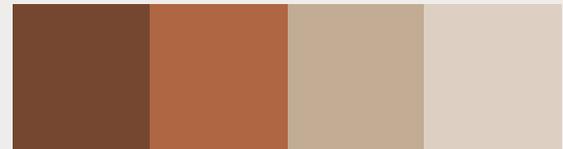


Mark & Sara
#2086432



Dear Birth Mother,

We want to start by saying how much we respect the process you are going through and we deeply empathize and care for the brave new journey you are on. We know you have some very important decisions to make and we want to assure you that our heart-felt interests lie in what is best for you and the future of your child. Thank you for choosing life and for seeking guidance in the path ahead. We have no doubt that God's hand is on your life and He has BIG things in store!

We are Mark and Sara. We are one of those ooey, gooey, love-at-first-sight-couples. We met almost 9 years ago on our home island, Maui. We were in church, caught our first glance at each other and had a very hard time focusing on the rest of the service - LOL! The rest is history. We've been a couple ever since and have been married since 2016. It's been a truly wonderful whirlwind romance.

Traveling is our joint-passion, both domestically and internationally, and we plan on continuing this lifestyle with our future children. We both have extensive loving families, fulfilling careers, a wonderful home, and a world-class church on Maui that we are crazy about. There is no shortage of amazing things to do and see here in Paradise with stunning beaches, tropical rainforests, misty mountains and epic sunsets. Other things we love include working out, hiking, movie marathons, discovering new eateries, and dreaming of our future family.

Although we don't have any children of our own just yet, we have a big space in our hearts for whatever child we have the opportunity to parent. After 6 unsuccessful infertility treatments (4 IUI's, 2 IVF's), we have decided to pursue our long-time dream of adoption!

We look forward to potentially going on this journey with you, with our utmost passion being the well being of your child and his/her future. We can't possibly express our admiration for you and your bravery during this time, as well as our gratitude to be considered for the unique honor to parent your child. We want nothing more than to partner with you to pave the way for a beautiful life.

Warmest Regards, Mark and Sara



This is Us.

Posing in front
of our mango tree!



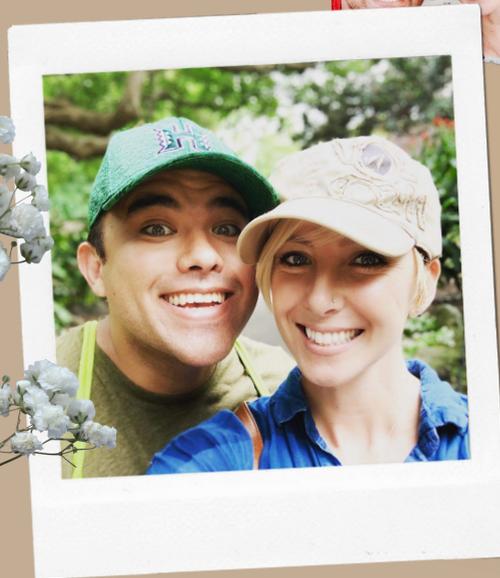
Goofballs? Absolutely.



Adventuring in the
California desert!



Exploring Sydney
on a stunning
day!



Enjoying a
beautiful
wedding in
Chicago!

Mark's Family



Left to Right: Sebastian, Marissa, Esta, Mark, Sara, Mark Sr., Gabriel & Tiare

- Mark grew up on Maui & moved to San Diego to attend college when he was 18. He studied Business + Communications & was a track star!
- Mark's Dad, Mark Sr., loves living on Maui with his wife of almost 3 years, Barbara, & their two dogs, Meli and Riley. They love to dive, be with their pups & enjoy their new home!
- Esta is Mark's Mother. She enjoys dancing hula & just built a beautiful new home in Kula. She is a grandmother to 2 beautiful boys.
- Mark's sister, Tiare, & her son, Gabriel, live in Texas. Tiare is super artistic & a great cook. Gabriel is a fun, clever, & active little boy who visits us on Maui every year. We love him very much!
- Mark has a twin sister, 'Mimi', who is married to her wonderful hubby, Sebastian & they have a beautiful 3 year-old boy named Noah. They live on Maui & we get to see them often. Noah loves to play outside & especially loves to build things. He's going to be an awesome big cousin!

