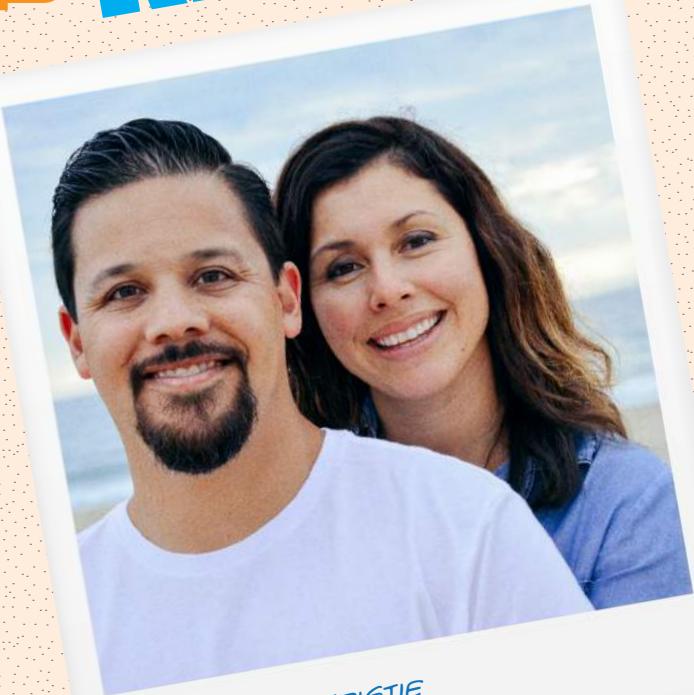


the kiddoo family



JASON & CHRISTIE



Dear Birth Mom,

Our names are Jason, Christie, Evan, Emma and Easton. We are so thankful that you are considering us as a family for your baby. We realize how difficult this decision must be for you and want you to know that as we have been praying about adoption, we have also been praying for you as a mom to be able to choose the best family for your baby. We admire your bravery in choosing life for your baby and the incredible sacrifice you are making to ensure your baby grows up in the most loving home possible.

About Us



THE KIDDOO FAMILY

We are both from Manhattan Beach, CA and went to the same high school. Although we did not know each other, we had many mutual friends. We started dating after running into each other at a local beach hang out when we were home from college during the summer of 2001. By 2008 we were married and a year later our first son, Evan was born. In 2011 we moved to La Quinta (about 40 minutes east of Palm Springs) for a job opportunity. Our daughter, Emma was born there. We lived there for 3 years and then moved back to our home town for another job opportunity. Since being back, our youngest son, Easton was born.

We currently live in a safe, quiet, family friendly neighborhood in a house with a large backyard for our kids to play in. The neighborhood is filled with children and we really enjoy living here. Several families from our church that we are close friends with also live in the same neighborhood, which is an added bonus.

We are Christians and our faith is central to our life. We are very much involved in our church, serving in various capacities. We have an amazing community of families that we are very close friends with and spend time with them often. Among our community are many adopted children, which is a major reason we have decided to adopt ourselves. We see and understand the beauty of our own adoption into God's family, and view adoption as a beautiful and tangible representation of this truth.



CHRISTIE

About Christie

I was born in San Salvador in the beginnings of the Salvadoran Civil War. My family moved to Canada when we were seeking asylum from all the chaos happening there. My family lived in Ontario, Canada for 3 years where my brother was born, then moved to Los Angeles since we had relatives there. Growing up in an immigrant family was hard and gave me a unique perspective of the hardships that come along with being different and integrating into a new culture. I remember it being difficult for my parents to find work because of the language barrier. Later my parents began having problems and very quickly it seemed like I was being raised by a single mom. That was really hard. Although my dad was around he was not financially responsible. He did his best, but ultimately both my brother and I suffered from not having mom around too often as she was always working.

When I was as a little girl I day dreamed of being a successful business woman and being able to have a lot of money to help people in need. I used to think that is what was most needed in children's lives so that their moms could be around more. Ultimately I went to college in New York and landed a successful career in sales in Los Angeles. Yet my deepest longing was to help those in need in some way.

I was met by God's grace in the middle of this career and while dating Jason. Suddenly my heart and life were radically changed by our faith and we were taken from a shallow dating experience to really committing our lives to God and each other. After a quick engagement we were married and soon after expecting our first born. This is when I slowly began to realize how pressed I was to leave my career and stay at home. I knew I wanted to help those in need, and realized children desperately need their mom to be with them, to sacrifice for them and pour out into them daily. Although it has been the hardest and most sacrificial calling, I am confident this is exactly where I am to serve. After Evan was born I left my career in sales and trained as a Pilates instructor, which is also one of my passions. I work part time as an instructor about 2-3 hours per week. I love all things fitness and healthy eating and share that passion with my family.



"--- MY HEART AND LIFE WERE
RADICALLY CHANGED BY OUR FAITH ---"

About Jason

I grew up in Manhattan Beach, CA. I am an only child, and have always been very active playing sports like soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball. Growing up close to the beach I started surfing at a young age. I also enjoyed skateboarding and playing roller hockey. My family would go on ski trips each year. I was always a good student and ended up going to college in Colorado. I graduated in 4 years and then moved back home to Manhattan Beach. Christie and I had started dating while I was a senior in college. Upon graduating, I started my career in sales. Initially selling computers, I went on to get my insurance license and became an insurance agent. This led to a job at a brokerage firm and I am now a successful Financial Consultant. I recently graduated with a masters degree in business (MBA).

