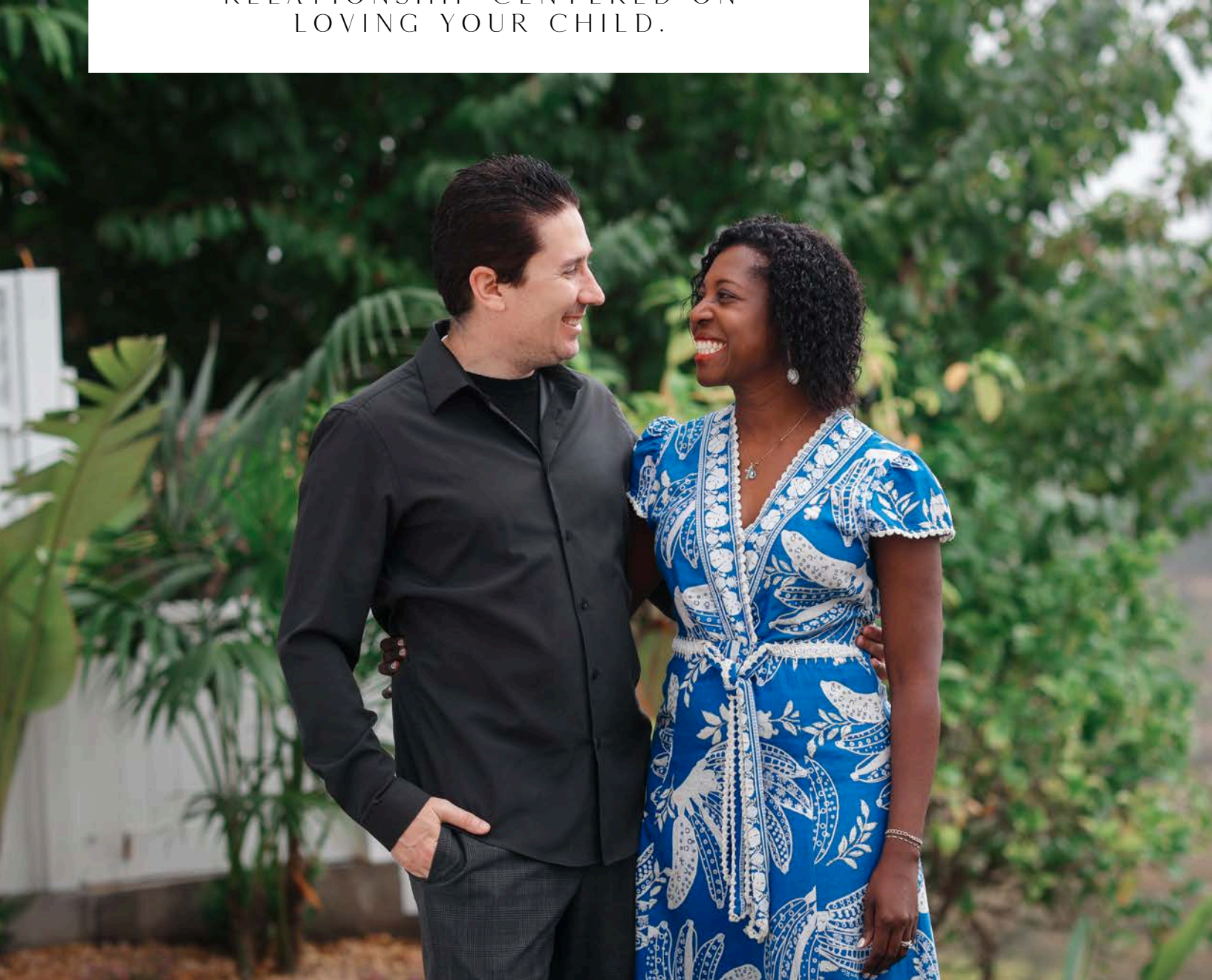


BRIAN &
GRACE



WE WANT YOU TO BE YOURSELF,
AND TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A
RELATIONSHIP CENTERED ON
LOVING YOUR CHILD.



HELLO

IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU

We want to start off by thanking you for taking the step to do such a noble thing as to consider adoption for your child. We know that sometimes the hardest choice may be the best choice. Our hope is that God will turn whatever situation you are in, into a story of victory and uses you for his purposes. We want to encourage you that God can use all situations for His good.