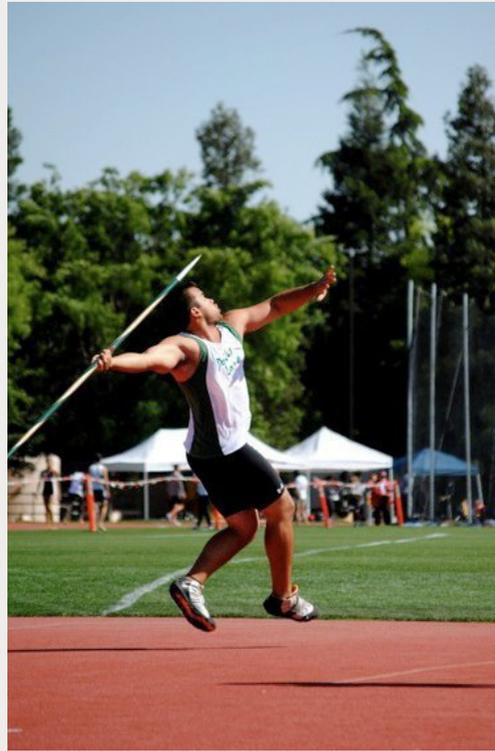
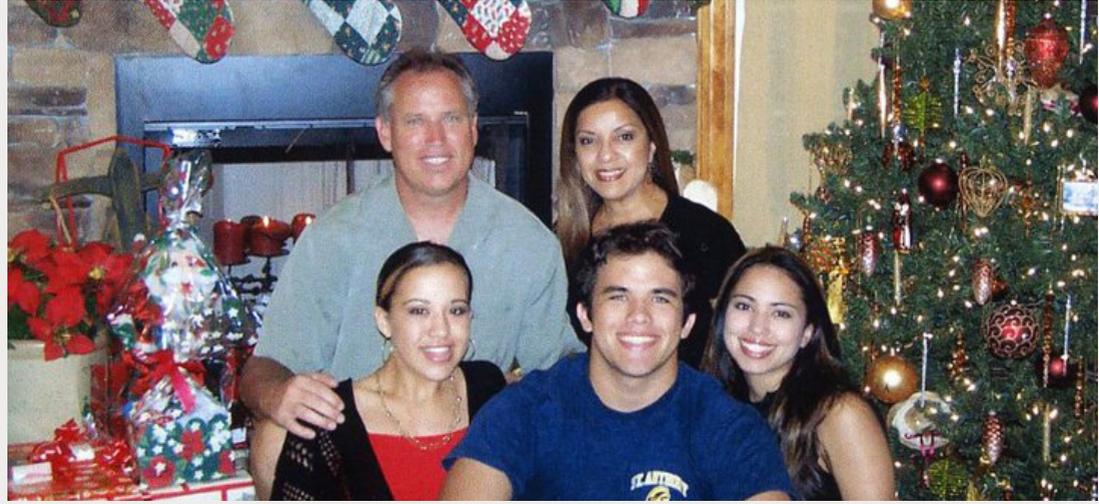
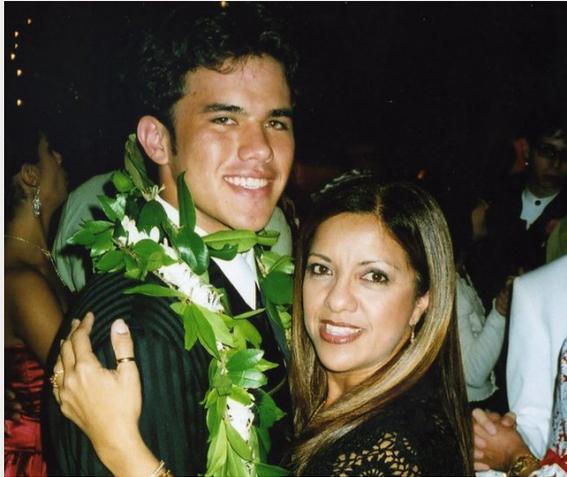
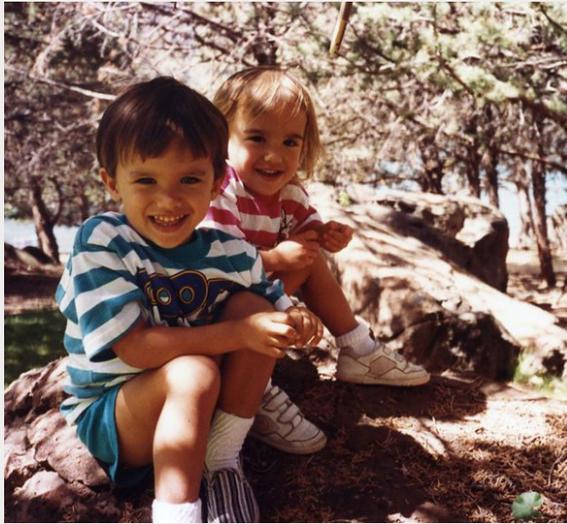


