

Danielle + David

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We are David and Danielle, and our hearts are full of love as we hope to welcome a child into our family through adoption. It is our joy to give you a glimpse into our lives, and show you what kind of life we can provide for your child. We cannot imagine what you must be going through right now, and we respect whatever decision you feel is right for you and your child. May God give you comfort and peace during this time.

We truly believe that adoption is a beautiful way to build a family. As children we saw many adoptive families in our communities and felt a deep desire to adopt when we had families of our own. Knowing that both of us were open to adoption is one of the ways that we knew that God had brought us together. Our adoption journey has not been easy but has been shaped by faith, love, and a deep respect for the difficult decisions you are making.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

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OUR STORY



We met on a Christian dating website. When Danielle first saw David's profile, she thought he seemed like a cool guy that would not be interested in her. She also wasn't sure she wanted to date a Navy man. On seeing Danielle's profile, David thought that Danielle was a beautiful Christian woman and was interested in learning more about her. Once we started talking, we connected over our faith, love of family, and traveling. Danielle was also attracted to David's kind heart, and David was drawn to her compassionate nature. After finally working up the nerve to ask her out, David drove to meet Danielle at her favorite Mexican restaurant. This required David to make a 2-hour trip from where he was stationed in Florida to Danielle's home in Alabama.

After our first date we spent as much time together as possible, but we soon found our relationship tested as the distance between us grew. First, Danielle moved 6 hours away to Louisiana for a teaching job and then David was deployed to Spain for 2 years. Though being apart was difficult, it had its perks. David flew Danielle to Italy for her birthday. We also travelled around Spain and Portugal together.

After 4 years of long-distance dating, David proposed, and Danielle said YES! Our wedding was at Danielle's home church in Alabama with David's father officiating the ceremony. It was a great day with many loved ones and friends and of course great southern Bar-B-Que.

Just two months after our wedding, David's was deployed again for 8 months out to sea. It was sad being apart again, but we believe that this made our bond stronger. When David's ship returned to port, Danielle was waiting on the pier to welcome him home.

Soon after, David retired from the Navy, and we bought a house and made Southern California our home. We are so blessed to be able to spend every day together with no more distance between us.

Now we spend more time doing things we love together, like baking, gardening, hiking, watching TV shows, playing games with family, and most of all playing with our 3 cats. We also love to travel and go camping in the National Parks.

Our church plays an important role in our lives, and we both enjoy serving in the connections and children's ministry. We are looking forward to sharing our hobbies and adventures with our future children and discovering their interests.





Meet Danielle

I was raised in a small community in southern Alabama as the oldest of 10 children. Growing up in a large family was fun because there was always something going on or someone to play with. My parents loved each other and us and raising their kids was their number one priority. As committed Christians they did their best to pass their beliefs and values on to us. Some of my favorite things growing up were reading, making discoveries in the woods, playing in the creek, and riding my horse, Eclipse. Around the age of 8, I discovered my love of music and began learning piano. My studies continued throughout high school and after graduating, I went on to major in music and earn my living as a pianist and music teacher. Today I work as a substitute teacher in my local school district and love the flexibility and variety my job provides. Some of the things I enjoy about teaching are getting to know students, learning from them, and watching them grow. I am looking forward to having kids of my own so I can do the same with them!

Outside of work I enjoy many hobbies such as reading, sewing, redoing furniture, and gardening. I also love traveling and have many fond memories of living in Brazil for a short-term mission trip. My dream vacation would be to visit Europe and see all the beautiful gardens there.





What David Says About Danielle

Danielle is a wonderful woman that has a passion for helping others. She loves teaching and working with children. I love listening to her talk about her day and the interactions she has with the children at school. My wife has a caring and compassionate heart that I believe would make her an awesome mother one day. She also loves to quilt, work in her rose garden, and relax on the patio with a good book. She makes our home a peaceful and relaxing environment.



Meet David

Hello. I am from a small family with 2 sisters and my parents. I grew up in a Christian home where my dad was a pastor and evangelist. My parents were missionaries for 30 years, so I spent most of my young life growing up in other countries. I feel very blessed to have grown up around other missionary families and being emersed in the cultures of West Africa and South America. My parents raised me to love God and pursue Him daily. I believe that my mother and father were the best examples for me and made me into the man I am today.

After graduating high school and 2 years of college, I decided to join the US Navy to see the world and work on electronics. I visited 36 countries during my time in the Navy. I really love traveling and making new friends while experiencing cultures and cuisine

I had always dreamed of having a large family with both biological and adopted children. But, one day during a routine blood test, it was discovered that I was unable to have biological children. Since I had always wanted to adopt, I was excited to see God's hands in growing my family through adoption. In the early days of our relationship, I told Danielle about myself and how I was unable to have any biological children, and she did not run away but stated that she was also interested in adoption.

I enjoy bringing people together for good food and playing games. I also enjoy camping, snowboarding, hiking, exploring new places, building projects and fixing things and helping my wonderful wife in the garden. Believe it or not I enjoy baking too.





