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The Acculturation of Missionaries and Their Children

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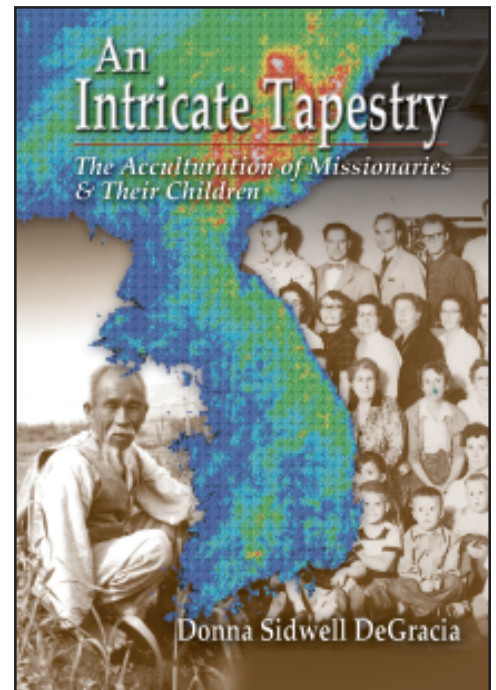
The author, the child of missionaries to Korea, explores the acculturation of the missionaries in their adopted land and the issues facing them and their children on return to the USA.

While her stories are specific to Korea, the difficulties and rewards of living in another culture and of switching between cultures are familiar to many who have lived for an extended period in another country. Anyone who has experienced the challenges of orientation in a strange place to what were the most routine activities or encounters has tasted acculturation. *An Intricate Tapestry* recounts the experiences of the author and others who lived in Korea during a very historic time, highlighting the challenges and formative potential of acculturation.

Those who are expatriates because of business, educational experiences, or mission work and their families will find this book illuminating. Those who prepare for a move to another country and those begin to adapt again to your home country will discover valuable insights.

Donna Sidwell DeGracia was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to George and Edna Rae Sidwell. The family went to Korea in 1955 when Donna's father was called as missionary in the Methodist Church. Donna attended the Seoul Foreign School until her junior year in high school when her family returned to the U.S. After graduating from North High School in Columbus, Ohio, Donna attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated from Ohio State University in 1972 with a degree in International Studies.

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