

# BEN & BRITTANY

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# Hello!

We want to begin by acknowledging that we cannot imagine what you are going through right now, all that you are feeling and experiencing in this very moment as you read this. We have been praying for you as you pick up this book during what must be an incredibly hard time. **Please know how deeply our hearts are with you and for you as you weigh your options and seek to make the decision that is best for you and your child.** We know that as a mother who loves her baby, the decision you make will be the best one for you both.

As you pursue all your options, we are so humbled that you are taking the time to pick up our book and get to know us a little. We hope you will be able to get a picture of who we are from the pages that follow. **We are honest, hardworking, laughter-loving, best friends and partners who are so ready and excited to start our family through adoption!** We have a strong, loving marriage; a warm, cozy home; stable, rewarding jobs; and a supportive, amazing community of friends and family that share our joy in this journey.

We have been married for two years and knew before we were married that adoption would be part of our story. Brittany found out at a very young age that she would not be able to have children biologically. **While it was devastating news to learn as a young adult, knowing about her infertility for so long has allowed her to be excited about adoption for the last ten years!** When we met, Ben jumped on board with the adoption dream; and now, after two years of enjoying married life, we are excited to welcome, love and care for a beautiful baby. **We can't wait to love a child unconditionally by celebrating where they come from, embracing their culture, and helping them discover who they are and who they want to be.** We are by no means perfect, but side by side, together with God and our community, we are confident that we will be great parents and we can't wait to begin that next chapter of our lives!

We know you are likely looking at many different books and weighing all your options. No matter what you choose, we know you are making this decision from a place of love for your child and you have our full support. **Our deepest desire is that you would feel loved, supported and honored throughout this process, and empowered to make the decision that is right for you.** We are grateful for the time you are taking to get to know us and we are praying for you!

Ben + Brittany



## Our Story

Our story began around 6 years ago when Ben walked into the church where Brittany worked as one of the pastors. **Since Brittany was often up in front of the church, Ben got to know her from afar and was drawn to her passion, her love for people and her great sense of humor.** Ben was much more quiet, volunteering every Sunday to set up their Sunday service that met in a school. **Brittany noticed how faithful and humble this quiet, yet confident man was, serving faithfully in such a behind the scenes way without recognition or praise.**

One day, Ben took a risk and asked Brittany to go golfing with him, and after spending 10 hours together we knew without a doubt that we had found something special. We fell in love hard and fast and were married a year later! **We have been married for a few years now and we can both honestly say that it has only gotten better and better every day!**



# Why We Are Adopting

Adoption has always been our plan to have a family.

For as long as Brittany can remember, her greatest desire was to be a mother. But at age 26, she found out she would not be able to have children biologically. While it was devastating news, **God had already been preparing her heart for adoption since she was a young girl.** Brittany's mother remembers her talking about adopting a baby long before she ever knew about her infertility. She later went on to live and work with orphans in South Africa and discovered first-hand how easily she could love those children who were not biologically related to her. **When she and Ben met 7 years after her diagnosis, she shared her adoption hopes with Ben and he jumped on board!**

Since we got married, we have been prayerfully discerning the right time to begin this journey and we believe the time has come! We couldn't be more excited to see what the future holds for us!



We love the kids in our life so much and can't wait to love our own even more!



## Meet Brittany

Hi, I'm Brittany! I grew up in a beach town in California & have lived here most of my life. Apart from my faith, people are the most important thing in my life & so my favorite thing to do is to spend time with Ben, our friends & our families. **Any opportunity I have to spend time with people I love is my favorite!**

I am a pastor at a small, local church that I helped start 8 years ago. **I am entrusted with counseling women, teaching the Bible & helping our people grow in spiritual & emotional health.** Since I am a people person & my job is all about helping & serving people, it is pretty much a dream job for me!

**I have always adored children & can often be found off playing with the kids at a party or gathering.** My friends' children & my nephew are some of my favorite humans & I cherish any time I get to spend with them!

When it comes to being a mom in the future, I am so excited to help our children discover who they are & what they love. **Most of all, I want to make sure they know every day how unconditionally loved, valued & supported they are by us!**



*Friends say I am...*

Loyal, thoughtful, caring, fun,  
dependable, supportive, funny

*A few of my favorite things:*

Hanging out with friends  
Reading, Cooking, Snowboarding  
Going to the beach



## Brittany in Ben's Words

**"Brittany is a fun-loving, beautiful, confident woman with a tremendous heart for people and just as big of a heart for children."**

When I think of what would make a great mother, she has all the qualities I could imagine. She is the favorite aunt to all of our friends' kids because she is so loving and so much fun. She is kind, generous and nurturing. I know our children will feel so loved, protected and always feel seen and heard."

## Meet Ben

Hi, I'm Ben! I grew up not far from where we live now & am the oldest of 5 siblings. **I loved growing up in a big family & I hope to share some of the traditions that we had with our family.** Two years ago I married the girl of my dreams & we are really excited to start our family through adoption.

I work in a construction trade which provides stable, steady work that allows me to work with my hands & be a bit creative. I really enjoy working hard, doing a good job & then getting to come home after a solid days work.

When I am not working, I am an avid golfer & love getting outside & playing golf with my friends. **I am definitely a creative person, so art & music are passions of mine.** I love discovering new music & savoring old favorites; & if I can do that while painting or drawing, that's the best!

