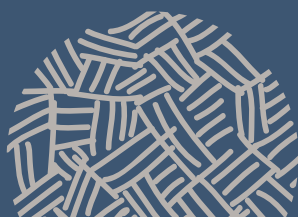




Emily &
Enrique





dear friend

This is probably a time of great uncertainty. You might be feeling alone, overwhelmed and scared. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you each and every day. Whatever decision you make, know that we see your bravery and the love you have for your child.

We feel honored that you are taking time to get to know our family. We hope this profile shows you our love and commitment to each other, our sons, and our deep desire to grow our family again through adoption. If we are chosen, your child will grow up surrounded by unconditional love, support and encouragement.

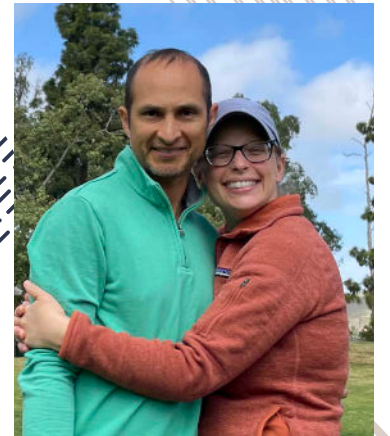
We look forward to getting to know you as we start this journey together.

*Emily, Enrique,
Mateo + Julian*





about US



We met in 2008 when Emily moved to California and have been inseparable ever since! We got married 11 years ago in Honduras (Enrique's home country) surrounded by our closest family and friends. We then made our home in Southern California. This is where we met, fell in love, and where we have an amazing support system of family and friends.

We have been through a lot in our 14 years together: Emily's rigorous medical training, moving cross-country, new jobs, two adoptions, and many other challenges and adventures. Through it all, our relationship has grown stronger. We feel very lucky to be on this journey together.

When we were unable to get pregnant due to infertility we chose to build our family through adoption. Our lives changed forever when Mateo and Julian joined our family and made us parents. Seeing the love our boys have for each other fills our hearts with joy and hope for the future.



“ Together is our
favorite place to be! ”

about emily

(in Enrique's words)

Emily grew up in Minnesota but loves the California sunshine now! She is the heartbeat of our family, weaving traditions into our routine, and making our home cozy and inviting. She is an excellent chef, always cooking delicious and healthy meals. Emily wanted to be a doctor since she was a little girl. After many years of school and training, she has her dream job as a physician caring for women and children. Emily's love is unconditional, it shows in the way she cares for our family and her dedication to her patients. She works part-time so she has a lot of time at home with our children.



More About

Emily

OCCUPATION: Doctor-Mommy Extraordinaire

FAVORITE TV SHOW: This is Us

FAVORITE PLACE: Summer in Minnesota

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My boys and Burt's Bee's lip balm

MY PERFECT DAY: Lazy morning at home, yoga, afternoon at the beach, home-cooked dinner and family movie night

