the way of life.



Looking at the conference hall filled with over 1,000 members, the General Pastor Kim Joo-cheol awakened the faith of the local members, saying, “New York Church started with a family 10 years ago. But now it has greatly prospered as prophesied in the book of Isaiah, ‘The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly’ (Isa 60:22).”

The Church members in New York area, who had been fervently preaching the gospel in their local churches, gathered together at the joint worship after a long time. They shed tears of gratitude, realizing more deeply the power and love of God who makes the least become a thousand and the smallest a mighty nation.

After the service, the members gave thanks to God for giving them grace through the sermons, and expressed their determination to “display the light of the glory of Jerusalem as the prophetic protagonists in this age, by diligently preaching Mother and boasting about Her.”

The Church members in New York and nearby regions deeply moved the members of Zion all around the world by preaching the gospel with burning fervor through the Holy Spirit.



The New York Church has established 13 branch churches in the state and even in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, including many house-churches and office-churches in the downtown area, and is trying their hardest to support the branch churches. This summer, over 160 members are participating in the short-term missions during their vacation and are diligently sharing the water of life, which is flowing out from Jerusalem, with many people around the world. They are accomplishing the work of God which will startle the whole world, beginning from New York the “center of the world.”

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meet her parents. We preached the new covenant to them and let her parents know what Eileen was doing was precious and pleasing in the sight of God.

"She is able to receive blessings and eternal life; this is why she is working so diligently. Since she is participating in the wonderful works of God, there is no reason to worry."



After her parents heard our words, being God-fearing themselves, they changed their minds and softened their hearts towards Eileen and the Church of God. What parent would go against their child who was doing such an important and valuable work?

When we returned to Church, an unexpected surprise awaited us. The once stubborn parents who had adamantly fought against Eileen now said that they themselves wanted to become children of God. The perfect words of God, which were

preached to them in order to save Eileen from further persecution, remained in their hearts after we had left. Little by little, God moved their hearts towards the truth of God's amazing salvation. They could no longer suppress their feelings of excitement; therefore, they became God's children by following their daughter to Zion. The physical family that was reborn as a spiritual family under God has now become happier and filled with greater love; moreover, they continue to give thanks to Elohim God who bestowed upon them all these blessings. Not too long ago, Eileen's mother received the blessing to go and see the glory of the heavenly New Jerusalem. Through this event, she continues to strive and make every effort to testify about the God of this age wherever she goes. Whenever these things occur, I can truly feel the handiwork and finger of God, guiding and accomplishing all that He has planned since before creation.

Another member of our Church is Brother Jorge, a Colombian brother who came through the Bible study group. After Brother Jorge studied and deeply felt Mother's love and sacrifice, he eagerly tried to bear good fruit in order to please our heavenly Mother. He said that when he works for the gospel and preaches earnestly, his desire to visit our heavenly Mother steadily increases. Occasionally, Brother Jorge's eyes well up with tears because he desperately wants to see Mother, but cannot due to his immigration status. When we see his sincerity and devotion, all Zion family members become emotional, reminding us once again that we are all one in spirit and body. Who among us has not desired and longed to see Mother and run into Her loving embrace?

Brother Jorge never loses hope that some day, he will see Mother; he knows that what is impossible with man is possible with God! With that in mind, Brother Jorge knows that until he can see our heavenly Mother in person, She is always with him in spirit and loves him even though he is a sinner. Brother Jorge truly delivers that grateful and devoted mind whenever he diligently preaches or passionately teaches the truth of the Bible to new brothers. Anyone who studies with him, is undoubtedly touched by the word of God and grows to be beautiful fruit in Zion. One thing is for sure: Delivering the word of God does not depend on man's knowledge, but rather on how we deliver the truth with a sincere mind, a burning heart and an earnest love towards God, which results in the bearing of lasting, good fruit.

Likewise, the young adults, who preach the gospel without hesitation in their respective circumstances, continually come to me and say that they can feel God is always helping them because He answers their prayers right away. Also, they can feel the boundless love, sacrifice and efforts of our heavenly Parents who lead them onto the righteous path. For them, it is not merely knowledge of the truth from the Bible that secures their faith; it is because they can see the results of God's intimate interaction within their personal circumstances, guiding them through everyday life while fully caring for the children's needs and understanding their worries. Through these past experiences, they realize that God is not just an abstract concept like we presumed before the truth, but is very real heavenly Parents that truly desire to bring them back to the heavenly home.

