



JON *and*  
JENN

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HI THERE!  
We are Jon and Jenn.  
*along with our daughters.*

Addey, Lottie  
and Nora



**Our home always smells of coffee and bacon or something sweet baking in the oven.** Breakfast is 100% our favorite meal. Someone is always reading a book out loud or singing and we love to dance together in the kitchen. Being at home in our pajamas, together is our favorite place to be.

We have been married for nearly 12 years and look forward to many more years together. We first met in college while on the Track and Field team. Jenn pole vaulted and Jon ran short sprints and did long jump.

**We have a deep desire to adopt and have chosen that over pursuing having children biologically.** Jenn was diagnosed with UCTD (Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Disease) in 2012. She manages her symptoms with medication and a healthy lifestyle. **Adoption changed our lives for the better when we met our three girls Adeline in 2016, Charlotte in 2019 and Eleanor in 2021.** Our hearts break that you are in this place in your journey. You are in our prayers as you consider an adoption plan.

# OUR LOVE STORY



We first met in college when Jenn was a freshman and Jon was a junior. We were both on the track and field team together. We fell in love hard and fast and made our relationship work despite living in different states, multiple surgeries, medical uncertainties, finishing four degrees and all of life's other surprises. We truly consider ourselves a team and our relationship continues to gain strength everyday that we are together. Most importantly, Adeline, Charlotte and Eleanor are the lights of our lives and we can't imagine what we used to do before their first moms chose us to be their parents. They make us laugh, make our worst days better, make us want to be more loving, and challenge us to be the best parents we can. Our girls have changed us in all the best ways and make us want to be better people.

We dream of adding to our family through adoption once again and seeing our love grow even more.



## OUR WEDDING

Our wedding took place nearly ten years ago in South Dakota at Jenn's grandparent's ranch; close to where Jon proposed. Our closest friends and family made the trip out to celebrate with us! Jenn's grandparents were there, as well as her grandma on her dad's side who had to travel across the country. Jon's Uncle even traveled all the way from Japan. All of the decor was handmade by Jenn's Dad or Mom. Jenn's dad built all the benches for the ceremony and her mom put together all of the decorations. The bridesmaids made the bouquets. Jon's dad is a minister and performed the ceremony. **Our wedding was the second greatest day of our lives-meeting each of our girls are the best days we've ever had.**





After high school, she took a big leap, packed her bags, and moved to Southern California for college. We met a few months later when the track team went to Mexico on a mission trip and have been together since. That was 15 years ago!

She still enjoys the previous hobbies mentioned, as well as baking, listening to music, reading children's books out loud to our girls (currently reading "Charlotte's Web," and being outside.



# MEET Jenn

*written by Jon*

Before college, Jenn grew up in a small town in South Dakota.

She enjoyed riding her horse, Rocket, competing in gymnastics and pole vault, playing the viola, spending time with family and friends, and hiking and ranching on her family's ranch. She grew up across from her grandparents house, and her family continues to be an important part of her life. She talks to her grandma and parents at least once a week and her parents visit multiple times throughout the year.

JENN WITH HER HORSE, ROCKET



Most of all though, JENN LOVES BEING A MOM. She is the best stay at home mom for our girls and is loving learning alongside our girls during their home schooling. Our family is her whole world and my favorite thing about her is how she loves us so well.



THE BEACH IS JENN'S  
FAVORITE PLACE



## JENN'S FAVORITES

**Vacation Spot: Hawaii**

**Place to Take a Child:  
The Zoo or Disneyland**

**Musical Instrument I Play: Viola**

**Musical Artist: Taylor Swift**

**Children's Book:  
"Charlotte's Web"**

**Hobby: Riding horses**

**Dream Job: Children's Librarian**

**Ice Cream Flavor: Strawberry**

**What you Like to Collect: Books**

**Can't Live Without: Disneyland**



MEET  
**Jon**  
*written by Jenn*

My favorite thing about Jon is his heart. Whatever he does, he does at one hundred percent.

He is gritty and committed to what he sets his mind to. He is intentional with how he lives his life. He is the most amazing husband and father, he does everything he can to take care of us and provide for us. Ever since Jon was a teenager, he always have wanted to be a father. He absolutely loves our daughters and watching them grow, and he is thankful to have a job that allows time to be with our family everyday.

JON IN HAWAII



Jon serves as a regional director of a group of churches in Southern California. His office handles everything from property, finance, human resources, leadership development and mentorship. It is a big job and we are passionate about serving the church as a family through this opportunity.

