



SIMONE

*and*

BRIAN







LET'S START WITH

*hello*





It is with grateful hearts that we **THANK YOU** for taking the time to look through our profile today. We recognize both the difficulty and the courage required in this process. It is our hope that our story will provide you with great peace as you move forward.

We are parents to 4 beautifully diverse children ages 14, 11, 8, and 4. We had two biological girls before we felt called to share our hearts, home, and lives with additional children through adoption. In 2016, we brought our first son home from Korea. Four years later, our entire family journeyed to China to bring home our second son when the covid virus first broke out.

Today, our family is more vibrant than ever without a dull moment. We enjoy and celebrate each unique and special child that we have been blessed with. That said, we feel strongly that God has one more child that he would have join our family. If you feel our family would be a great fit, we promise to raise your child in a loving and **JOY-FILLED** home. We will do our absolute best to meet all the physical and emotional needs of your child while providing the love and unconditional support they need to thrive as they grow and mature into adulthood.



*Thank you*

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US  
BETTER IN THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW





OUR WILD  
*adventure*  
BEGAN **18**  
YEARS AGO

We first met at a wedding for Simone's younger sister. Brian moved down from his end of the head table to sit next to Simone as the Maid of Honor. The first thing that impressed Brian was that Simone was willing to join him for round two at the buffet! Simone then made the bold move to obtain Brian's phone number from her brother-in-law and called him a few days later. Brian was quite surprised to hear from Simone since she lived in Washington, and he was in California.

The distance proved irrelevant as we developed a long-distance relationship over the phone, often spending as much as 4 hours talking late into the night. One year after we met, Brian proposed to Simone at the top of Yosemite's Nevada Falls. She was in such a daze of excitement that she nearly ran down the mountain to call her family and share the news. One year later, we were married in Seattle, Washington and began our life together in California

We have now been married 16 incredible years. It has been full of excitement, adventure, and challenges. Through it all, our love and commitment to each other has only grown. We have been blessed in so many ways but none more important than having very supportive parents, family, and friends in our lives. However, it was through our relationship with God that we felt a strong desire and call to expand our family through adoption. At first it was crazy, then scary, then exciting, and finally fulfilling. We have seen God work in ways we never could have imaged and our faith and trust in Him has grown as a result.



# WE LOVE TO *Travel*



Our favorite summer destinations include Whistler, British Columbia and Maui, Hawaii. We also love visiting family in Charlotte, NC and try to make a trip once a year to our family-owned property in Big Bear, CA, to see the snow and go sledding. We cannot forget our special trips to South Korea and China where we were fortunate enough to bring the whole family and experience the cultures of both our sons' homeland.







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SIMONE





WRITTEN

BY

*brian*



My wife and best friend, Simone, amazes me daily on many levels. She has been an incredible partner, encourager, and supporter for me personally and professionally. As a mother she is truly special! She excels at connecting with children. Our children (and others) always want to be around her. Whether it's playing games, listening to their stories, or just cuddling, it is very hard to find her without a child nearby. Simone is incredibly patient, understanding, and nurturing. As an example, during the morning get-ready-for-school routine, one of our kids was struggling. She took 5 minutes to sit down, listen and discuss how she can help them overcome their challenges. I could see this rather simple break from the regular business of the morning made all the difference and helped turn the morning around. Simone makes such an effort to connect with all our children on an individual basis. Sometimes this is a breakfast out, an activity, or grabbing a treat together. Because of her close connections, even our teenager feels comfortable sharing the big things that are happening in her life.

Simone makes our home, family, and daily activities come alive. She enjoys planning amazing, birthday-themed parties to ensure each child feels extra special. She decorates for various holidays that make our home feel warm and creates excitement throughout the year. Recently it was decorations for St. Patrick's Day that included individual bowls of Lucky Charms, small pots filled with gold coins, and a scavenger hunt with clues leading to treasure. A month earlier it was the Love Bug who "visited" for Valentine's Day. When one of the kids gets recognized at school for something as little as being kind to another child on the playground, she will get a special dessert or a bottle of sparkling cider to help us celebrate over dinner. A couple months ago we had a great evening celebrating Chinese New Year complete with decorations, a special dinner, and a tiger mask craft (2022 is the year of the tiger). This effort really made our 4-year-old son from China feel proud of his Chinese culture and loved for who he is.