Left to Right: Sara, Mark Sr., Barbara, & Mark



Uncle Mark and Noah 'chillax-ing'!

Young
Mark



Left to Right: Mark and his twin, Mimi; Mark's family celebrates Christmas; Mark and his Mom, Esta; Mark competing at a college track meet; Mark and Mimi <3



Mr. Handsome



Picking Up Citrus Trees



Exploring Boston



Grilling Up Delicious Steaks

About Mark

By Sara

- Mark is Mr. Outgoing; He's fun-loving and wins everyone's hearts over.
- Mark is kind, sensitive and serves others constantly.
- Mark loves the Lord and always wants to deepen his faith.
- Mark can't wait to be a Dad - he loves to play, be a big goofball and show off his big-belly laugh!
- Mark works very hard and enjoys his career - he is reliable and a friend to all.
- Mark is known for his grill-skills. He loves to be outside cooking up a storm!
- Mark is an athlete and loves to lift weights, bike and hike.
- Mark also loves to relax, watch movies or have a laid-back beach day!
- Mark adores traveling and is a great navigator.
- Mark is savvy in the stock market and likes to stay informed on politics.
- Mark is the ultimate family man. We are so blessed he is part of our lives.

Sara's Family



Left to Right: Rebecca, Rachael, Mark, Sara, Kathleen, and Jonathan

- Sara grew up on Maui, moved to several different states, attended college in Missouri & studied Int'l Studies. She spent a year in Australia & Israel.
- Sara's Dad, Jonathan, was born & raised in India & has been married for 37 years to Kathy. He loves to study languages, travel & do puzzles.
- Sara's Mom, Kathy, is from Boston & is always the life of the party. She can't wait to meet our baby. Kathy loves being with family & celebrating!
- Sara has 4 sisters: Julie & Jenny are the oldest & live in New England. Julie & her hubby, Mark, have 5 daughters (Sahara/Jasmine/Mikayla/Veronica/Maggie). Jenny & her hubby, Corey, have 2 children (Nia and Jonathan). Both families are super adventurous!
- Sara's other sisters are Rachael & Rebecca. Rachael lives in Missouri, is married to Tyson & is a Director of Nursing. She has 4 children (Emmanuel/Leah/Nikiah/Josiah). Rebecca is a world-class wedding photographer & lives in Arkansas. She loves to travel and be spontaneous.

