



AARON *and* **BRI**

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hello

We can't imagine what you may be going through or what has led you to the decision you're making right now. But one thing is for certain; you are SO BRAVE. We know you only want what is best for your child, and adoption is an extremely honorable and selfless act of love.

We understand we can't possibly express everything about us in this small book, but we hope you will take away that we are a loving, adventurous, caring, happy family. More than anything, we would love to add another child (and you) into our family.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through our profile. No matter what decision you make, we hope to provide love and support to you in order to make this process as smooth and easy as possible.

Aaron and Bri



OUR *story*

We both went to college at the University of Northern Colorado. Although our paths had crossed multiple times throughout the years, we were never formally introduced. Aaron graduated in 2010 with his business degree. In January 2011, right around the time when I (Bri) was about to graduate with my Speech-Language and Audiology degree, my best friend begged me to go on a blind double date with her. Although I had reservations, I agreed. When I showed up, I was surprised (and excited) to see Aaron was my date! Aaron was thrilled to see a familiar face, as well. We hit it off right away and have been close to inseparable ever since. Aaron says he couldn't resist my genuine personality, and I loved how out-going and driven he was. After a year and a half of dating, Aaron proposed on Christmas morning surrounded by my family in Minnesota. A year and a half later, we were married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with 60 of our closest friends and family. We've been able to make it back to Cabo at least every year since we've been married and have every intention of continuing that tradition!



TINY SHOES ARE MADE FOR TINY FEET
MY TWO ARMS ARE MADE FOR WHERE YOU SLEEP
SKY WAS MADE FOR THE MOON AND STARS
YOU WERE MADE TO STEAL MY HEART
AND I WAS MADE FOR YOU, *yeah. I was made for you.*

JAKE OWEN



MEET *Bri*

BY AARON

When I first met Bri, I knew there was something special about her. What started as just a fun night out turned into seeing each other as much as possible. **I knew pretty quickly that Bri was the one I would spend the rest of my life with. It took Bri a little longer to come around, but I thank God every day that she did!** She's caring, supportive, and kind to everyone. She gives so much of her time and energy to other people. While we were dating, my job asked me to move away for ten months, and instead of being upset, Bri responded with support and understanding. This support rolls over into our marriage today as she helps keep me motivated in my career.

Bri, as a mother, is impressive to watch. She is continually telling Crew and Berkleigh how much she loves them. She has created a safe space where our kids know they can tell us anything. She has so much patience with them but also has a loving way to redirect them when needed.



MEET *Aaron*

BY BRI

It took me quite a while, and multiple tries to write this about Aaron. It seems like the words I'm putting down on paper don't do him justice, but here it goes... **Aaron is hands down the best husband and father I could've ever dreamed of – from the little notes he leaves me randomly to the love and laughter he brings out in our kids.** He is incredibly thoughtful of others and will strike up a conversation with anyone; I love how outgoing he is. Aaron is very grounded, hardworking, and understands how important it is to work for the things you want in life. I love to see him instilling these values into our kids' lives as well.

A few things Aaron can't live without are coffee, doing yard work, fishing, and camping/being outdoors. He is a very hands-on dad and is always telling me how thankful he is to have a flexible job where he can spend time with our family. Whether he's playing dolls and dressing up with Berkleigh or wrestling with Crew, I can full-heartedly say that being a Dad is one of Aaron's greatest passions.

OUR *kids*

CREW + BERKLEIGH



CREW, 4

Crew is our incredibly sweet, intelligent, and loving oldest child. He has a strong desire to learn and try new things. A few of his favorite things are Legos, playing baseball, reading, climbing (on anything and everything), and exploring outside. He takes being a big brother very seriously! He loves to teach Berkleigh new things and always wants to play with her. He is beyond ready to be a big brother to a new little babe!



BERKLEIGH, 2

Berkleigh is as sassy as she is sweet! She is our little firecracker, but also gives us the best snuggles. There isn't an ounce of shyness in her! She's always trying to keep up with her big brother. A few of her favorite things are playing dress up, singing, and playing with her babies. She is already such a little mama to her babies; we have no doubt she will be ecstatic to have a new baby join our family.





Our house is in a mature neighborhood, with huge trees and half-acre lots. We have two playgrounds within walking distance that we visit almost daily! We also love that we are so close to our quaint and safe "downtown" area where we can support our local businesses.

HOME *sweet home*

We recently moved and plan on this home to be our forever home! We've loved our new neighborhood for years; Aaron loved it so much that for the past year, he went door to door, asking if anyone was hoping to sell their home soon. Eventually, it paid off, and we are so excited to be in our dream home/neighborhood!

Our house has four bedrooms allowing each kiddo to have their own space. It has a large kitchen that's open to the living room area so we can all be comfortably together. We can't wait to bring a new baby into our home and continue to make lasting memories here as a family.



MEET OUR PUP, TULO!

Anyone you meet will tell you that Tulo was/is forever our first baby! She's a seven-year-old Boxer and is no doubt a huge part of our family. She is gentle, sweet, and still has quite a bit of spunk in her! It amazes us how well she's transitioned with us as we welcomed each of our kids home. She LOVES to curl up as close as she can get to the kids or us. She adores laying in the sun, joining us for our family walks, and running around the backyard with the kids. She is truly the most patient and loyal dog either of us has ever known.





