



KOMERINJA FAMILY UPDATE

Did you know that we have a unique name to refer to ourselves as a family? We are the “Komerinja” tribe. “Komerinja” stands for “Korean-American-Indonesian-Javanese” and explains our cultural identity. We have tried to live by our Komerinja core values and consistently modeled them to our children. Here are the top five Komerinja core values:

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and for the rest, do whatever you want (enjoy your freedom in Christ)!
- Celebrate your failures! They are the best learning opportunities and the most important teachable moments in life.
- Be immersed in the Scripture! Develop biblical perspective on everything and live by the Word.
- Focus on people, for they are God’s most precious and eternal treasure! Everything else is a mere sand castle, here today and gone tomorrow.
- Less is more! Learn a little and use it a lot. Evaluated experience is the best teacher.

The apostle Paul tells the believers in Corinth this astounding truth: “You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Cor. 3:2-3). We believe that this truth is directly applicable in the Christian family. In a nutshell, we as parents are all writers who are in the process of publishing books to be read by the world. Only, these books are not printed in paper. Rather they are our children’s lives, the result of our life and ministry 24/7 as they grow up in our homes. What an awesome responsibility and stewardship that God entrusts to us as parents. It’s been said that parenting isn’t for cowards or the fainthearted. Parenting requires and demands all the courage, compassion, humility, wisdom, discernment, and love that we must receive from God and his Word through the Spirit.

The reward for godly parenting is truly amazing. The apostle John shares this truth with us: “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” (3 John 1:4). He is, of course, talking about his spiritual children in the Lord. If our own children are walking in the truth, loving the Lord and his people, the joy is even greater. Proverbs 23:24 says, “The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.” We want to live our life purposefully and leave a legacy to our children (and grandchildren, Lord willing ☺), so that (1) they will honor God and his Word in all that they do, and (2) they will cherish the preciousness of his people.

In Christ,

Daniel and Ellen