

Christian Through Other People's Eyes:

“The depth of his experience caring for and teaching young children in a variety of contexts impressed us immediately... His gift for putting young ones at ease through gentle play, kind words, and comforting caregiving led more than a few to prefer him over the other staff members.”

- Susan Steinberg, Children's Pastor UCCH

“Over time Christian became not just a babysitter and playmate but eventually a dear friend. Christian cared for our sons from when they were very young through when they hit their teenage years. He went from helping them get ready for bed to talking with them about where they may attend college. As a parent Christian would provide a caring, compassionate, and structured future for a child.” **- Liza Lee, Mother of three boys**

“I appreciated and trusted Christian's judgement on difficult issues. We frequently turned to him on advice on the boys' eating eccentrics, toilet training, developments, preparing our oldest for his first year of primary school, and picking out a new daycare. He was, and still is, a fount of knowledge that we still depend on, even with difference in time zones!”
-Clara Cottrell, Mother of two boys

Christian served as an excellent role model for how to be kind, considerate, and respectful to others. I think his training as an educator makes him particularly well-suited as an adoptive parent, as he already has extensive experience with many different types of children. Indeed, we learned a lot about how to be good parents from watching Christian interact with our own son.”

- Brian Brimmage, Father of a toddler boy and an infant girl

Christian will make an excellent parent and he is likely better prepared to be a parent than almost any first-time parent we know. Christian taught us several methods of calming our baby that we would not have otherwise known. Christian also took the opportunity to help our baby learn new skills, encouraging him to walk and communicate from a young age. We feel strongly that Christian will provide a loving, compassionate, structured, and safe home for a child.

-Craig and Amanda Fratrik, Parents to a baby boy

Christian was a favorite of my children because of his eagerness to engage them in games, outdoor activities, and outings. His love for children was apparent in his interactions with them. He was a valuable partner in helping us keep them on the right track when they were out of school during the summer and when we were otherwise unable to be present at home. I believe that the character traits I have described would make Christian a loving, responsible, and outstanding person to care for and guide a child on a daily basis.

-Greg Jenkins, Father of two children

I first met Christian teaching kindergarten as his team leader. I was immediately impressed with his passion for teaching. He provided a well-structured, welcoming, rigorous, and safe learning environment for his students; many of which came from impoverished areas. His classroom management was amazing and he did a wonderful job of building relationships with not only his students, but their families, which is critical for our students to be successful. Christian loves children-teaching them,

working with them, learning from them. I know he will make an amazing parent.

-Kim Gonzalez, Kindergarten Intervention Teacher

I always felt comfortable and confident that my son was well cared for by Christian. Christian is a well-rounded, energetic, compassionate, faith-filled individual who would provide a caring, compassionate, and structured future for children. **-Amanda Hemmerich, Mother of one child**

Christian thrives on being busy and experiences as much as he can. Christian has a passion for what he does and it shows in the way the children respond to him, how quickly his students learn, and in the way parents respect him. As his mother, I can attest to his sincere desire to be a father. With every goal he accomplishes, it's to get him closer to his dream of adopting a child. He will be a generous and loving parent.

-Lisa Goodwin, Christian's Mother