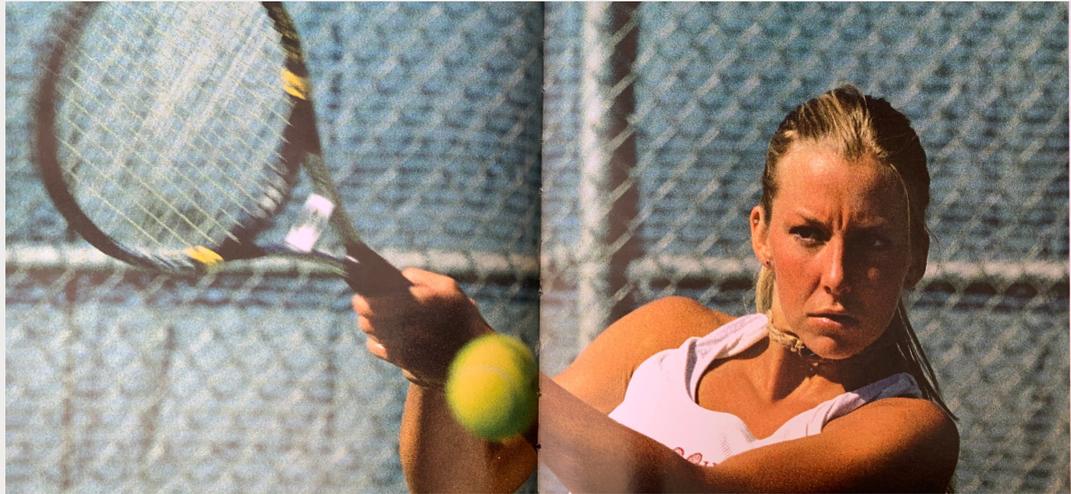
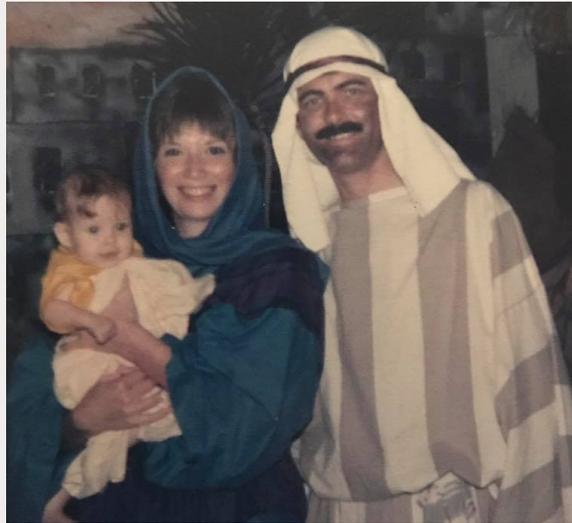


Left to Right: Josiah, Emmanuel, Leah, Rachael, Nikiah



Left to Right: Mark, Julie, Jenny, Sara, Corey, Mark

Young Sara



Left to Right: Sara with her parents playing Baby Jesus in a church play; Sara playing college tennis; Sara with her sisters, Rachael and Rebecca, Sara in kindergarten; Sara with her Mom!



Happy Girl!



Speaking At A Gala



Exploring Boston



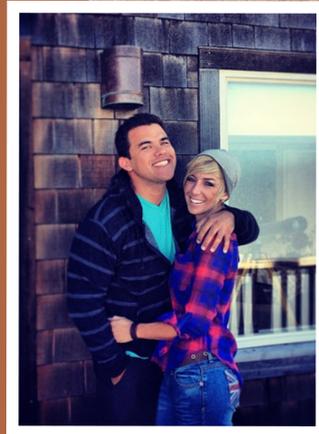
Adventuring Together

About Sara

By Mark

- Sara is a genuine and passionate person who loves the Lord deeply.
- Sara is a self-starter and is known for keeping her word.
- Sara excels in hard work and is dedicated to the task at hand.
- Sara has traveled the world and has lived overseas extensively.
- Sara loves reading, traveling, going to the beach, and gardening.
- Sara adores her family and friends and loves to bless people.
- Sara loves to be active, especially with surfing, hiking, and running.
- Sara loves going out on spontaneous dates.
- Sara has been the director of 2 major organizations and is a strong public speaker.
- Sara loves interior decorating and keeping an organized house.
- Sara will pour her heart and energy into raising our child. She will be loving, instructive, protective and will expose our child to endless adventures!

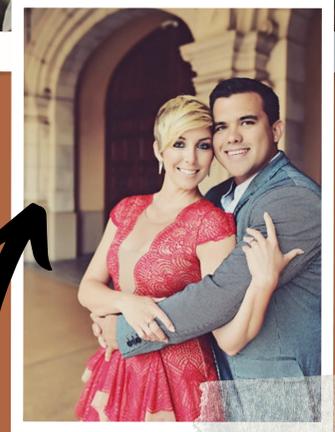
Meeting & Dating



Our first picture as a couple!

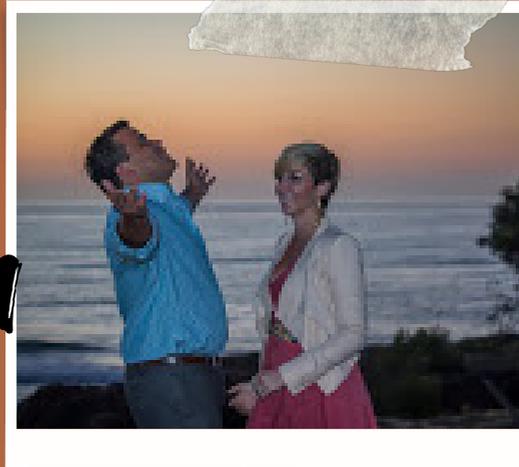


Mark visiting Sara in Israel



Here are our engagement photos!