I did not grow up with any religious background. When I was 26 and Christie and I were dating, God really grabbed a hold of her and ultimately myself. It has been an incredible journey and our lives pretty much did a complete 180. We have been Christians for 12 years now and our faith is central to everything we do. We both serve at our church. I play guitar on the worship team on Sundays and also lead worship for our men's bible study group. I serve as one of the leaders for a kid's program our church puts on and I am on the team that counts the offerings each week. Recently I became part of the finance committee for a local Crisis Pregnancy center. It is very humbling to be given so many responsibilities and opportunities to serve our church and I give God all the glory for anything good that comes from my life.

I love doing things with my family like going for walks, going to the park, the beach, Disneyland or just staying home and playing board games. I enjoy reading to our kids and teaching them about God and the bible and trying to instill good morals and character in them. I have always wanted to adopt and feel very strongly that it is God's will for our family. I want nothing more than to welcome an adopted child into our family and love and raise him or her to the best of my ability. We know that the fact that we already have 3 children may concern you. We want you to know that we see all children as a gift from God and want nothing more than to provide a safe, loving home to your baby and provide him or her with every opportunity to succeed in life.



JASON



"I RECENTLY GRADUATED WITH
A MASTERS DEGREE IN BUSINESS!"

About Evan



OUR KIDS ARE FUN, RAMBLING, AND WILD, EAGER TO LEARN --

Evan (8) is our artistic one who loves to draw and cartoon and dreams of being a cartoonist, illustrator or architect building and creating beautiful things. He is the leader of the pack often making up stories and games and worlds constructed by forts for the others to play in. He is also our master lego builder who spends hours putting together just the right touches on his space ships and buildings he designs with the bricks. Besides being our artist he is a proficient reader who loves all stories and often finds himself cozied up somewhere around our house with a book in hand imagining how he will be the hero of his own story that God has created him to be. Evan is also very active and loves to participate in basketball and soccer leagues and has began to train in self defense through the martial art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu alongside his dad. He loves wrestling with Jason and his siblings and playing all sorts of outdoor games with Jason in the backyard.

About Emma

Emma (6) is our little girl who we nicknamed Emma the brave. She is so courageous and helpful in so many ways. She is often found comforting and caring for her brothers. She doesn't sweat the small stuff and often keeps up with the boys in more ways than one. Her competitive spirit soars high with all the opportunities provided from having an older brother so close in age. She is strong in mathematics and science and loves to experiment in the kitchen often through baking and cooking right alongside Christie. She loves to play with her girlfriends from school and often plays salon shop or bakery shop with them. She loves her doll babies and often wears her "babies" on carriers and feeds them and puts them to sleep. She loves to work with her hands weather it is making crafts, creating art, arranging her dolls, or playing legos right alongside her brother. Emma is great at playing soccer and loves to swim, she will probably pursue those two passions since she is very competitive and shows great skill in both of those sports. Emma has been the sweetest big sister to her little brother Easton and is often helping him get dressed, putting on his shoes or nurturing him by simply laying and reading him a book.

About Easton

Easton is about to turn 3. He is the toddler of the house and a very busy one. He is often running along and playing with the bigs kids. They often include him on most of their games and look out for him. He is your typical wild little boy, into everything, chasing birds, gazing at the slugs and earthworms, discovering the world all around him and talking incessantly about his new discoveries. He is definitely the most athletic child we have and is exceptionally coordinated, he plays with any kind of ball he can find. We have introduced him to basketball, soccer and golf. Being the third gives him the advantage of being exposed to these things by having older siblings who participate and teach him. We have seen that being a younger sibling is a huge advantage because you have the attention of more people who love you, care for you and teach you different skills and passions. Easton also has proven to be a true comedian who enjoys watching people laugh at him and with him. He loves to dance and cant seem to stay still when there is music around.



-- FULL OF WONDER, CURIOSITY, AND IMAGINATION.



"SINCE OUR FAMILY IS NOT
ALWAYS LOCAL WE DO DEPEND A
LOT ON OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY ---



-- FROM OUR CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD
WHOM WE LOVE AND HAVE KNOWN
FOR YEARS!"

About Our Family

Jason's parents live in Palm Desert for half the year and come back to their beach house in Manhattan Beach for the summer. We go out there fairly often to visit them when they are in the desert and we regularly spend time with them while they are close to us at the beach. Our children love them. They call them Oma (since she is dutch Indonesian, it means grandmother) and Boppa and have a great relationship with them. This past summer, they blessed us by taking us on an amazing vacation to Hawaii which was our kids' first time being there.

Christie's parents live in Florida but visit us regularly. Our kids love them and have a great time with them when they visit. This includes Mama Eli and Grandpa Pete (Christie's stepdad), they enjoy playing with them and vacationing in Florida with them at least once a year.

Since our family is not always local we do depend a lot on our amazing community for support, which includes a whole tribe of families from our church and neighborhood whom we love and have known for years. They provide for us a deep sense of community and brotherly love and we are thankful to God for blessing our lives with so many aunties and uncles and brothers and sisters and cousins in Christ!