
Aaron and Mimi
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hello,

We are Aaron and Mimi

We have not yet met, but we cherish your decision to keep your child. The Bible teaches that life begins at conception. That precious soul that you carry, God knitted together to bear His image, and is given the purpose to enjoy and worship Him, not only in this lifetime, but for eternity. It takes so much courage to endure the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of carrying another life. We pray that wherever you are right now in your journey, God draws near to those who call on His name.

God reveals Himself to His people as the ultimate reality of justice, holiness, mercy, and goodness. The brokenness and pain we experience in this life is our separation from a Holy God because of our shortcomings or sin. The peace and joy we desire can only come from a restored relationship with God the Father through His son Jesus Christ, who died and forgives us if we put our faith and hope in Him. Our spiritual adoption is a central theme to our faith.

We want you to know that our decision to parent is a high calling, a desire to raise your child in a place that they can confidently call home, a place of warmth and protection, that points them to Christ. We pray that God will give you clarity and peace in your decision in where you place your child.

Aaron & Mimi



our story

meet us

Mimi and I (Aaron) both grew up in Southern California - Anaheim and Irvine, respectively. We eventually met at church, when Mimi started attending the church that I (Aaron) grew up in. However, I was away for college in the San Francisco Bay Area, and therefore only around for weeks at a time. Mimi was even surprised to find a photo in which we were on the same Mexico mission trip together! But of course, I was aware of her the entire time.

Years later, Mimi was giving up her own time to host a visitor from Japan, showing her around to the beach, the Grand Canyon, and very soon after, San Francisco. This became a touch point to exchange recommendations and yes, phone numbers, in case they needed help. I look back at this event as very telling of her sacrificial love for people, her interest in cultures, and her sense of adventure. For Mimi, I was told that it was my good reputation among the church family that intrigued her, and in her own words, my smile too. What drew us together was the surprise of easy conversation, from superficial to deep matters, especially during our first trial of long-distance dating.

We got married in October 2016. Despite a career change for Mimi, a few health scares for each of our parents, and a couple big moves of home and church, the Lord has continued to sustain us and grow us as a unit under Christ. Our communication has matured, grounding more deeply in Scripture rather than opinion, and our mission as a family has only become more assured.



Hiking in Hawaii



Visiting Multnomah Falls in Oregon



Aaron leading worship at church



Visiting Big Bear in the snow

our family's values

Since the beginning of even our dating relationship, we have affirmed that we should love God even more than we do one another. This proper order clarifies our priorities and overcomes the temptation to create expectations of one another as if they were our god. Our sacrifice and our trust come from a place of complete security in Christ, and our decision-making is simpler as we work to submit ourselves to the truths that God has revealed in His Scripture.

This world is filled with confused philosophies and wishy-washy "winds of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:11-15), so we intentionally surround ourselves with Christian community as much as possible. Biblical truth is part of daily life in order to keep our eyes on what truly lasts beyond this decaying world - on "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable" (Philippians 4:8).

As parents, this is our greatest desire for our children - that they would glorify Christ and enjoy Him forever. More than any earthly achievement of privilege or comfort, or fleeting "happiness." We commit to exemplify this pursuit personally, and to shape the life of our child around this singular aim. We've prayed about having a family motto and what we decided is this: "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5). We pray that we may live out a genuine faith, an outpouring of God's love in us unto others.



Mimi

about me

I grew up in Anaheim, CA with my mother, just down the street from Disneyland. In my childhood, I attended a small Thai church in a neighboring city. I've loved drawing, baking, cooking, and learning various musical instruments since childhood, but photography was and still is my favorite. After high school, I went to Biola University for my nursing degree and started attending the church where I would eventually meet my husband, Aaron. After finishing grad school, I married Aaron in 2016.

