



Daniel

&

Yasmin





Hello!

Three states, four jobs, and thirteen years ago, we were on a hiking date in the mountains, and we were already talking about adoption. We both love adoption as a picture of the community coming together to unconditionally love and raise children. In those days, we imagined our house full of biological and adopted children, but the biological children never arrived.

We really hope that you look through our photobook, and see the love we have to give to you and this child. If you are willing, we would love to include you and your family as part of ours as well. Thank you for considering us as prospective adoptive parents for your baby.

Love, Daniel and Yasmin

Our Story

Yasmin says...

Daniel and I met in college and quickly became close friends. I had a secret crush on him from the beginning, but it took four years for him to notice me! Lucky for me, when he did, he became my husband and best friend.

Daniel says...

I may not have noticed Yasmin right away, but twelve years later, she is who makes me feel most at home. We are a great team--she's the outgoing, bubbly one, and I'm the more serious, grounded one.



Graduation Day!

Yasmin

Daniel



Wedding Day!



Present Day!

Daniel

Yasmin says...

Daniel is a data scientist, which means he loves to find patterns in human behavior. What drew me to him is his ability to talk to anyone about anything, his steadfast heart of service to others, and his deep curiosity about the world.

Daniel enjoys sports (especially football and basketball), coffee, hiking, and reading about world events.



Daniel's Fans



Movie: Star Wars (the originals)

The ultimate good vs. evil story, I remember watching these as a child with my dad and then getting further into the mythology as a high schooler with my best friends.

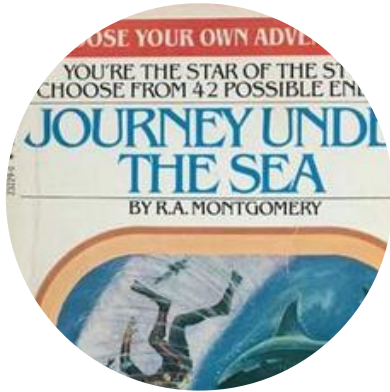


Music: John Mayer

This might not be the most popular album from the best singer-songwriter of his generation, but it's the perfect mood for a relaxing, cloudy Saturday morning.



Sports: Football, basketball, soccer
I love watching sports of all kinds. There's nothing like the emotional rollercoaster of cheering on your favorite team.



Children's Book:

Choose Your Own Adventure

I would choose my own adventure, then again, and again, and again until I figured out what all the possible endings were.



Childhood Memory:

Visiting my grandparents

They didn't speak much English and I didn't speak much Cantonese, but I always knew how much they loved me.



Activity to do with Kids:

Play board games

I'm not yet sure if I would let my kids win. I don't think so, but I've been known to be suckered by cute puppy eyes!



Daniel is easy-going, a great listener, and a problem-solver. He shows love to others by spending quality time with them and through his acts of service. (Sometimes, that means that he also gets decorated along with the gingerbread house!)

Yasmin

Daniel says...

Yasmin is the most dedicated high school teacher. Her love for her students draws them to build a personal relationship with her and motivates them to do their very best. When we have kids, she is looking forward to using these skills as a full-time mom.

She enjoys making a mess in the kitchen (aka baking), which I gladly help clean. She also loves eating anything sweet, reading, spending time with friends, and training our dog (Argos) to do cute things.





TV Show: Ted Lasso

A relentlessly positive soccer coach believes in his players more than they believe in themselves—he's my ultimate role model!



Book: The Alchemist, by Paulo Coelho

A little boy goes on an adventure to find treasure and wisdom. I re-read this book any time I feel stuck or lost, and it reminds me to listen to my heart (and to God) better..



Music: Thomas Rhett

I just love how easy his songs are to sing! He's my perfect "blast in the car and sing-along even though I don't know all the words" artist.



Children's Book: Today, I Will Fly!

A brave pig refuses to give up as he gets help to meet his goal! He even inspires his pessimistic elephant friend.



Childhood Memory:

Running wild with my brother

My younger brother was my first best friend! We dreamed up worlds together, and always had each others' backs.



Activity to do with Kids:

Bake Christmas cookies!

My mum taught me to bake when I was little, and I love to continue the tradition with my nephews and the other tiny humans in my life.

Jasmin's Favs



Yasmin alternates between her bubbly extroverted side, and her thoughtful introverted side. She shows love for people in her life by feeding them and spending time together. She keeps in touch with her former students, and loves to celebrate their successes!





To our future children: We promise...

**WE WILL
CELEBRATE THE
PERSON THAT
YOU ARE**

We can't wait to meet you! There's so much we want to teach you, but we also want to watch you grow and learn about who you are! We will empower you to make your own decisions, and we will support them.

**WE WILL LOVE
YOU BECAUSE
WE HAVE BEEN
LOVED**

You were made by a perfect and good God. Our love for you will be unconditional, and there's nothing you could do or believe that would make us stop loving you.

**WE WILL MAKE
MISTAKES AND
LEARN
TOGETHER**

Mistakes help us learn, and we'll make them alongside you, but we'll get through them together. We will forgive you, and we will ask for forgiveness from you!

**WE WILL
HONOR WHERE
YOU COME
FROM**

We will teach you that you have four parents who love you. When possible, we will earnestly maintain relationships with your biological family, learn about your heritage, and embrace it in our lives.