What Danielle Says About David

David is the nicest man I have ever met. He works hard to provide for his family. Even after working all day, he will still come home and help with dinner or washing dishes. He loves me unconditionally, and I know that his compassionate nature will undoubtedly make him a wonderful father. He loves to build and fix things with his hands, and I can see him teaching his skills to our future children.



welcome to

our little world

Southern California is our home. The climate is very temperate with warm summers and winters that rarely dip below freezing. We love being within an hour drive of the beach, mountains, snow or desert activities. Our house is 3 bedroom/2 bath with a huge yard that was a major selling point for us. It is the perfect place for our future kids to have many amazing adventures with places for climbing rocks, building forts or just running around.

We live in the country, and we have plenty of room to garden. Danielle likes to grow roses and lavender while David prefers growing tomatoes and zucchini. Our laidback neighborhood is very peaceful, and the perfect place to take afternoon walks and see some amazing sunsets. Our neighbors have horses, chickens, goats and peacocks. The neighborhood is a great place for riding horses and ATV's. There are plenty of fun hiking trails and parks nearby and the zoo and theme parks are only a short drive away!



Local park



We love our backyard



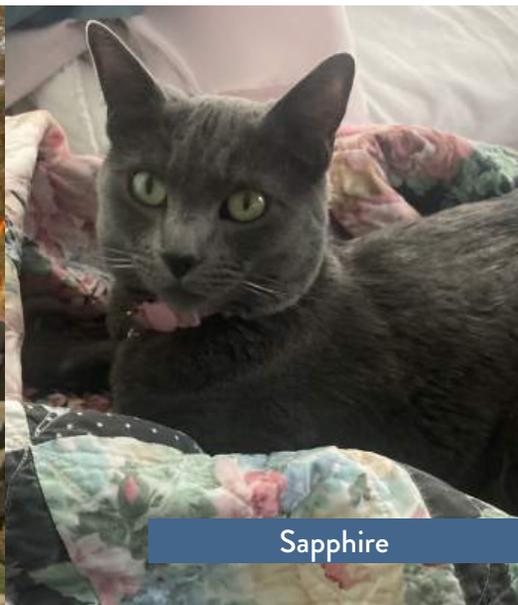
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Cleaning dishes



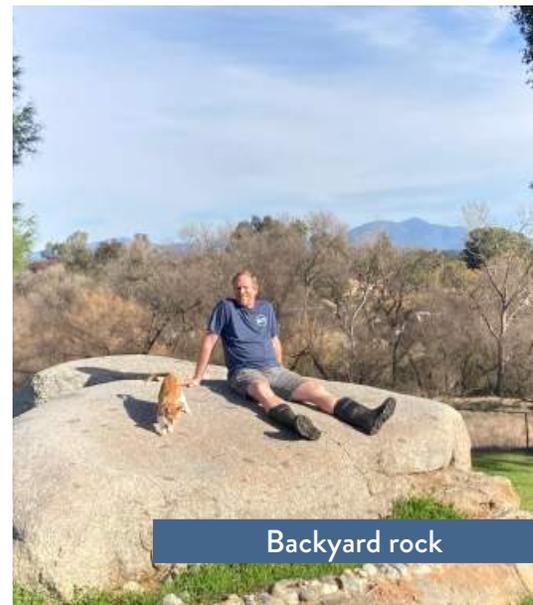
Snugglin'



Sapphire



Savana



Backyard rock



Lavendar

Our Pets

We have three adorable cats. Savana is our older cat and our first pet together. Two years after we got Savana, we went to the animal shelter to adopt a friend for her. When it came time to decide we couldn't choose, so we wound up bringing home two new cats, Lavender and Sapphire! They bring so much joy to our lives and enjoy long naps, bird watching, having adventures in the garage, chasing toys, pouncing, and snuggling. Though some of them take a little time to warm up, they are very sweet with visitors. David loves to make toys and scratching posts for the cats enjoyment.



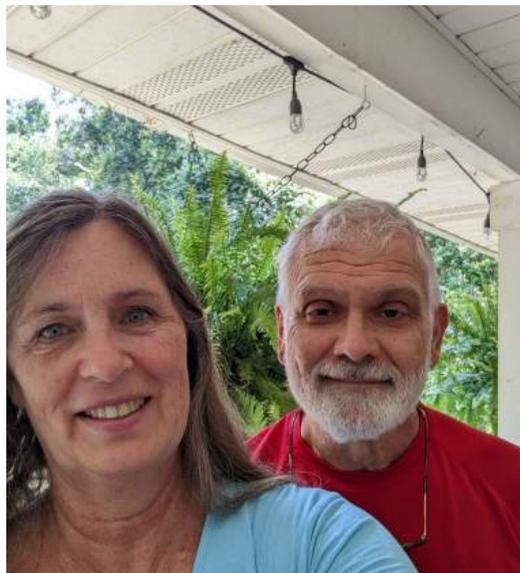
Danielle with siblings



Danielle's family at a wedding



David with his mom & sisters



Danielle's Parents



David and his nephews

Our Family

We have family in Arizona, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Ohio, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Texas, but we are all very close and keep in touch with calling and facetime. Visiting our families is a priority for us which gives us more opportunities to travel.

