



Dr. Lim's Story

Dr. Joseph Lim was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA until his family moved to Southern California at age 13. He has over 25 years of experience as a general dentist and had his own practice in Orange County, successfully building it from the ground up, for nearly 15 years before moving to the Big Island to serve the needy on the island. He graduated from **dental school at Columbia University** in New York and graduated from **UC Berkeley** for his undergraduate studies. After graduating, Dr. Lim completed a General Practice Residency at **Loma Linda VA Medical Center**. He has also studied under Frank Spear at the **Scottsdale Center for Dentistry**. His expertise is in the areas of cosmetic dentistry, full mouth rehabilitation, general dentistry, implants and root canals but also has extensive experience working with children of all ages, geriatric patients, and low-income, medicaid patients.

While living in Southern California, Dr. Lim and his dentist friend, their families and church members regularly went down to San Quintin, Mexico to provide much-needed dental care to the indigenous Mexicans who were migrant workers from Oaxaca. Dr. Lim's heart is in serving the needy who don't have access to or can't afford dental care. After doing outreach on the island at the end of 2020/early 2021 with YWAM where they saw the broken and dark side of the paradise that resembled what they saw in Mexico, they were heartbroken, especially for the young children and youth that were neglected and abused. Right before the end of their outreach and while they were seeking their next step/move, he and his family strongly felt called to serve those in need here, especially the remote southern end of the island. As a result, Dr. Lim and his family said goodbyes to family and friends, left behind their comfortable lifestyle, and relocated to Hawaii, so that he can provide quality dental care to the local community through his work in Kona and start a free mobile dental clinic to serve the remote and poverty-stricken areas of the Big Island in his free time. He also has been on numerous mission trips since teenage years to all over the world, bringing hope, love, and the Good News to the lost. Dr. Lim personally enjoys fishing,

golf, tennis, mountain biking and classical music, coaching his sons his favorite sports, as well as exploring beautiful spots on the island with his family.



Catherine's Story

Catherine Lim was also born in Philadelphia but grew up in Seoul, Korea from age 3-16 and lived in 7 different US states (CA being the longest at 20 years) throughout her life until permanently moved to Hawaii to serve the local community. She studied interior architecture and received a **Bachelor of Science in Design and Environmental Analysis** from **Cornell University** and worked as a certified commercial interior designer in Washington DC for 3 years before heading to the **University of Pennsylvania** for her **Master of Architecture** degree. She met Dr. Lim, who was working in CA, through their mutual family pastor during her graduate school and started a long distance relationship. When they knew they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together, she left her dream school and moved to CA to marry him. After designing & building his office and helping him launch his practice from ground up, she finished her **Master's degree** at the **Southern California Institute of Architecture**. While in graduate school, she got to spend a semester at **Istituto Internazionale di Architettura** in Lugano, Switzerland and traveled all over Europe to see world-renowned architectural masterpieces, old and new, and gained priceless experience and inspiration. Afterward, she worked as an architectural designer at a big architecture firm for a while until God called her to be a stay-at-home mom for her two precious sons. After the boys were old enough to go to preschool and school, she got busy - she took manual and digital photography classes at a local community college for a year, volunteered at kids' schools and attended women's Bible study, started a mom's prayer group in public school, and served at her church as a leader in intercessory prayer ministry while also working part time at Dr.

Lim's practice as a finance manager. She also served as a lead designer and planner for her megachurch's renovation for 2 years.

She received strong conviction and calling to serve the needy in the Pacific Islands after serving the Big Island during their mission outreach in the heart of the pandemic. In obedience, she now serves as a full time missionary and ministry staff at YWAM (Youth with a Mission) Ships Kona with Holoholo Ministries that focuses on all local ministry service and in training and raising up next generation local community leaders. She also leads weekly prayer meetings and is a director and co-founder of Hope B.I.G. Ministries with her husband. Her most important ministry is her children, still in her care, but she is expanding her Kingdom family into the remote areas of the island, reaching out to the young and old with love and a smile, praying they would find the same hope and joy she has in Christ.



Chris & Alex's Story

Born and raised in the beautiful hillside community of Orange County, Christopher and Alexander had a comfortable and activity-filled life. But their parents made sure to expose them to the harsh reality of poverty by involving the boys in local and international mission work from an early age. As a teenager and pre-teen, it wasn't easy for them to say goodbyes to everyone and everything they've known all their lives and move to a new place with a different environment and culture. But now in their 3rd year of school in Kona, they are more accustomed to living here and thriving as a high schooler and a middle schooler, although they still reminisce about the old life they left behind in CA (especially the amazing Korean food there!). They both study hard so one can be a physician (ophthalmologist) and one can be a civil engineer. Their career goals might change later, but one constant thing is that they want to use their valuable professional skills in the mission field, like their dad. Not only are they growing in stature, but also in their character and spiritual maturity. Their parents are very proud of the young men they are becoming in Christ.