I am really excited to teach my children new things. While I look forward to sharing my passions with them, I mostly want to help them figure out what their passions are & encourage them to pursue those things. **I hope to be their biggest encourager & supporter, knowing that no matter what they pursue, we believe in them & love them unconditionally.**



*Friends say I am...*

Kind, patient, hardworking, creative,  
humble, faithful, fun

*A few of my favorite things:*

Playing golf  
Art, Music, Making salsa  
Hanging out with friends



## *Ben in Brittany's Words*

"I can't believe I get to be married to a man like Ben. **He is the most kind, patient & humble man I've ever met.** No matter what is happening, he is a calming presence, steady & secure in every way. He isn't easily flustered, angered or bothered & has so much grace for everyone around him. Plus he is really fun & knows how to make me laugh! As a father, I have no doubt that he will be his children's safe place, where they feel fully loved, protected, cared for & supported."



# Our Home

Our favorite place to spend time is our home. It is cozy, warm and filled with lots of laughter and love.

**We feel incredibly fortunate to live in a wonderful neighborhood one block away from the ocean.** We often walk down to meet friends at the beach or even spontaneously walk down to watch the sunset. One block the other direction is a little main street filled with quaint shops and great restaurants. Even our grocery store is in walking distance!

**We adore living in an area where we can walk most places but has the slow pace of a beach town rather than the fast pace of a big city.** At the same time, being in Southern California, we're only a short drive away from the mountains, the desert and a few big cities. There is no shortage of places to explore and things to do!



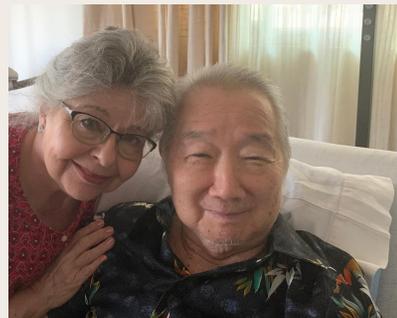
# Meet Our Families



## BEN'S FAMILY

**Ben's family is warm, caring and kind. They make everyone feel welcome and part of the family right away.** His family is full of incredibly creative people including musicians and artists, and they really encourage each other's creativity.

Ben is the big brother of the family being the oldest of 5 siblings: four boys and one girl. He is also a fantastic uncle to two young nephews on his side. His parents have been happily married for 45 years! They adore being grandparents and are so excited to welcome more children into the family!



# BRITTANY'S FAMILY

**Brittany's family is warm, friendly & love to make people laugh & feel welcome.** She is the middle of three siblings, with an older brother & a younger sister. Her brother has blessed her with a sweet & loving nephew who is 5 & looking forward to being a big brother figure to his future cousins.

Brittany & her sister are best friends & are both beginning to grow their families at the same time, which they hope will result in a bunch of cousins that are also great friends! Although her father passed away four years ago, her mother & step-father are incredible grandparents & are so excited for more grandbabies!



# Meet Our Community

We are so blessed to have so many friends that feel like family.  
They are all so excited to welcome a new member to the family!



Between our church community or our close-friend group, we are surrounded by some of the best people on earth and we know our future children will be just as blessed by their friendships as we have been!

# We want to be a family who...



has lots of fun!



vacations outdoors  
and enjoys creation!



spends time together!



savors life!



serves our community!



encourages silliness!



laughs often!



loves well!

# Family Information

**Father's name:** Ben

**Occupation:** Fire Sprinkler Fitter

**Education:** AA, Art

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** April 19, 1977

**Hair color:** Brown

**Eye color:** Hazel

**Height:** 5'10"

**Ethnicity:** Korean & Caucasian

**Health:** Excellent

**Mother's name:** Brittany

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Education:** BA, Psychology / MA, Theology

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** October 23, 1983

**Hair color:** Blonde

**Eye color:** Blue

**Height:** 5'7"

**Ethnicity:** Caucasian

**Health:** Excellent

**Date of marriage:** June 15, 2018

**Finances:** Secure and Stable

**Children in home:** None yet

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**Interests and hobbies:** Ben loves golfing, art & music. Brittany loves reading, cooking, hanging out with friends & going to the beach. Together they enjoy cooking new meals, going on walks in their neighborhood & hanging out with their friends.

**Home:** Our cozy home is in a wonderful neighborhood one block away from the ocean. One block the other direction is a little main street filled with quaint shops & great restaurants. We adore living where we can walk most places but has the slow pace of a beach town.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** Brittany has always had a desire to adopt but at age 26 she learned that she would not be able to have children biologically. This made the decision to pursue adoption even easier. When Brittany and Ben got together, he jumped on board with the adoption plan & we can't wait to see what our future holds!

**Openness to birthparent(s):** Our desire is to have the healthiest relationship we possibly can with you. We are willing to be as open as you are as long as it is a healthy situation & in the best interest of the child. Depending on your level of openness, we would love to provide you with photos & letters at the least; but we are open to visits & phone calls if that is something that we can work out!

**Childcare plans:** Brittany's job is incredibly flexible & allows her to work from home most of the time. Once a baby is placed in our care, Brittany will go down to part-time in order to be home with the baby. We also have 2 sets of local grandparents who are excited to spend time with their grandchild when we need extra help!



Thank you for learning a little about us!  
We are praying for you and we hope to have the opportunity to meet you one day!

A photograph of a man and a woman walking together in a grassy field. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and black pants. The woman is on the right, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt and black pants. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a clear sky. The text "Thank you!" is written in a white, cursive font in the upper right quadrant of the image.

*Thank you!*