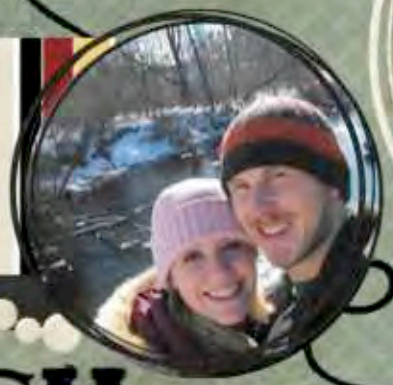
Kent and Danielle

Hello, We're Kent and Danielle



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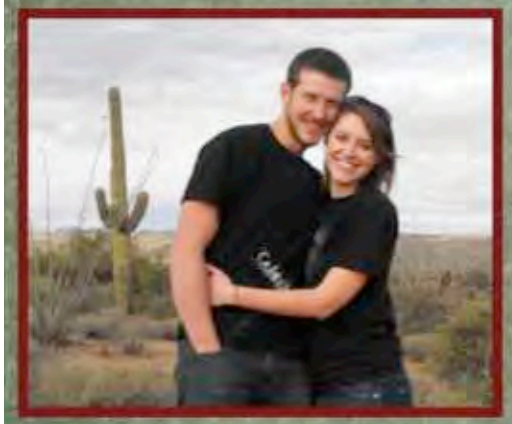
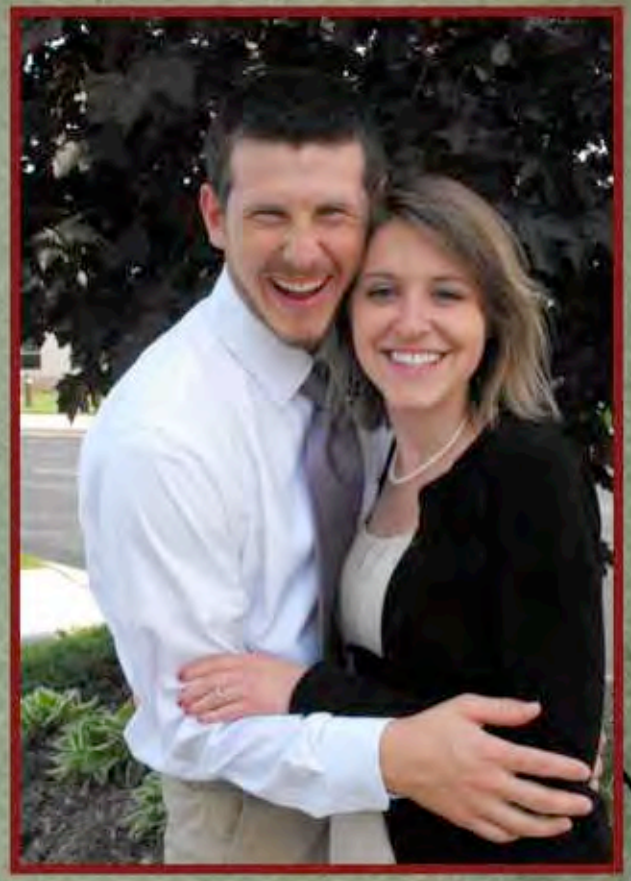
We are so honored that you are considering us to be the adoptive parents to your child. We are so blessed by the decision that you have already made to give your child the gift of life, and we are blown away at the sacrifice you are now making to give your child the future that you feel is best. We want you to know that we have been praying for you and your child.

We have been interested in adopting since we were dating and in college. Adoption has always been "Plan A" for us as we have considered starting a family. We are part of a wonderful church and have friends and family that are very supportive of us as we pursue adoption.

We are so excited to become parents. We have been married for three years and have a wonderful marriage. We are very much in love and are each others' best friends! We spend as much time together as we can, and we are so ready to share our love with a child and begin growing our family. We have a lot of fun together, so our home will be place with lots of fun and laughter. We want our family to be known for being full of love, grace, forgiveness, and laughter!

If you choose us to become your child's parents, you can be certain that we will honor you and pray for you as long as we live, and we promise that your child will always know about you and the incredible, loving decision you made for them.





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Our Lives Together

We met while attending the same Bible college. We ended up attending the same church because we were both looking for a place where we could work with students- teaching and mentoring them. We were volunteering in the youth ministry together and met at a youth outing at Chili's. Kent sat right across from Danielle at dinner, and she began to draw his face on the placemat with crayons. She told him he had nice eyes, and he thought she was flirting with him. (She claims she was just making an artistic observation.)