WHY *adoption?*

WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT WE WANTED TO BE PARENTS,

but it wasn't until we actually became parents that we knew that this was what we were meant to be doing. We just simply LOVE being parents! We love the big moments of parenting and all of the small/quiet moments as well. We love hearing our kid's belly laughs, teaching them new things, reading with them every night before bed, and we love how our own relationship has grown since becoming parents. We would love to continue to grow our family and it's our hope and dream to do that through adoption. Adoption isn't a second choice for us, it's our first choice. After two very traumatic deliveries it just solidified why God had placed this strong desire adopt a child and grow our family through adoption.

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IT'S OUR *first* CHOICE.**

OUR families

Aaron's parents live about twenty minutes away from us. They're wonderful with the kids and are our go-to babysitters! Although "Uncle Andy" (Aaron's brother) lives in Idaho, we stay connected with him through Facetime and cherish the time spent together when he comes to visit.

Bri's parents split their time between Colorado during the warmer months of the year and Los Barilles, Mexico for the other six months of the year. They love being involved in every aspect of our kids lives; whether it's with our daily Facetime calls when they're in Mexico, or taking the kids to get ice cream when they're here. We also love going down to visit them and make memories in Mexico at least once a year.



BRI'S FAMILY



FUN WITH UNCLE ANDY!



AARON'S FAMILY



BRI'S SISTER + FAMILY



Bri's sister (Brooke) and husband (Ryan) and their three kiddos, Charleigh (9), Ripken (7) and Roczen (4) live just a short 10 minutes away from us. All of the kiddos love being together and get along so well. We love Sunday dinners and we adore just being together as a family!

We are so thankful that our two families get along so well! One of the things we love best about our families is that we're never forced to "choose" where to go on major holidays. It's our tradition that Aaron's parents and his brother come up to Bri's parent's house on Christmas morning. We love spending the day together as a whole family and see the magic through the kid's eyes.

Things we love



TIME WITH FAMILY
TRAVELING
CAMPING
EXPLORING
BEING OUTDOORS
HAVING DANCE PARTIES
SINGING AT THE TOP OF
OUR LUNGS IN THE CAR

SNUGGLES
OUR COMMUNITY
LAUGHING
OUR FRIENDS
BAKING
GOING ON
FAMILY WALKS
SWIMMING AT OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD POOL





OUR FRIENDS!

We have a very tight-knit group of friends with children around the same ages (and even more to come)! It's a blessing being in the same season of life as our closest friends. It's comforting knowing they are going through the same peaks and valleys as every family does when growing. We enjoy traveling together, camping together, weekly play-dates and everything in-between! Our friends have been some of our biggest cheerleaders throughout the adoption process as well. We truly believe "It takes a village" and we've got a pretty amazing village around us!



OUR TRAVELS





OUR *promise*

Our promise to you is that you will always have a place in our family and your child's life. We want you to be a part of his or her life so they understand and appreciate the incredible sacrifice you have made. Your child will always know where he or she came from and how much you loved them. **We promise** to always honor and protect their story.

We promise to love your child unconditionally. We will encourage and support them in whatever they decide to do. Whether they want to be an artist, a dancer, a scientist, or athlete, we will always be their biggest cheerleaders! **We promise** to provide an upbringing full of opportunities, laughter, love and traveling. **We promise** to raise him or her in a joyous environment surrounded by loving grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings. Lastly, **we promise** to raise your child to be confident, strong, compassionate and kind.

AARON, BRI, CREW *and* BERKLEIGH



FAMILY *profile*

Brianna Leigh

OCCUPATION: Stay at home mom
EDUCATION: Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Master's Elementary Edu.
RELIGION: Christian
DATE OF BIRTH: September 27, 1988
HAIR COLOR: Brown
EYE COLOR: Brown
HEIGHT: 5' 5"

Aaron Joseph

OCCUPATION: Insurance Advisor
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science - Business Administration Degree
RELIGION: Christian
DATE OF BIRTH: February 17, 1987
HAIR COLOR: Brown
EYE COLOR: Hazel
HEIGHT: 5' 10"

DATE OF MARRIAGE: April 4, 2014

CHILDREN:

Crew – 4 years old: Crew is hands down the best big brother and he truly takes pride in this role in our family. He has the biggest heart and loves to look out and care for his younger sister. He also climbs anything he can get his hands (and feet) on!

Berkleigh – 2 years old: Berkleigh is as sassy as she is sweet. She enjoys keeping us on our toes and chatting with everyone in our neighborhood. She loves babies, “pretty pretties” (jewelry/accessories), dancing and singing!

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: We enjoy traveling, hiking, camping, trying out new restaurants, hanging out with friends and family, finding new parks for the kids to play at, and just simple, cozy nights at home.

HOME: Our house is in a mature neighborhood, with huge tree’s and half acre lots. It has four bedrooms, so each kiddo can have their own space. It has a large kitchen that’s open to the living room area so we can all be comfortably together.

PETS: Tulo – Boxer dog, 7 years old

OPENNESS WITH BIRTH FAMILY: We would love nothing more than to have an open relationship with you. However, we respect and honor whatever decision you make, and we will let you guide us in the openness we share. We are open to occasional visits, sending pictures and updates as you wish!

CHILDCARE PLANS: After working as a 4th and 5th grade school teacher for the past 6 years, Bri has decided to stay home full time after the 2020 school year is over. She’s looking forward to spending more time at home with the kids!

