



Chante and Ken



WE ARE KEN + CHANTE + ISAIAH + ERIN

We want you to know that God has put a strong desire on our hearts to adopt and we are so humbled that you have taken the time to consider our family through adoption. Before we share a little more about our family, God has put it on our hearts to share with you a few truths that He wants you to know:

1. You are beautiful and made perfect in the image of God.
2. You are a victor.
3. You are not defined by your past. Your identity is rooted and grounded in God.
4. You are strong.
5. You are deeply loved by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have two wonderful children, Erin and Isaiah and a dog named Inala. We live in sunny Southern California and enjoy exploring God's creation as a family. We love our supportive community and feel blessed to know our neighbors and have family and friends who are there when we need them. Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us and our family. We hope to meet you one day soon.



A TYPICAL DAY...

A typical day in our family consists around prayer and listening to worship music. We love music and love singing praises to our Lord and Savior. We homeschool our children and chose to create a lifestyle where we are the one's raising our children. We attend church weekly and are involved in different ministries. We have family devotion every night before bedtime and also have a gratitude journal where we record what everyone is thankful for. On the weekends, you can find us out in nature. We LOVE the outdoors and enjoy camping, hiking, and biking. We started the hiking 52 challenge this year where we hike once a week! Our favorite place on earth is Zion National Park! It has breathtaking views and so much wildlife. Our favorite hike in Zion is the Narrows! (Side note, if you ever have the chance, go to Zion National Park!)

We just celebrated our 10-year wedding anniversary in Costa Rica!!! Costa Rica was like a little slice of heaven and a hiker's dream! We can't wait to visit Costa Rica again with our family.



O U R S T O R Y

Our Love Story began 16 years ago where we once walked the campus of our community college. We campaigned together and learned that we both were Christian, loved the same Christian music, wanted to pursue our master's degree's and had strong family values. Ken would carry my books to class and wait for my class to get out so he could walk me to my car. Ken told me that we should read the bible every night and report back on what we read to eachother. He also encouraged us to pray together every night, which we still do and now we pray every night with our kids!

After 6 months into our relationship, He told me that he saw me just as pure as Jesus saw me and that I would make a good wife and a wonderful mother one day. Tears began to roll down my face as I've never heard those words before. He reflected Jesus to me. It was in that moment where we knew we were meant to be.

OUR ANNIVERSARY IS IN

January



We met...

at our community college in 2008. Ken was running for Vice President and I was his Campaign Manager. He won Vice President and he also won my heart!

OUR FAVORITE THING TO DO TOGETHER IS HIKE AND OUR DREAM IS TO VISIT ALL OF THE NATIONAL PARKS IN THE STATES!





about CHANTE

Hi love, I'm Chante :) To be honest, it's really hard to talk about me because I naturally gravitate towards talking and encouraging other people, but if I were in your shoes, I would want to know all about the person who will raise my child. So, here it goes...I have a passion for helping people and love to encourage and pray for people. I also love connecting people to help them find resources to help them achieve success in life. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's in Social Work. I've started a few businesses and worked for a non-profit. I currently volunteer with Love Life and their mission is to end abortion and the orphan crisis. I stand on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood and gently call out to the clients and encourage them to keep their babies. It has been the most fulfilling ministry that I have been a part of and my faith has grown so much.

I love spending my mornings with Jesus by reading my bible and praying over my family. I love to sing worship songs to our Lord and Savior too! I have a desire to serve my family by homeschooling my children and creating a lifestyle that honors God. I pray with my children every morning and we are always trying to find ways to show God's love to one another. I also love learning by listening to audio books or visiting museums. We just recently took our kids to the La Brea Tar Pits, which was so interesting! I also love learning about different cultures! It is so fascinating to me and knowing that we are all God's children is quite beautiful.

F U N F A C T S

Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Favorite Olympic Sport: Curling! (Serioulsy, the best! I also recognize that I am probably the only one on the planet that watches curling during the winter olympics haha)

Favorite Book: *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers (This book changed my life!)

Favorite TV Show: *The Chosen* (Have you seen it?)