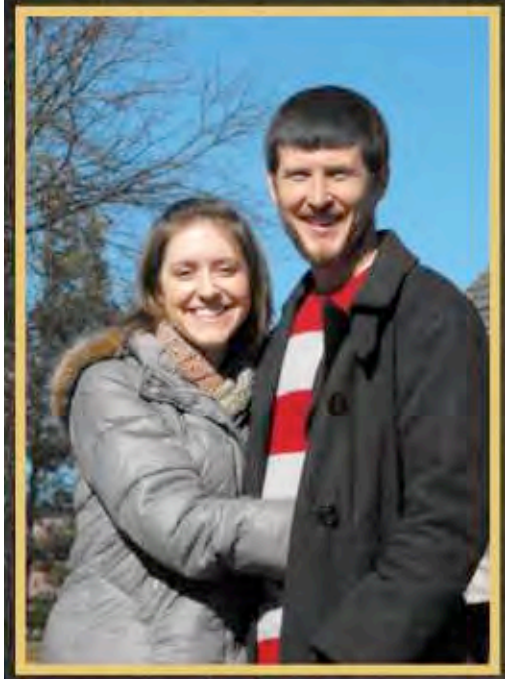
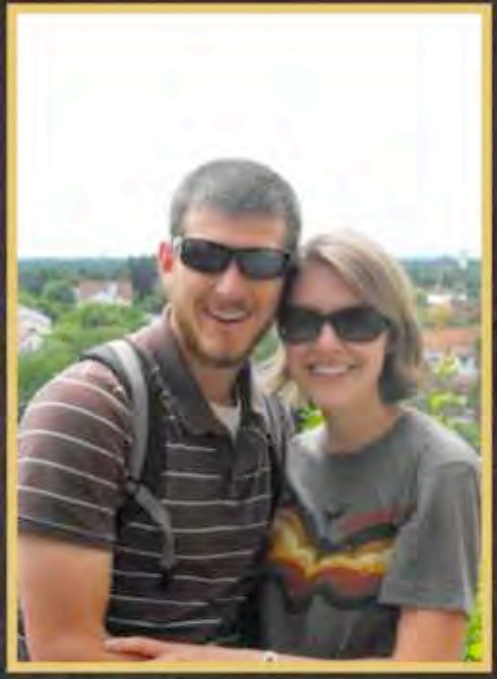
It wasn't until the following school year when we returned to the same youth ministry, that we went on our first date. We took a long walk together, went to dinner, and had a great time! We were both 20 when we started dating. We dated seriously for about nine months and got engaged.

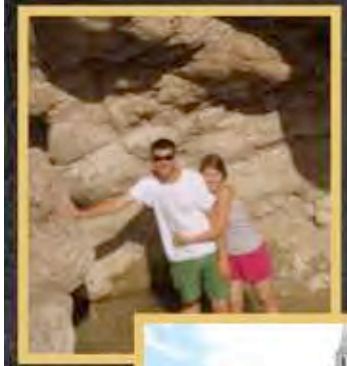
On the day Kent proposed, he showed up with some orange roses and sunflowers, Danielle's favorites, and suggested we go for a walk. We walked along the river walk, and then found a place to sit where Kent listed off the many reasons why he wanted to marry Danielle – he loved her smile, her family, he wanted to spend his life with her.... and then lastly he said, "...because I love you." This was the first time either of us had ever said the words, "I love you." Danielle said, "YES!" We walked a while longer and then called our families to share the good news.

We were married in Danielle's hometown- where her family still lives. We were married at a resort on a bright Sunday afternoon. We had an outdoor wedding with about 250 people there to celebrate with us. It was a beautiful day of celebrating the beginning of our lives together. We had a fun reception afterward with dinner, cake and lots of dancing.