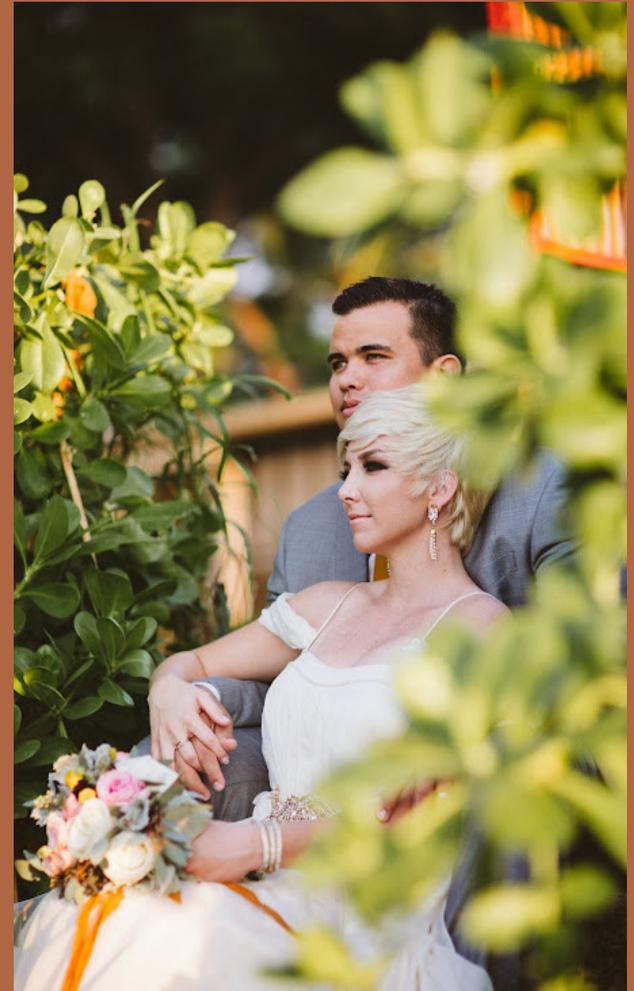
Mark just proposed and Sara said yes!



*We met in 2013 at our church on Maui. It was love at first sight!
Shortly after, Sara got accepted to grad school in Jerusalem, Israel. Mark got to visit her!
We had a long distance relationship and really grew as a couple during that time.
There were many Skype dates, flowers and love letters sent!
After graduating school, Sara moved to San Diego to be close to Mark - we were elated!
We were head over heels in love and were so grateful to be living close to each other.
In 2015, Mark proposed to Sara in San Diego on the cliffs overlooking the sunset.
We excitedly started planning our dream wedding on Maui, which was set for Jan. 9, 2016!*



Sara's Bridal Party



*The greatest day
of our lives.
- Jan. 9, 2016 -
Maui, HI*



Mark's Bridal Party

In Paradise, marrying the person of our dreams,
with friends and family by our sides



Home Sweet Home

A two-story house with light blue horizontal siding and white trim. The house features a large balcony on the second floor with white vertical railings. A wooden staircase leads to a second-level entrance on the right side. The house is surrounded by several tall palm trees. In the foreground, there is a stone wall made of dark, irregular stones, a wooden fence, and a black mailbox on a wooden post. The sky is clear and blue.

In 2020, we bought a foreclosure, moved to Maui shortly after, and spent the next 1.5 years renovating it. Her name is 'Casa de Mango' in honor of the big mango tree in the backyard.



Sara loves fresh flowers. These are proteas.

Mark renovating our decks!



Our new family kayak - lots of adventures ahead!

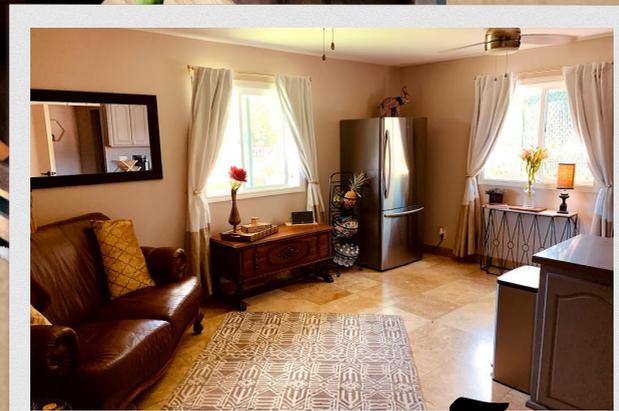


Neighborhood cat, Bob

#7D8482



Our beloved backyard mango tree!