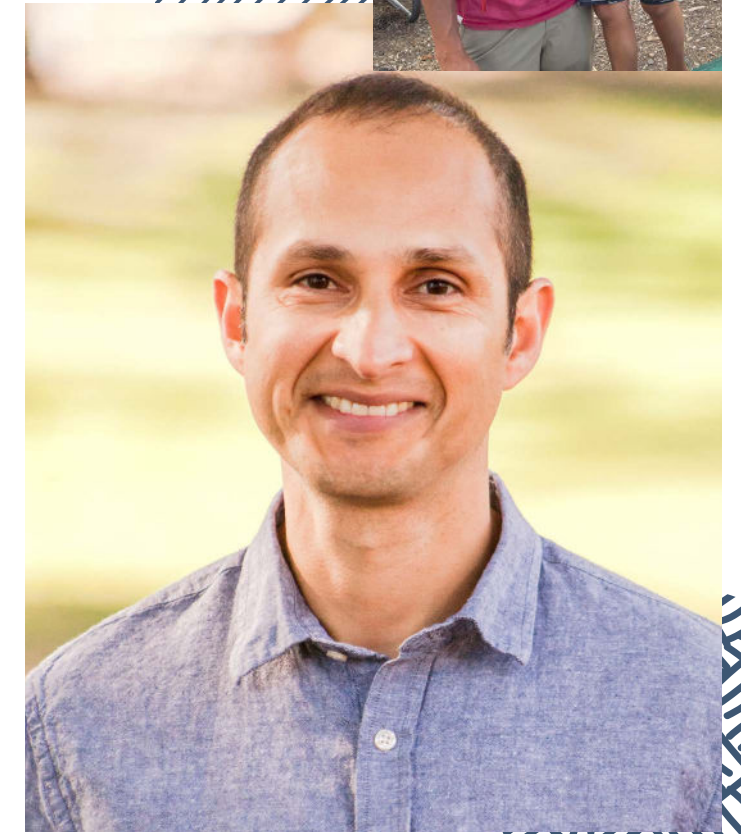
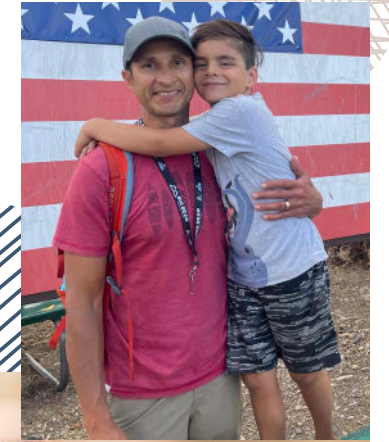
“Emily is a jewel, the kindest and most loving person I've ever met. I'm lucky she chose me to be her partner in life.”

- *Enrique*

about enrique

(in Emily's words)

Enrique grew up in a small village in Honduras, Central America, and came to the US when he was 13 years old. He learned English, excelled in school and was the first in his family to earn a college degree. Enrique is patient and calm even in stressful situations. He has the kindest, most gentle spirit. He is a very hands-on dad, getting both boys ready each morning, preparing meals and taking them on adventures. I love the bond he has with our sons. Enrique has a successful career as a Software Engineer and works from home, allowing for lots of flexibility and family time.



More About

Enrique

OCCUPATION: Software Engineer

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Ted Lasso

FAVORITE PLACE: Scuba Diving in Japan

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: my family, our dog and dark chocolate

MY PERFECT DAY: sleep in, hiking with kids and our dog, Sushi for dinner

“I hit the jackpot when I met Enrique! He's smart, kind and genuine. He's the best husband and daddy!”

