

Matthew and Trish

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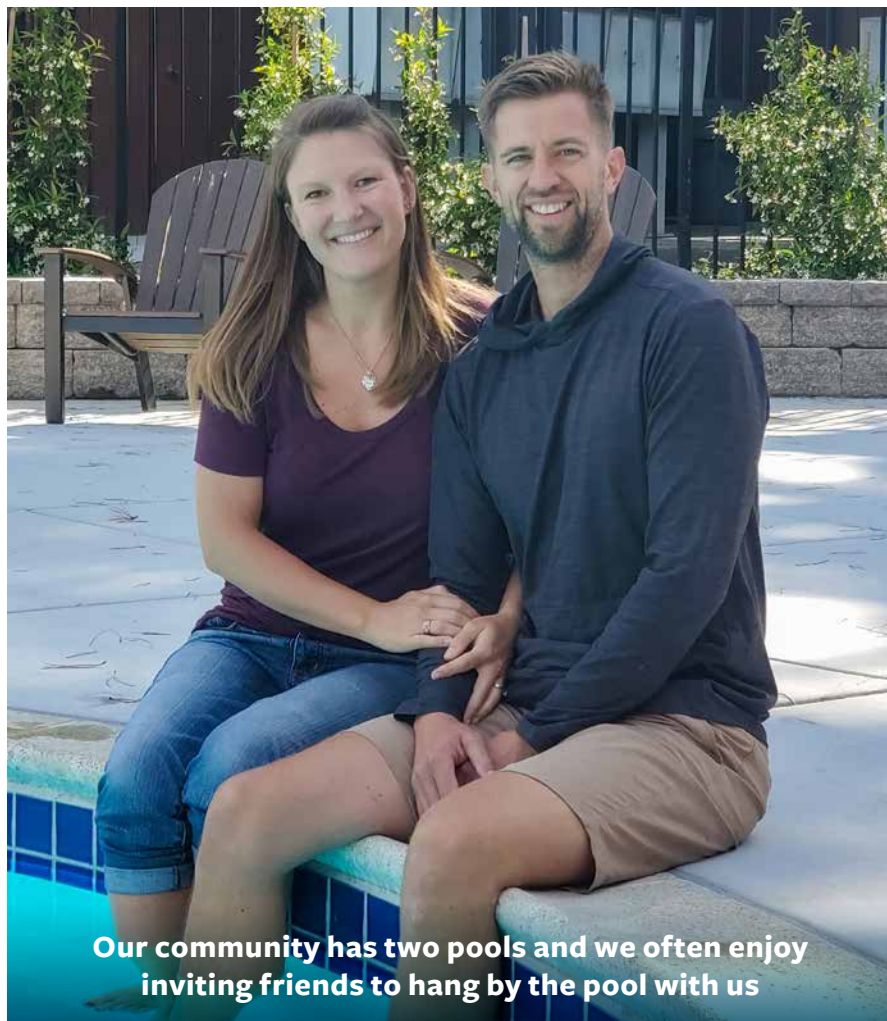
Thank you so much



for the opportunity to share
a little bit about us as you
consider an adoption plan.



It takes incredible courage to consider adoption and we are humbled by your choice to pursue the best life possible for your child. We are so grateful you are taking the time to read our story. **Please be encouraged that no matter the choice you make, God loves you and is walking beside you in the difficult times and the happy times.**



Our community has two pools and we often enjoy inviting friends to hang by the pool with us

Hiking on Mt Whitney in the spring



In the spring of 2021 we hiked Mt Whitney and there was still lots of snow everywhere

We live in a beautiful part of the country and love spending time out in nature.

On the weekends you might find us swimming in the ocean or hiking in the mountains. During the week we like taking our dog to the beach and spending time with friends around the dinner table. **We have cared for a number of children through foster care and look forward to the opportunity to be adoptive parents.** Thank you for considering us as you determine what is best for your child.

We met in college while studying physical therapy in Indiana. Between classes we would go outside and toss the Frisbee to unwind. That created lots of opportunities to get to know each other and dream about the future. After college we worked as travel physical therapists and lived in 8 different cities in the first 4 years of our marriage. It was so much fun to travel and test out different cities to decide where we wanted to live. We finally chose California and have lived here for the last 6 years making it feel like home.