Thank you for considering us as a possible choice for a couple to love and nurture your child. If chosen, we are committed to welcoming you and your child into our family. We are here with open hearts and we will love and provide for your child in every way, raising them in a godly home, supporting their interests and desires to help them become the person God created them to be.

We are praying for you and your child as you make difficult decisions.

WITH HUMBLE HEARTS,

Brian and Grace



OUR STORY

Grace and I first met online in August 2019. As Grace tells it, our first date was only supposed to last about 30 minutes, but we ended up spending nearly four hours together, including dinner that evening. The very next day, we went on our second date, and from that point on, we've enjoyed each other's company every single day up to now.

We dated for 13 months before getting engaged on September 11 2020, and less than three months later, we tied the knot on December 12, 2020. Our wedding took place during COVID gathering restrictions, yet God graciously allowed us to be married in the church and surrounded by some of our closest family and friends.

LOVE - CONNECTION - JOY



NOW, AS WE LOOK AHEAD, WE ARE EXCITED TO BUILD A FAMILY WHERE WE CAN BE FULLY PRESENT AND INVOLVED IN EVERY DETAIL OF OUR FAMILY LIFE. WE BELIEVE GOD'S HAND HAS BEEN IN EVERY STEP OF OUR STORY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW HE WILL CONTINUE TO WRITE THE CHAPTERS AHEAD.





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WE HAD OUR FIRST DATE

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STARTED OUR ADOPTION



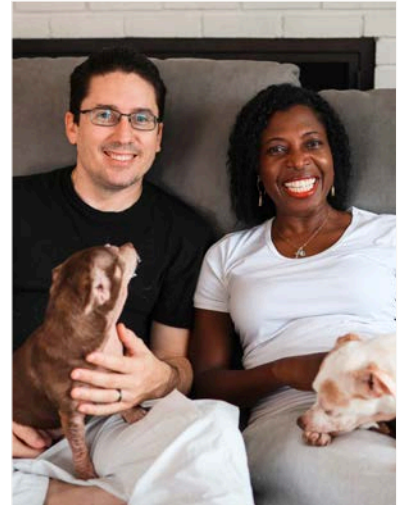
Over time, we learned to serve one another with humility, and that has been a key to keeping our marriage joyful.



During our dating season, we began dreaming together about building a dental practice and being self-employed. Just one year into our marriage, that dream became a reality. Working side by side has been an incredible blessing. Not only do we share a marriage purpose, but we also share a professional mission. Partnering in both areas of life has given us flexibility, joy, and a deeper sense of unity. Today, we are deeply grateful for how God has woven our lives together. **We believe that our intentionality in building a strong, godly marriage is not just for us but will also serve as an example to those around us. Our hope is that our marriage will bless future generations and reflect the love and faithfulness of Christ.**

OUR VALUES

that ground us together



KEEP GOD FIRST

We value having God at the forefront of our lives and decisions. Our faith anchors us and guides how we live as a family.

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Hosting extended family holiday celebrations has become a tradition we hold dear. It keeps us connected, strengthens bonds, and creates lasting memories across generations.

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER

We cherish spending time with one another through shared activities, whether it's watching football games, hosting Super Bowl parties, or simply enjoying moments of fun and connection.

EXPLORING THE WORLD

We enjoy traveling both locally and internationally. Seeing new places, trying different foods, and experiencing other cultures enriches our family life and broadens our perspectives.

WE USE "WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM" VERY OFTEN TO REMIND US OF UNITY AND ONENESS THAT WE HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS, WE HAVE A SHARED PURPOSE AND ASSURES US OF LOVE AND BELONGING.



A man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a black button-down shirt, is smiling at a woman. The woman has dark curly hair, is wearing a red and black patterned top, and is also smiling. They are standing outdoors with a blurred background of lights.

ABOVE ALL

WE CHOOSE LOVE

A man in a black shirt and a woman in a blue and white patterned dress are standing together outdoors, smiling. The man has his hand in his pocket. They are in front of some green foliage.

