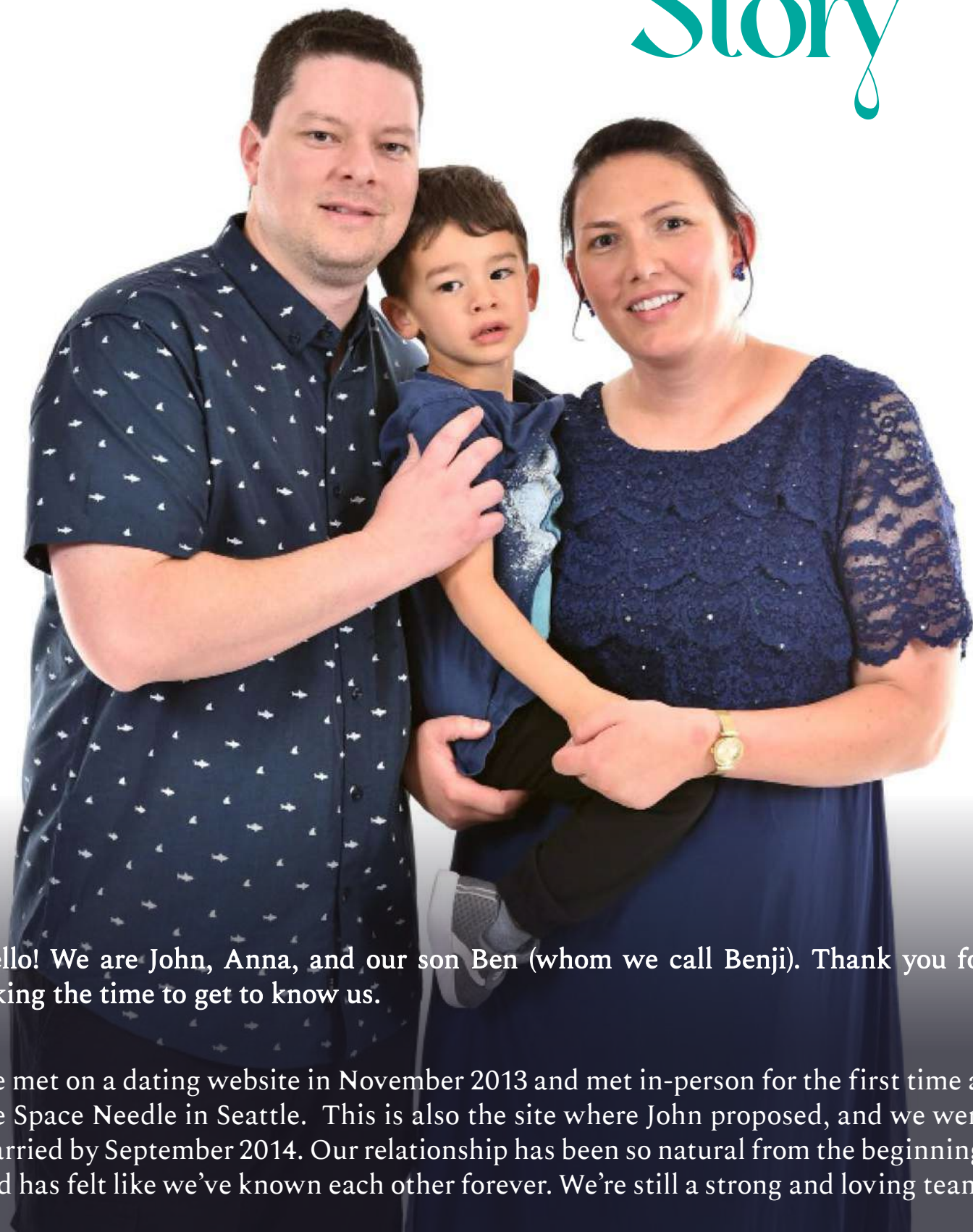




John & Anna

# Our Story



Hello! We are John, Anna, and our son Ben (whom we call Benji). Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

We met on a dating website in November 2013 and met in-person for the first time at the Space Needle in Seattle. This is also the site where John proposed, and we were married by September 2014. Our relationship has been so natural from the beginning, and has felt like we've known each other forever. We're still a strong and loving team.