When the brothers and sisters preach the gospel eagerly, they can experience a small fraction of the magnanimous sacrifice that Father and Mother underwent and continue to daily undergo in order to seek and save Their lost children. Only by walking down this path can they come to truly realize our Father's mind and our Mother's heart. After directly experiencing this true love and sacrifice, their minds burn even more intensely; as a result, whenever they read the Bible, every verse touches them profoundly, and they become deeply moved with even one word from the Scriptures. As their spiritual maturity progresses, an earnest love for Father and Mother and a single-mindedness to return to the kingdom of heaven naturally develop, allowing their faiths to become stronger and more stable in the truth. Those who follow in the footsteps of our heavenly Parents, realize that this will ultimately result in the heavenly family reunion for eternity, which they so desire.

Having been blessed with the opportunity to work together in the gospel with the young adults, whose only passion is for God, brings about such great joy and delights my soul to no end. Words cannot describe their burning fervor and enthusiasm, but I can only say that it is overwhelming. There are countless times when their endearing devotion towards Father and Mother brings forth heartfelt tears to my dry, tired eyes.



Moreover, I sincerely believe that the reason New York Zion's young adults receive abundant blessings is because they willingly forsook the things they most loved in this world for the sake of the gospel. Since the American culture itself promotes a very free and liberal style of thinking, many are easily exposed to an environment that caters to the indulgence of physical desires and promiscuity without moral restraint. Temptation most often becomes their utmost difficult obstacle to overcome; however, once they become the children of

God, God gives them the power of the Holy Spirit to resist even the most perilous enticement.

All our young adults are overcoming their weaknesses by solely relying on God's strength and God's words. With an eager mind and patient endurance, they focus on finding their lost brothers and sisters and run the race to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Although every New York City street corner leads to avenues of worldly corruption, our brothers and sisters make every effort to stay spiritually and physically in Zion, the fortified city. They resemble the Korean brothers and sisters, whose only hope is for the kingdom of heaven. Since they are armed with the lessons of God from the Bible, the young adults of the New York Zion persevere to hold onto their crown. They stand firm in the truth, unwavering in their mission to fulfill the gospel with which God entrusted them and to become the competent ministers of the new covenant.

Whenever our young adults are gathered together, they often receive compliments from even the worldly people, who admire their dedication towards God. They can't help but notice the bright, smiling faces of our brothers and sisters and their beautiful attitudes, which are a result of their obedience to the word of God and corresponding action. On one occasion, while the brothers and sisters were eating together in a restaurant, other patrons wondered where they came from because their faces were shining luminously. Still others have mentioned that our brothers and sisters glow and appear as angels. When we continually encountered these situations on numerous occasions, the young adults came to truly realize that their faces reflected the light and glory of God.

Recently, in order to display God's splendor, we started contributing gifts of food and necessities to the governmental entities and public service departments for their efforts throughout the year. They did not hold back their compliments towards the brothers and sisters, mentioning that their faces are always pure and radiant. Even government officials and our neighbors have stopped by our Church in the past to compliment and thank us for our efforts to beautify and upkeep our Zion and surrounding areas, which resulted in the rise of property values in the community. Through these amazing occurrences, the brothers and sisters never forget to return all thanks and glory to God who let them realize that they are the undeniable children of light.

According to Mother's words rather than grandiose plans

It was in August, 2008, that I came to Orlando, Florida, a state located in the southeastern region of the United States. Unlike the Church of God in Chicago where I had served the gospel for three years according to God's will, there were not many members who were keeping their faith at Zion in Orlando.

In order to fill the big temple which had just been granted by God, I had to accelerate the spread of the gospel. However, I had no idea what to do or how to do it, so I often asked Mother for wisdom. It might be annoying, but Mother always comforted and inspired me with a smile and words of encouragement. She repeatedly asked me to give much love to each and every member.