Our heart for adoption

We have desired to have children, but we both came into marriage with previously unknown infertility issues. After 5 years of trying to conceive and our doctors telling us that we would not be able to conceive, we still have the desire to love, nurture, and raise children. After much prayer, we felt that adoption is a journey we were excited to walk. We truly believe that it may be God's plan for us from the beginning because of the events that led us to this moment and the peace that we have in our hearts about adopting a child and loving them wholly and unconditionally. If chosen, this would be the greatest honor to love your child and support them throughout their entire life. **We will not shy away from letting your child know where they came from and help them always be connected with you, as this is important for their identity and growth. They will grow up knowing that two families love them fully!**

Your child will be first always

We have two friends who have walked the adoption journey. One couple has two boys whom they have raised for over 22 years. They shared this profound insight with us: "The question is not really about adopting children, it is about being parents to children with their own unique story." What we took from that was that adoption opens the door, but parenting is the day-to-day life you live with your child. **We will always be a listening ear, a place of comfort, and an advocate in their life. We will give them space to ask questions and help them navigate their story with care.**



weekends

Our weekends are our special family time to bond, have fun, and relax together. We start the morning by making scrambled eggs and bacon and enjoying it around the table. Afterward, we might head out for a mid-morning hike, a walk around the neighborhood, or a stroll along the beachfront. During football season, weekends often include ordering pizza and watching the game together. We also love our movie nights with popcorn or chips and sometimes play board games that bring out everyone's competitive spirit. Occasionally, we'll invite friends over for dinner and just enjoy a laid-back evening filled with laughter and conversation.



FAMILY fun



traveling

When we have a long weekend or holiday, we often take short road trips, with Santa Barbara being one of our favorite spots to visit. We also love exploring new places by flying to different states or even traveling abroad when possible. Some of our favorite trips have included a safari in Africa, adventures in Costa Rica, and a relaxing getaway to Tahiti. During our travels, we always make it a point to experience the local food, culture, and people, creating meaningful memories and strengthening our bond as a family.

CARING - LOYAL - NURTURING



AS A FUTURE MOM

Walking with someone through the different stages of life is such a gift, and I look forward to being that person for our child. My prayer for our child is that God would give them the grace to know Him, trust Him, and bless them with health of mind and body. I also pray that God surrounds them with good friends who will encourage and guide one another in the right path. I often think back to how my parents raised me—with love, kindness, and patience—and I hope to reflect that same love and grace in the way I parent.

meet

GRACE

I AM A PEDIATRIC DENTIST

I care for children's oral health while also educating parents and encouraging the growth and satisfaction of our dental team. I truly enjoy what I do and often share that being a pediatric dentist is not just a job for me, but a calling with a purpose. My husband and I established our dental practice in a very underserved community, where about 98% of our patients are children on Medicaid. It warms our hearts to know that we are making a meaningful difference by providing specialized care to those who need it most. Our plan after the baby arrives is for me to work two full days and two half days each week, and my husband will do the same. Because we are self-employed, we have the flexibility to create a balanced schedule that allows us to spend quality time caring for and bonding with our child.



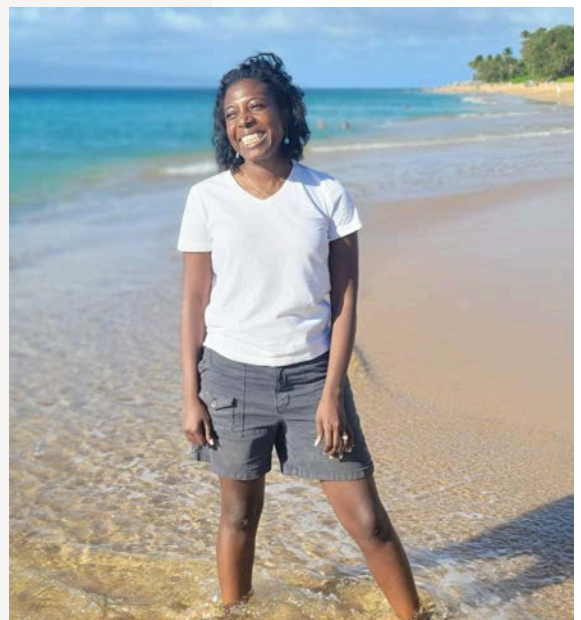
IN BRIAN'S WORDS...

