



MATT & DANAË



Hello!

Ever since we met, adoption has always been on our hearts. We didn't know the timing, but we knew that it was important to us to pursue adoption. Danae's last pregnancy was very challenging, and we didn't think it was wise to get pregnant again.

But we love children, and want to grow our family and add another little one. We believe we have a lot to give and offer. We don't feel like our family is complete yet, our kids are so excited to have a new brother or sister!





about us

HOW WE MET

We met at a Bible Study thirteen years ago in San Luis Obispo, CA. We were excited to get to know each other, but Danae was moving to Australia for a year. That didn't stop Matt from pursuing her, and we started dating long distance. We would Skype each other daily and Matt says he fell in love with Danae on one of the six hour calls, even though she was in a different country. Danae moved back, and they dated in person. Matt proposed after a year of dating and we got married in November of 2012. We have been married for eleven years and last year we had a big ten year vow renewal with our close friends and family.

We try to go on one vacation a year, just as a couple, to re-connect and make time for our marriage. We go on dates every other week and make sure we are doing the best we can to have a healthy relationship. We love to go to country concerts, try new restaurants, travel, and create new memories together.



about Matt

Matt is one of the easiest going guys you'll ever meet. He studied civil engineering and worked full-time as a civil design engineer for four years before he decided to open up a BBQ Restaurant. He has a heart to serve and bless others, and he has been able to do that through the restaurants we own. He likes to keep a routine, and wakes up early to work out and have quiet time before everyone else gets up. He can build and fix anything, and is always in the kitchen cooking, Matt plays with the kids and is very engaged and involved in their lives. He is very patient and you'll never hear him complain about anything.

He travels to California to run the restaurants about twice a month for about four days at a time. So he is able to be with our family a lot which is a huge blessing.



about Danae

Danae is a full time mom raising three kids. She has a degree in Recreation Parks and Tourism and started her own wedding planning company. She also got her cosmetology license and did hair and makeup for four years. (She still cuts her kiddos hair!) She has lived in Australia, has been to China, South Korea, and many other countries. She worked at a church as a women's ministry director for a few years and has a heart for women. She loves her friends so much and puts a lot of effort into having good friendships.

She stopped taking wedding clients to focus on the kids. She loves to get together with her friends and do play dates with other kiddos, and is very involved in all three kid's lives. She loves to host events and bring people together. You will always find her making special plans for the family to build more memories.



about Connor



You'll usually find Connor dressed up in a cowboy outfit or a military outfit. He loves to play outdoors, build legos, ride his new motorcycle, build things with his dad, and is an amazing cook in the kitchen! He makes the best banana bread you'll ever have.

He is in second grade and is the kindest person who always thinks of others.

"I promise to always take care of my new brother or sister. Because that is the most important thing."



about FINLEY

Finley is very creative and loves anything that has to do with art. She is more shy but is outgoing when she's with her friends and people she knows. Finley is in kindergarten. And when she isn't at school, she roller skates all around the house.

She loves to play with her baby dolls, and wants to be a dentist and a mommy when she grows up. She also goes by "Finn".

"I promise to give the baby bottles and help change their diaper."



about BENSON

Benson is the life of the party as a 2.5 year old. He has lots of energy and absolutely loves music and dancing. He stays home with Danae while the other kids are in school.

He likes to go shopping with his mom, loves to swim, go on rides at the fair and to play with his brother and sister. He likes to go to our friend's farm and play with the animals.

"I promise to give my new brother or sister candy."





Danae with Connor and Benson.



Connor and Finley on their first day of school in our backyard.



Matt taking Finley on a date.



Connor teaching Benson how to wear a cowboy hat.

our
FAMILY



Texas Cousins who live down the street.



Danae's cousin, Aleah



Grandma Gigi (95 year old)



Texas Cousin Christmas



Grandma Kari (Danae's mom)



Matt & Danae's parents



Matt's extended family- including his sister and children



Connor & Grandma Gigi



Danae's parents



Benson & Junie (cousin)



Danae's side of the family-
Thanksgiving 2023



Easter with Cousins



Matt's parents took our family to
Hawaii 2023



Danae's Sister, Laura

Getting to Know Our Family

Family is very important to us! We live down the street from our cousins, Aleah & Brian, who have four children. We see them almost daily and do lots of family dinners and life together. Both grandparents are very involved in our kid's lives, we talk to them daily.

Danae's grandparents lived overseas, and her mom grew up in Taiwan. Matt's parents are retired teachers. Danae has one brother who lives in Indiana with his wife and two children, and a sister who lives in Idaho with her husband and two boys. Matt has one sister who lives in California with her three children.

We have lots of aunts and uncles who are also involved in our children's lives. We have a blended family with three adopted cousins.

Even though we have family in different states, we see each other often. We go back and forth to California and will be living in California during the summers.



We like to travel and see new places. This year we went to the Big Island in Hawaii.



We like to ride bikes as a family and swim in our pool.



We go to the California Mid State Fair and Texas State Fair every summer.



Our ADVENTURES

We love to travel and create memories as a family! Every year it varies, but we typically do one big trip a year (Hawaii or some destination). Matt and Danae try to go to Mexico every year (the kids stay with the grandparents), we go camping, and we visit California every few months. It depends on our schedule but we do prioritize making memories with the kids.



Our Neighborhood



We live in wonderful neighborhood in Texas. Our cousins live down the street and we get to do life with them daily. There are lots of fun swim parties, dinners and spending time together. We have an acre lot where our kids get to play outside, go swimming and explore.



There are walking trails, a fishing lake, and park in our neighborhood. We like to go exploring with the kids.

Our neighborhood offers lots of community events that we go to. There's monthly events where families get together. This photo is from our Halloween Hayride that took us around to trick-or-treat with all the kids.



Family Traditions



As a family we have many traditions. Birthdays are a big deal in our family, we like to celebrate "Birth Months". We go to a Fourth of July Parade every year, celebrate Easter, get together with family at Thanksgiving and Christmas is the biggest season for us and Danae likes to make it as magical as possible.

What is Important to Us



Our Faith

Our Family

Blessing Others

Having a Healthy Marriage

Traveling and Making Memories Together

Building Relationship

Using our Businesses to Make an Impact in the Community

Creating a Legacy for our Children

our promise...

We promise to love our baby unconditionally.

We promise to give our baby the absolute best life possible and allow them to pursue their dreams.

We promise to take them on many adventures.

We promise to teach them how to cook and bake.

We promise to teach them the value of hard work and to have integrity.

We promise to celebrate their achievements and make them feel valued and appreciated.

Love, Matt & Danae





