

# GLOCAL MISSION

## *A Brief History*

### Background

Rev. Dr. David Kim's journey began in South Korea, where he was born and raised.

At the age of 18, his missionary calling took him to Ecuador, where he served as a cross-cultural missionary and church planter for 12 years. In 2002, he arrived in the United States, embarking on a new chapter. Over the next eight years, he immersed himself in biblical studies and learned about American culture and churches. During his interactions with over 100 congregations, he encountered a startling realization: when asked about the mission field and missionaries, most parishioners and pastors responded, "Our mission field or missionaries are overseas."

While he acknowledged the undeniable need for missionaries worldwide, Dr. Kim was deeply concerned that few saw themselves as witnesses of Jesus in their own daily lives by beginning in their own local context. This revelation sparked a transformative vision in his heart.

### The Birth of Glocal Mission

In 2010, inspired by his experiences and a deep study of the Great Commission passages, Dr. Kim got the idea of Glocal Mission. He embraced the belief that anyone without Christ is a mission field, and everyone with Christ is a missionary by their vocation. He drew upon Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth," and Matthew 28:19, "As you go or by going, make disciples of all nations..." to emphasize that the Glocal Mission is for every one who is saved and received the Holy Spirit, for everywhere, and for every day.

From this understanding, the name "Glocal Mission" was born, blending the words "global" and "local" to signify the call to reach and disciple people both in our immediate surroundings and across the globe.

### Glocal Mission's Purpose

In October of 2016, Dr. Kim founded Glocal Mission as a non-profit Christian mission organization based in Houston, TX. Glocal Mission had evolved to equip, mobilize, and resource individuals to become everyday disciples, witnesses, and missionaries in their vocations. This mission was pursued by spreading the gospel, caring for the needy, equipping leaders, and multiplying disciple-makers and churches locally, globally, and virtually.

### Glocal Mission's Impact

As of June 2024, to the glory of God, Glocal Mission has achieved much. Over 74,837 individuals have been served through holistic ministries, resulting in 495 baptisms, 5,753 trained ministry leaders, 33 short-term mission teams mobilized, 125 disciple-makers actively training others, and 30 new churches planted. Glocal Mission now operates in 16 countries, embodying the belief that the Great Commission is too big for one person to achieve alone and too important not to work together.

Dr. Kim, profoundly states, ***"The mission is done with the feet of those who go, the knees of those who pray, the hands of those who give, the heart of those who serve behind the scenes."*** This vision continues to inspire and mobilize believers to become everyday missionaries in their own doorstep, fulfilling the Great Commission both *locally* and *globally*.

For more information on Glocal Mission and to learn how to join in God's Glocal Mission Movements, please visit **GLOCALMISSION.ORG**.

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