According to Mother's earnest request, I tried to help the members feel the love of God and of the heavenly members even when they dropped in the Church for just a short while. I also tried to talk with them often while eating meals together although the food was not special, sharing something delicious with them even though it was not enough for us all. And I would greet them so warmly and gladly—even those whom I met every day—as if I had met them for the first time after many years. I didn't do that deliberately, but I was really glad and happy whenever they came to Zion.

As you know, there is a strong sense of individualism in American society. In Orlando, the houses in residential areas stand apart from one another and the residents rarely get along with each other. When children become independent adults, they grow distant from their family members. After leaving their family, they seem to be living comfortably alone, but it is not always the case. They often have a hard time because they have no one to talk to about their worries and problems and just keep to themselves. So, there are actually many people who are longing for love and affection, knowingly or unknowingly. Our brothers and sisters are greatly moved when another member listens to their stories and takes care of even the smallest things for them.

At the beginning, I hesitated to approach them first because I was afraid that my hasty words and behaviors might cause misunderstanding between them and me. However, my sincere desire to give love to them was fully conveyed to them, beyond the barriers of culture and language. As they experienced Mother's love, they grew in faith and began to put into practice the love they had received from Mother, whether at home or at work. That love helped many people open their minds and come to Zion. As the new members preached the Word to their family after receiving the truth, their alienated relationship with their family members became restored. "Love" was truly the universal language just as Mother said.



The master key to the gospel

When I came to Orlando, I often heard people around me saying that Orlando is part of the "Bible Belt." The Bible Belt refers to a region in the southeastern and south-central United States, which is characterized by strong evangelical Christian sentiment. As a part of the Bible Belt, Orlando is strongly Christian-based, and the city is very proud of its strong Christian faith. So at first I was a little bit worried that there would be severe opposition and hindrances to the spread of the truth.

This was the strategy of God. The people here read the Bible often and they usually like to have a gathering for Bible study as well. So, when we preached the Bible to them, they willingly listened to us. Once we opened the Bible and started to preach to them, our Bible study continued for hours. Moreover, since they had already recognized the Bible as the "word



Later, I asked Brother Ray why she had been upset at first, and what it was that he and Mandi talked about outside and what changed her mind to study again. Actually, she had been full of expectation to receive a marriage proposal from him while flying to San Diego. However, he just talked to her about the truth and she was temporarily disappointed that 'something really important to tell her' was the word of truth. He told her that he wanted to share this precious truth with her because he loved her so much, and she opened her mind to study more about the Passover.

Brother Ray's first proposal was 'a Passover proposal,' and then 'a marriage proposal.' Congratulating their wedding, we realized that the greatest love for our family, friends and neighbors is to save them by preaching the new covenant to them.

Remembering that the gospel of the new covenant should be preached in the whole world, we regularly go preaching to Tijuana in Mexico, and Phoenix in Arizona. In Tijuana which is bordered by the United States, some brothers and sisters who cannot cross the border gather together for worship every Sabbath day, and in Arizona also several families keep their faith after receiving the truth.

Some smilingly said after baptism that they'd never seen a Korean pastor before. Despite the differences in upbringing, culture and skin color, they all come to understand the truth and the sacrifice of Father and Mother. How beautiful it is when our brothers and sisters make efforts to be united in love, longing for Korea the country of Father and Mother! Seeing them, I am grateful for the grace of God who has given me the opportunity to preach the gospel overseas and find good fruit.

I pray that this beautiful temple may be filled with Father and Mother's children who are precious like jewels. We will make every effort to proclaim the gospel until the day we go back to our heavenly home.

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The Sokcho Church has already caught the attention of their neighbors. The residents, who visited the church, seeing the appearance of the church nicely built up by the roadside, were surprised at the truth of the Bible and amazed again at the members' warmheartedness. In Sokcho, there are more people who came from other regions and settled there than the residents who are native to that area. Abai Village, the settlements for the people whose hometown is in North Korea is close to the church. The church members said, "We want to console them and fill their loneliness of living away from home with the hope for heaven our spiritual home. We are trying to receive our neighbors through sincere volunteer service and love as Mother does."

The Sokcho Church is actively delivering the gospel throughout the city, and has the goal of establishing Zions in near regions like Yangyang, Goseong, Inje and many more.



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