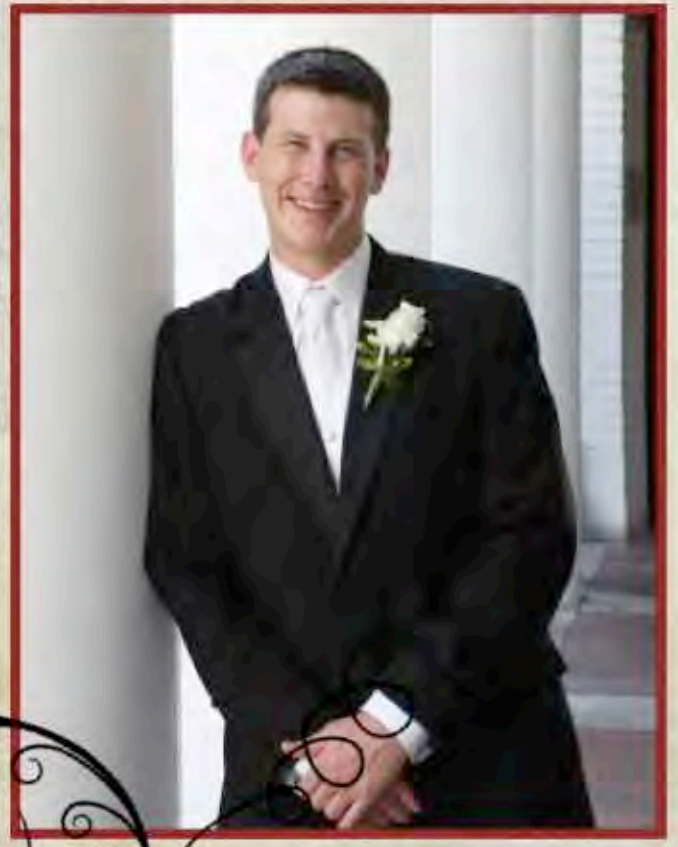
We spend a lot of our free time at our church where Kent is the junior high pastor. We love this ministry and enjoy loving on the kids, teaching them and mentoring them. We lead small groups with the students, Kent preaches, and we host fun weekend events like a movie nights, summer camp, a video scavenger hunt, along with other activities the kids enjoy. We also love being outside, and we especially enjoy riding bikes and hiking. We love to read, hang out friends, cook fun meals together, play games, and explore new places. The past two summers we have led a missions trip to Albania where we have taught English to junior high school students.

We can hardly wait to enjoy the world with children in our lives. We can only imagine the added joy that will come by experiencing life as a family.



My Husband Kent



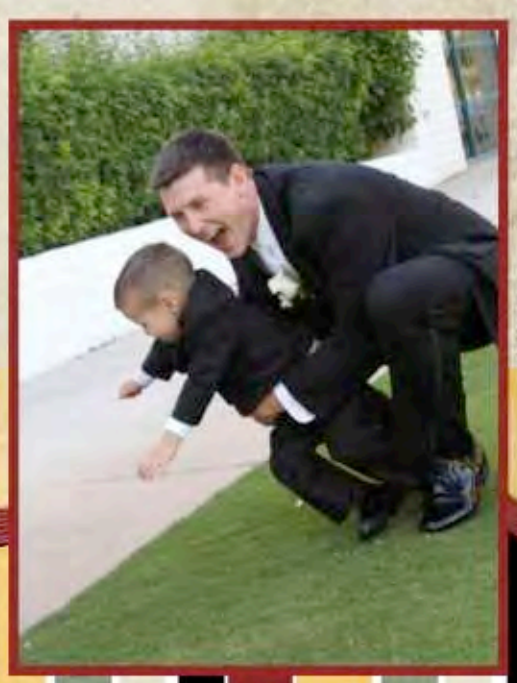
There is so much I love about my husband. He is always happy and always smiling. He is so funny, and everyone I know loves to be around him. He is really fun and outgoing and loves to hang out with friends. He is incredibly loyal and is great friend to those around him. Kent is the most amazing husband; I couldn't ask for a better man to spend my life with. Whenever I get worried or sad, he always makes me laugh.

In his spare time, Kent loves to play his guitar and enjoys playing soccer with his buddies. He also really enjoys cooking!

Kent is also a very hard worker – he is currently in seminary studying to be a pastor, working on his Masters of Divinity. He has been working hard and his degree will be completed a year from this spring. He also works almost 30 hours a week at Home Depot and serves as the junior high pastor at our church.

Kent is also great with kids – kids love to play with Kent because he makes them laugh and is a lot of fun to be around. We have two nephews, Leo and Percy, and whenever we are visiting his family, we get to spend lots of time with them. Children are really drawn to Kent because he is a very outgoing, fun and playful person. He always seems to know what to say to make them laugh and loves playing around joking, or playing games with the kids. We have also spent time babysitting for our friends' children. He plays cars with them, reads them books, plays football in the yard, or whatever they want to do.

I know Kent will be a great dad. I know without a doubt he will be the most loving, kind, supportive father ever!



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My Wife Danielle

I love Danielle for a lot of reasons. She's really smart, sweet and sensitive, and she loves to learn new things. She works really hard at everything she does. She is a really good friend. She has a fun and outgoing personality, loves to make people laugh, and is just fun to be around.

