







# DEAR FRIEND,



We first want to say how brave and strong we believe you are. We can only imagine how difficult this time must be. Your willingness to consider adoption for your child is very admirable. We hope that as you learn more about us, you are filled with hope and security that your baby will live in a deeply loving, caring, and joy-filled home with the opportunity to grow to their fullest potential. Through our struggles with infertility, we have learned to love and lean on each other no matter what. Our families are our greatest supporters, and they join us in excitement at the potential of welcoming new family members to our devoted home. We are grateful and honored that you would consider us as the potential adoptive parents to your beloved baby.

You are in our thoughts and prayers,

## BENNY & EMMA





# ABOUT US & OUR LOVE STORY



We first met during the wedding of Benny's cousin, who also happened to be Emma's best friend. The day before the wedding, Benny's cousin told Benny that if he didn't talk to this girl, he was going to regret it. We certainly didn't let the opportunity go to waste! We talked all night and learned we shared numerous things, such as our deep family connections, passion for adventure, and the significance of our faith. Despite these shared interests, it was the immediate and undeniable connection we shared that pushed us to date long distance while Emma completed her studies. Soon thereafter, Benny proposed on top of a snowy mountain, complete with a stranger snapping a photo! We soon got married in the same church that Benny's parents, and aunt and uncle had also gotten married. That magical winter day was a celebration filled with joy, and



we'll forever treasure the special moments shared with friends and family from around the world.

We share many hobbies like hiking, biking, and swimming and have both raced in triathlon events! We owe it to our parents for inspiring us to try new things and always pursue what we love. After living in Washington State for a few years, we moved to Arizona where we now live a short distance from Emma's parents! We love living in the desert and the calming warmth of the sun. Each year we feel our love for each other build and our marriage grows stronger. We feel so blessed that God brought us into each other's lives and we cannot wait to see how our journey together continues unfolding!





ABOUT

# EMMA



## BY BENNY

Emma is undoubtedly my better half. She constantly inspires me to be a better person each day with her unwavering compassion, dedication to goodness, and strength.

From sunrise to sunset, Emma fills her day with purposeful actions. Early in the morning, you'll find her reading and writing. During the day she finds time to connect with loved ones. She also prioritizes health through activities like walking the dog, biking, or yoga. Emma's ultimate goal is spreading joy and beauty, evident in our home's care, her heartfelt hand-drawn cards, and guest hospitality. I can't wait to see her channel these qualities into motherhood.



Snuggling best friend's baby



**Occupation:** Interior Designer

**Favorite Book:** *Between Two Kingdoms*

**Favorite Place:** The beaches in Baja, Mexico

**Can't Live Without:** Jesus, sunset walks with Benny and my dad's bean soup

**My Perfect Day:** Go on a sunrise hike, make a big breakfast, enjoy a picnic on the beach with family, and relax on the couch to a good movie.

“ Emma embodies the essence of a loving friend, sister, daughter, and wife, with a natural gift to make others feel valued and cherished. ”

– Benny

MEET

# BENNY



## BY EMMA

Benny loves to seize the day and embrace a challenge. Whether it be going for a long bike ride or teaching himself how to be an electrician, he is always motivated to learn and grow. Benny holds fast to his values, which most notably is prioritizing others' needs and offering to help in any way he can.

He has many hidden talents from juggling to riding a unicycle, but my favorite of all is how he can carry a conversation with nearly anyone and bring out the best in them. When we met, Benny said his greatest dream was to be a father. I can't wait to see him as one!



Cuddling our nephew



**Occupation:** Business Technology Consultant

**Favorite Book:** *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

**Favorite Place:** The forest and mountains surrounding Mt. Rainer.

**Can't Live Without:** A life without being active outside and exploring unfamiliar places.

**My Perfect Day:** Mountain biking early in the morning while the sun is rising and spending the rest of the day with Emma and our dog Ace.

“ Benny embodies loyalty, strength, steadfast love, and the ability to make those around him feel completely safe and supported. ”

– Emma



# OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

Our home is nestled in the desert in Arizona, with open space to run and play outside. We like to listen to our favorite music, decorate with special things we have collected over time, and keep a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere for our friends and family. We love our neighbors and see them often when we take our dog out for walks around the block. We are grateful to have family members like Emma's parents who live a short walk away! We also have friends who live close by and many who love to come visit. Our favorite park, walking trails, cafe, and church are all very close by.



