

### Favorite Food / Restaurant :

1) I enjoy all foods but prefer any type of spicy, noodle dishes/There is a great Malaysian Restaurant I went to in N.Y. but can't remember the name.

### Favorite Movie:

1) Musicals made into movies

### Favorite Song:

The song my husband sang for me on our wedding day ☺

### Favorite Book in Bible, Bible Character, or verse?

Love all of them ☺

### Top 3 hobbies:

- 1) running
- 2) organizing
- 3) trying new foods

### Greatest Wish/Dream:

Travel to all the historical monuments in the world

### If you could be anyone for one day, you would be...

Mary Magdalene on the day of Christ's resurrection

### How did you become a Christ-follower?

I was around 10 years old when I received Jesus into my heart. I did this to avoid hell more than anything else. For the years that followed, I went to church on and off, but never internalized my faith. I grew up believing that I wasn't such a bad person b/c I wanted to help others. I also grew up self-sufficient b/c of my unstable family background and believed that I knew better and had everything under control. And even though I heard messages about my sins and surrendering all things to God b/c He knew better than me, my life did not match up.

It was in college that my life took a complete turn. It felt as if God was working full speed ahead as so much happened in my first two years of college.

My first couple of years of college was filled with various experiences, most of which were unrelated to God. Being the self-sufficient person that I was, I did my best to be in control of any situation that arose and rarely depended on God. In those first two years, I also felt loneliness, discouragement, unhappiness and lack of direction and purpose for my life. But, rather than surrendering myself to Jesus during that time, I decided to go on a mission trip to Africa, to mask those unhappy feelings, the summer of my sophomore year. Although I knew what the mission trip was about, I honestly viewed it more as a humanitarian effort (of course, I didn't disclose my real reason for going to the team leader ☺).

It was at an evening church service in a small village in Burundi, Africa where my life took a big turn. During the message time, I had been dozing on and off. At the end of the service, there was an altar call and our team was called upon to pray for the people. I didn't feel ready b/c I had fallen asleep and wasn't even sure what to pray for. In that moment, I was filled with guilt and a loss of control...I didn't know what to do. I came to Africa believing I had something to offer to the people and God showed me that I didn't have anything to offer. For some reason, the Lord chose to use that moment to lovingly rebuke and challenge me. He revealed to me how sinful I really was and that my good works were nothing. He revealed to me that I cannot depend on myself to give the people what they needed. Only God can give them what is truly needed, which is found in Christ. With tears

running down my face, I repented. Then God challenged me to go and give to the people what only He can offer. So I went forward and began praying for the people.

Since that encounter with God, my life has not been the same. The unhappy feelings of my first two years of college were replaced with great joy and purpose. As the Lord continued to work full speed ahead in my life, I was just so eager to follow His lead. I'm still learning the depths of my sins and the great need for my Savior, and that when I am fully surrendered, fully dependent on God and not on myself, that is the best and only place to be.

**What were you like in high school?**

I was pretty shy and kept mostly to a few friends.

**Where did you attend college and what did you study?**

I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and studied Sociology.

**If you did not know Christ, where do you think you will be?**

Probably a Peace Corps worker or something along those lines.

**Craziest thing you ever did:**

Jumping off of roofs of homes or garages in my neighborhood.

**Who was the biggest role model in your life?**

- 1) My grandmother (mom's side) b/c she was a committed Christian who prayed for our family, exemplified godliness, had great internal and external strength and never complained.
- 2) My spiritual mother (Ms. Kim) b/c she taught and exemplified what it means to surrender all and follow Christ and the importance of prayer. (she continues to teach me these things)

**Anything you wish you could change about yourself?**

I wish I wasn't such a light sleeper

**What is the most important lesson you've learned about your faith?**

That without Jesus, I have no hope.

**In what ways are you changing as a pastor's wife?**

Realizing that not everyone will always be happy with the way a church is run, I am learning how to pray/intercede that much more.

**Prayer requests:**

- 1) to deepen my intimacy with Jesus
- 2) to mature as a wife and mother
- 3) to faithfully pray for and serve the church