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The Maranatha Project is a plan to spread the gospel through South Korea, across China and Asia, all the way to Jerusalem, following the direction of the gospel as shown in the Bible. -Pastor Heung-jae, Kim www.lmta.co.kr



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The practical strategy involves equipping laypeople to become disciples of the Lord as lay ministers through one-to-one nurturing system.

Awaken the Sleeping Giant!

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa. And he found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. Then the Lord sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. The sailors were terrified and each cried out to his own god. They threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. [Jonah 1:1-5]

In 750 BC, the prophet Jonah boarded a ship at the Mediterranean port city of Joppa. His destination was Tarshish. Though God had instructed him to go to Nineveh, he chose the opposite direction, determined to go where he had chosen. Jonah boarded the ship, avoided the gaze of others, and went down into the dark hold below deck to sleep. Jonah fell into a deep sleep. The sound of Jonah snoring could be heard. Today, there are far too many laypeople sleeping within the church. We hear Jonah's snoring sound frequently within the church.

William McRae likened today's church to a football stadium. That is, the countless saints gathered in church are like spectators in the stadium, while the church's salaried staff, bearing heavy burdens, are likened to professional players receiving high salaries. This starkly reveals the distorted state our churches face today. Ultimately, the majority of believers who have become spectators are not the subjects of ministry but merely objects and evaluators. The various tasks of service and ministry are monopolized by paid staff and a small number of dedicated laypeople.

Within the church, there exists a massive group—none other than the laypeople. The church contains 1% clergy and 99% laypeople. The darkest spiritual period for Israel was during the reign of King Ahab. At that time, God was guiding Israel through its spiritual darkness through the outstanding figure of Elijah. Christians living today often focus on the prophet Elijah during the time of King Ahab. However, what we must pay attention to is that God had prepared one person within King Ahab's palace—Obadiah, the



palace steward. [Ahab summoned Obadiah, who was in charge of the palace. Obadiah greatly feared the LORD. When Jezebel was killing the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred of them and hid them in caves, fifty in each cave, and provided them with food and water.] [1 Kings 18:3-4]

Obadiah was a man who greatly feared the Lord, even hiding a hundred prophets in caves and supplying them with food when Jezebel was killing the Lord's prophets. But note that Obadiah was the steward of the palace. He held a position overseeing all matters of the royal palace because he was recognized even by the most wicked Ahab and Jezebel. Obadiah was a man who lived recognized not only by God but also by the people of the world, exerting influence within society.

At this point, we must accurately diagnose the church. To what extent does the Korean church exert influence in Korean society? Should we focus on one Elijah? Or should we focus on the seven thousand who did not bow their knees to Baal, including Obadiah [1 Kings 19:18]? The only way for the Korean church to regain its lost influence is to awaken the laity. The church must understand that the only way to restore its lost influence and recover its lost holy power is to begin by rediscovering the laypeople, as taught in God's Word, the Bible. Only then will it see how many lay ministers within the church remain asleep, unaware of their inherent mission. The church stands before the era's calling: to awaken the sleeping giant of laypeople if it is to lead and guide this age.

If we truly desire the revival of the church, it is not a problem that can be solved by rebuilding church buildings in a new style. It is not a problem that can be solved by adding another stripe to the pastor's robe. There is no other way but to teach and train the laypeople, who are the body and face of the church, as disciples of Jesus. The church must stake its very survival on discovering laypeople as ministers, drawing out their latent potential, and enabling them to be reborn as true ministers for the church. The solution to the problems facing the church today is not far away. If the church simply returns to the principles of Scripture, it will clearly find the answer to the problems it faces today.♥

Maranatha Project

The Maranatha Project is an initiative driven by Pastor Kim Jin-hong's pastoral vision to achieve a Bible-centered Korea, a missionary Korea, and gospel-based unification. It seeks to restore unified Korea and the nations through the gospel, prepared through the Shin Gwang Dure Church.

The Maranatha Project has two primary objectives.

First is the Korean Peninsula Project, a plan to evangelize from Hallasan to Baekdu Mountain.

Second is the Ends of the Earth Project, a plan to evangelize from Baekdu to Jerusalem.