- *Emily*

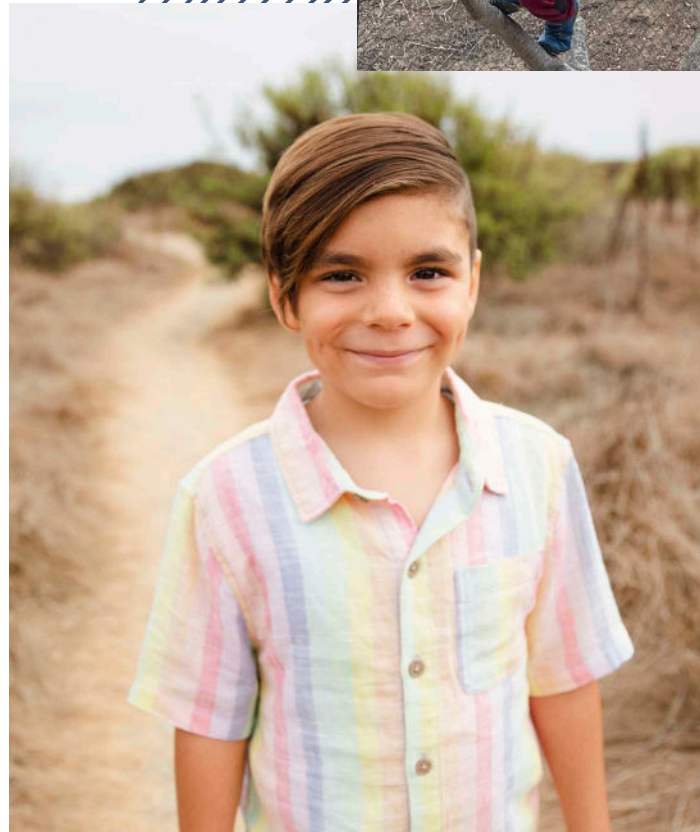
about mateo



Mateo is pure joy, full of energy and life. He loves to be outside exploring, running, and splashing in the waves at the beach on a warm day. He is an excellent swimmer and is learning how to surf and snowboard. He plays soccer and is a great goalie. Harry Potter books are his favorite to read at bedtime. Mateo is thriving in kindergarten at our local Charter School. He adores Julian and is very proud to be his brother.

“When you smile, the whole world stops and stares for awhile; 'cause you're amazing just the way you are.”

- *Bruno Mars*



More About

Mateo

AGE: 6 1/2

OCCUPATION: Ninja-in-training

FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Bruno Mars

FAVORITE PLACE: Our local beach

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Bean and cheese burritos, bedtime books and snuggles



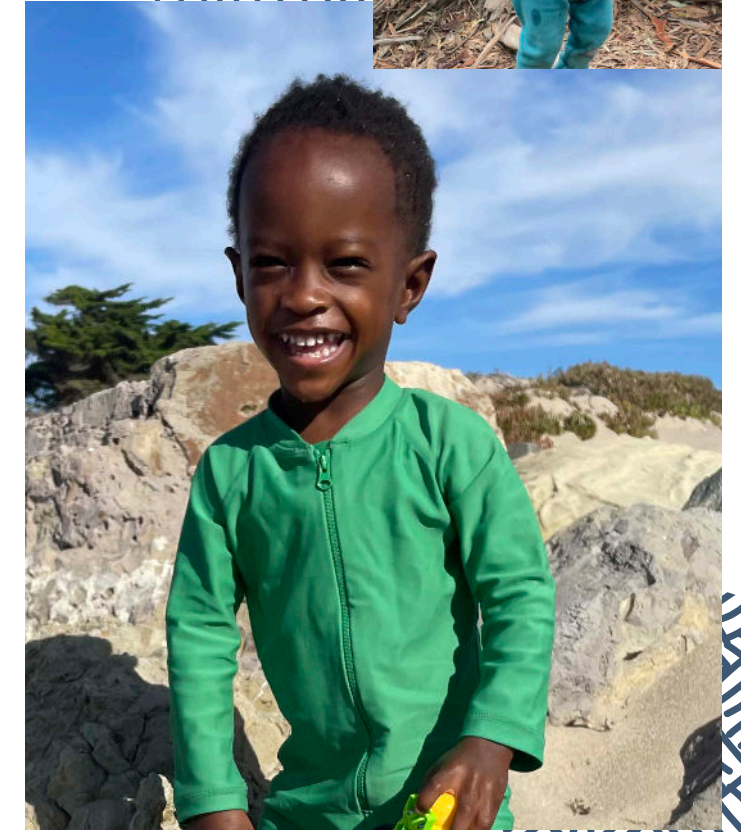
about julian



Julian is a sweet and curious toddler. He loves exploring, climbing and helping mama in the kitchen. He loves playing instruments and singing at music class each week. He is thriving in a very diverse Montessori pre-school. His smile and giggle warm our hearts. Mateo is his best buddy and protector. It is a joy to watch him learn and grow every day!

“Julian is the best brother and he's the cutest! I just love him so much.”