Christmas with Benny's family

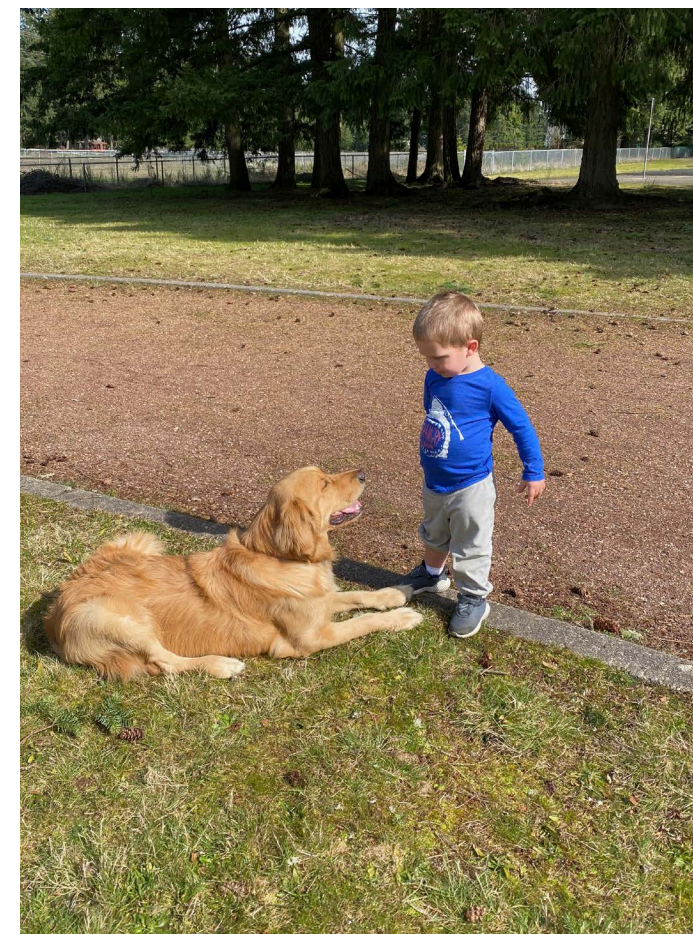


## OUR DOG, ACE

We have one incredibly loving and playful golden retriever named Ace. He has one goal in life, and that is to be by your side at all times of the day. Simply put, no amount of petting is too much for him.



Home in our living room



Ace with our nephew





# OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

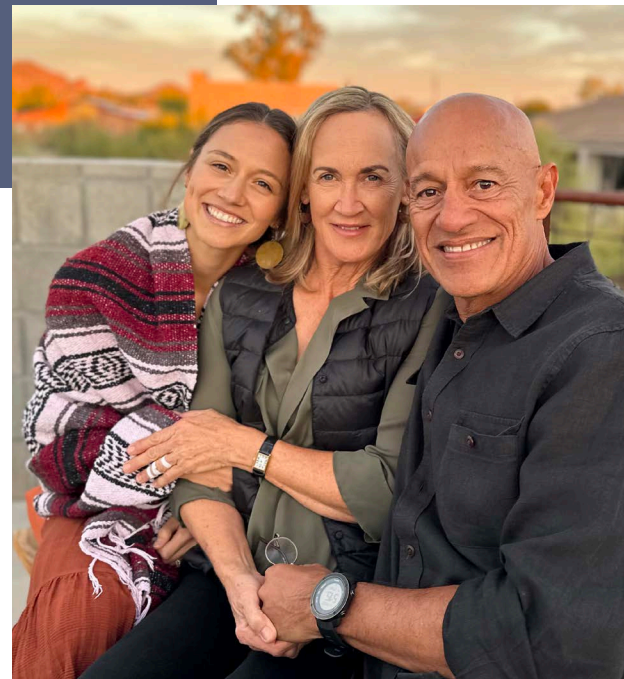


Emma comes from a family with many aunts, uncles, and cousins whom she is grateful to see often! Her Dad is from Mexico and Mom is from Texas, but they are lucky to have so many family members now live close by. Her parents love to play tennis and have a horse named Winston whom they visit often. Emma's parents love to host family gatherings at their home and always have something delicious prepared for everyone to eat!

Benny comes from a tight-knit family made up of his parents Bill and Patty, and his older sister Emily. Family is incredibly important to us, and we make a conscious effort to stay connected. His sister and brother-in-law have four boys of their own, which has only added to the energy and fun we have when we're together. Whether it's a holiday or a random evening, we will almost always find ourselves going for a group hike, often with a football being thrown every which way. Of course, a little bit of entertaining chaos is included.



