

A photograph of a man and a woman embracing outdoors. The man, Sebastian, is wearing a black polo shirt and has a beard. The woman, Claire, is wearing a white sleeveless top and has blonde hair. They are both smiling. The background is a dense wall of green bushes. A semi-transparent green banner is at the bottom of the image.

SEBASTIAN & CLAIRE

2101103



Dear expectant mother,

We are Seb and Claire.

.....

We have so much respect for the brave and loving choice you are making by considering adoption for your child. We are so grateful and humbled that you are taking this moment to learn more about us.

We don't know you or your story yet, but we pray for you daily. We can only imagine how many emotions you must be carrying, especially as you are making one of the most important decisions of your life and your precious child's life.

We want you to know that we are for you throughout this process and hope this experience feels as supportive and encouraging as possible. Our little family is so ready to grow, and we are honored that you might become an integral part of this journey. We hope these pages give you a glimpse into who we are, what we value, and the home we desire to build.

With love and gratitude,

Seb & Claire



Our wedding day in Redding, CA



Hiking in Glacier National Park

OUR STORY

meeting

We first met in New Zealand in 2015 while volunteering at a Christian sports adventure camp. At the end of the week, Claire was supposed to fly home, but she couldn't shake the feeling that she needed to stay a little longer. That unexpected decision led her to volunteer in Seb's youth group, where he was serving as a youth pastor at the time, and what began as an easy friendship slowly became something more.

From the beginning, we were drawn to one another's relationship with the Lord and a shared desire to live out our faith in meaningful ways, serving others and building lives that have an impact beyond ourselves. We quickly realized we also shared a love for adventure, a similar sense of humor, and the tendency to dream big and encourage each other to pursue those dreams. We've now been married for nine and a half years and genuinely remain best friends.

One of the most pivotal chapters in our marriage came after moving to Carlsbad in 2020, where we helped start a tech company with friends and discovered a shared passion for building businesses that positively impact people and culture.

Today, we still love doing life side by side, especially outdoors, traveling, discovering great food, and bringing our dog Tucker along for the adventure.



OUR *family's* VALUES

What matters most to us as a family is living a life rooted in faith, marked by authenticity, strong relationships, continual growth, joyful adventure, and meaningful impact. At the center of our family is our relationship with Jesus. Our faith shapes how we make decisions, spend our time, care for one another, and think about the life we are building together. We pray together regularly, seek God's wisdom, and trust Him through both the exciting and difficult moments of life.

We are also very intentional about staying connected and investing in our relationship. We start most mornings walking our dog Tucker together, talking through our day, checking in on how one another is doing, and asking how we can support and serve each other well. Since we both work from home, we get to do a lot of life side by side and intentionally make room for fun and adventure along the way. We value integrity, open communication, and continued growth, and we want our home to be a place where people feel known, supported, and encouraged to become who they were created to be.



CLAIRE

about me

I grew up in Columbus, Ohio with my mom, Lyn, my dad, Greg, and my older brother, Gregory. I had a wonderful childhood filled with people who loved me well and gave me a lot of freedom to play, explore, and enjoy life. I went on several mission trips in the States and overseas through middle school and high school, and my parents made sure we grew up being active in our community and giving back whenever possible. I am very grateful for growing up with this as such a foundational value system. Looking back, I can see how this foundation shaped so much of who I am today. Growing up I also loved gymnastics and cheerleading, and in high school I was a cross-country runner.

I am deeply relational and feel most energized when I am with people connecting and sharing life together. I love walking our dog Tucker, hiking, spending time at the beach, traveling, and sharing good food with people I love.

I care a lot about living a healthy life in mind, body, and spirit and helping create environments where others can thrive too. One of my greatest passions is helping people discover who they are, recognize their strengths, and step into the life they were created for. I also love building businesses alongside my husband and finding ways to solve problems and create meaningful impact together.

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Leland, Michigan

FAVORITE HOBBY

Hiking

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST

Kari Jobe

FAVORITE DESSERT

Tiramisu

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

The beach

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas



Adventuring in New Zealand



**Walking at the beach
with our dog, Tucker**

.....

MY WIFE

CLAIRE

by Seb

ADVENTUROUS,
FUN,
LOVING

Claire is a naturally beautiful and wonderful human. One of those people that so easily becomes a soul friend. She's fun, expressive, and always up for an adventure. I've watched Claire love our niece, nephew, and our friend's kids incredibly well. She knows how to get on a child's level and engage with them where they are without being a helicopter parent. We fell in love on adventures in New Zealand and around the world. I love that she knows how to have fun, stay connected during hard moments, and build great things. Claire is also made to be a mom. She's naturally nurturing, playful, and is really good at creating environments for people to thrive.



