

### Love in Action

The call to adopt had expanded beyond the desire to grow their family. For Brian and Meghan, God's Will had become an action verb, a way to live out the Gospel through family.

Having spent years researching and praying for guidance, they discovered they each had felt God direct them toward international adoption. The cost to do so seemed daunting at the time, but Brian and Meghan continued to pray and moved forward with filling out the necessary paperwork.

That's when the tug on their hearts was defined.

A Caring Connection grant helped to provide financial assistance for God's next step for Brian and Meghan: adopt a child with special needs, specifically, Down syndrome. They believed they were one step closer to meeting the child God had in mind for them.

Without missing a beat, they committed to the country of China and their 19-month-old son, Isaac. Within weeks they were on a plane and on their way to welcoming the newest member of their family.

Brian and Meghan, along with their two sons, have watched Isaac thrive in their family of five.

In bringing the Gospel of Christ to one child, this family's story is now complete.

*Since it began in 2001, Caring Connection has helped bring together more than 2,000 children with loving families committed to their ongoing care. Thanks to a generous partner match, your gift today will be doubled to directly help families on their journey of adopting a child with special needs.*



### Benjamin's Superpower

Benjamin is helping to shape and influence discussions on an international level. Adoptive parents Dennis and Sarah are both social workers and searching for answers on how best to care for children with special needs in China. Enter Benjamin's superpower: charisma.

Radical transformations are beginning to take place with challenged assumptions about disabilities and children with Down syndrome.

Their experience in working with people with developmental disabilities is what

led Dennis and Sarah to explore, and eventually decide, to start the process and journey of adopting a child with special needs.

"Kids get what they need in families," Dennis explains. "Families are uniquely designed to provide children with the emotional inputs, the physical inputs, the safety, the protection, the attachments, etc. – those things occur in families."



### Upcoming Events

Don't miss a chance to connect with our ministry by attending one of these events.

#### 27TH ANNUAL BETHANY CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

October 23, 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Grab your clubs and join us! Our goal is to raise \$80,000 through our 27th Annual Bethany Golf Tournament. We need YOU, sponsors and golfers, to help us reach this goal. All proceeds stay in our area and enable us to serve more children.

### Post-Adoption Support and Services

At Bethany, we believe adoption is a journey well-traveled when surrounded with support. Factors like environmental influences and life circumstances can contribute to developmental health, emotional, and behavioral issues. We understand the importance of connecting with community and the resources available to best serve family needs.

All individuals touched by adoption can benefit from a range of post-adoption services

such as support groups, events, education, and coaching. Services are available for adoptees, adoptive families, and birthfamily members. Any individual touched by adoption can benefit from post-adoption services that include: support groups, events, education, and coaching.



Contact us to learn more about how Bethany can help or visit us online at [bethany.org/PACC](http://bethany.org/PACC).

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