SHOVELING SNOW AT ANNA'S PARENTS HOUSE

We are looking forward to adding another member to our family and have everything ready for that change. We love being parents – it is a huge blessing for us! We are excited for many more memories and adventures together and cannot wait to grow our family through adoption!

We will provide a home filled with joy, laughter, and endless love for a baby. Our days are full of fun adventures, cozy family moments, and a supportive circle of family and friends who are excited for another child to join us.

After we got married, we were unable to become pregnant, even through fertility treatments. Adoption has been on our hearts and in our prayers for a long time and felt like the right path for our family. We started the adoption process in early 2019, but in March of 2020 we found out we were pregnant and focused on the arrival of our son. Since his birth, we have not been able to get pregnant again (even with treatment) and doctors say that it is highly unlikely that this miracle will happen twice.

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ON OUR WEDDING DAY, OVER 10 YEARS AGO!

# About Anna



**VERY PROUD OF THE LILY FLOWER I PLANTED - THEY SMELL AMAZING!**

I was born overseas, in the country of Kazakhstan, and my family moved to the United States, Spokane, Washington, in 1997. I played basketball and volleyball in school, and was in the orchestra until high school and later in a community orchestra. I play piano and violin, and do simple singing.

Before becoming a mom, I worked as a dental assistant and also did music therapy/music entertainment, which brought huge joy to my life. Since becoming a mom, I have enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and homemaker. I enjoy spending time with John and Benji, and doing pretty much anything outdoors, like hiking or going to parks, play centers, splash pads, pools, aquariums, friend's houses, and libraries. I am not a person who can sit still for long, I'm constantly moving and looking for things to do and tasks to complete.

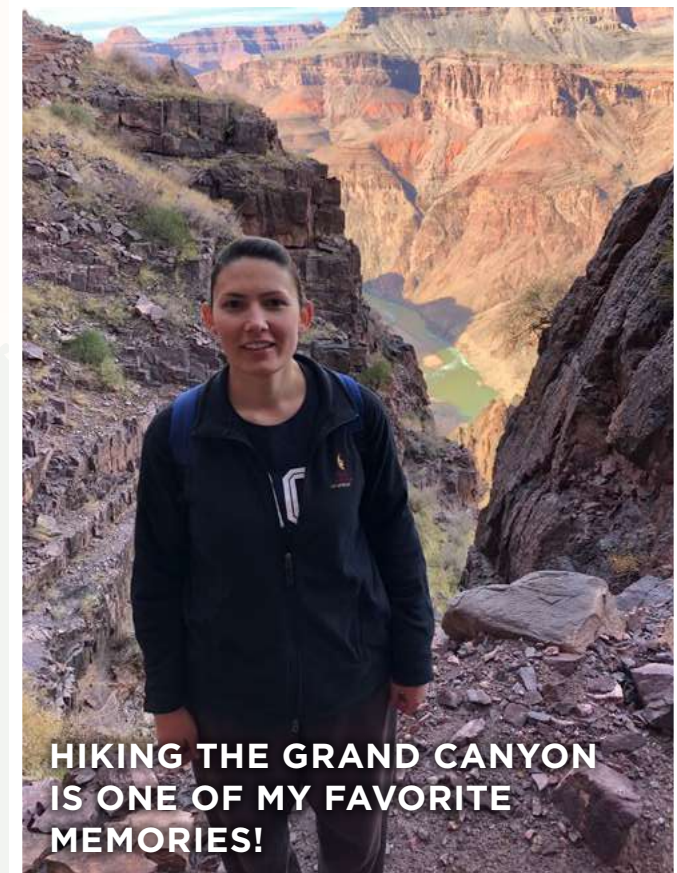
I'm artistic, crafty, love to work with my hands, and even create online content, that I am very proud of and it keeps me practicing. I enjoy gardening and learning along the way has been interesting and rewarding! I love to travel, which is one main reason why John and I were attracted to each other.



