



Celebrating a Decade of Sharing Love in Korea (SL!K): A Journey of Faith, Compassion, and Transformation!

2024 marks ten years since the unofficial founding of Sharing Love in Korea (SL!K)! It all began in November 2014 when the SL!K girls—formerly known as “Single Ladies in Ktown”—embarked on a life-changing trip to Korea. The trip included a visit to Sinaewon, an orphanage I had first visited with my parents in the previous years. With eager hearts, Ann, Caroline, and Nicole joined me on this journey, and what started as a simple visit became a seed planted by God for something far greater.

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Sponsor Helena Chung and her family visit their sponsored children at Chunyangwon, continuing a tradition since becoming sponsors.



Sponsor Ryo Choi's son Elijah and his friend, left, visit their sponsored children at Emmanuel, continuing a heartfelt tradition since becoming sponsors.

I still remember navigating subways and taxis to reach Goyang-si, a city just outside Seoul. There, we were warmly welcomed by the director, Dr. Miyoung Kim, and had the joy of spending time with the children. One child stood out in particular—a boy named Seongho. Though he had autism, he excelled in art and formed a special bond with Ann, asking curious questions about the bandage on her face from a recent mole removal.

Later, Dr. Kim shared the heartbreaking realities of why these children were at Sinaewon. Unlike the war orphans of Korea's past, many of these children had been abandoned or subjected to abuse, including physical and sexual trauma. Hearing their stories, we were overwhelmed with tears, but we felt the Holy Spirit moving within us, filling our hearts with God's immense love and compassion for these children. It was both a sobering and hopeful experience, seeing how Sinaewon provided a safe space for the children to heal and grow, surrounded by the love and prayers of the director and staff.

As we left that day, our hearts were heavy but determined. I couldn't stop thinking about my mother, who was battling cancer at the time. Her unwavering love for me and her constant prayers reminded me of the profound gift of a caring parent—something many of these children would never experience.

Upon returning to the U.S., Ann couldn't stop talking about the children. She called me repeatedly, urging us to do something. Her passion sparked action, and together we decided to establish a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting these children. That's how Sharing Love in Korea was born. We kept the acronym SL!K as a nod to our original name but gave it new meaning. While friends still tease us about the name, SL!K has grown into a powerful community of faith and love.

Shortly after this trip, I faced the most challenging time of my life. After battling cancer for a year and a half, my mom passed away and went to be with the Lord. Although I find peace in knowing she

is rejoicing in Heaven, the loss has left a void that even time cannot fill. Yet, her love and faith continue to inspire me every day. Her legacy of prayer and compassion motivates me to run the race set before me as a faithful servant of Christ.

Over the past ten years, I have witnessed God's hand at work in SL!K in ways I could never have imagined. From providing for every need to transforming lives, He has shown Himself as Jehovah Jireh (the God who provides) and Jehovah Rapha (the God who heals). Despite challenges and disagreements, God has sustained us, reminding us that SL!K is His mission, not ours.

Through the love, prayers, and support of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers, we've seen incredible transformations. Children at Sinaewon, Emmanuel, and Chunyangwon have experienced healing and hope, discovering that while their earthly parents may have abandoned them, their Heavenly Father loves them deeply and has a mighty plan for their lives. Adding to the list of the orphanages is Samshin Evergreen Hill, our latest addition, located in Buyeoh where 63 children reside.

As we look ahead to the rest of 2025 and beyond, I give all glory to God for His faithfulness. To every sponsor, donor, and volunteer: thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are part of this journey, and your support has made a lasting impact.

I look forward to celebrating many more years of Sharing Love in Korea, witnessing God's continued work, and seeing these children rise to fulfill their dreams and callings. John 15:12 states: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." As I meditate on this verse, it's a constant reminder to love these children as Jesus Christ has loved us and gave his life for us.

Here's to the next chapter of SL!K—may it be filled with even greater acts of love and faith. Amen!

From Yonah Hong, Co-founder





Wooram(left) and Gwanggyu from Sinaewon are excited to be part of this year's Summer Vision Trip participants.



Yunji from Chunyangwon

Our Summer Vision Trip is Coming July 23~August 2, 2025

We're excited to share that our 2025 Summer Vision Trip will take place from **July 23 to August 2**! This year, we'll be joined by **two students from Sinaewon** and **one student from Chunyangwon** as they experience the heart of our mission in California.

We'll be hosting a **Welcome Party on July 26 at Ann's House**, and everyone is invited! 🎉 Please stay tuned—we'll be sending out a formal invitation soon.

As always, we ask for your **support, prayers, and love** as we walk alongside these students and work to finish this program well.

Thank you for being part of this journey! ❤️



New sponsor Sunghee from Korea meets Hyunwoo for the first time.

We had the joy of meeting this wonderful lady, Sunghee, during our time in Korea, and she quickly became a dear friend. Her heart is full of love, and her deep faith shines through in everything she does. After we returned to the U.S., she sent us a thoughtful letter about her experience and her hopes for the child she mentors. Her quiet faith and genuine care continue to encourage us.

"Yesterday, I met a boy named Hyunwoo at Chunyangwon Orphanage. We decided to start a mentoring relationship, meeting about once a month. I'm excited but also a little unsure about how to go about it. I believe that meeting was a God-given opportunity, and I hope this relationship with Hyunwoo will continue—so that he can grow up feeling secure, happy, and full of light. Please keep us in your prayers~:)."