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EDUCATION

M.A. Intercultural Studies
Dallas Theological Seminary
2018-2022 (Anticipated)

B.S. Manufacturing Engineering &
Technology
Minnesota State University Mankato
2008-2014

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Certified Prepare Enrich Facilitator
- OSHA 10 Hour
- Certified Packing Expert
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Lean Six Sigma
- CAD/CAM (SolidWorks, Pro/E, Master CAM, I-DEAS)

MINISTRY PERSPECTIVE

I have a passion for encouraging and equipping others, in realizing their potential, going through difficult seasons in life, and helping them follow and understand Jesus. I seek out opportunities to come alongside people who are often neglected to give them an inspiration that no one has given them. Tight-knit, discussion-based, small groups I have found to be the best way to bring this about, where we are able to build one another up. I have found that I am also deeply moved by missions, not just those who have not heard of the hope in Jesus Christ, but for the missionaries on the field that need someone to come alongside them for support.

SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Since I accepted Christ at the age of four and was baptized shortly after, I can hardly remember a time without him. Though I grew up in a Christian home, a lot of my steps of faith, and spiritual growth occurred outside of it. I had great teachers in middle and high school that helped me think deeper about my faith than just following what was set before me, and they really helped me make it my own so that when I was in college, my doubts and deconstructionism led to a fuller faith, and higher appreciation of God and the Bible. Church, on the other hand, I had begun to scoff at, primarily because I associated it only with sermons that were unhelpful and unloving to the congregation. However, I soon realized that without a community of believers to support and exhort one another, I start constructing a belief that is not shared with my fellow brothers in Christ. This led to being involved in a church, beyond just listening to lectures, but participating in small groups, and volunteering. After getting more involved with our church, I began to realize the importance of service in faith, so I led small groups and filled a spot as an elder in our church. Around the same time, God was working in my separate secular life as well. I had put a lot of my identity in my job title as an engineer, yet was failing to live up to what I aspired, for and was fired. God had broken my misconceptions of success, and I was ready to be molded by Him, so he gave our family an opportunity to seek out missions in Japan. This led us to sell what we had, get properly educated to serve well at DTS, and leave our family and lives behind for the sake of His calling.

HOBBIES & INTERSETS

When I get the chance, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, playing games (video and board games), going to parks, and doing things outside, as well as going to museums/zoos. I am also into many different creative outlets such as drawing, music, and story creation.

CORE VALUES

- Authenticity
- Collaboration
- Empathy
- Clarity
- Adaptability

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. Exhortation
2. Shepherding
3. Mercy
4. Hospitality

PERSONALITY TYPE

- Type 9, Peacemaker (Enneagram)
- High S (Supportive) High I (Inspiring), (DISC)
- ENFP-A, Extravert-Intuitive-Feeling-Prospecting-Assertive (Myers Briggs)

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PERSONAL & FAMILY HISTORY

I was born in Minnesota, where I spent most of my life. I grew up in a large family, with four brothers and two sisters (I was number 3 in birth order). I experienced many different forms of schooling, charter school from K-2nd grade, home school from 3rd-8th grade, Christian school in 9th and 10th grade, a public school in 11th, and back to a Christian school my senior year. Because I had ADHD, I was not able to function well in a homeschool environment, but when I entered my Christian school (Saint Cloud Christian School), I flourished fairly well. It was in this Christian school where I first met my wife Kim, and my best friend Ryan. After graduating, I went on to college, and the next summer my best friend Ryan was killed by a drunk driver, which deeply impacted me. Kim followed me that year to College, and we eventually got married and had 2 kids, one we named after my best friend, Ryan (who is 9 right now), and Cecilia (who will be 7).

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

CHURCH PLANT INTERN

ICON CHURCH, PLANO, TX (2021-2022)

- Helped lead and facilitate cultural engagement programs in a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual church
- Helped pioneer paths for a church that has not been established, from Baptism to sound booth
- Wore many different hats serving in different capacities as required of a church plant

ELDER & BIBLE STUDY LEADER

ELEVATE CHURCH, MANKATO, MN (2017-2019)

- Collaborated with other church leaders to improve and implement programs to care for members and facilities
- Led a weekly discussion group to improve biblical knowledge and personal growth of attendees
- Filled in for Children's Ministry and Guest Services absences and assisted with volunteer training

CHILDRENS LEADER

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, MANKATO, MN (2017-2018)

- Instituted, within a group of other leaders, a new children's program for the men's night group at BSF
- Designed and led lessons, and activities for a wide age range of children
- Cooperated with parents, to help foster a more positive relationship within the family, and children's group