# JON'S FAVORITES

**Vacation Spot: Hawaii**

**Place to Take a Child:  
The golf range or hiking**

**Musical Instrument I Play: Guitar**

**Sports Team: The Lakers**

**Children's Book:  
"Little Blue Truck"**

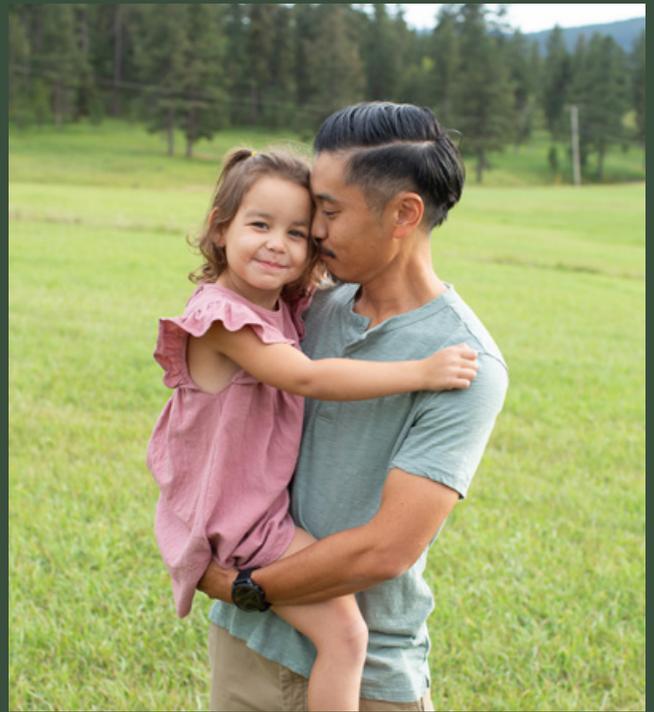
**Hobby: Woodworking,  
Photography, Golf**

**Dream Job: Own a golf course**

**Ice Cream Flavor: Cookie Dough**

**What you Like to Collect: Watches**

**Lunch Box Snack: Oatmeal  
cream pies**



ELEANOR AND JON

Jon loves his job, but his absolute NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS OUR FAMILY AND BEING A FATHER. We love the lifestyle we live, slower paced with Jon working mostly from home.



AT THE BEACH TOGETHER



HIKING

# OUR HOME & COMMUNITY



We live in a beautiful modern Craftsman style 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home that we renovated.



ADDEY & CHARLOTTE  
LOVE SHARING A ROOM



OUR GIRLS LOVE THEIR  
BIG PLAYROOM



Jenn enjoys home decor and has always dreamed of creating a home for our family. We put so much love into renovating our home and our goal is that it reflects our family and who we are. We want it to be a safe place for our family, a place of peace, comfort and good books. Our backyard has plenty of space to run and play with a big grassy area, a trampoline, a basketball court, a brick patio, a play structure with three slides, and a putting green. Our home is near the base of the mountains, which you can see from the backyard. **We currently home school our girls- we value time at home together, time to slow down.** The girls' favorite thing to do is pull out the art supplies: paints, glitter glue, and make the best pictures to hang on the walls. We live near the downtown area which friends have said looks like a town from a Hallmark movie. We love to be a part of our town's events from holiday strolls to parades to local sports teams. We love our home, and look forward to many years here.

# QUALITIES WE VALUE:

**Truth telling, authenticity, intentional living, and loving others big. We value Monday night date nights, Friday night pizza and movie nights and eating Sunday sundaes together.**



ENJOYING  
TRAVELING  
TOGETHER



WE LOVE TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER



WE ARE ALWAYS BAKING  
SOMETHING TOGETHER



We love to be intentional about our daily routine. Every morning we recite affirmations with our girls.

*"I am brave, I am strong, I am kind." "I am confident. I can do this. Nothing can stop me."*

and every night we pray for each girl's birth family.



MEET

# Adeline

Adeline is our oldest.  
We also like to call her...

*Addey. Pumpkin Pie. or Bug.*

She is 9 years old. We cannot believe how fast time has flown with her in our lives. On July 22, 2016 our lives were forever changed when we got a call from our social worker saying that Adeline's birth mom wanted to meet us. We would describe Addey as fun loving. She loves to sing, try new foods, read books, go to the zoo or aquarium where we have memberships.