Once we settled in California, we began the certification process to become foster parents, living according to our family motto: “Love Jesus and Love Others.” Originally our plan was to have a blended family of biological and adopted children, but after learning about our trouble with infertility we realized God’s plan for us was to adopt. While fostering, we had the opportunity to parent different children which taught us how to care for children as if they are God’s children. He loves each and everyone of His children and calls us to the same.



We are always ready to laugh and enjoy life

We make time each morning to snuggle and enjoy coffee together. Its a great way to start the day



We both help with teaching the children and youth in our community about how much God loves them and how wonderful it is to be in relationship with Him.

We love traveling...

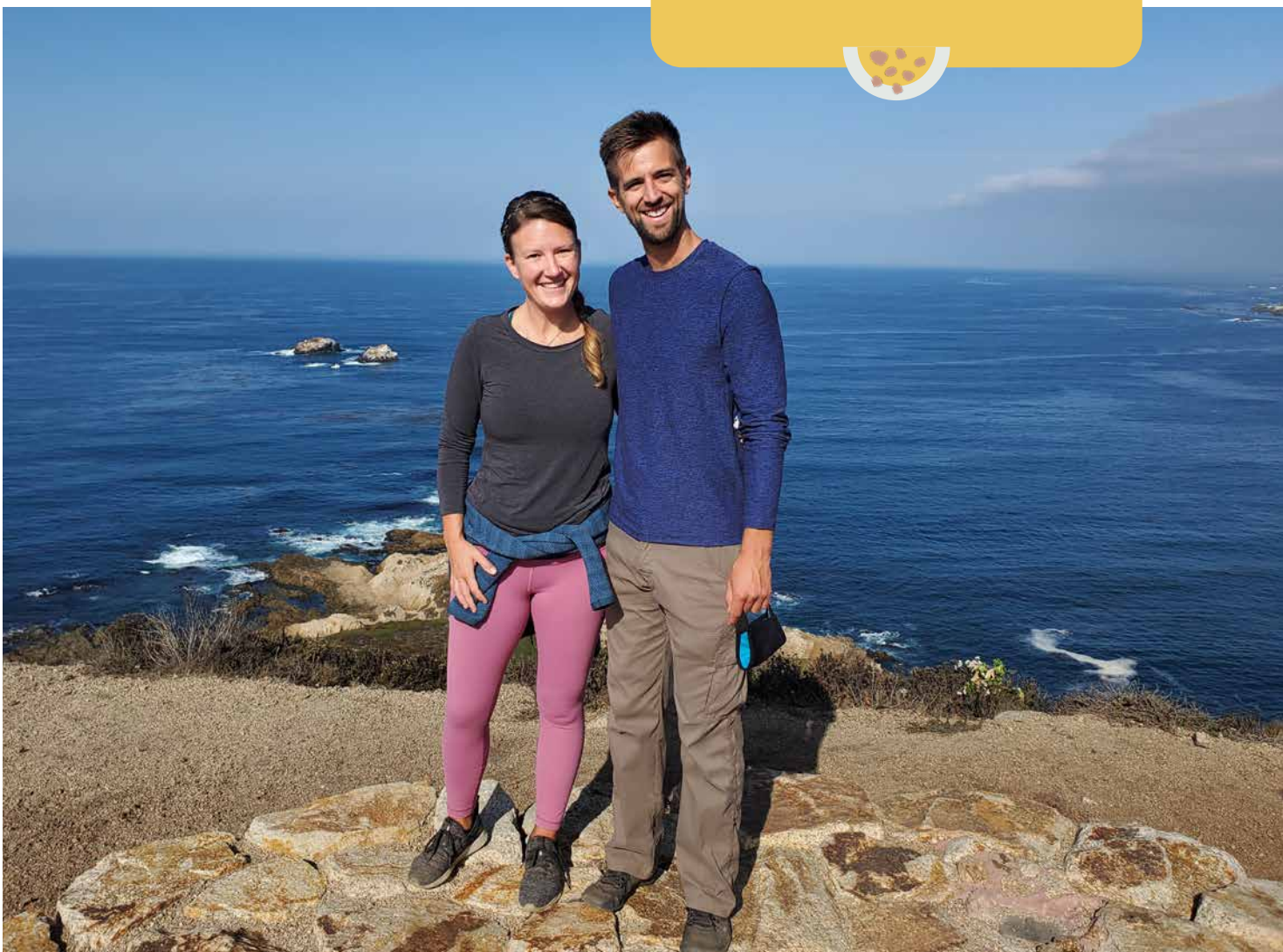
and exploring different parts of the world.