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I could go on and on about Simone. She is simply an amazing mother to all our children and a daily inspiration and encouragement to me.





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BRIAN





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BY

*simone*



Brian is the love of my life. He is the most selfless person I know and keeps me grounded when life seems uncertain. He is dependable and gracious, honest, and silly. He is the practical to my spontaneous and the “outdoorsy” to my “indoorsy.” ©The bond we share has allowed us to fulfill the calling of adoption on our hearts and continues to strengthen day by day. He is the most incredible father to our four children and loves them well. Whether that be building sets for our daughters’ theater productions on Saturday mornings at school, cheering on our son at his flag football games, or teaching our 4-year-old how to swim. Not a day goes by that he isn’t connecting with them or shepherding their hearts. In addition to his role at home, he is a talented academic physician dedicated to caring for those with devastating neurologic injuries in the ICU. His work outside the home provides for our family and allows me to stay at home to raise our children. This provides our children with consistency and stability, especially important for children who are welcomed through adoption. At this stage in Brian’s career, he enjoys quite a bit of flexibility which allows him to be present for all the important things going on in life.



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Brian is my best friend and the rock of our family.





MEET  
ARIANA  
*dawn*



Ariana Dawn is 14 years old and has been gifted a servant's heart. She loves her family fiercely and is an enormous support as the oldest sibling. She enjoys reading and singing, so much so that our house is often filled with song from the pieces she's working on. She recently finished performing in her 7<sup>th</sup> school play and has taken up guitar lessons at our church.



MEET  
RHYS

*ming*



Rhys Ming is 4 years old and a bundle of joy. He loves Batman and sees every day as a new adventure. He loves riding his scooter and playing in our home's sand box. He enjoys Friday lunch dates to Chick-fil-A with Mom and loves to build things with Magna-Tiles. He has a thankful and happy disposition and loves to cuddle. Rhys was adopted from China in 2020 at the age of 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years.





MEET  
MADDOX

*eunbhin*



Maddox EunBhin is 8 years old and our intensely passionate child. He loves watching and playing football and excels in everything he sets his mind to. He enjoys playing Monopoly and riding his scooter and bike. He loves the outdoors and will choose shorts and t-shirt over jeans and a polo any day. Maddox was adopted from South Korea in 2016 at the age of 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years.



MEET  
ALEXA

*renee*



Alexa Renee is 11 years old and has inherited a motherly quality that has made it easy for her to develop close relationships with her younger brothers. She also enjoys musical theater and recently completed her second school production. Lexi is deemed our "cuddle bug" and is both shy and strong-willed.







# our HOME AND COMMUNITY

**WE LIVE** in a quiet, family friendly area of North County San Diego. We purchased our 5-bedroom, 5-bathroom house 12 years ago when we only had one child. We loved the community, the proximity to Simone's parents, and the cul-de-sac location away from busy streets. We have lived here for almost 13 years and have nearly filled up all our bedrooms.

We share close friendships with our neighbors, enjoy frequent walks to the parks or playing outside. In the San Diego area, we rotate season passes to different attractions such as SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, and Legoland. We enjoy family hikes on various trails around the county, as well as trips to the beach. In the summertime and most weekends, we often head over to Simone's parents' house to relax, swim, and barbeque. In addition to loving grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, and cousins on both sides, we are blessed to have a loving and supportive community at school and church. This is readily apparent to us but most easily exemplified by the meals this community has provided each time we have brought home an adopted child. Our children have also witnessed this love and support from this larger community through surprise birthday presents delivered or unexpected birthday cake (and singing of course) when we get invited over for dinner near one of their birthdays.