Grace is a wise and virtuous woman and a valuable support to have around. She has a way of discerning a situation to do the right thing or explain the right way to someone. I have always admired that about her, and is part of what attracted me to her in our first few dates, along with her big smile and cute accent. Grace lost her mom at eight and her dad at seventeen, experiences that deeply shaped her heart and faith. Through it all, she's seen God's guiding hand in her life and feels deeply grateful, striving to share that love and strength with everyone she meets. I also admit that Grace is surprisingly good at ping-pong, and even enjoys hustling a few guys who underestimate her and then get embarrassed by her killer smash hit. She is strong in her faith and loves God truly. **Grace is also admired by all of her friends for her faith and wisdom.** Anytime her friends call her to talk about a situation, they always feel better and clearer about the way forward as Grace shines light on the right steps forward. One thing that shows who Grace is, is that she loves "based on a true story" movies. Mainly based on how real-life situations can be hard, but can still turn into good endings.

As a pediatric dentist, she treats each child with compassion, while she leads the office staff to help shape children's dental health and make each visit a positive experience for them. **I can see she will be a great mother as she is already leading and guiding the employees who look up to her and enjoy working with her every day.**

THINGS I LOVE!

I enjoy hiking, Pilates, and taking walks around the neighborhood. I love road trips because Brian and I get to listen to interesting books and music together and share our thoughts and ideas along the way. I also enjoy trying new things—lately, I've been perfecting my craft of making homemade ice cream and gelato. I love visiting new places, as it gives me a greater appreciation for the diversity of people, races, and cultures. Those who know me well would probably describe me as someone who values faith, friendships, and service.



KIND - DRIVEN - LOYAL



AS A FUTURE DAD

I look forward to helping our child feel connected to who they are, how to be able to be independent, and how to be who they want to be. I have always played sports throughout school, and loved it when my dad was involved with that, so I feel it would be so much fun to be involved in my child's interests and events, be it sports, dance recitals, school activities, or sharing an experience of celebrating together. I want to be the type of Dad they know will always be there for them no matter what.

meet

BRIAN

I AM A BUSINESS OWNER

I am a software engineer by trade, but as of four years ago, my wife and I own a dental practice. She is the dentist, and I am the office manager. I enjoy keeping the office running by fixing things that go wrong from time to time, and I enjoy leading the team to provide good services to our patients. It is flexible in that either my wife can choose our own schedule if needed, or take time off when needed. We have already made plans on how to manage our schedule to take care of our child by us taking alternate days to work from home.

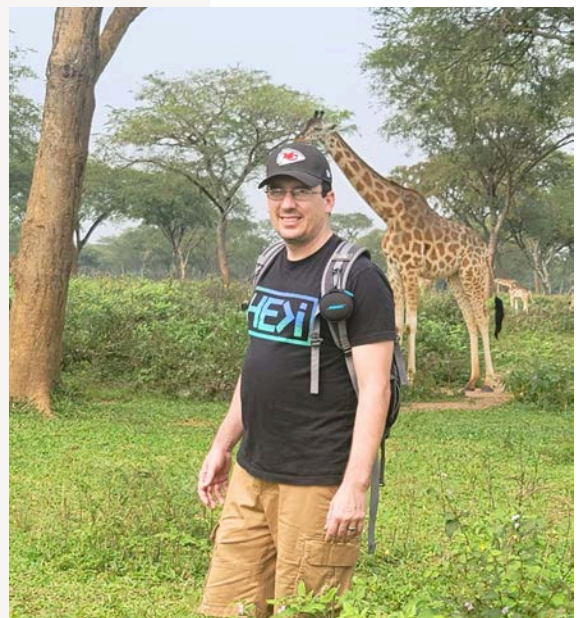
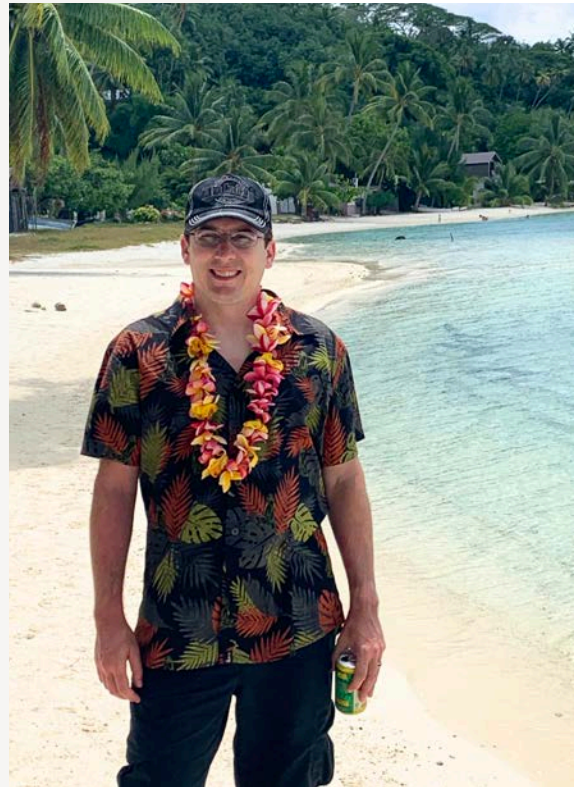


IN GRACE'S WORDS...