We have visited lots of countries and plan to continue traveling and exploring as parents. Visiting other countries helps us remember that the world is big and there are lots of different cultures.

Trish convinced Matthew to try surfing and he loved it especially in the warm waters of Mexico



Being outdoors and seeing God's beauty reminds us of His love for us



BY TRISH

ABOUT

Matthew

Matthew is fun loving and always finds a way to make others smile.

He has a talent for creating games and finding joy even in difficult situations. I love watching children gather around him as he engages them in a game or activity. He is passionate about being active and spending time outside. **Some of his favorite activities are Frisbee, pickleball, tennis, hiking and swimming in the ocean.**

Matthew enjoys connecting with friends and playing tennis



As a physical therapist, he works with his patients to help them stay active and is creative in the ways that he interacts with them. He has used dancing and apple picking to work on balance with his patients which is outside the box of typical treatment strategies. **His work is very flexible and allows him to shift his hours in order to care for family which was helpful while we cared for children in foster care.**



Matthew all smiles after he caught his first wave while surfing



A FEW OF MATTHEW'S Favorites

- **Vacation Spot:** Any pool jumping and catching a ball
- **Can't live without:** Time outside to play
- **Lunch Box Snack:** Twinkie
- **Sport:** Tennis and Pickleball
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Children's Book:** Quick as a Cricket
- **Hobby:** Frisbee
- **Ice cream flavor:** Strawberry
- **Dessert:** Boston Cream Pie



Matthew was a lifeguard and has taught lots of kids how to swim!



Playing Ultimate Frisbee is another way Matthew likes to connect with friends

BY MATTHEW

ABOUT

Trish

Trish is warm and compassionate and enjoys hosting people in our home.



She has already set up a room and a play space in our home with books and toys. She has a talent for connecting with children and making them feel safe and cared for. **She loves sharing her creative talents with children and teaching them new art forms. Trish also enjoys coaching soccer, photography, ceramics, swimming and hiking.**

Creating is one of Trish's favorite things to do



Here are just a few of her recent projects



She works as a physical therapist, specializing in child development, and loves helping children learn how to move their bodies and work toward goals. She has learned so much about how to engage and encourage children through her work. **As a foster parent, she was able to welcome children into our home and help them settle during a difficult time in their lives.**



One of Trish's favorite things is to capture the beauty of our area and to take family photos



Having grown up playing soccer, Trish enjoys watching the local professional soccer team play and cheers them on



A FEW OF TRISH'S Favorites

- **Vacation Spot:** Any warm beach with sand for making sand castles
- **Language:** Currently learning Spanish
- **Dessert:** Cheesecake
- **Place to Take a Child:** The local aquarium full of underwater creatures and play spaces for kids
- **Sport:** Soccer
- **Children's Book:** The Little Engine that Could
- **Lunch Box Snack:** Star Crunch
- **What I Like to Collect:** Rocks and shells from the places we visit
- **Hobby:** Ceramic Artist

Visiting friends in Indiana and playing with their son - Trish has the special gift of engaging with kids no matter how much time has passed.



Our Home

We really love our home! It is surrounded by trees and feels like a tree house.

We love to ride our bikes from our home to the local beaches, church or even for date night



Only a short walk from our front door is a heated pool, the beach, a dog park and a shopping center where we often walk to dinner or a movie. With the temperate weather here, the pool is always open and we really enjoy hosting other families for pizza and pool time! Our town also has plenty of beaches, each with a unique feel, a fantastic aquarium, and lots of playgrounds. We also enjoy going to the local parades and art shows which happen frequently.

The Wharf is a great place to go for clam chowder and is close enough for us to ride our bikes



Our Dog, Osa

We have a sweet dog named Osa that enjoys running on the beach, chasing squirrels and snuggling on the couch. **She is gentle with kids and loves to play tug of war and fetch.**



Dressed up and ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday at the Christmas church service

One of Our Favorite Traditions

On Christmas each year, we bake a cake for Jesus and sing Happy Birthday as a way of remembering Him as the gift that He is.





OUR
Family

Our family is very close and keeps in regular contact through a family chat, phone calls and text messages. We often spend vacations visiting and spending time with each other.