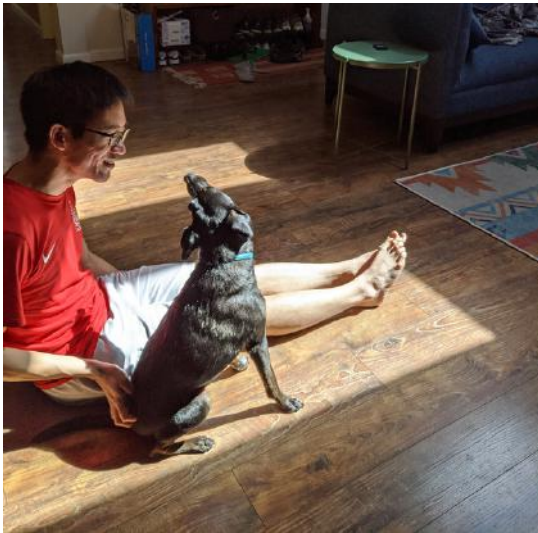
Our Neighborhood

Our neighborhood comes alive for fall!
We love seeing the leaves turn colors and the fog roll in!
There is a walking path just behind our neighborhood where we walk Argos in the evenings. (It's our favorite time of day!)



Welcome Home

We moved into our house four years ago and have taken great care to make it our home and an extension of who we are. It's colorful, warm, and full of life.



This is our favorite room in our house. It's often cloudy in our state, but if there is any light in the sky, it comes in through the skylights in this room!

When the weather is nice, we love to spend it outdoors!
This is Yasmin reading in our front yard, as Argos supervises the neighborhood squirrels.



The den is our music area and reading room. Usually, Daniel will sing while Yasmin plays piano, but when the right mood strikes, Daniel busts out his guitar and Yasmin gets to sing! The window seats are a super cozy place to curl up with a book and a mug of tea.

Playing in the Garden

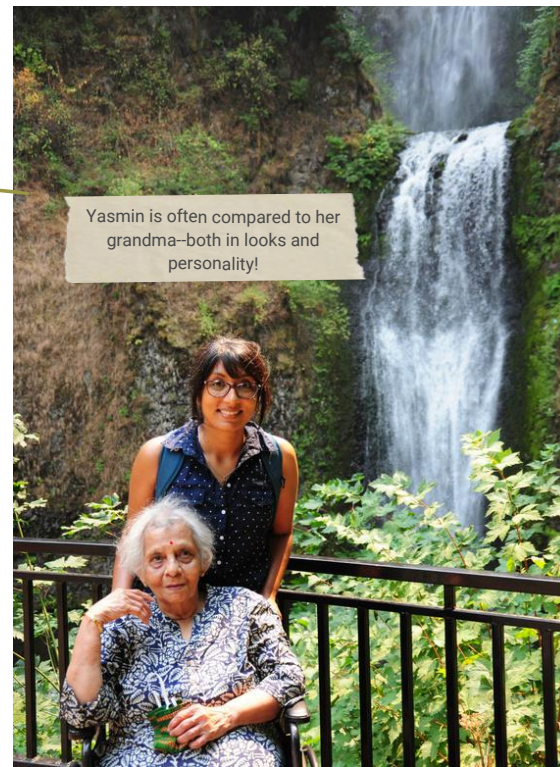


Daniel says...

Yasmin has caught the gardening bug, and it means a lot of hard work for me as I cart around soil, mulch, organic fertilizer, and any other tools she needs. I can't really tell the differences between the different flowers she grows, but I really like eating our home-grown veggies!



*Family can be Born
or Found*





Zooming with Daniel's Family

Traveling the World

We love to travel the world! We've been to Indonesia, Hong Kong, Spain, India, Germany, and Italy together. Common theme among those places is delicious food, but we promise we do more than just wander from meal to meal. We love being a part of different cultures, and seeing how people live in all parts of the world.



Enjoying a well-earned post-hike meal in Italy



Riding along the Rhine River in Germany



Hiding from the sun in Andalusia, Spain



Diwali



Thanksgiving



Post-Thanksgiving
Decorating



Christmas

Celebrate with us!

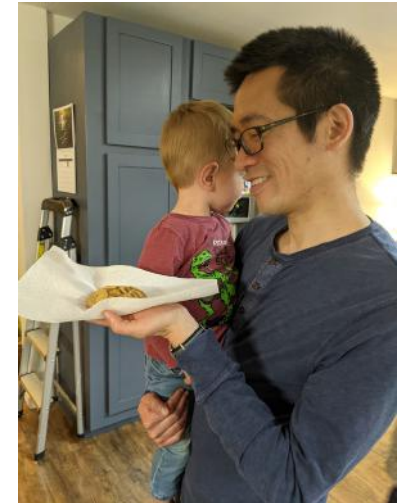
Our year is filled with celebrations! We like to mix-and-match all the holidays we grew up with, so we celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, Diwali (the Indian festival of lights), Thanksgiving, Christmas, and any other holiday that gives us an excuse to eat good food and be with friends!



Kids in our Lives

We have been blessed to see many of our friends' children grow up over the years. They keep us playful, and remind us not to take life too seriously.

We love being their "fun auntie and uncle," mentors, playmates, teachers, and cheerleaders.



Thank you!



We are so excited to be parents some day soon! Thank you for considering us and letting us share a small slice of who we are. If you're comfortable with the idea, we hope to get the chance to learn about you as well.

We have been praying for you and your child as you go through this time, no matter who you decide to choose.

With love and expectant hope,
Daniel and Yasmin