Education is For Everyone!
By Eunice Ko

For Jesus
My hope, my joy, and my life!

Umma and Appa
Thank you for always teaching me about love and forgiveness.

Dr. Bryan Duff
It's always a joy and a privilege to learn from you.

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founders of Iris Global

Iris Global is a Christian organization with bases in over 30 different nations. They provide a wide variety of services to the local communities such as K-12 education, adult education, vocational training, emergency relief, and many more. Maria and Anselmo, who are featured in this book, are both from the Village of Joy in Pemba, Mozambique. Anselmo has lived with congenital talipes equinovarus or clubfoot for most of his life, but this has not stopped him from dancing, playing, going to school, or reaching out to others!

Ashley Williams

Co-Founder of Hope Renewed International

Hope Renewed is based out of Guatemala City but has operations throughout the country. They focus on vocational training, education, and community development. Their programs include a screen printing program for the Women's prison, overseeing orphanages, providing scholarships for local students, and construction for different community works projects. Yoselim, Ana Veronica, and Felisa are all girls from the Hope Renewed orphanage in Mazatenango, Guatemala.

Hope Chen

Loaves and Fishes International

Fishes and Loaves International takes in special needs children in China and provides a family environment, medical care, speech therapists, and other services to children who are often abandoned by their biological families due to deformities, disabilities, and social prejudices. Jackson has hydrocephalus. He is eight, and this year is his first year in school full-time. He is learning to read and write. AnFu has cerebral palsy but has a positive attitude that does not let his disability hold him back. AnFu is learning life-skills at school because he is thirteen, however this is his first year in a full-day school program. Megan is five and has Down syndrome. She attends a morning preschool program, and has learned colors, letters, numbers and shapes. All three kids can speak English and Chinese.

Larkin Ryan

Fall Creek Elementary School

About me!

I have long had a passion to reach nations through the love of Jesus. Though as a privileged Korean-American I was skeptical about whether or not education was really necessary, I have had many opportunities to work with children and Christian missionaries in different countries and have witnessed children and adults of all different walks of life being empowered and transformed through education. While I long wondered why God would force me to be in school when there were so many other activities I found more fulfilling and engaging, these encounters have radically transformed my view of education and its purpose in showing love and building up communities around the world.

About this book

Through this book I wanted to show that education is an experience that connects everyone everywhere. No matter what your circumstances are – orphan, disabled, rich, or poor – education is a part of life. Though it may look different to the special needs child in Fuzhou, China than to a little girl in Ithaca, NY, there is a teacher and a curriculum that is out there for every individual!

I also wanted to show how every student has abilities and talents. Teachers, in discovering these special qualities about their students, should use these talents and interests as opportunities to encourage and motivate their students. This book features some of the friends I have made along the way. They are wonderful special children; I hope they inspire you as much as they have inspired me.
My name is Megan and I love animals!

My name is Gillian but you can call me Sunshine. I am good at smiling!
My name is Felisa Cajas Rauda. I am good at basketball!

My name is Maria and I love to dance.
My name is Jackson. I like computers.

My name is Josephine and I love reading.
My name is Ana Veronica Cojom Chim and I love to paint.

My name is AnFa I love to write!
I am Yoselim Maricela Suhul Morales and I am good at math!

My name is Anselmo and I love photography.