**PRACTICING A NEW SONG ON MY PIANO**



**ALWAYS WORKING ON A HOUSE PROJECT - DECIDED TO PAINT A BEDROOM WALL**



**HIKING THE GRAND CANYON IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES!**

## A COUPLE OF FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

- My favorite vacation spot is Oregon Coast.
- I speak fluent Russian and can understand Ukrainian.
- I never had any wisdom teeth.
- Being a mom is my biggest blessing, I love having a mini friend/ kiddo to love and live life with.
- My favorite seasonal activity is skiing.
- I would take great pride and joy in being a mother to another precious child.



# About John

## DOLPHIN KISS IN MEXICO

I was born in Santa Clarita, California and was living with my family in Arizona when I met Anna. I enjoy the simple pleasures in life, like cooking a great meal and spending time outdoors.

I'm a hard worker who values financial stability and providing a secure environment for my family. I have been lucky enough to work from home for the past several years with no plans to change. I love to spend time with my wife and son even if it's something simple like going to a furniture store or grocery shopping.

I love traveling, playing sports, hiking/walking, going on cruises, boating, talking to friends, exploring outdoors, reading books, and trying new food spots, especially with my family. I enjoy planning trips for my family, and I'm pretty good at finding a great cruise or hotel stay! Exploring new places is a big part of who I am, and I'm excited to share these experiences and create lasting memories as a family.

## A COUPLE OF FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

- My favorite vacation spot is Hawaii, and I like to collect hotel keys.
- My favorite ice cream is chocolate malted crunch.
- I work in and am passionate about cybersecurity, as it allows me to protect others and solve complex challenges.
- I started college when I was 16-years-old. I have a strong interest in investing and real estate, which gives me the opportunity to plan for the future and create stability.
- I have learned MMA and Krav Maga and played a lot of baseball.