Our oldest 3 children go to Maranatha Christian School, which is just a couple miles from our house. Our youngest is about a mile away at the Preschool campus. We encourage our children to pursue their interests, gifts, and passions. Ari and Lexi love musical theater and participate in the yearly productions offered by our school, as well as summer theater camp. Maddox is passionate about football and plays in various flag football leagues. Rhys is currently taking swimming lessons so he can better keep up with the big kids during the summer months that are filled with fun at grandma's swimming pool, which is only about 7 minutes from our house.

We work hard to connect with our children and instill a strong sense of family and support for one another. One aspect of this is eating dinner together as a family. The kids take turns helping prep dinner, setting, and clearing the table. Most evenings we make time for some family games, whether it be playing four-square out in the street before dinner or playing Uno or other games inside before bed. It is special and enjoyable to see our children of different ages having fun together. Weekends are primarily family time, whether at our house, around San Diego or cooking and swimming at Simone's parents' house. Sundays we attend a local church with an amazing and supportive church family. Our children enjoy the various programs offered for kids. This summer, our oldest children will be going to camp at Hume Lake and Catalina Island.









# *our* FAMILY



Simone's parents live 7 minutes away and are a huge help and support. Simone's mom especially has the gift of connecting with children much the same way Simone does. Simone has two younger sisters, each with three children of their own. Her youngest sister in Charlotte also adopted a young boy from Korea about 1 year after we adopted Maddox. Sharing a similar calling and life path has been a huge support for us as they navigate being adoptive parents, gleaning from the lessons learned and milestones made. Simone's sister Daphne lives 1.5 hours away. We get together frequently to celebrate birthdays and other special events. Her 3 girls are very sweet and have really bonded with Maddox and Rhys.

Brian's youngest sister lives nearby in San Diego with her husband and 2-year-old daughter. Brian's parents are a 7-hour drive north and visit regularly and attend special school performances and other events. Brian's older brother lives in Chicago with his wife and three children. We usually visit Chicago, or they come to California at least once per year. One of our children's favorite vacation spots is visiting their cousins at the lake front cottage in Michigan during the summer for water sports, fishing, and catching critters like fireflies and turtles.

Simone grew up with a Korean father and a Caucasian mother. Her parents did an excellent job in celebrating her worth and value as a biracial child. She recalls having people stare at their family growing up because they were different. She recalls how her parents cultivated in them the ability to embrace being different and an inner self confidence. This naturally has benefited our family and our children as we seek to cultivate similar traits in our children given that our family (and each individually within our family) may look different than what others might expect or anticipate. As already mentioned, one way we do this is to celebrate both the Korean and Chinese cultures through food, holidays, and traditions. It is so precious see the pride little Rhys has for his Chinese culture at such a young age.





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# parenting



It is our desire that all our children know that they are unconditionally loved by us; but even greater, that they know they are loved by God. We want them to know and believe that God had a plan for them that involved joining our family. We want them to understand that they are adopted into our family--meaning that they are now and forever family just the same as if they were biologically born into our family. We also want them to know they can be adopted into the family of God. That in much the same way (only greater and perfectly), they will be unconditionally loved by Him.

It is our desire and goal to parent all our children with the grace and love Jesus offers to each one of us. We promise to **CONNECT** before we correct. We believe in the power of prayer and pray over our children daily. We pledge to honor our children's feelings, meet their physical and emotional needs to the best of our ability, be their support in the hard moments, model trust, and faithfully pursue attachment. We promise to remind your child through our actions that "you are safe, you are loved, you are wanted, and you belong." We have had 14+ years of experience parenting both girls and boys, adoptive and biological. We are not a perfect family, but we have tried to perfectly submit to God's will for our lives. We love our family and would like nothing more than to extend that love to your little one.





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Thank you again for sharing your time to get to know us. We would love to share more and ask that you pray over whether we are the family for your child. We are praying for our future daughter already and know with confidence that God will direct this process and have his hand upon it. Our faith is what made us a family and we live to bring glory to His name.



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...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 1:6**