- *Mateo*



More About

Julian

AGE: 2 1/2

OCCUPATION: Mama's Sous Chef

FAVORITE SONG: You Are my Sunshine

FAVORITE PLACE: Playing under the fruit trees in our backyard

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: bananas, cheese and snuggles with mama



our families

EMILY'S EXTENDED FAMILY We love spending time with our Minnesota Family! The boys love baking and reading books with Ma Susan (grandma), fishing and watching football with Papa Wally and playing with their cousins. Emily's parents spend 2 months with us in California each winter and we travel to Minnesota each summer.



Christmas with California cousins



At the cabin with Papa, Mateo's favorite



Bedtime stories with Ma Susan

ENRIQUE'S EXTENDED FAMILY Enrique's family lives within 1 hour of our home. The boys love spending time with their uncles and cousins, going on hikes and to the beach. We celebrate holidays and birthdays together. Enrique's mom always spends a lot of time with us and is teaching the boys to speak Spanish.



Family fun in Minnesota

our home & community

We live in a sunny beach community, full of cultural and ethnic diversity. We own our home in a close-knit neighborhood that is walking distance to 2 parks. Every 4th of July they close down our street for a parade and block party. Everyone decorates for Halloween and Christmas. Our neighborhood is safe and filled with young families. It's a fun place for kids to grow up!



Our home



Exploring local tide pools



Pit stop on a local hike



Harry Potter Halloween

our friends

Our friends are a diverse group from all over the world. We take vacations and celebrate holidays together. We are blessed to be a part of a large community of other adoptive families. Our kids will grow up surrounded by other families that look like us.



Adoptive families fun



Best Buddies!



Camping with friends

why adoption

We've always known we would be parents. After our diagnosis of infertility, we decided to grow our family through adoption. We both grew up in blended families and feel that a family is created through love and commitment to each other, not necessarily through biology.

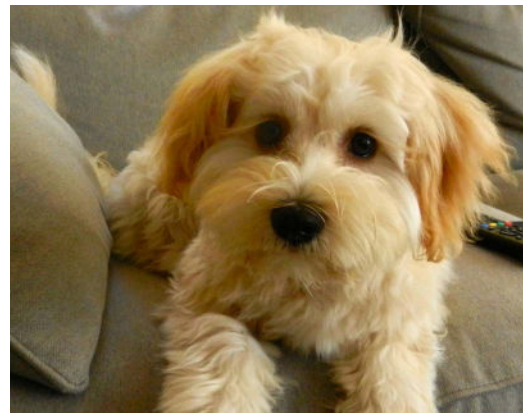
We have open adoptions with both of our sons' birth families. We would love to have a similar relationship with you and your family.

we promise

- o To give tons of hugs, kisses and cuddles every day
- o To celebrate their cultural heritage
- o To honor you and their adoption story
- o To show them the world through travel, art and music
- o To read books every night at bedtime
- o To encourage lots of outdoor play and exploration
- o To be their biggest fan and cheerleader
- o To provide a safe and warm home, filled with laughter and love

our dog, Maggie

Maggie is a Mini Golden-doodle, our fur-baby, and vital member of our family. She loves going on daily walks, to the park and the beach. She's very gentle with the boys. She's super smart and will give you a "high five" among other tricks.



Julian's birth family visits California



Brothers!



Mateo's Adoption Finalization



Meeting Julian



fun facts about Our family

We wear matching PJs every Christmas Eve



We enjoy musicals, plays & regular visits to local zoo and museums



We speak Spanish and English at home



We love swimming at our pool club year-round



We go outside and explore every chance we get!



Every Saturday we have movie night with popcorn and M&Ms



“ Our best days are the ones we spend as a family; whether exploring new and exciting places or a quiet day at home playing and reading books. ”



thank you!



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. If you choose us to parent your child, we promise to provide a safe and nurturing home so that they will have every opportunity to learn, grow and flourish. They already have two amazing big brothers and an entire community who can't wait to meet them. Your child will be loved and cherished each and every day.

With love and gratitude,

*Emily, Enrique,
Mateo + Julian*