Visiting the Amalfi Coast in Italy

SEBASTIAN

about me

I was born in Sydney, Australia, but spent most of my growing up years in a small town in New Zealand called Hamilton. I love music and spent most of my younger years playing in orchestras, jazz bands, and singing in choirs all around the world. I moved to the USA around July 4th, 2015, to come and visit Claire's family and work at a Christian Camp in Northern California called JH Ranch. I love being in the great outdoors, especially the mountains, camping, hiking and building campfires. I love building businesses that transform the lives of the people around me and bring prosperity to communities. I am naturally alive around great people doing good for society and really care about building the infrastructure of the future.



fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Whitefish, Montana

FAVORITE ITEM TO COLLECT

Books

FAVORITE HOBBY

Building businesses and traveling to new places

FAVORITE DESSERT

New Zealand Chocolate and Sour Worms

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

The mountains

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

Steak



Fishing in Montana



Seb grilling in our backyard

.....

MY HUSBAND

S E B A S T I A N

(Seb)

by Claire

INTENTIONAL,
KIND,
PLAYFUL

One of the things I love most about Seb is that he is truly my best friend. We genuinely enjoy being together no matter what we are doing, whether that's dreaming about the future, solving big problems, building businesses, or simply being silly and laughing together. I admire how intelligent, capable, and thoughtful he is, but what stands out even more is his character. Seb is deeply grounded in integrity, humility, kindness, and service to others. He is hardworking and conscientious, but he also leads with care and creates environments where people feel supported and able to thrive.

Children naturally gravitate toward Seb and feel safe and loved around him. My niece and nephew, Ben and Murphy, absolutely adore him, and he is always quick to get down on their level, play, and engage with them. I see that same gentleness with our dog Tucker too. I know without a doubt he will be an incredible father and create a home where his children feel deeply known, encouraged, and loved.



Seb at Liberty University

WELCOME TO OUR HOME

We live in Carlsbad, California, and one of our favorite things about living here is how easy it is to enjoy everyday life. The weather is beautiful year-round, so we spend a lot of time outside. Most days you can find us walking our dog Tucker, going to the beach, meeting friends for dinner, or finding a new place to explore.

Claire's mom lives just down the street, which means family is a regular part of our lives, and we get to stay closely connected. Our community is made up of family, close friends, and many of the people we work and build with. Even though some of our friends live across California and the country, we stay in close contact and see each other often. We've built a life that feels connected, active, and full of people we genuinely enjoy doing life with.



Our favorite beach with
Claire's family



At a soccer game
with friends



Out to dinner
with friends

OUR DOG, TUCKER

.....



Tucker is our 5-year-old Schnoodle, and he has been part of our family for almost four years after we adopted him as a one-year-old rescue. He quickly became part of the rhythm of our everyday life. He is quirky, playful, and full of personality and energy. Tucker loves playing ball, going on his 3-4 walks a day, and then finding the perfect spot in the house to curl up and nap. Over the years he has collected quite a few nicknames, including Tuckeroo, Tucky Too Too, Mr. Moo, Tuckeroonies, and Tuck Tuck. He does really well with children and is very playful. Tucker is usually right in the middle of whatever we are doing and has brought so much joy, fun, and companionship into our home.



At Big Bear in the snow



**At the New York Stock
Exchange taking our
company public**



**Thailand mission's trip
and vacation**



**Jet boating with Seb's
family in New Zealand**



**Exploring a beach
near our house**

OUR

HOBBIES

.....

We enjoy spending our free time exploring, being outside, and sharing experiences together. Since we travel often and work closely with our friends, a lot of our life naturally blends work, adventure, and time with people we care about. We genuinely enjoy what we do, so it often feels less like work and more like getting to build and create alongside people we love.

Recently, we've started exploring some new hobbies together, including golf and tennis, and Claire has been getting back into pottery. Weekends are usually pretty simple and often include long walks with Tucker, exploring a new beach town, wandering through a fun neighborhood, finding good food, or spending time with friends and family. More than anything, these are the things that help us stay active, connected, and enjoy life together.

OUR TRADITIONS

One of the things we look forward to most each year is time with family and creating memories together. We usually take a few trips each year with both sides of our family and love having dedicated time to slow down and enjoy being together.

We like to spend time at Lake Michigan with Claire's family, as well as time in Queenstown, New Zealand with Seb's family when able. We also love celebrating holidays like Christmas and the Fourth of July, whether that means gathering at our house or traveling somewhere together.

We usually take a few trips throughout the year as a couple and sometimes with close friends as well. Some days hold extra meaning for us each year, including our birthdays, our anniversary, Christmas, and remembering Claire's dad. These traditions give us space to celebrate, reflect, and enjoy life with the people we love most.



Easter in our backyard



Christmas at our house



4th of July with Claire's family



Visiting Seb's family in New Zealand



**Claire's mom, brother, and photo of dad
at our wedding**



**Seb's family at our
wedding**

EXTENDED FAMILY



Family is a very important part of our lives, and we feel incredibly grateful to have close relationships with both sides of our family. Claire's mom, Lyn, lives just down the street from us, so she is woven into our everyday life as she helps with our dog Tucker almost daily.