My husband Brian is a godly man who genuinely seeks to do what is right, and I deeply admire that about him. His personality is analytical, and he takes time to think through every decision carefully. Brian values fairness and strives to make sure everyone around him feels respected and treated justly. What makes him unique is his ability to do so many things well—he's incredibly handy and can build or fix almost anything. **He also shows his love through his attentiveness and presence, always making me and others feel heard and cared for.** My life would be very different without him; I know I would struggle with many things that require his computer knowledge or his practical, hands-on skills. Brian lives with hope and purpose, often reminding me that this life is a test and that we must do our best each day to live in a way that honors God. I feel so blessed to have him as my husband. I believe Brian will show Christ's love through his parenting by living as an example of patience, kindness, and faith. **His parenting style of personal involvement, such as playing musical chairs or building Legos together, will reflect his desire to gently guide our child in the right direction, teaching through both his words and his actions.**

THINGS I LOVE!

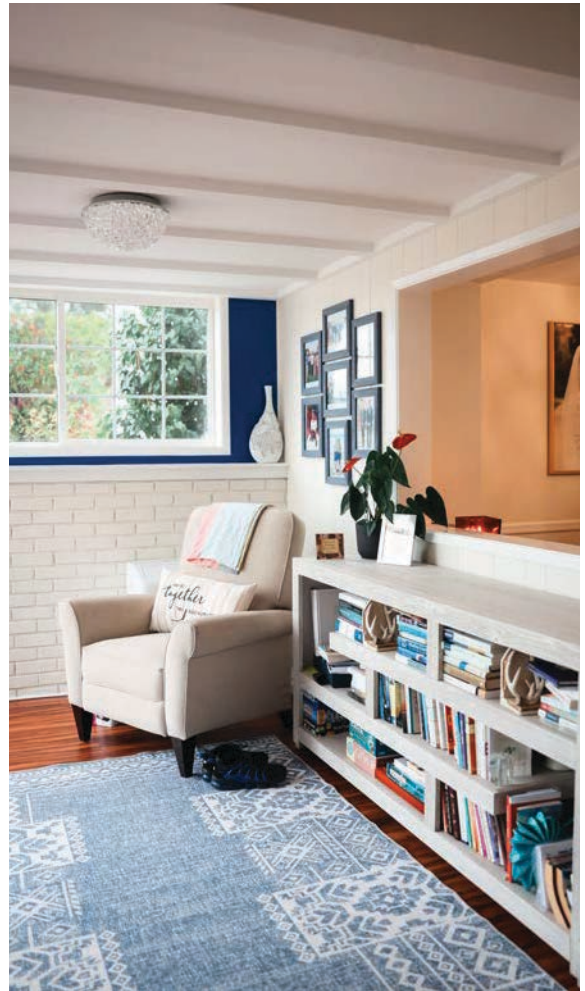
Running, hiking, watching football, cooking a good steak, coaching others to be better, road trips, adventurous activities, traveling within the country and abroad, fixing up my car, and anything else that needs fixing around the home or office, watching sci-fi movies, and playing with the dogs. I love spending quality time with Grace and love that when we are together, it feels like best friends!



HOME sweet HOME



We have a two-story family home! Downstairs: living room, family room, dining room, kitchen and half bathroom. Upstairs: 4 bedrooms, 1 office, laundry room, and 2 bathrooms. What makes our house a home is our love for each other, the family pictures we hang on our walls, and the way we have intentionally decorated our home has turned our house into a home and a place of comfort, belonging, and joy. We have a view of a canyon in the backyard with so much nature. We have many pine trees in the canyon, and we see people walking in the canyon trail, birds, butterflies, and a train. We also see the city skyline in our backyard. Our backyard is tiered into 2 levels and we have growing fruit trees, flowers, and a 50yr + old big tree on which we placed LED lights that we turn on for holidays and any other family celebration. We spend most of our time in our family room as that is where we gather for conversations, fun, movies, watching sports, and snacking.