Our Main Kitchen/Living Room
Our Guest Quarters



Baby's books - My First Bible
Stories & My First Prayers

The Start of the Nursery! We love the nature theme and hope to teach our child about the Great Outdoors, the importance of having a healthy and active lifestyle, being kind to creatures, and respecting others.

MAUI AT A GLANCE



From Left to Right: View from our favorite restaurant looking up at the West Maui Mountains; A family friend makes us the most scrumptious mango pies; The BEST shaved ice in the world!; A perfect double rainbow popped out while we were adventuring; Beach views close to our home; Turtle sightings are everywhere!

King's Church, Maui
Mark and Sara were raised in this church and baptized as children.



Powerful Conferences



**Award-Winning
Productions**



Epic Kid's Programs



From Left to Right: Mark dancing with his cousin, Marlene; Sara's parents having tea; Mark's Dad, Barbara and his two nephews, Gabriel and Noah; Us with our cousin, Willow; Sara with her great-niece, Dassi



Family Snaps





Mark's Dad (AKA 'Pops'), Sara and Mark enjoying ice cream!



Sara's cousin, Ashley, has 10 beautiful kids, two of which are adopted from Haiti.

Family Snaps



Sara's mom, sisters and Mark at the San Diego horse races.



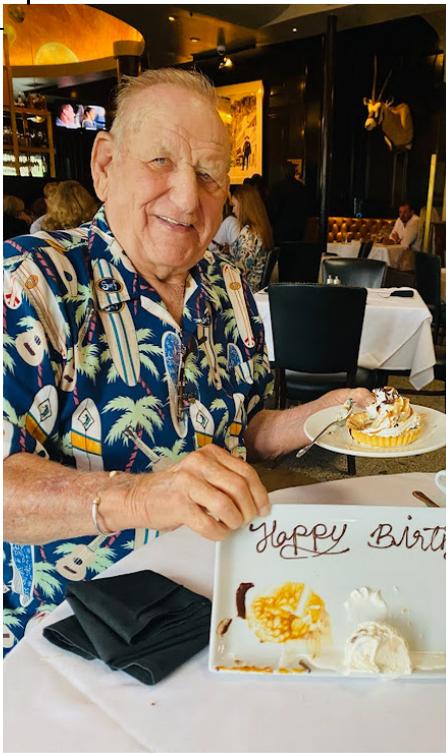
Sara's Mom's side of the family who live in Boston and are so much fun! Pictured: Patrick, Jennifer, Chris, Shailyn, Uncle Dougie, Aunt Joanne, Mark and Sara



Mark's side of the family enjoying a feast together! Pictured: Mimi, Sebastian, Noah, Barbara, Mark Sr., Mark



Mark's Dad's side of the family enjoying a family gathering! Pictured: Mark, Josh, Jonah, Mark Sr., Uncle Eric



Happy Birthday!



Mark and Grandma



We were SO glad Pop-Pop & Grandma Could Be At Our Wedding!

Pop-Pop & Grandma

- We adore our grandparents! Harold and Hilda (AKA 'Pop-Pop' and 'Grandma') are Mark's Dad's parents and they recently moved to Texas. They are very active, healthy and so much fun to be around! They can't wait to meet our little one. <3
- Pop-Pop & Grandma come to Maui almost every year to visit - we'll see them soon!
- Our other 3 sets of grandparents have sadly passed away but they left a great legacy behind and many memories that we will always cherish.
- Mark's maternal Grandmother lived on Maui for many years and had a close relationship with her family. She is remembered fondly.
- Sara's paternal Grandparents were from India but moved to Missouri when Sara was a child - she has wonderful memories being at their home, learning how to read music, cook and preserve jams.
- Sara's maternal Grandmother was from Boston and is missed by her family.



WE LOVE THE HOLIDAYS!



Friends Along The Way

Channing's family
visited us on Maui!