David's mom and sister's family are big on getting together several times a year to celebrate birthdays and holidays. We all love playing games of all kinds. Some of our favorites are Skip-Bo, Quirkle, Uno, Terraforming Mars, 7 Wonders, and Ticket to Ride.

Danielle's large family is spread across many states, but we still love getting together for holidays, weddings, and special family trips to the beach or skiing. Her family enjoys playing instruments, hiking, long bike rides, and just hanging out.

Here in California, we love connecting with our church family at weekly services and growth groups. One of our favorite things is sharing a meal with our friends after church each week. Both our families and our church family are very supportive of us and our decision to adopt.

Our Faith

Our faith is important to us, and we choose to walk with the Lord daily through both the trials and good times in our lives. We feel blessed every day knowing that God loves us and watches over us. We want God's love to be the foundational part of our family, and to share this love with our adoptive children. We feel very blessed to be able to grow our family through adoption and firmly believe in the plans God has for our lives.



David's family



Baking with nieces & nephews



Our sweet friend Glory



Playing games with family

Traditions

We love putting together care packages for Operation Christmas Child to send to children around the world.

For anniversaries or birthdays, we enjoy dressing up and having high tea.

In December our church presents a Christmas celebration at a local park where we eat lots of cookies and smores. We bring home a live Christmas tree afterwards and decorate it.



Lunch with church friends



Camping in northern California



Danielle playing piano

Hobbies + Fun

We love hiking the many beautiful trails around Southern California, whether it's just the two of us or with a group of friends. Each hike gives us a chance to explore new scenery, enjoy fresh air, and spend quality time together.

Traveling is one of our favorite things to do. We enjoy taking road trips across the country to go camping, visit charming small towns, and spend time with loved ones along the way. Every trip brings new memories and adventures.

In the evenings or on weekends, we like to unwind by watching our favorite shows together. It's our way to relax, laugh, and enjoy some quiet time after a busy day or week.



Hiking at Glacier



Seeing Old Faithful at sunset



We found the redwoods!



David tiling our bathroom floor



Exploring the coast



Danielle working on a quilt



Hiking with our growth group



Travels in Italy



'High tea' for special occasions



Parenting & Adoption

We believe that adoption is a beautiful reflection of how God brings us into His family. Just as God loves us unconditionally it is our responsibility and joy as parents to love our children unconditionally. Children should be raised in a joyful nurturing environment while being challenged to be all that they can be.

We really want the birth family to feel appreciated and stay connected. It is important to us that the child knows their story from an early age so they can grow up secure and confident about their identity.

Our niece, Caitlin, was adopted from birth and we love seeing the beautiful relationship she has with her birthmother. We hope that we can have a similar relationship with you that could include emails, calls, letters and visits if you are comfortable with that.



Father's Name:
David

Occupation:
Electronics Engineering Technician

Education:
Bachelor's of Business Management

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
08/17/76

Hair Color:
Blonde

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
6' 5"



Mother's Name:
Danielle

Occupation:
Substitute Teacher

Education:
Master's of Music

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
12/30/80

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 4"

Family Information

Date of marriage: 05/26/18

Children: Currently none, but we would like to have several

Interest and hobbies: David loves to Bar-B-Que using his pellet smoker. He also likes to work in his woodshop and build things and is very handy around the house. Playing strategy games with family is one of his favorite things. He also enjoys getting outdoors and loves tent camping as much as we can get away. Danielle enjoys many hobbies such as reading, sewing, redoing furniture, and gardening. She also enjoys getting together with the women from church for crafting or just to hang out. As a family, we enjoy hiking, camping, watching our favorite shows, traveling and spending quality time with our loved ones.

Home: Our house is 3 bedroom/2 bath with a huge yard with several gardens and awesome view of the mountains. It is the perfect place for our future kids to have many amazing adventures with places for climbing rocks, building forts, riding bikes, or just running around. Our laidback neighborhood is very peaceful, and the perfect place to take afternoon walks and see some amazing sunsets. Living in the country gives us the opportunity to stargaze and watch for shooting stars.

Pets: We have three cats - Savana, Lavender and Sapphire. They bring so much joy to our lives and enjoy long naps, bird watching, having adventures in the garage, chasing toys, pouncing, and snuggling. Though some of them are a little shy, they are very sweet with visitors.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We truly believe that adoption is a beautiful way to build a family. As children we saw many adoptive families in our communities and felt a deep desire to adopt when we had families of our own. When David later found out he could not have children, this confirmed that adoption was the path for us. Knowing that both of us were open to adoption is one of the ways that we knew that God had brought us together.

Openness to birthparent(s): We really want the birth family to feel appreciated and stay connected. It is important to us that the child knows their story from an early age so they can grow up secure and confident about their identity. We would like to have an open relationship with you that could include emails, calls, letters and visits if you are comfortable with that.

Childcare plans: Danielle plans to be a stay-at-home mom.



THANK YOU

Should you choose our family to raise your child, we promise to raise them in a Christian home, to love them unconditionally, and to help them to become all that they can be.

We appreciate the time you took getting to know us better. Know that whether you choose adoption or parenting we are praying for you and the precious life you are carrying!

Sincerely,

Danielle + David