Claire's brother, Gregory, his wife Lauren, and their two children, Ben and Murphy, live about an hour and a half away, and we make it a priority to see them regularly. We especially love getting time with the kids and being part of their lives as they grow. Seb's family lives in Australia and New Zealand, so while we don't get everyday proximity with them, we stay closely connected through regular calls and make time to see each other a couple of times each year.

We are both very close with our families and feel deeply supported by them. Family relationships are something we value and intentionally invest in. Our child will grow up surrounded by people who are excited, involved, and eager to play an active role in their life through regular time together, shared traditions, and ongoing connection.



**Lunch in New Zealand
with Seb's parents**



**Claire's mom, sister-in-law,
and niece**

ADOPTION & PARENTING

.....

We have felt drawn to build our family through adoption for a long time. We really love children and connect deeply with being able to give them a loving home in which to be raised and thrive in. We still pray and believe that we will have biological children as well, but we mostly long for children to share life with, invest in, and raise in a loving and connected home. We feel excited and so ready for this season of life.

Adoption also feels familiar to us. Claire grew up with a cousin who was adopted from Korea as a baby, and she was always simply family. In addition, Seb grew up with adoption as a normal part of his extended family as well.

We also come from a diverse extended family with different cultures and backgrounds represented, which has always felt very normal and enriching to us. As parents, our hope is to create a home where children feel deeply loved, supported, and free to become who they were created to be.

ON OPENNESS:

Our desire when it comes to openness is to build a relationship that feels caring, respectful, and supportive for everyone involved. We believe a child's story matters and that their birth family will always be an important part of that story. We would be open to sharing pictures, letters, phone calls, and visits and would hope for at least one in-person visit each year, with flexibility depending on location and what feels comfortable for everyone. We are also open to direct communication and ongoing conversation after placement because we know relationships grow and change over time. More than anything, our heart is that our child would always know they are deeply loved and that their birth family is spoken about with honor, gratitude, and care.

.....



Seb reading to our friend's kiddos



Hanging out with our friend's kiddos



Out with our niece and nephew

FAMILY

INFORMATION

Father's Name: Sebastian

Occupation: Partner in Sandbox Fund and Venture Founder

Education: Undergraduate degree from Auckland University, Currently enrolled in a Master's program from Liberty University

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 8/15/1993



Mother's Name: Claire

Occupation: Life Coach and Partner in Sandbox Fund

Education: Trade school

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 2/5/1987

Date of marriage: 3/25/2017

Interest and hobbies: We enjoy spending our free time being outside, exploring, and sharing experiences together. Since we travel often and work closely with friends, a lot of our life naturally blends work, adventure, and time with people we care about. Recently, we've started exploring some new hobbies together, including golf and tennis, and Claire has been getting back into pottery. Weekends are usually simple and include walks with Tucker, exploring a beach town, finding good food, or spending time with friends and family. More than anything, we enjoy staying active, connected, and enjoying life together.

Home: We live in Carlsbad, California, and love how easy it is to enjoy everyday life here. We spend a lot of time outside and most days include walks with Tucker, time at the beach, trying a new place, or gathering with friends. Claire's mom lives just down the street, so family is a regular part of our life. Our community is made up of family, close friends, and people we work and build with, and we've created a life that feels connected, active, and full.

Pets: Tucker is our 5-year-old Schnoodle, and he has been part of our family for almost four years after we adopted him as a one-year-old rescue. He is quirky, playful, and full of personality and energy. He loves playing ball, going on his 3-4 walks each day, and finding the perfect spot to curl up and nap. Over the years he's collected plenty of nicknames, including Tuckeroo, Tucky Too Too, Mr. Moo, Tuckeroonies, and Tuck Tuck. Tucker does great with children and brings so much joy, fun, and companionship to our home.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We have felt drawn to build our family through adoption for a long time because we deeply love children and desire to create a home where they feel loved, supported, and able to thrive. While we still hope to have biological children, our greatest desire is simply to share life with and raise children. Adoption also feels familiar to us through both of our families, and we value the diversity and richness that different backgrounds and stories bring.

Childcare plans: Once we receive placement, we are very grateful to be able to be full-time parents. We both have a lot of flexibility in the work we do and are grateful to have the ability to choose how we spend our time, which allows us to be very present and involved in our children's everyday lives. One of the things Claire looks forward to most is getting to be a stay-at-home mom and creating a home that feels connected, supportive, and full of life. We feel very grateful to have the flexibility and support to prioritize family in this season.

THANK YOU SO MUCH



Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile and consider us as parents for your child. It means so much to us that you would spend time getting to know our story, our values, and the kind of family we hope to build. If entrusted with your child, we promise to provide a loving, stable, and nurturing home where they will always know their story, their worth, and how deeply they are loved. We hope to raise them with kindness, curiosity, strong connection, and a deep sense of belonging while always honoring the love that brought them into our lives. We know this is an important and deeply personal decision, and we are praying that you feel peace, clarity, and support as you move forward. More than anything, we hope you feel cared for and encouraged in this season. We believe God has a beautiful plan for you, for this child, and for us, and we pray that He guides, protects, and brings peace to each step ahead.

With love and gratitude,

Seb and Claire