**OUR HOME IS ON
A CUL-DE-SAC
WITH ALL GREAT
NEIGHBORS
WHERE WE ALL
GET ALONG AND
LOOK OUT FOR
EACH OTHER.**

**WE LOVE LIVING
IN THE DIVERSE
AND FAMILY
FOCUSED STATE
OF CALIFORNIA**



What we love most about our city is that we don't get the harsh, cold winters, and it stays mostly sunny throughout the year. There are so many outdoor activities to enjoy—beautiful beaches, water sports like surfing, kayaking, boogie boarding, and canoeing, as well as plenty of space to simply relax on the sand. We also have numerous parks, museums, hiking trails, ice cream shops, coffee houses, and great local restaurants. Our neighborhood is one of our favorite parts of living here; we live on a quiet cul-de-sac where everyone knows each other. There are four young families with eight children between the ages of 0 and 6 who play together, ride bikes, and draw with chalk on the street, creating a fun and lively atmosphere. Our community recreation center offers a swimming pool, playground, racquetball and tennis courts, and a little league baseball field. The recreation center is located in a park that has a large open field where festivals are held throughout the year, including 4th of July celebrations with music and lots of food. We also love that our home is within walking distance of our church, where we were married and remain active members alongside many wonderful friends.



Our
COMMUNITY

OUR FAITH

Faith plays a big role in our lives, and we hope to teach our children about God from an early age. We pray and praise God at home, pray before meals, and lift each other up in prayer. We want to raise our children to have their own personal relationship and understanding of God while guiding them through our Catholic faith. Our church community is an important part of our lives—we attend Mass every Sunday and participate in various church programs. Our parish offers Sunday School, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and opportunities for families to volunteer together in church fundraisers and outreach events. Being active members of our church helps us stay connected to our faith, and we look forward to continuing to grow in it as a family while teaching our children values such as kindness, compassion, honesty, and service to others.



OUR FUTURE

Our hope is to raise our child through every stage of life, guiding them to become the person God created them to be. We plan to stay in our current home and community for the long term, as it provides plenty of space for our family to grow and thrive. We live on a friendly cul-de-sac where neighbors truly care about one another. We smile and wave as we pass, stop to chat and catch up, and always look out for each other—especially keeping an eye on the kids playing outside. As time goes on, we hope to continue growing our family. We enjoy traveling both locally and internationally and look forward to exploring new places together when the time is right. We also love attending sporting events—especially football and baseball games—and hope to make those experiences a regular part of our family life.



EDUCATION

We value education and believe it plays an important role in helping a person navigate life and shape who they become. We plan to send our child to public school because we appreciate the diversity, community involvement, and opportunities for building social skills that public schools provide. We also hope to encourage and support them in pursuing a college education, as we believe it can open doors and help them develop their talents further. Most importantly, we want to support our child's individual passions and dreams, whatever path they choose, so they can grow into the person they were created to be. We know that every child grows and thrives differently. We want to make sure we find the best environment for them to thrive both academically and relationally too.



OUR PROMISES

We'll raise your child as our own, with complete devotion and unwavering commitment.

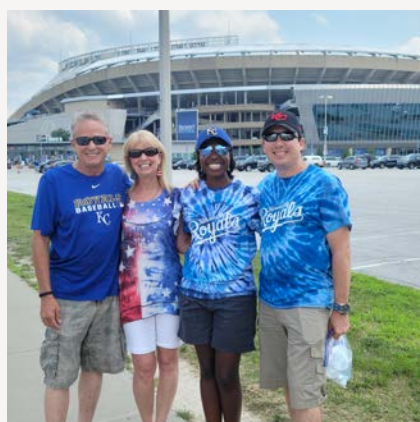
Encourage them to be the best person they can be. And celebrate who they uniquely are!

Share about how God loves them and teach them how to be solid in their faith.

Help them learn about you as their birth parents and how we all love them equally.

Assist them to get education, not just book knowledge, but also wisdom.

Stand by them through the different stages and challenges of life.



OUR CLOSE CONNECTED FAMILY

We have a close and loving relationship with our extended family. Some of our family members live nearby, while others are spread across different states and even continents. Whenever family visits from out of town, those who live locally always come together to share meals, exchange stories, and catch up on life. Each year, we also gather as a family for either Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, creating special memories filled with laughter and gratitude. Our family has been incredibly supportive of our adoption journey—they have written references for the agency, offered encouragement, and faithfully pray for us and for the future birth family. Their love and involvement mean so much to us as we prepare to grow our family through adoption.

