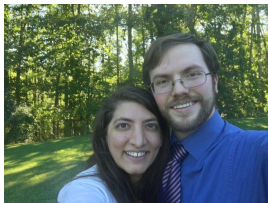


# Bradley & Kara





Hello!

Thanks for reading our book! We're Bradley and Kara. We knew early on in our relationship that we wanted to adopt, and now we are eager and ready to welcome a child into our home! Our desire is to provide them with a home where they know they are always safe and loved (by us and by God), and to give them the care and tools they need to grow into a mature, thriving adult.

Thank you for giving the gift of life to your child! You have our respect and gratitude, and we are already praying for you and your child. We promise to be open with them about their story– who they are and where they came from– and we will make sure they know they have *two* families who love them very much.

Here you'll learn a little bit about us. We would love to learn more about you too!

Sincerely,

*Bradley & Kara*

# Happy to Be Stuck with You

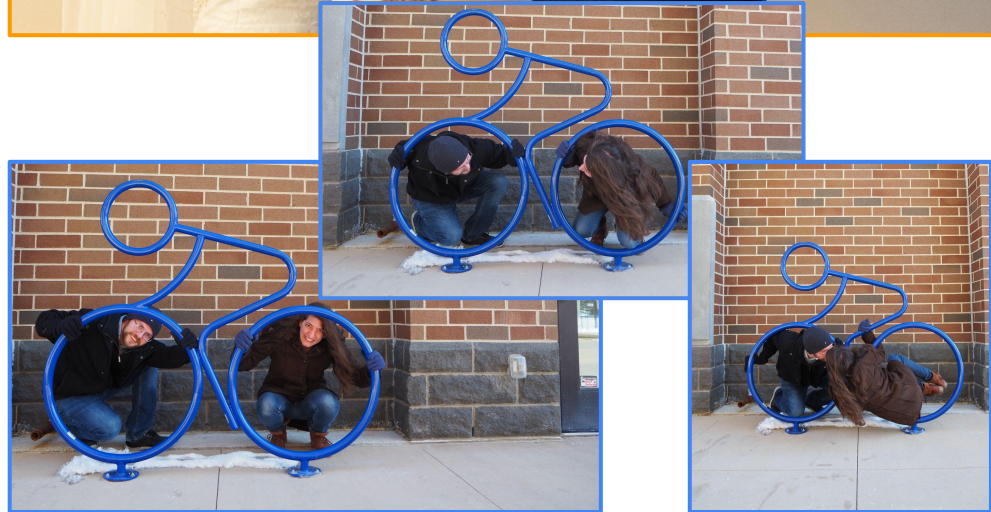
## Our Story in a Nutshell

Although we had already been going to the same church for a few years, the two of us got to know each other for the first time while filming a movie for our church (believe it or not!). Because the movie featured scores of kids from our Children's Ministry acting out the Bible from beginning to end, we first bonded over our shared love of kids, God, and the Bible.

We made things official when on the third date Bradley held Kara's hand in his for the first time, and she responded with, "Does this mean we're boyfriend and girlfriend now?" and he shrugged and said, "I guess so!"

We got married a year-and-half later on a beautiful October day in 2019, still in time to throw one heck of a party before the pandemic! That was one of the most joyous days of our lives, when not only did we come together in marriage, but our families and friends united together in celebration too!

We have enjoyed nearly four years of marriage and a peaceful home together. We look forward to growing our family through adoption, and sharing our love and our faith with a child.





meet Kara

**Kara** loves reading, gardening, languages, dancing, and classic rock. Her friends think she is a great listener, and her students say she is a fun teacher. She can't wait to share many stories and songs with her kids, and will probably teach them how to dance as soon as they can walk.

**Age:** 30

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in English (Literature)

**Career:** Teacher

**Religion:** Christian

**Previous Jobs:** Ice cream/chocolate shop, coffee shop, & videography

**Dreams:** Learn Spanish, Italian, Greek, Hebrew, and master Latin; visit Israel and Italy; harvest at least one pumpkin every year.

**High School Activities:** Marching band, theater, varsity quiz

**Fun Facts:** Has listened to every Beatles song and ranked them

*from Bradley:*

*"Kara is incredibly loving and affectionate, and brings a lot of fun into our home. I admire her vibrant faith, and how it shows in her warmth and care for her friends and family, as well as for the children at our church. I've seen her bravely face hard things and adapt to life's challenges. I'm excited to see how that faith, love, and growth will make her into a great mother!"*





*Bradley's* friends say he has a calm and solid presence, with a quiet understanding. He loves inspiring stories, powerful music, and breaking down complex things and ideas to understand how they work. Hobbies include reading, games, music (both listening and playing), and spending time with the students he mentors. He looks forward to reading about heroic quests and magical adventures to his children.

