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Janice Sehyung Lee is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Christian Education Specialist at the Methodist Mission in Cambodia. She is based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The program focuses on Sunday school curriculum development as well as other pertinent Christian education media.

“It is a great privilege for me to express my intent to serve as a missionary through Global Ministries,” she wrote in her application. “My husband and I have been feeling that tugging in our hearts since before we got married and have been faithfully waiting for God to send us out as foreign missionaries as we obediently served in various local churches.”

Born in South Korea, Janice earned a bachelor’s degree in education and master’s degrees in second language acquisition and Christian education. Most recently, she was a secondary English instructor in Phnom Penh. She previously served as a youth pastor in Honolulu and Cincinnati.

“I enjoyed and cherished such challenges of serving as a youth pastor,” she said. “The youth group grew from five members to about 80 members in two years. The mission of my youth group was to grow in God to change the world. We’d host seeker’s worship twice a year where we’d prepare various performances and message to share about the love of God.”

“When my husband was approached by Global Ministries for a possible international mission position,” Janice said, “we had no reason to decline because God had already prepared our hearts for mission abroad.” The couple and their two preteen daughters have lived in Cambodia since 2017.

In Phnom Penh, Janice was drawn to the needs of uneducated single women. She is the volunteer coordinator for Susanna Wesley House, sheltering 25 young women and encouraging them to attain a university education. “Through our daily devotion and communal living,” she said, “our students have not only learned to love each other, but also God.” Thanks to a generous donation from a North Carolina congregation, Janice began the Shine Project, offering vocational training to young women who are middle/high school dropouts. She also works with pastors of the Methodist Church in Cambodia to develop Sunday school curriculum.