



Biographical Information

Family Background: Born on February 8th, 1961 in Suwon, Korea, Joseph saw first hand the devastation a small country like Korea suffered as a result of a long and bloody war against the North Korean communists. His father, Billy Kim, was a houseboy during the Korean war, who through the sacrificial love of an American G.I., Carl Powers, was able to leave Korea during the heat of battle, to study in the USA. Billy met his American wife, Trudy Stephens, and following their marriage, both returned to Korea as missionaries and settled back in Billy's home town of Suwon.

Joseph grew up as an MK, PK and a TCK(third culture kid), blessed on the one hand with godly parenting and a loving home environment, and on the other, having to deal with the ridicule and alienation by other Korean children for being an "Amer-asian". The identity crises Joseph continually faced, actually served as God's tool to bring Joseph to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ at the age of 10, when during one of his traumatic encounters with other Korean children, where feeling of inadequacy and self-doubt caused him unbearable shame, he was led by his parents to trust his life to the loving acceptance only Jesus could provide. Following his conversion, Joseph began to win his "ridiculing friends" to the same loving acceptance of Christ, and was able to overcome his fear of being different. Although he was immersed in the Korean culture and Korean education for 12 years of his primary and secondary schooling, Joseph was able to maintain his bi-cultural identity with the resilience only genuine faith could bring about.

Education: Following his graduation from Yoo Shin High school in Korea, Joseph entered in 1979. He double majored in Bible and Psychology at Tennessee Temple University where in 1983 he was able to graduate with high honors (Magna cum laude). In 1984, Joseph Kim entered Trinity Divinity School in Chicago, Illinois for his Master of Religious Education degree. He received Masters in Religious Education in 1985 and Doctor of Christian Education in 1990 from Trinity.

Pastoral Ministry: Rev. Kim served as youth pastor in three different Chicago area churches while working on his graduate degrees. Mentors such as Dr. George Sweeting, Dr. Kenneth Meyer, Rev. Jim Groen and Dr. Billy Kim laid their hands to ordain Joseph into fulltime ministry in 1990 at Grace Missionary Church in Zion, IL. Following his ordination, Joseph served as the Education Pastor at the Suwon Central Baptist Church (1990~1995), and from 1995 has been the Senior Pastor of Wonchon Baptist Church in Suwon, South Korea. As of December, 2016, 4600 members attend Wonchon Baptist church on a regular basis.

Educational Ministry: In 1992, Dr. Kim was commissioned by Christian Service Inc. and Suwon Central Baptist Church to start Central Christian Academy, a K~9th Grade Christian Day School in Suwon. The school family consists of 1300 students and 150 faculty.

Some of the highlights of Central Christian Academy contributions are (many of the following innovations and improvements are first time implementations in Korea, at that time)

- Mainstreaming developmentally challenged students in every class (students with Autism, Down Syndrome, and other forms of developmental impairments)
- Incorporating Cooperative learning and other forms of student-centered, active learning strategies, and training other school teachers in Cooperative learning (provided first Cooperative learning workshops for schools across the nation)
- Early adaptor of Bi-lingual education for mono-lingual Korean families. Innovative curriculum which incorporates home and parents as partners for new language instructors (Home-School Bi-lingual Coop, i.e. HSBC).
- Pace-setter for lowering academic load and long school days as the first school to shorten school from 6 day week, to 5 day week. Also, extended recess time during school days, allowing students to have self-guided, and cooperative play time.
- Lead school for “Flip learning”, where face to face time with students and teachers are focused on higher levels of learning objectives (Bloom’s taxonomy) in class, and lectures are provided on short videos for homework
- School as community center, by opening and sharing school facilities to families, community people. Several of the school facilities such as indoor swimming pool, racquetball court, indoor gym and play fields, Library, concert halls and dining and café facilities are utilized 24/7 maximizing space use as well as making the school an inviting, community embracing, family oriented space.
- Active Community outreach and philanthropic Service institution. Students and teachers serve the wider community by embracing families with disabilities, student/teachers/parents as volunteers for disaster and crisis relief projects. Student talents (such as art, music, sports, literary skills and other giftedness) are utilized to encourage homeless, Senior citizens, disabled, institutionalized people.

Dr. Kim has served as the chairman of the Board of AWANA Korea. He has also served on the board of the International Board of Association of Christian Schools, International (ACSI).

Currently he is the Chairman of the ACSI Korea Board, and also serves on the board of Far East Broadcasting Company, and Yum Kwang High school and Myung Gi University.

Professorship: From 1984 to the present Dr. Kim has held adjunct professorships at Kyung Hee University, Myung Ji University, Asian Center for Theological Studies, and Sung Kyul University, and is currently a visiting professor at the Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology, in Seoul, Korea.

Conference Speaker and Translator:

Dr. Kim has been the keynote speaker for five major international Education conferences(MCOS-ASIA 99, ICEC-Europe 2000, ICEC-ASIA 2002, ICEC-South America 2001 & 2004) and served as an interpreter for President George W. Bush (60 years anniversary event in 2010, Seoul Soccer Stadium), for Billy Graham Southern California Crusade 95, International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists, Amsterdam 83, 86, 2000.

Honors:

Dr. Kim has been honored with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Dallas Baptist University in 2006.

Publications:

“Teaching is Caught not Taught”, Durano Publishing, 2006, Seoul Korea
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“Learning is Caught not Taught”, Durano Publishing, 2014, Seoul Korea
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Journal articles in Professional publications

- *Parenting and Educating TCKs Well: By Faith and Not By Fear* by Dr. Joseph Kim (Interact Magazine Dec. '00, Vol. 9/No. 2)
- *The Need for Christian Schooling in Korea* by Dr. Joseph Kim, *Journal of Korean Society for Christian Education and Information Technology* Apr. 05 Vol. 10

○ He has also translated for Bill Hybels, Rick Warren and Former President Bush, when these men had Stadium rallies in Korea.

Family: Joseph was married to Enny Cho of Los Angeles, California in 1989 and they have four children, Aaron(1990), Sharon(1992), Karen(1995) and Lauren(2001). Their family home is located next to the Central Christian Academy in Suwon, South Korea.

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