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Asian North Americans and the Prospect of Missions
Panelists

Have a question for our panelists? Use this or feel free to reach out anytime!

Suja Brane, MD (suja@branefamily.com) is a second-generation Indian American and family medicine physician who has served in West Africa since 2012, working in Burkina Faso, Mali, and now Senegal among rural, underserved communities. She serves in Muslim communities, seeking to be a tangible expression of our Lord's love and compassion, particularly to patients with chronic and debilitating illnesses, many of whom are marginalized and overlooked.

Suja's journey has taken an unconventional Asian American path in many ways, both personally and professionally. She is married to Tom, who serves in agricultural development through Farming God's Way, and they have two daughters in college and a son who is a freshman.

Ted John, MD & Eunice John (tjohn@serge.org, ejohn@serge.org) are second-generation Korean-Americans from the Los Angeles area currently serving with Serge at Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi. Ted is a general surgeon who helps train the next generation of Burundian physicians through clinical care and surgical education. Eunice invests in the local community through hospitality, education, and caring for their three sons while supporting the work of the hospital and their team. Together they have served in Burundi since 2018 and are thankful to partner with the local church and healthcare community to proclaim the hope of Christ through both word and deed.

David Kim, MD & **Jenny Kim, MD** (*davekim_md@yahoo.com*, *jejuki@gmail.com*) are second-generation Korean-Americans from Chicago. Both graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and practice family medicine. From 2013-2019, they served with SIM in Nepal, at a small district hospital in Lamjung district. They returned to the US when their youngest daughter was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome. Since their return from Nepal, they both work at an FQHC on Chicago's west side, which serves many marginalized and low-income populations. They continue mobilizing for missions, equipping the church, and staying faithful to His calling to make disciples of all nations.

Kendrick Lau, MD (*kendrick.lau@sim.org*) is a family physician with 30 years of clinical experience and over 25 years of cross-cultural experience. He has worked in community and rural development, served as chief medical officer and in hospital administration, and worked in private, community and academic primary care settings. As a second-generation Asian-American, he is passionate about helping other Asian global medical workers to thrive and live out their faith.

Burton Lee, MD (*burton.w.lee@gmail.com*) is currently the CEO of Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) and is also the President of Global Critical Care Collaborations (GC3). Prior to this, he served as the Head of Medical Education and Global Critical Care at the NationalInstitutes of Health and as Professor of Medicine at University of Pittsburgh. From 2010 to 2016, he served with Africa Inland Mission at Kijabe Hospital, helping to develop a context-appropriate approach to critical care in resource-limited settings. and he co-founded the Emergency Critical Care ClinicalOfficer Program (ECCCO), the first of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Sandy Lee (slee00220@gmail.com) served as the Area Director for Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) DC until November of 2025, whose purpose is engaging, and equipping the local medical school students and healthcare professionals to shine their Christian faith in their campuses and communities. She served with Africa Inland Mission, teaching missionary kids and then became the college counselor at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya from 2010-2016. Sandy also co-led the Women's Program for the CMDE Conferences serving medical missionary families from 2018-2024. She has also been a fulltime mom and considers her two adult children, Kyle and Aly her greatest joys. She loves serving the Lord with her husband, Burton.

David Leung, MD (*daveGMHC@proton.me*) is an “ABC” who grew up in California. After completing family medicine residency and seminary training, he, along with his wife and children moved to East Asia, where they served for over two decades. Dave was involved in clinical medicine, rural health promotion, urban community health, and Family Medicine training while his wife developed a number of educational, community development, and rural income-generating projects. Together, they raised their three sons overseas. During their last term in Asia, they served on the leadership team of an international NGO. They relocated back to the US during the pandemic to care for aging parents.

Paul Lim, MD (lifenlim@pm.me) is a plastic surgeon based in Thailand as a missionary. He and his wife, Susan, a pediatrician, are second-generation Korean-Americans raised in the Chicago area. They served as missionaries in Ethiopia for three years and in Egypt for four and a half years before moving to Thailand in the fall of 2024 from where they hope not to relocate to another country again for at least the remaining useful years of their lives. They have three children and one grandchild (a son in seminary in the US with his wife and daughter, a daughter in college in the US, and a daughter in middle school with them in Thailand).

David Narita, MD (*naritads@gmail.com*) is a third/fourth generation Japanese-American. He and his family served in Cambodia for 13 years with OMF International through medicine, church planting and team support. Since returning, he has worked as a physician, adjunct professor and missions advocate in Northern California.