Currently, I work as a clinical nurse practitioner focusing in cardiology. I am very passionate about preventative and holistic health, trying to educate whenever I can. This field can be emotionally taxing on most days, so to decompress, I truly enjoy putting on a good podcast or sermon while I clean and organize the home or go on a walk outside. When I'm not managing the household, reading, or having quality time with Aaron, we spend time in fellowship with our church family or close relatives over good food. In my prayers, if God wills it in His timing, I desire to be a full-time mom, inspired by the instructions of Scripture to teach and talk about loving God with our children, whether we sit or walk or lie down or rise up (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT
Japan

FAVORITE HOBBY
Photography and Baking

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD
Farm, zoo, or museum

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD
Shabu shabu (Japanese hot pot)

FAVORITE BOOK
The Bible

FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY
Farmer's Marker or local grocery shopping



Taking photos on our front porch



New Year's Red Envelope
with our nephew, Wesley



Mimi loves organizing!

my wife

Mimi

by Aaron

attentive,
passionate,
orderly

I was immediately drawn to Mimi's depth, her love of God and people, and her sense of adventure. When we got a chance to talk, even just as friends, the conversation would organically bounce from movie analysis, to life goals, to cultures and food, to what God is teaching us, and back to childhood TV shows.

One essential trait is the amount of energy and thoughtfulness she pours into others. Even the newest friends will remark at receiving a "Happy Anniversary!" text, and one friend recently told me that he only remembered to do the online check-in to his flight because he received a "praying for safe travels tomorrow!" from Mimi.

Another story is when we were dating long-distance, and I had been planning to travel home to see her over a holiday weekend. Mimi caught wind that I would be missing a church retreat to do so, and as limited as our opportunities to see each other were, she told me to stay in San Francisco so that I could attend the retreat. She prioritized my spiritual health over her own desires, which I found to be so rare and so caring.



Aaron

about me

I grew up in Irvine, CA, and was blessed to have two parents who strived to have me experience every sport, every food "at least once," and have every opportunity to succeed in life. They then gave me enough space to decide what I wanted to continue, allowing me to develop independence and analytical skills. So that's one thing about me: I quite enjoy researching options and taking time to consider the pros and cons of each, whether it's electric vehicles vs gas, my next running shoe, or how to structure the flow of my dental practice.

My calling is to invest in those whom God has placed around me in every context. At work, I lead a team of 12, and I've witnessed how Christian virtues speak new life into toxic situations that often just feel like it's "everyone for themselves." I also enjoy learning and training in sports, but not as much as the opportunity to connect with people through them. And of course, I've embraced my household and my church family as my highest callings to be pouring myself into, respectively.

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Japan

FAVORITE HOBBY

Sports/Fitness/Nutrition and fellowship through them

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas!

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

My mom's trademark Filipino dish, Adobo pork ribs

FAVORITE BOOK

The Bible, especially the book of Romans

FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY

A strenuous workout followed by excellent food



Dental school graduation



Dental Missions in the Philippines



Our favorite beach in Oahu

my husband

Aaron

by Mimi

patient, servant-leader, nurturer

Since my husband Aaron was away for college, I only heard about his good reputation. Various leaders, peers, and even one certain person who was known to be cynical about life, all had good things to say about Aaron. Intrigued, we went on a casual hangout, and it was such a surprise. I loved that he listened and we could talk about everything, from meaningful spiritual matters to the silliest things.

I love that Aaron is a servant-leader. He certainly makes my role as a wife enjoyable. He is gentle, helpful, and invites honest conversations in the decision making. Even while growing his dental practice, he participates in the chores, cooking, cleaning, and grocery shopping - I am truly blessed!

He is also a nurturer. His gentle and sobering affection helps calm me when the days are difficult. The way he plays with his nephews, encourages me of his adoration for little ones. My husband, overall, brings joy into my life. He chooses to live out Ephesians 5:25-29, pointing me to Christ for the sake of my holiness. I want you to know that I am thankful for my husband's perseverance and devotion in this marriage, which I know one day he would make a great father.

