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The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

Parent Seminar

From impression to devotion

Date and Time	Target Group
11 March 2016 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (2 hours)	Parents of gifted children (priority will be given to parents of student members of the HKAGE)

Venue : Lecture Theatre 105, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education
Sha Kok Estate, Shatin, New Territories
(Located between Buddhist Kok Kwong Secondary School and Yue Shing Court)

Speaker : Mr James Robert Skinner
Creative Director, Watoto Ministry, Uganda

Introduction : Watoto is a ministry in Ugandan, Africa, that aims to rescue and raise future leaders to rebuild their nation. HK has been one of the stops of its children's choir's international concert tour. Some student members and parents have made a difference for a better world through volunteering at the Watoto HK concerts in Nov and Dec 2015 and engaging in cultural exchange with the African children on 1 Jan 2016. The service trip to a Watoto village, Uganda, will be organised in this summer.
https://youtu.be/sUVbZdv5Lw8

Mr James Skinner, the son of Pastor Gary Skinner who founded Watoto Villages, will share his extraordinary journey of life. As a Canadian, James was born in Zambia and grew up in Kenya. He went back to Canada for university study in creative arts. Instead of continuing with a comfortable job in Canada, he chose to go back to Uganda to fully apply his talent and passion in his full-time job.

It is not only a case of unique experience, but also an inspiration about career and life planning. Do we focus on a "job" which is all about the routine tasks? Or do we focus on "occupation" which is a working life in a certain field? Or do we target at "career" which is a progressive journey in the field? Or do we treat our aspiration as a "vocation" in which we fully develop our talents and strengths, entirely understand the meaning of life and truly love your work and life in the future?

Course Objectives : Upon completion of this seminar, participants should be able to help their children to:

1. Develop the values of gratitude;
2. Widen their perspective of life;
3. Understand vocation in career and life planning and adventure.

Medium of Instruction : English

Course Fee : Free-of-charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)

Quota	:	200
Registration Information	:	Participants should apply through the online registration system on our website: https://hkage.org.hk/b5/parent/Registration/courses/courseLogon.php?pid=258
Deadline for Registration	:	2 March 2016 (Wednesday) 5:00 p.m. Notes: 1. Due to the limited capacity, acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis; 2. Registrants will be notified of the outcome by 4 March 2016 (Friday) through email.
Enquiry	:	Tel.: 3940 0104 Email: ae@hkage.org.hk
Remarks	:	1. The course organiser (the HKAGE) will take photos and videos during the programme. The photos and/or videos may be reproduced in electronic forms and/or printed publications for educational, research and marketing purposes upon the participants' consensus in registration. 2. Car park arrangement: No parking spaces are available. Please park at nearby car parks.

Introduction to Speaker:

Mr James Robert Skinner
Creative Director, Watoto Ministry, Uganda

Africa has been James's home for most of his life. He was born in Zambia in 1979 where his parents were missionaries at the time. In 1983, his parents moved their family to Kampala, Uganda where they began Watoto Church. At the age of six, James left home to attend boarding school in Kenya. On holidays he would return to Uganda, which was enduring a terrible civil war. These experiences shaped his worldview more than any other. On the one hand, he was privileged to attend a school tucked safely away in the Kenya Highlands. He made friends with people from different backgrounds, and in many ways it was an idyllic environment. On the other hand, he witnessed devastation caused by war and the onset of the HIV/AIDS crisis, and he spent much of his childhood away from his parents. The two contrasting worlds that he encountered as a child set him on a path to try to come to an understanding of the world. The creative arts - photography, music and film – have been his compass as he continues to discover that there is a certain dignity that lives in the places where people must overcome hardship. In 2010, he married Stephanie, and in 2015, his son, Levi Alexander, was born. As the Creative Director for the Watoto Children's Choir, he is responsible for leading the team that designs and creates the music, media and dance which the choir presents around the world. He also leads Watoto's Academy of Worship, which is raising worship leaders who are equipped and ready to serve their local churches in music, media production, dance and theatre.