**DRIVING THE BOAT WITH FAMILY IS MY FAVORITE**

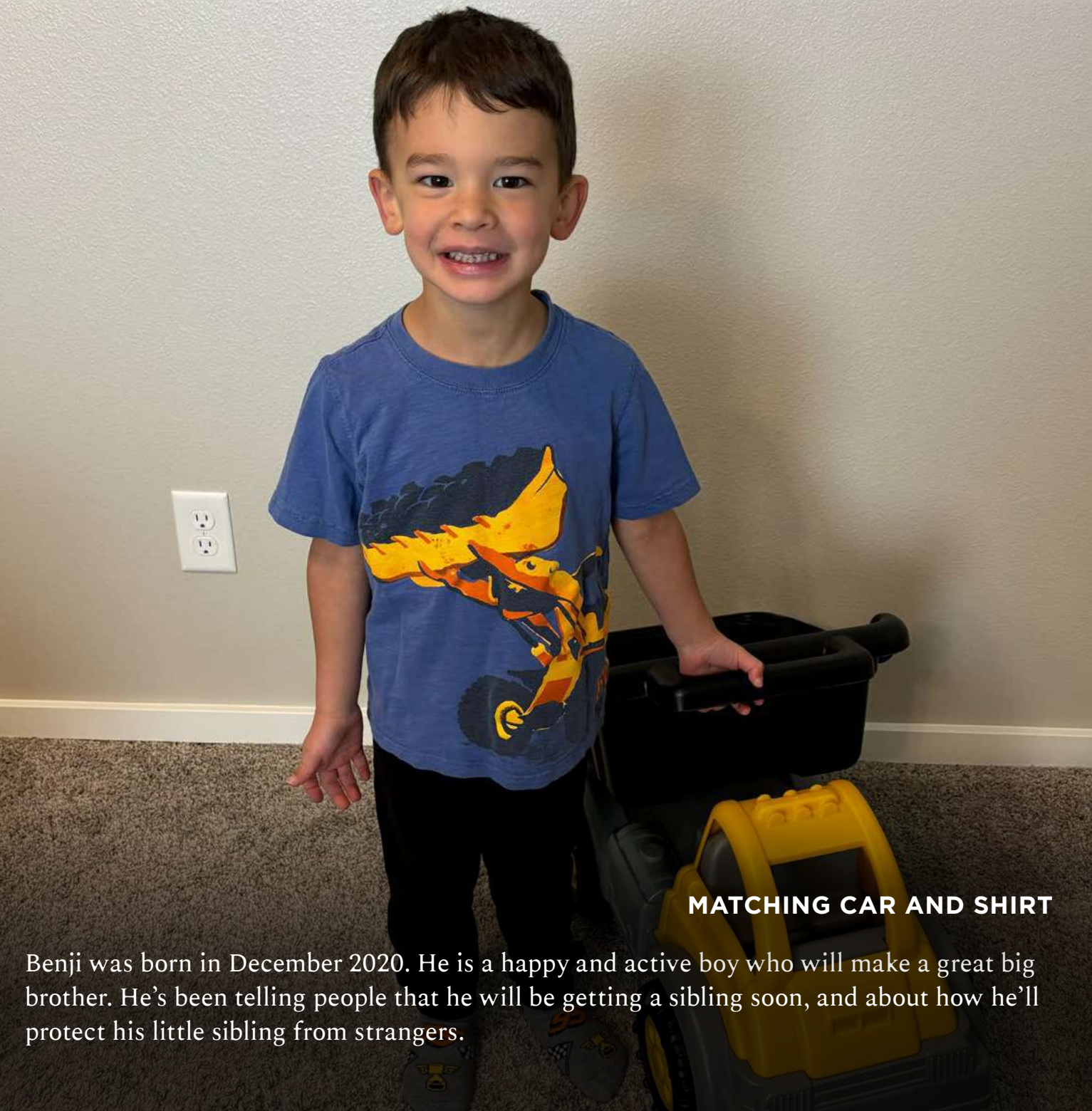


**ALASKA NATIONAL PARK**



**I LOVE TO GRILL! SALMON & VEGGIES ARE OFTEN THE TOP CHOICE**

# About The Big Brother



**MATCHING CAR AND SHIRT**

Benji was born in December 2020. He is a happy and active boy who will make a great big brother. He's been telling people that he will be getting a sibling soon, and about how he'll protect his little sibling from strangers.

He loves to travel, visit construction sites, and play with cars or anything related to the ocean, airplanes, and boats. He is always on the go and loves to explore. He has a great smile and laugh, as well as a big heart, and is a great helper at home; helping Mommy with the dishwasher and laundry is his favorite.



**AT A LOCAL AQUARIUM, KIDS AREA**



**BENJI LOVES HIS BATMAN OUTFIT**



**STAYCATION IN IDAHO**



# Our Home & Community



**WE HAVE LOTS OF TOYS AND A KIDDIE POOL**



**OUR DOGGY OREO  
PLAYING WITH ONE OF  
HER FAVORITE TOYS**

**Our beautiful home has a large playroom that we all love, and each child will have their own bedroom.**

We live in a new, quiet, safe, and kid-friendly neighborhood in Washington state. There are two elementary schools within a couple of blocks from our house. Many family and friends live close by.

Our beautiful home has a large playroom that we all love, and each child will have their own bedroom. In the backyard, we have a playset, sandbox, water table, toddler pool, and some garden beds. We planted a plum tree and are excited to watch it grow. There are plenty of toys, bikes, books, and everything a baby might need. In the spring of 2025, we are adding a plastic playhouse and a trampoline to the backyard. We are so excited for baby number two! We have a little maltipoo dog named Oreo. She was born in July, 2020 and is so calm and great with kids. She loves walks, her toys, belly rubs, and treats!

**OUR HOME IS SPACIOUS AND  
WAS RECENTLY BUILT**



**THIS IS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE  
ROOMS IN OUR HOUSE!**



**PLANTING FOR THE  
SEASON**

We love all four seasons, especially visiting the pumpkin patch in the fall and snow tubing in the winter. We enjoy the science and play center for children, and we love taking Benji to children's arcades, aquariums, and local playgrounds and splash pads. We are near a beautiful city park that has two playgrounds, many perennials and flowering shrubs, a rose garden, a greenhouse, a pond, a Japanese garden, and a cafe. We live near beautiful mountains and very many great lakes that are perfect for boating and fishing. There are many churches around and great restaurants. We stay up-to-date on the community's fun activities.

# Our Family

John's family lives in Phoenix, Arizona. His parents have been married for almost four decades. He has one sister and two half-brothers. John's mom is from Mexico, his half-brothers are half-Colombian, and his dad is white. John has family in Illinois, Florida, Arizona, California, and Mexico.