Sara with her
friend's daughter,
Noa

Sara's
Newest
Bestie,
Channing



Sara's College
Bestie, Britt



Us with
friends at
the ocean!

Friends Cont'd



Sara and her friend Ingrid,
from Norway



The boys playing a round
of golf on a gorgeous day!



Mark and Sara with their friends, Jeff & Linda, at a super fun event in San Diego!



Sara, her childhood friend,
Linds, and her daughter, Reese

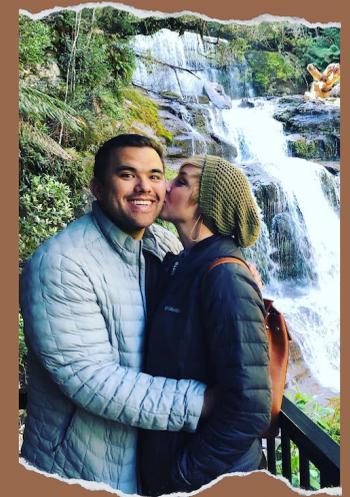


Family and friends getting ready for wedding
festivities on Maui!



Sara's family loves shiba inu dogs!

Here we are with our gorgeous goddaughter, Melanie.



Chasing waterfalls in Tasmania!

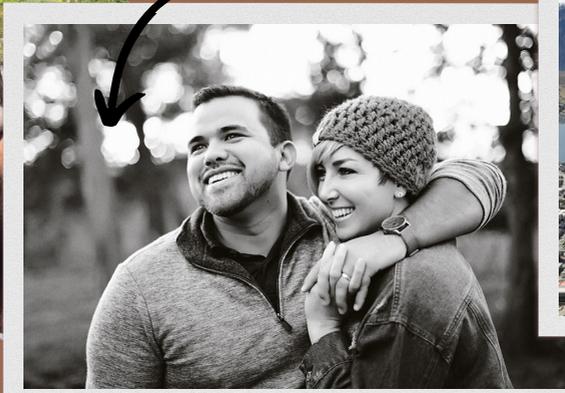
We found a perfect spot to rest during our hike in Yosemite.



Family Vaca, Mendocino, CA!



In Branson, Missouri visiting family!



Exploring New Zealand!

Our Adventures

Snow-Mobiling, Colorado



Universal Studios, Florida



Lightning Storm, Sydney



Disneyland, California



From Left to Right: Here's us, hiking in the Sequoias!; Great fun exploring the glowworm caves in New Zealand!; Looking like tourists in Kensington Gardens, London; Savoring the beautiful windmills in the Netherlands; Hiking to stunning Mt. Cook in New Zealand; Attending a Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C.

Family Info Page

Mark

Occupation: Small Business Owner
Education: BA in Communications
Religion: Christian
Birthday: February 15, 1989
Ethnicity: Caucasion / Filipino
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Hazel
Height: 6'0
General Health: Excellent

Sara

Occupation: Project Manager
Education: MA in Islamic Studies
Religion: Christian
Birthday: October 29, 1984
Ethnicity: English / Irish / Dutch
Hair Color: Blonde
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 5'8
General Health: Excellent

***Date of Marriage:** January 9, 2016

***Interests & Hobbies:** We love going on dates, traveling, attending services and conferences at King's Church, spending time with family and friends, adventuring on the weekends, hiking, working out, trying new restaurants, watching sunsets...the list goes on! Sara loves to garden and be outdoors, and Mark loves to grill, watch sports, golf, and follow the stock market.

***Home:** We bought our first home in 2020 - as a foreclosure - and spent the next year renovating it from top to bottom. We are just a 10 minute walk to the beach! Our home is full of peace, comfort, and rest.

***Finances:** God has been so good to us and has given us the chance to bring in a healthy, dual income. We have no consumer debt and are saving up for various investments.

***Childcare Plans:** Sara works part-time and has the ability to work from home. Mark has flexibility as well, and can be home at a moment's notice. We have lots of awesome family members, both on Maui and on the Mainland, who are excited to be part of our child's life and have expressed their willingness to help out as needed.

***Why Adoption?** We've been SO ready to start our family for the last 5 years - after the heartbreak of infertility, we know that the Lord has a different plan for us and we are ready to jump in head first!

Thank you for considering us to play a major role in your child's life.

We can think of no greater honor.

We trust God and know He has a perfect plan for all of us.

May you find peace and comfort in your journey ahead!