MEET

# Charlotte

Our second daughter is Charlotte.  
We like to call her...

*Lottie. CJ. Strawberry. Lala.  
or Lotts love.*

She is 6 years old. We can't believe that she is already in preschool, riding horses, carrying her stuffed "Pig Pig" everywhere and quoting "Bluey." April 2, 2019 our lives were once again forever changed when we received a call from our social worker saying that a couple had chosen us to parent their daughter. All we had to do was say yes!





MEET  
**Eleanor**

Eleanor is our sweet but  
spicy one year old.  
We call her...

*Ella. Nora. Nora Pie.  
Goose or Ella Bean.*

Eleanor is 4. We became a family of 5 in May 2021 when a birth mother chose us to parent her baby. We first met Eleanor in the NICU. She honked like a goose, so that's where the nickname came from. She loves all things pink, fancy and dress up. Her favorite movie is "Frozen" and she loves going to Disneyland while wearing her Elsa dress.





FAMILY PICNIC IN THE BLACK HILLS,  
SOUTH DAKOTA

# OUR LOVED ONES



We are so blessed by our great support system made up of our family and friends.

**Both of our families continue to play significant roles in our lives.** Jon's family is about 45 minutes away and we see them every few weeks. Jenn's family is a plane ride away so we see them a few times a year. Although it is rare for many people, we both feel very blessed that we get along great with each other's families. Our parents have always gone above and beyond to show their love and support for us in the process of this adoption as well as in our everyday life.

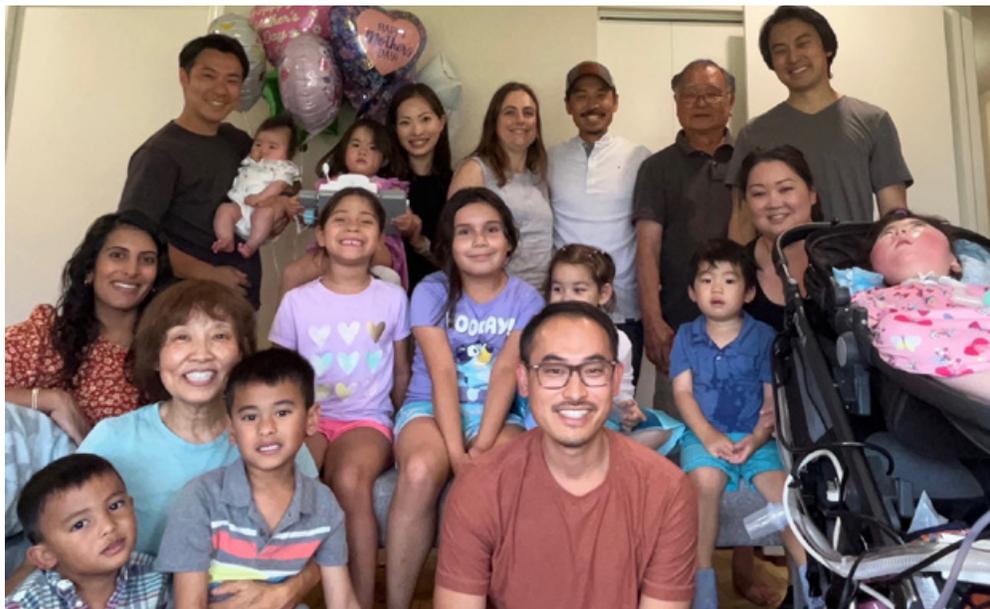


US WITH OUR BEST FRIENDS CASEY,  
MEAGAN, JAMESON, BENNETT AND  
AUSTIN IN SAN DIEGO



ADELINE, CHARLOTTE AND ELEANOR WITH JENN'S PARENTS AND SISTER

WITH JON'S EXTENDED FAMILY FROM JAPAN FOR MOTHER'S DAY



We continue to stay close to friends from college and high school. A couple in particular have played a major role in our lives. Jon's former roommate and best man and his wife have played an important role in our support system. Casey and Meagan and their sons, Jameson, Bennett, and Austin live in the Seattle area. We FaceTime them often and plan trips together once a year so that we can stay in touch.

**We have gone to Palm Springs, San Diego, and most recently Hawaii together and we absolutely enjoy our time with them.**



WE LOVE TO EXPLORE NATIONAL PARKS



# THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

Our greatest hope is that the children in our home grow up feeling loved and love others well.