**EASTER EGG HUNT WITH COUSINS**

Anna's brother, two of her sisters, and her parents live relatively nearby, and her third sister lives in Pennsylvania. Her parents have also been married for almost four decades. They have extended family all over the world, in places like Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Poland, Germany, Russia, and throughout the U.S.



**ANNA'S SISTERS AND MOM**



**SOME OF JOHN'S FAMILY**

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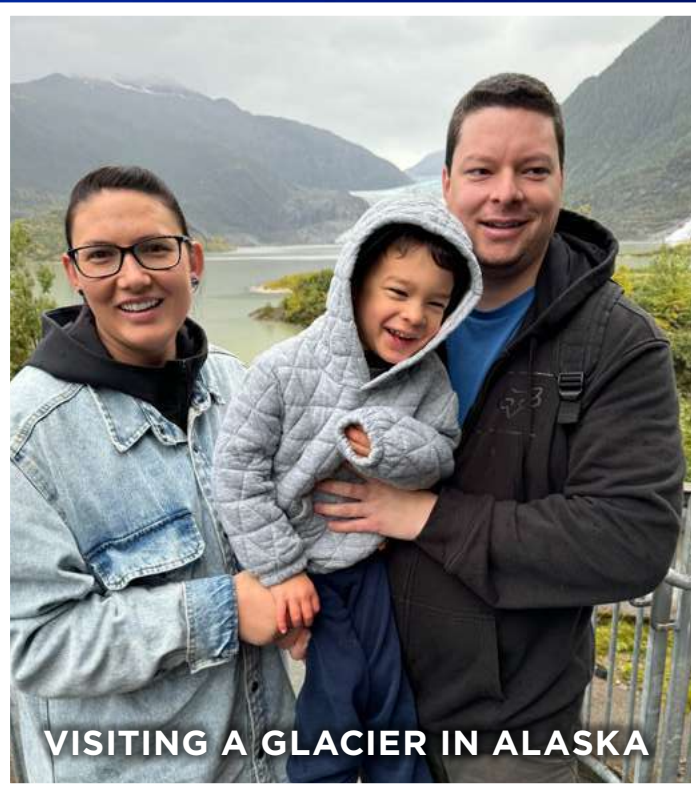


**CUTTING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE WITH GRANDPA WAYNE**

We both have many cousins whom we are close to, and Benji has plenty of cousins who he enjoys playing with. John's family enjoys Broadway shows, going to the movies and sports games, real estate, and the fancier things in life. Anna's family likes gardening, being outdoors, being active, listening to music, going to local lakes, and some members of her family even have farm animals. Both families have a sense of adventure, and both are so excited for a new addition to the family!

We have friends all over the States and overseas whom we met through school, work, church, family, etc. Our best friends live in California. Everyone is supportive and very excited for us and about future playdates and get-togethers during the holidays.

# Our Hobbies and Interests



**VISITING A GLACIER IN ALASKA**

Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are always special in our families. We love doing Easter egg hunts, preparing a big Thanksgiving meal with yummy turkey, and opening stockings and presents together on Christmas morning.



**ALL THREE OF US BIKING IN SEASIDE, OREGON**

Every December, it's become a tradition in Anna's family to go see the play "Journey to Bethlehem" at a local church and drink apple cider after. We often go to Arizona for Christmas and spend time with John's family and friends. With John's family we drive to view neighborhoods' Christmas lights and decorations, get a Christmas tree together, and relish the holiday cheer and festivities. At the end of the season, Grandpa and Benji cut down the old Christmas tree.



**CHRISTMAS BROADWAY SHOW**



**WE LOVE GOING ON CRUISES**

# Thank *You!*

**We would love to stay connected  
in a way that feels comfortable  
for you.**

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for learning more about our family. We're committed to providing a loving, secure home where a child will be cherished and supported in every way.

We're interested in an open adoption and would love to stay connected in a way that feels comfortable for you. Your strength and kindness mean so much to us, and we would be honored to share this journey with you. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of your story!

Love,

**John & Anna**



## **A Blessing for the Journey**

"May God bless and guide you in your journey. Whatever path you choose, may you find peace, strength, and the reassurance that you are never alone. You are loved, and your story is one of incredible courage and grace."

## **A Verse of Hope**

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" – Jeremiah 29:11