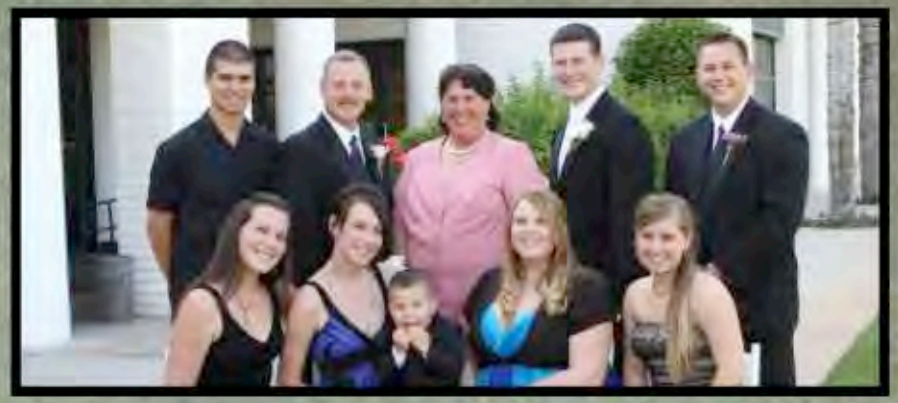
Danielle plays the flute and is an excellent musician. She also enjoys running and completed her first half-marathon last year.

Danielle currently works as a sales representative for a Christian publishing company. She has worked there for almost two years and really enjoys her job. When we have kids, it is our plan for Danielle to be a full-time Mom and devote her time to raising our family.

Danielle has always been a natural with children. Whether through babysitting or working with youth in our church, she has such a heart for young people. She mentors lots of younger girls and they really look up to her. She was a nanny for several summers in college and has done a lot of babysitting for others too. Danielle is really caring and gentle when she is with the kids. One of the things that I've always admired is her unique way of really talking and engaging with kids. She has conversations with them and really listens, rather than just talking at them or to them. She's kind and understanding, as well as always being there to just be silly and have fun.

Danielle was created to be a mother. I just know it. I can hardly wait to see her with a baby in her arms, stepping into this new, exciting role.

Our Family



Danielle's Family: My parents live in live in Arizona and have been married for 31 years – my Dad is Dana and my Mom is Doreen. My Dad has worked for the same company for over 30 years and my mom has been a stay-at-home mom. My sister Allyse is 21 and loves fashion. I have two brothers. Jarrod is 23 and is in the Marine Corps. My youngest brother Austinn is a senior in high school. He will be studying business at Arizona State next fall. All my siblings and I are really close – we were close growing up and talk on the phone a lot! Growing up, my family also did foster care, so we had kids living with us for almost 10 years as well. Some of them we still talk with and know pretty well.

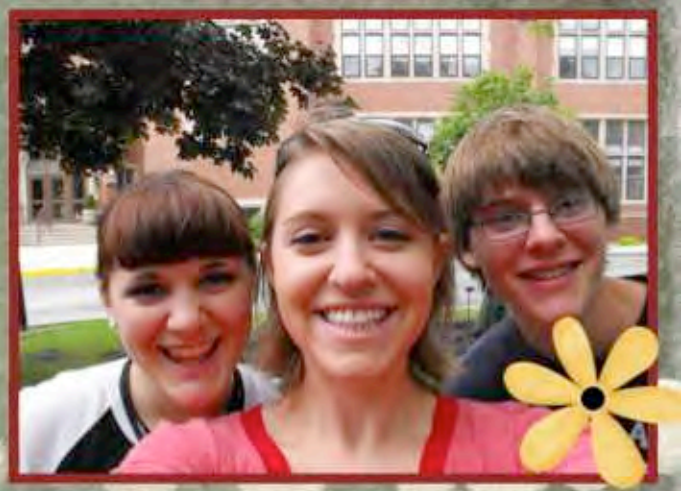
I have two grandmothers who live in Arizona near my immediate family. Most of my extended family- aunts, uncles and cousins- live in Arizona as well. My Aunt Coleen is very special to me and is one of my dearest friends. I am blessed with a wonderful extended family that we see often when we travel home.

Kent's Family: My parents have been married for 30 years. My dad works for the sheriff's department as a sergeant, and my mom has always been a stay-at-home mom. My brother Keith is 28 and is also a police officer. He is married and his wife Shanna is a nurse. My sister Corrine is 27 and is a teacher. She is married to Eddie, and they have two sons, Leo and Percy. My sister Candice is 23 and my youngest sister Cayla is 21. Cayla is married to Curtis. I am very close to my siblings, and they all live within an hour of one another in California where my parents also reside. I have one grandmother who also lives in California. Most all of my extended family lives in California as well- aunts, uncles, and cousins. I have a total of 22 cousins, 7 aunts, and 6 uncles. One of my cousins joined our family through adoption. My family is very boisterous and fun-loving! We love getting together, enjoy dancing, and often travel together.