Family at Christmas time



Thanksgiving with parents



Hiking the Grand Canyon



Emma and her cousin



Boat ride with parents



Emma's mom's horse show

# OUR FRIENDS



Having lived in many different states and spent a lot of time in different countries, we have fostered close friendships everywhere. We love bringing our friend groups together whether it be at a big celebration, trip abroad, or hosting them in our home. Some of our favorite activities we like to do with friends include making dinners for each other, showing them our favorite hikes, and celebrating special milestones in life.



Celebrating our friends' engagement



Benny's close friends



## WHY WE ARE ADOPTING



Before even meeting or dealing with infertility, we both hoped adoption would be a part of growing our family. Benny's mom and aunt were adopted and shared a very close relationship with their adoptive parents. Benny's grandpa is one of his greatest heroes and he has looked to him as an example to follow. Emma and her sister Delia also shared the desire to adopt children one day. When her sister died, Emma felt an even greater desire to grow their family through adoption. After years of infertility, we feel that adopting a child is part of God's perfect plan for our lives. Our hearts are warmed by the hope that we will get to welcome a child into our home through adoption!



## OUR PROMISES



- > We will love and care for your child unconditionally and eternally.
- > We will hold them and comfort them in times of need.
- > We will encourage and support them in times of challenge.
- > We will give them opportunities to live and grow into the truest version of themselves.
- > We will laugh often, play, and delight in learning and exploring this beautiful world.
- > We will show them the love, hope, and grace that God shows us.





# FUN FACTS

## ABOUT US



We love to go on a family hike at least once a week! We try to find new trails we've never been on before and look for opportunities for our dog Ace to get to play in a creek or lake.



We once road tripped across the entire country with our dog! One of our favorite places was the beach in Florida.

Benny was once a member of the United States Junior Cycling Team, and while he certainly didn't win, he did compete in a world championship.



Emma and Benny's sister enjoy competing together in triathlons.

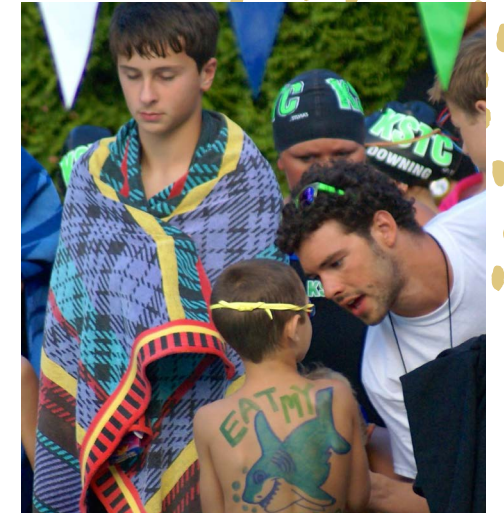


For Christmas gatherings we love to play funny games like the human version of Hungry Hungry Hippos or break out in a silly dance party.

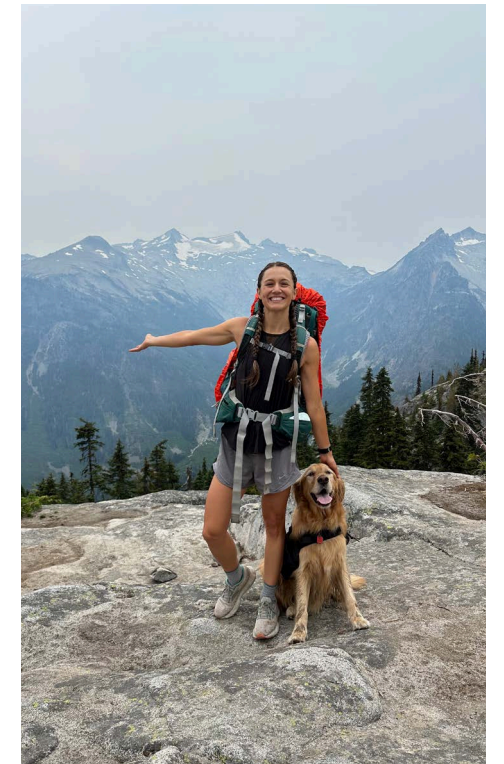


Emma's parents feeding their horse

Emma's dad is from Mexico, her mother from the US, and as a family they grew up between the two countries. Emma learned how to read and write in Spanish before English.



Benny loves the water. He used to coach a swim team of 200 kids and can hold his breath for almost 6 minutes.







# THANK YOU



We are so honored and grateful that you would take this time to consider our family and learn more about how we would love and care deeply for your beloved child as their adoptive parents!

EMMA & BENNY