**We promise that your child will grow up knowing their story.**

**We promise to never stop loving your child.**

**We promise to teach your child what it means to love others.**

**We promise to read books together, play outside together, and eat so much ice cream.**

**We promise to pray for each person who looks through our book.**

**We promise to stay involved in a community of other adoptive families.**



WE LOVE ALL THINGS DISNEY

WE LOVED TRAVELING IN JAPAN BEFORE WE HAD KIDS!



# ON ADOPTION *and* DIVERSITY



We are very interested in maintaining a lasting relationship with our children's birth families. We believe that open adoption is about the children but also about the adoptive and birth parents. We would love to have a relationship throughout the child's life. Unfortunately, Addey's birth mother passed away shortly after her birth. While that was/is very difficult, we still maintain a relationship with Addey's half sister and see her every few months. We have ongoing communication with both Charlotte's and Eleanor's birth moms through email, pictures, and letters. We enjoy keeping in touch with them and believe it's important for our girls to have their birth family in their lives. We are forever grateful for the heartbreaking decision our girls' birth moms made for them to be a part of our family and it is important to us that Addey, Lottie and Nora grow up knowing their stories and about their first moms' brave decisions.



WE VALUE DIVERSITY. We have three beautiful girls who aren't like us, on the outside. When we look at them we think of the world that we want to pass off to them, and that's not the world we live in now. It starts with us.

# FAMILY INFORMATION



**FATHER'S NAME:** Jonathan  
**OCCUPATION:** Superintendent  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's Degree 2010,  
M. Div 2013, MBA 2022  
**RELIGION:** Christian  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/28/1988  
**HAIR COLOR:** Black  
**EYE COLOR:** Brown  
**HEIGHT:** 5'7"

**MOTHER'S NAME:** Jennifer  
**OCCUPATION:** Stay at home mom  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in  
psychology  
**RELIGION:** Christian  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 03/07/1990  
**HAIR COLOR:** Brown  
**EYE COLOR:** Blue  
**HEIGHT:** 5'2"

**DATE OF MARRIAGE:** 7/6/2013

**CHILDREN:** Adeline, 7/21/2016, adopted. Enjoys reading, cooking, exploring outside, playing softball and soccer. Charlotte, 03/26/2019, adopted. Loves anything "Bluey," riding horses, and rainbows. Eleanor, 05/13/2021, adopted. Loves coloring, climbing, playing with her "babies" (dolls) and eating all the snacks.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** Jon enjoys golfing, woodworking, photography, and collecting watches. Jenn loves reading, baking, watching interior design shows, and anything with horses. As a family, we love to hike.

**HOME:** We live in a beautiful modern Craftsman style 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home that we renovated. Our backyard has plenty of space to run and play, a trampoline, a basketball court, a brick patio, a play structure with three slides, and a putting green. Our home is near the base of the mountains.

**PETS:** Fish

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** We have a deep desire to adopt and have chosen that over pursuing having children biologically. Jenn was diagnosed with UCTD (Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Disease) in 2012. She manages her symptoms with medication and a healthy lifestyle.

**OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)** We are very interested in maintaining a lasting relationship with birth family. We maintain a relationship with Addey's half sister. We have send pictures and letters to both Charlotte's and Eleanor's birth moms. We enjoy keeping in touch with them and believe it's important for our girls to know their stories and have their birth family in their lives.

**CHILDCARE PLANS:** Jennifer is a stay at home mom currently, and plans to continue.



THANK YOU  
very much, from the  
*bottom of our hearts...*

for taking the time to  
look through our book.

No matter where this journey  
leads you, know that you are in  
our thoughts and prayers as you  
make life changing and difficult  
plans for you and your baby. We  
bless you during this time and  
hope that you know how incredibly  
loved and important you are.

**We wanted to give you our  
sincerest gratitude for allowing  
us to tell you a little bit about  
ourselves, our relationship, our  
families and our life.** We hope that  
this has given you a glimpse of who  
we are, what our life is like, and what  
life will be like when we add to our  
family. We hope that no matter what  
you decide, that you feel empowered  
in your choice. We are extremely  
grateful that you are considering an  
adoption plan and are grateful that  
you took time to read our story. As  
you continue on in this journey, we  
hope that you are encouraged, given  
hope, have peace, and experience  
love. We will continue to pray for you  
daily as your adoption story unfolds.  
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