Brian's Family

I am one of three children. My half-sister and half-brother both live in Missouri. I have one nephew and three nieces, ranging in age from one to 18 years old. Both my mom and dad are proud grandparents and go by "Grandma" and "Grandpa." Our family enjoys gathering for reunions and celebrating big birthdays together. I also have an aunt and uncle who live nearby, and we spend most holidays and special occasions with them, creating lasting memories and a strong sense of family connection. I am so grateful to have an extended family that is incredibly supportive and loving.

Grace's Family

I am one of eight children. Three of my siblings live in Europe, one in Australia, and the other three in Africa. Though our mom and dad have passed away, we are very close and thank God that we have each other. The distance between us is great, but we maintain a strong bond through frequent calls and visits. This December, we will be traveling to Sydney to visit family there. I also have close relatives who live in different states across the U.S., and we get to see each other often. I am blessed with twenty-three nieces and nephews whose ages range from newborn to 32 years old.



FAMILY TRADITIONS *we cherish*



CHRISTMAS & THANKSGIVING

We have hosted most of our family Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas celebrations at our home. Our families, both local and those who live out of town, come together so we can celebrate the holidays as one big family.

ALL THE LIGHTS

We love to play music while cooking and baking. One of our favorite things is our big backyard tree decorated with lights, along with the festive lights that hang on our house. We light them up for any special occasion, whether it's a holiday, birthday, or our wedding anniversary. It's become a fun neighborhood tradition too—our neighbor once asked us to light up the tree for his birthday!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

For birthdays, in addition to lighting up the festive lights, we always prepare a special dinner, order a cake, and take time to shop for meaningful gifts. These moments are filled with laughter, stories, and gratitude for another year together. Looking ahead, one tradition we are excited to add is offering a special "birthday blessing" for the person celebrating—a heartfelt moment where everyone shares kind words and prayers for their new year ahead. We look forward to creating even more traditions like this with a new addition to our family, building memories that are full of love, joy, and togetherness.





HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Our hope is to raise our child through every stage of life, guiding them to become the person God created them to be. We plan to stay in our current home and community for the long term, as it provides plenty of space for our family to grow and thrive. We look forward to raising our child in a lively, family-friendly neighborhood filled with activities for kids—like the annual Fourth of July bike parade, the cheerful ice cream truck that plays music as it rolls down the street, summer cookouts, and weekend playtimes with friends. We're also excited to share our love of exploring new places, introducing our child to different parts of the country and the world through our family adventures. In addition, we hope to nurture their interests by exposing them to theater, music, sports, and all kinds of experiences that spark curiosity and joy.

OPEN ADOPTION

Our hearts are always to have you be known in your child's life. We believe openness can be so beautiful to a child's overall well-being. A child grows through our biography, but their biology comes from their birth parents—and both are essential parts of who they are. Maintaining a connection with you, if you feel open to that, can be deeply meaningful. Helping them understand their story, identity, and heritage while giving them a sense of belonging and peace, knowing they are loved by many. Open adoption fosters honesty, emotional security, and a healthy environment where a child doesn't have to wonder about their past but can naturally embrace both sides of their story as they grow. We are comfortable with any level of openness and will always honor what feels right for everyone involved, keeping the child's well-being at the heart of every decision.







From our hearts to yours

We understand that this is not an easy decision, and we deeply honor the courage and love it takes to walk this path. From the moment we felt called to pursue adoption, we have been praying for you — for peace, clarity, and strength as you make this choice.

It takes great wisdom to discern the right path in difficult times, and it takes much faith to trust that decision once it's made. Our prayer is that God gently guides your heart toward the family He has chosen for your child — whether that is us or another loving family. Above all, we hope you find deep peace and comfort, and that you are surrounded by so much authentic support and care.

If you do choose us, please know that we will wholeheartedly love and nurture your child. We will cherish who they are, encourage their dreams, and walk alongside them as they grow into the person God created them to be.

With all our love,

Brian & Grace



YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE SO
INCREDIBLY LOVED. WE HOPE WE GET A
CHANCE TO KNOW YOU MORE AND HEAR
YOUR HEART ON HOW WE CAN HONOR
YOU IN THIS JOURNEY AHEAD.

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