Welcome to our home

We enjoy our little condo in Tustin, CA, tucked into a quiet suburban neighborhood overlooking a beautiful golf course. Our neighbors are mixed with young families, retirees, and many dog walkers. Our community has a gated pool, tennis court, and playground. We are thankful for the many healthy food options right around us, like Costco, Trader Joes, or Sprouts, as well as Asian and other cultural varieties.

Throughout the year, we attend Bible Study in a church member's home every other Friday. On Friday nights when we don't have Bible Study, we'll often relax and get take-out or watch a movie on the couch together (but sometimes ending up falling asleep). On the weekends, we might spend time with Aaron's side of the family who live nearby, including 5 nieces and nephews.

We also fellowship regularly with other church families, taking trips to San Diego or exploring new restaurants. We try to meet up regularly with friends, both together and separately.



Nephews' first time in the snow!



Relaxing in our living room



5k with Aaron's parents!



Visiting an artsy museum in Japan



Hiking in San Francisco



Enjoying a basketball game together

OUR hobbies

Individually, Aaron enjoys exercising (surfing, tennis, basketball, weightlifting), drawing, and watching movies, while I (Mimi) like reading, cleaning, researching recipes online, learning about fitness, taking photos, and napping. Together, we take long walks and talk about what God is teaching us through church, work, and life. We also try to take the opportunity to travel and appreciate God's vast creation, as well as remind ourselves of perspectives outside of our own regular walk of life.

If Aaron is not working on Saturday, we love taking day trips to San Diego or the beach, and church on Sunday helps to anchor our hearts and minds for the coming week.



Aaron's family at a baseball game



Cousin's trip to Big Bear



Cooking together at home

OUR traditions

Aaron's family has always been big on tradition, spending all of the significant holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter together, often playing cheesy games and eating a mix of American and Japanese food. New Year's is an especially significant event, in which we split up assignments to prepare the traditional Japanese food, then spend two whole days together assembling and enjoying the dishes. This is Aaron's dad's side, which includes his brother, aunt and uncle, cousins, and a growing number of nieces and nephews, all with the same faith. We also now have an annual Cousins' Trip, like up to the mountains or into the desert!

These traditions provide stability, grow our contentment in the simple things, and maintain our connection even though we have busy and separate lives. We also try to cherish these last years with Aaron's grandparents, who are 92 and 101 years old.

EXTENDED family

Aaron's extended family all live within 15 minutes of each other. He grew up with a younger brother and two younger cousins that all lived close enough to attend the same high school. They all grew up in the church together too, so values align really well. Those cousins even married two of his friends that he's known since elementary school! These couples now have kids of their own and we love spending time together - most birthdays, and every holiday, so at least every couple of months. We tend to see Aaron's parents and brother's family every month or so.

We are blessed with supportive family on both sides. Through the years, Mimi's family has grown and moved across the country and internationally, so when we do get together, it typically is a big reunion at least once a year. We generally see her Mom every few months, as she keeps very busy serving in the church, although she is eager to be even more involved with a future grandchild.



Aaron's Grandpa's 100th Birthday



Teppanyaki on Father's Day



Making Thai desserts with Mimi's mom

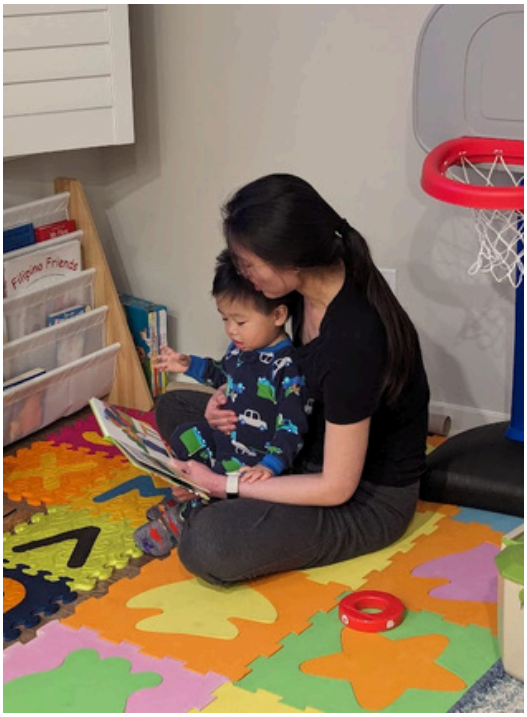


Mimi's family being silly!