Christmas is our very favorite holiday. Normally for Christmas, we travel home to Arizona and California to visit our extended families. When we go home to Arizona, we spend time as a family hiking or climb a nearby mountain. We also love to go on bike rides because the weather is so beautiful. In California, we go to visit all Kent's brother and sisters and their families. On Christmas Eve, we normally stay home, open one gift, watch a Christmas movie and have a really nice dinner. On Christmas morning, we all wake up and open gifts together, and then later in the afternoon, we will have a really nice, late lunch with the whole extended family.

For Thanksgiving, we get together with close friends and make a meal together. We hang out, eat a big Thanksgiving dinner, get dressed up, and play games. It's always a lot of fun. For Easter, we go to church on Easter morning and usually go to a friend's house for an Easter lunch. We try to go for walks and be outside as much as we can.

We are blessed to have an amazing support system of family and friends who are all excited about our adoption plans. They are all excited to welcome our little one into the family, and we can hardly wait to share the joy of family with our child.



Our Home

We are currently renting a wonderful apartment in a beautiful, big house that feels like it's in the country. The house is about 50 years old and was custom built by the people who live upstairs. We have two bedrooms- our bedroom and the room that will be the baby's room. Everyone who comes to our house always says it's so cute and cozy!

We have an amazing backyard – there's a lot of land, there are tons of flowers, and even a vegetable garden. The retired couple who live upstairs, love to garden so they always keep the yard looking beautiful. Our neighbors are great as well – many of them have horse property and lots of land too.

We live in the suburbs of a large city. They schools here are some of the best in the country. The public schools are excellent and well-funded, and there are also many private Christian schools in the area as well.

In our community there are dozens of parks with playgrounds and swing-sets, as well as several forest preserves for going on walks or bike rides. There is even a beautiful garden park nearby called that is a museum and the home of a gorgeous golf course and gardens. The community we live in is very safe. We live in a suburban area, but our house is tucked away a bit from all the roads and buildings which makes it feel like we're out in the country even though we're only a few minutes away from everything.

Our community is known for it's great diversity and for the many organizations that assist families who are moving to the US for the first time. We are also on the outskirts of an amazing city which has hundreds or shops, parks, museums, and schools. We loving going into the city to visit, especially during the summer when they have free concerts and events downtown.

Our Future

Kent is hoping to finish seminary in May of 2013. After his graduation, he will start looking for a full time job as a pastor of a local church. We also hope to move back to California or Arizona to be near our families since almost everyone lives there. So essentially, our goal in the next couple of years would be to move back to the southwest, for Kent to begin working at a church, and for Danielle to stay at home with our children.

Our faith is the center of our lives as a family and we will raise our children according to the Christian faith. We will teach our children to know that God loves them, and pray that as they grow they will choose to love God and follow Him as well. It is our goal in life to love God first and to share that love with others in all that we say and do.

We value education and will made decisions about educating our children based on what is very best for them as individuals. We are willing to have our children in public school, private school, or home school – whatever seems best for each child at the time. We are deeply committed to making sure that our children receive an excellent education. We also plan to be very involved in their development and learning, no matter what kind of schooling we choose. We see ourselves as parents to be their primary educators. We also want our children to have a love of learning and know that education is more than just numbers and facts. We want to teach our children practical life skills, give them music lessons, allow them to be involved in sports, drama, or whatever other activities they wish to explore. We want to give our kids an opportunity to pursue their interests and hobbies, and follow the dreams that God gives them. We want to teach our children to live wisely, choose good friends, and work hard.

We will definitely encourage our children to pursue a college education. We both went to college and have bachelors degrees, and in a year Kent will have finished his master's degree as well. We both love learning and education and hope our children will desire to pursue college. As much as we are able, we hope to help our children pay for college expenses and will encourage them and assist them in whatever way we can.

As a couple it is our mission in life to love God first; to love each other well and work to have a strong, happy marriage; and to love our children and become the best parents that we possibly can. Everything else in our lives is secondary to those three things.

We want to thank you for taking this time to get to know who we are, and for the blessing that you are extending to us by considering us to be the parents to your child.

We want you to know that we are praying for you even now as you are reading these words and asking God to make His plan clear to you. If you decide that we are the couple to become the family for your little one, we want you to know that we will honor you as the child's first momma and will speak of you with love and respect as we share with our child the miracle of their adoption.

God Bless You,

Kent and Danielle