Favorite thing to Bake: Homemade Bread :) (Sounds fancy, but I promise it's the easiest thing ever!)



more about C H A N T E

I've had several speaking engagements where I spoke about God's redeeming love in my life and also encourage other women in the bible as well. My latest speaking engagement was at my son's homeschooling enrichment organization where I spoke about gratitude. My hobbies include hiking, biking, baking bread, and gardening. We are currently growing lavender, mint, chamomile, strawberries, blueberries, pink lemonade berries, raspberries, tomatoes, banana peppers, and sweet peppers.

I love hosting people over our house to share a meal. Food is the way to my soul! I can eat tacos for breakfast, lunch and dinner and my beverage of choice is mango green tea boba! I am a tea drinker and desire to live a minimal, simple life with my family where we spend most of our time outdoors. I naturally gravitate towards a clean and healthy diet (tacos can be healthy...right? :)

Overall, God has shown me so much love and has grown my heart for another child to complete our family. The desire to adopt has been on my heart since I was 16 years old. I knew one day I would adopt and to finally have this opportunity is truly heart warming. I can't wait to meet you and learn all about you! I want to know everything! (haha :)

**" MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE IS A FIERCELY
PASSIONATE AND LOVING WOMAN THAT IS
INTENTIONAL ABOUT EVERYTHING SHE DOES ;
SHE IS THE ROCK OF OUR FAMILY . "**
K E N



about KEN

Hi fam! That is right, you too are a part of our family. My name is Ken. Kenneth is fine but sounds so formal and Kenny was my name in adolescence; I have grown out of it but accept it still!

If I had to describe myself, I believe I can be summarized as a thoughtful and deep thinker, a fiercely loyal family man, and a lover.

Being the middle child of three, I developed a talent for mediation, independence, and maturity above my years. Having to listen to the orders of an older sister and fight off the pestering of a younger brother will do that to you. I thank God for the effect my siblings had and continue to have on me. In that time, I learned to love writing, deep diving into independent research, and learning more about my faith through apologetics.

F U N F A C T S

I have an unusual gift known as *Synesthesia*. It's a big word that means "mixture of the senses." It's essentially a phenomenon that allows me to experience my senses in ways others cannot. Sound can have a color, texture, or taste. Smell can have sound or color. It's strange but fun! Sadly it was a lot more pronounced when I was younger.

Favorite Season: Winter. I love the rain and the deep colors of the sky in winter. I love the coldness of the air and bundling up rather than having to try and cool down (like in summer).

Favorite Sports Team: The Los Angeles Dodgers! Fan since birth (or as long as I can remember).

Favorite Hobbies: I have many hobbies but my go to hobbies are blogging and photography. Currently I have been taking more videos than photographs and making them into trailers or "reels" so my kiddos can watch their own adventures accompanied by music.

Favorite Quote: "I have learned to kiss the waves that throw me up against the Rock of Ages." - Charles Spurgeon



more about
K E N

As alluded to earlier, my family is extremely important to me. I adore hosting close friends and family for holidays, often tackling the most difficult main course meals (i.e. the Thanksgiving Turkey). I love to share my experiences, therefore cooking has been a passion of mine since high school! The same desire to share is also a catalyst for my passion in photography, camping, and writing. I run a successful blog covering culture, politics, faith, and more; I shoot engagements and the occasional wedding; and my wife and I own an off-grid camping trailer for the whole family to enjoy.

While I mentioned fierce loyalty, you might find it ironic that I attended UCLA (for a bachelors) and USC (for a masters). Hilariously, I did the same thing in high school by attending three years at my hometown high school before transferring to my rival before graduation (a family move for the better). I absolutely love sports and while I occasionally work for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (working on overtime assignments), I am a huge Dodger fan. I currently work in Law Enforcement and as with all things, plan on doing so for the foreseeable future unless the Lord calls me to something else.

My Christian faith is the bedrock of my life and I am so blessed to have a wife who encourages me to be a devoted Man of God, husband, father, protector, and leader.

**" MY AMAZING HUSBAND IS A GOD FEARING
MAN WHO WORKS SO HARD FOR OUR FAMILY .
HE IS SPONTANEOUS , CREATIVE ,
ENCOURAGING , LOVING , AND IS A FOODIE ! "
CHANTE**



A B O U T

Isaiah

Our son Isaiah, is 5 years old and he is the older brother that every sibling needs. He is protective, encouraging and helpful to his little sister and to our family. He is responsible and loves to pray during meal times and when someone needs prayer. He loves playing the drums and rocking out to worship music. He also loves going camping, campfires, hiking and exploring God's creation. He also loves to swim and take care of his doggy. He is obsessed with all things spiders and bugs! He recently went to a spider convention with his dad and loved it. He also loves monster trucks and goes to monster jam at least once a year! He is caring and sweet and has so much love. He has a tender yet energetic heart. Isaiah can't wait to have a baby in our family again!