Playing forts with nephew Cody



Reading books with nephew Wesley



ADOPTION & *parenting*

There are many wrong reasons to be a parent - to live vicariously through children, to leave a legacy, to have someone to take care of them in old age... But we believe that parents are called to truly sacrifice their own time, comfort, pride, and even expectations for the benefit of the child that God entrusts to them. This is an act of trust in Him because through the sacrifice and the discomfort, we know that He will use all of it to bring us closer to Him, keeping our eyes on eternity, and supplying us with unshakable peace and unconditional joy.

Adoption is central to the Christian story - we are adopted into God's family not because we have earned His attention or His blessing, but solely because He has chosen to love us and make a way for us to be with Him eternally. We pray even now that our future child would come to know this love.

We hope to be able to offer not just physical shelter, but a real place to call home, where a child would know that they are loved and protected, and from which they could securely explore the world outside.

ON OPENNESS:

We embrace open adoption because we believe in truth and in the worthiness of human relationships, although complex. We've learned that some adopted children miss out on some aspect of their identity when they don't know where they come from, and so depending on the child, information about their birth family could help in those times of angst and insecurity that we all experience growing up.

We hope to bring you peace of mind in your decision by keeping you in the loop about this life that you've been able to help provide for your baby.

We also take the calling of parenting the child to be our unique responsibility, and hope that in time, a real friendship with you can be possible.

FAMILY information



Father's Name: Aaron

Occupation: Dentist

Education: Doctorate of Dental Surgery

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 1/7/1990



Mother's Name: Mimi

Occupation: Nurse Practitioner

Education: Master's of Science in Nursing

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 9/3/1988

Date of marriage: 10/9/2016

Interests and hobbies: Aaron enjoys fitness (basketball, surfing, tennis, weightlifting), music (guitar, singing), and especially connecting with people through these means. Mimi loves reading, cleaning, photography, long walks, baking, fitness, and deep conversations.

Home: Tustin and Irvine are quiet suburbs with tons of parks, excellent schools, walking trails, swimming pools, and community classes. It's safe enough that we are able to take our evening walks without fear, and you will almost always find other people out exercising as well.

We are 20 minutes from the beach (without traffic), 2 hours from the mountains, and only 10 minutes away from Grandma and Grandpa.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? Adoption is central to the Christian story - we are adopted into God's family not because we've earned it, but solely because He has chosen to love us and make a way for us to be with Him eternally. We pray even now that our future child would come to know this love.

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Childcare plans: We plan to have Mimi transition to full-time childcare. Thankfully both of us have parents close by, as well as multiple trustworthy church families around who are willing to help out or join in playdates, but we want to take seriously the responsibility of nurturing and training our child.

Our focus in training goes beyond external obedience, guiding the child's heart and motivations toward godly affections.



THANK YOU

so much

While our deepest desire is to be chosen, we don't consider ourselves to be any more worthy than the other families. We just know that your precious child is worthy of being loved. We are far from perfect, but by God's grace and mercy, we are thankful for each day that the Lord has made, to enjoy Him, our marriage, our family, and the opportunities He's prepared for us.

If chosen, we promise to be committed in caring for your child, to raise them in a home that is warm and safe, and to teach them the ways of God in how to be a blessing to others in this world. We pray that the Lord would bless you with clear discernment, peace of mind, physical safety, and a growing relationship with Him as you process all of this and make the best decision for you and your baby.

Love in Christ,

Aaron and Mimi

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