**Age:** 30

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering

**Career:** Electrical Generation Engineer

**Religion:** Christian

**Previous Jobs:** Healthcare software support, pharmaceutical testing

**Dreams:** Become an expert bass player

**High School Activities:** Theater, math competitions

**Fun Fact:** Has scars from a tug-of-war accident

*from Kara:*

*"Our household is an incredibly peaceful one, partly due to Bradley's patient and gentle heart. Bradley is a reflection of Jesus' selflessness and love. He faithfully and joyfully serves at youth group every week, he eagerly and unwaveringly decided to donate part of his liver to his brother, and he is eager to welcome a child into our home."*



meet *Bradley*



In the *ordinary*, finding the *extraordinary*





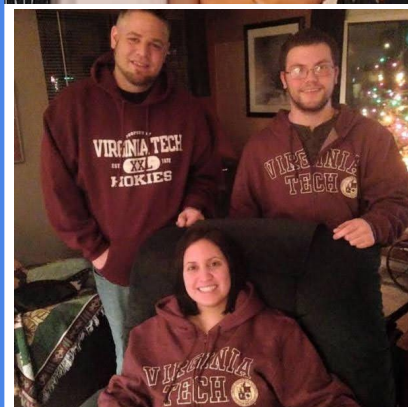
## *La Famiglia di Kara*

Although Kara's family is scattered throughout the country, we keep in touch with them and see most of them at least once a year. Kara is close with her brother and sister, and the three of them video chat regularly. Three of her cousins are adopted, two from Colombia! Her family's most creative and humorous tradition is Franksgiving (where we eat hotdogs with peculiar toppings on the Friday after Thanksgiving).



## Bradley's Family

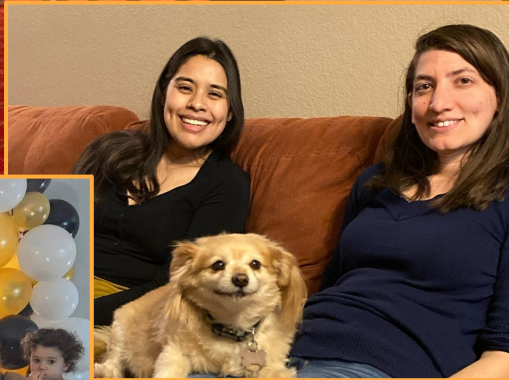
Bradley has a big family with six siblings, lots of nieces and nephews, and a new great-niece. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas are warm, with lots of tasty southern food and homemade desserts. His parents live in a small town near a river, his oldest sister has a farm and boards horses, and another sister hosts annual family pumpkin-carving contests.







Our  
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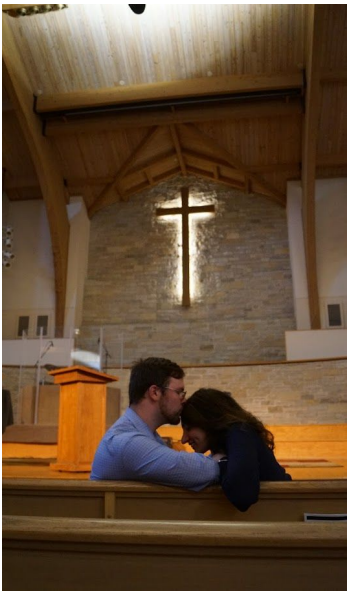
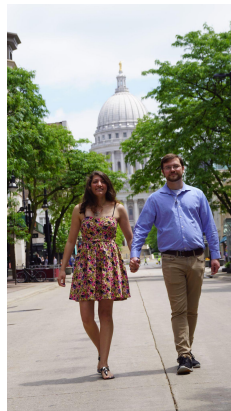


*Kids are a HUGE  
part of our lives*





*Welcome to our  
home!*



## *Our Community*

We live in a cozy cottage-like condo, only a five-minute walk from the largest of our city's several lakes! Downtown, there are many fun restaurants, shops, concerts and a farmer's market. Throughout the community, there are many bike trails, parks, and little beaches. Our church community has been a true family to us, and we have many great friends and mentors. Our church is ethnically diverse, and has lots of families with kids, many of whom are adopted. We also have friendly neighbors.

# *Our Promise*

*We promise to teach your child about their story, culture, birth family, and the love of God. We promise to do our best to raise them into a thriving adult, while also helping them have fun and be a kid along the way.*