F U N F A C T

ISAIAH HAD HIS FIRST EVER DRUM PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR!!!



A B O U T

Erin

Our daughter, Erin, is almost 3 years old and is very confident, energetic, bold, and strong-willed. She knows what she wants and set's her heart to it. She likes to help mommy in the kitchen and in our garden. She loves to dance and is currently in tap and ballet. She also loves to swim like her big brother. She love's to pray, sing and worship as well. She is obsessed with chapstick and loves reading. Her favorite place is church and she loves to sleep!



F U N F A C T

ERIN LOVES BUTTERFLIES!



ABOUT
Inala

We have a dog named, Inala, who is half german sherpard and half australian sherpard. She loves her family so much and is very protective of her family when we go out for walks. She sleeps by the kids doors during their naps and first thing in the morning. She loves chasing bunnies, resting in the shade, and running in the tall grass. She also loves to play tug of war.

F U N F A C T
SHE LOVES TO STEAL ALL OF OUR SOCKS!



ABOUT OUR

Family & friends

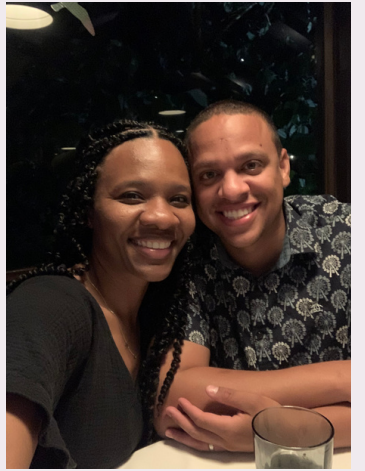
Our family is near and dear to our hearts! We love hard and care deeply! Our immediate families are close and we spend most major Holiday's together with both families at the same time. We are the one's who usually host family and friend gatherings and LOVE opening up our house. We go on family trips every year, which usually involves renting an airbnb and going to a National Park and hiking. Our friends are like family to us. My husband and I were both in Christian organizations in college and so we have friends all over the United States, which makes it fun traveling to visit them. Our friends and family are very supportive and are very present in our lives. One of our close friends who are married, became our children's God-Parents!



OUR *traditions*

One of my favorite family traditions centers around birthdays! For our children, we host birthday parties every other year and the opposite year, we have an adventure birthday where we travel. Last year we took our daughter on a Big Sur camping trip in our pop-up trailer and we took our son to San Diego to explore the San Diego Zoo!

Another family tradition is every year we make a trip to our favorite place on earth, Zion! We usually will bring someone who has not been there as well as family and other friends! We have each mile planned out and we have the same spots that we stop along the way. It definitely makes for great memories.



"We have been praying for you for so long."

To Birthmom,

A LETTER

Hello love! We have been praying for you so long, so to imagine that you will be reading this one day is so heartwarming to us and it brings me (Chante) to tears. You have been through so much and we just want to commend you for making one of the most sacrificial decisions in your life. Please know we see you as strong and wise. To give your baby life is such a beautiful gift to this world and to us, so with the utmost respect, we thank you.

Our family lifestyle is centered around our faith in Jesus Christ, our family and our community of friends. Our hearts desire is to raise children with the love of God and to instill Godly wisdom so that they will thrive in life. We are a homeschooling family and spend a lot of time outdoors exploring God's creation. We can only imagine how hard it must be to pick a family for your child, but we trust that you will make the best decision for your baby and we are so humbled that you took the time to read about our family.

Our children often ask us when their little baby will be arriving and I think it is so sweet they are thinking and praying about their new sibling. We have a baby room already set up for your sweet little one and our family is ready with loving hearts to welcome your baby into our family. We hope to also get to know you along the way as long as you feel comfortable.

Thank you so much again and we hope to meet you soon!

*With Love,
Ken, Chante, Isaiah and Erin*