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28:18-20]

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [Revelation 22:20]

1. Background

We who live today exist between Jesus' final earthly command—"Go and make disciples of all nations"—and the confession of Maranatha ("Come, Lord Jesus") sent to us by the Apostle John from his exile on the island of Patmos. We are people living between the first coming of Jesus to this earth and His second coming. Jesus said, "I am coming soon. Wait for Me," and just before His ascension, He revealed how we should wait during this time. The person who obeyed this command most faithfully was the Apostle Paul. The gospel that began in Jerusalem spread to Antioch. Sent out from the church in Antioch, the Apostle Paul and his fellow workers carried the gospel across Asia Minor and the Mediterranean Sea. Through Macedonia, it reached not only Philippi, Thessalonica, and Corinth, but also Rome.

The Bible contains God's amazing plan for the salvation of humanity. Romans chapters 9-11, in particular, reveal the panoramic view of God's salvation plan for mankind. The gospel, once confined to the Jews, found its opportunity to be proclaimed to the Gentiles through the Apostle Paul. Once the number of Gentiles God planned to save is fulfilled through the gospel preached to them [Romans 11:25], this gospel will be graciously offered again to Israel, who denied and rejected Jesus Christ, leading Israel to return to God. The Bible clearly states that this is precisely when the Lord will return. While the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, the direction of the gospel's progress moves in the opposite direction, toward the west.

The Maranatha Project is a plan to spread the gospel through South Korea, across China and Asia, all the way to Jerusalem, following the direction of the gospel's progression shown in the Bible. Especially along the path leading to Jerusalem, a massive stronghold of Satan has been established—namely, the Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist forces. Specifically, it is a project to evangelize the Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist cultural spheres within the 10/40 Window region stretching from South Korea to Jerusalem.

2. Direction of Implementation

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1) Korean Peninsula Project

This is a plan to evangelize the Korean Peninsula from Hallasan to Baekdu, established by the Shin Gwang Dure Church and the Lay

Minister Training Center founded by our church.

- It prepares for unification by equipping laypeople as ministers through one-on-one discipleship Bible studies. The plan is for these trained lay ministers to rebuild the devastated North Korean church and evangelize the North Korean people after unification.

2) Ends of the Earth Project

This strategy aims to evangelize from Baekdu to Jerusalem. Using the center established in Nalanda, India, and the center to be built in Negri Sembilan, Malaysia, as control towers, it seeks to evangelize Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist cultural spheres.

3. Detailed Implementation Plan

1) Establishing a Country-Specific Mission Network System

This plan aims to systematically evangelize by networking local ministers serving in Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist regions, Korean missionaries sent to these areas, and Christian businesses wishing to enter these markets.

2) Establishing the Domestic Maranatha Project System

- Fostering the sixth industry: integrated and converged agricultural industries based on primary industry (agriculture)
- Establish a cooperative framework with Global Digital-Work Mission

- Build a global talent development system: Link with middle/high school youth groups, young adult ministries, and Dure International School

- Establish a missionary network system for Islamic cultures via digital platforms

3) Country-Specific Dedicated Leadership System

Once the missionary network system is established, dedicated leaders will be appointed per country to manage systematic and practical missionary work.

4) Hosting Mission Conferences (Maranatha World/International Conference)

We plan to share vision and ministry and explore mission direction through annual conferences held at overseas mission centers (India, Malaysia, etc.).

5) Establishing the Mata Fund to Discover and Cultivate 1,000 Companies and 100,000 Workers

- Build a balanced portfolio across industries to discover companies (Smart farms, healthcare, K-Culture, K-Food, coffee businesses, Korean language education, etc.)

- Provide tailored support at each stage from company establishment to discover and nurture businesses

(Incubation, angel investment, R&D funding, policy funds, funding, financial institution loans)

- Establish and operate a dedicated department staffed by corporate experts

- Discover companies through a multiplication approach (establish 2 companies annually after 5 years)

- Discover and nurture young CEOs (prohibit family succession)

- Donate a portion of profits to a fund to secure company discovery and nurturing capital

- Collaborate with the Korea Rural Community Corporation to establish a food cluster complex in Malaysia (Halal certification)