Trish, her brother, and her sister watching some soccer on a beautiful fall day

Trish's parents love to visit and explore the California coast. Her brother and his family live in the United Kingdom, but schedule regular video chats and come to visit as often as possible. Trish and her brother love playing soccer together and hiking. Her sister and her family enjoy swimming and hanging out in their backyard. **When Trish's family gets together they enjoy cooking together, hiking and playing in the pool.**

Matthew's parents enjoy the beaches and restaurants our area has to offer and make weekend trips to visit when they can. Matthew and his brother have a yearly "Bro Challenge" where they create events like most free-throws made or most jumps on a jump rope which is entertaining for us all to watch as they compete.

We have been blessed with a wonderful "California Family" composed of friends and their families that we enjoy spending time with and support us.

Matthew and his brother always find a way to compete. This day it was who had the better hair.



Trish's family t-shirt growing up was Watermelons. She recreated the watermelon shirts for a recent family gathering.





Matthew's side of the family celebrating a wedding and enjoying time together



Trish's family gathered in South Carolina for a family vacation

Matthew's family enjoys adventures. We took some time to spend the day at the Zoo. It was a blast!



Trish and her sister's kids playing in the rain



We connect regularly with one of the boys we fostered, Mason, who is now happily adopted into a wonderful family

We keep in regular contact with the children we cared for in foster care.

We get to spend the weekend with Mason and his adoptive family 2-3 times a year. It has been so wonderful to continue being a part of their lives as they grow and mature. We value maintaining contact and know that connections are important for children.



OUR THOUGHTS ON
Parenting

With our experience as foster parents, we had the unique experience of parenting 4 very different children and have learned how important the relationship between the parent and the child is above everything else. We practice what is called attachment-based parenting strategies which allow the child to develop socially and emotionally. **We understand that a safe and secure relationship allows the child to learn and grow, ask questions and experience life in an incredible way.** We have taken courses and read books on strategies to implement to make sure children feel heard and cared for.

Open Adoption

Every child has their own family story and we look forward to getting to know yours and including those traditions and practices into our family. We support open adoption and believe connection to family and culture is important. We hope for open communication and regular contact between you and your child. We truly believe the more adults that love on each child the better.



Thumbs up for walking with Mason to school. It's going to be a good day!



Matthew partnering with friends from church to accomplish a goal

Family Information

- **Father's Name:** Matthew
- **Occupation:** Physical Therapist
- **Education:** Doctor of Physical Therapy
- **Religion:** Christian
- **Date of birth:** 06-21-1988
- **Hair color:** Blonde
- **Eye color:** Blue
- **Height:** 6'0"

- **Mother's Name:** Trish
- **Occupation:** Pediatric Physical Therapist
- **Education:** Doctor of Physical Therapy
- **Religion:** Christian
- **Date of birth:** 10-27-1987
- **Hair color:** Blonde
- **Eye color:** Brown
- **Height:** 5'5"

Date of marriage: 03-23-2013

Children: none

Interests and hobbies: Together, we love hiking, open water swimming, playing board games, and spending time with friends. Trish really enjoys creating art like ceramics, watercolors and photography. Matthew really enjoys tennis, pickleball, ultimate Frisbee and reading

Home: Our home is a 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom home in a small community. We have access to parks and pools close by, and the beach is a short walk from home. We have a bedroom filled with toys and supplies ready to welcome a child.

Pets: We have a sweet dog named Osa. She loves snuggling on the couch and playing on the beach

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We had originally hoped that our family would be a blend of biological and adopted children, but after discovering we could not have children of our own, we decided to move forward with adoption.

Openness to birthparent(s): We truly believe that the more adults to love on a child the better. We would love to have regular visits and open communication through phone, email, letters and video chats.

Childcare plans: We have very flexible jobs and plan to shift our hours to limit the amount of time spent away from home. Once we settle into a routine, we plan to have a nanny help when our work hours overlap.

We look forward to a possible
future with you.



IN
Closing

We wanted to take a moment to say thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and thank you for considering an adoption plan. The decision you are facing is a difficult one, but we want to assure you that we will do our best to provide a fun, safe and loving environment for your child to grow and flourish. **Thank you for taking the time to consider us as parents for your precious child and we will be praying you will find peace and wisdom as you continue this journey.**



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