

# STEPHEN AND ALANA



*Alana's Family Reunion (2017)*



*A Visit Back to Where We First Met (2007)*



*Our Wedding Day (2008)*

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. We know that you have some really difficult decisions to make and we are so grateful that you're considering this really exciting, challenging journey of adoption!

Our names are Stephen and Alana and we are looking to grow our family through adoption. We met when we were very young (Alana was 8, Stephen was 10!) and started dating about ten years later. In 2008, we were married. Since then, we have longed to grow our family and have chosen to do so through adoption.

We both grew up in large families and have looked forward to parenting since we were young. Alana was born and raised in Victoria and Stephen grew up in a couple of remote communities on the west coast of Vancouver Island. We are an island boy and girl through and through. We have always lived within a few minutes of the ocean (sometimes just above the shoreline!) and can't imagine living anywhere else. We are Christians and enjoy engaging in any sort of spiritual or ethical discussion with our friends and family.

## About Stephen

Stephen is a kind, caring, goofy kind of guy. He recently finished his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He loves playing basketball, watching Game of Thrones, and making bacon-wrapped-cream-cheese-stuffed chicken breasts. He is always ready for a strategy board game, a philosophical conversation, or a bowl of ice cream – the most important meal of the day! What he lacks in height and hair, he makes up for in his patient, steady character (and dishwashing skills).

## About Alana

Alana loves to laugh and get things done, at the same time whenever possible. She has a Music Education degree and loves teaching and performing music. She is currently working on her Masters in Theological Studies from an



*Going on an "Expoition" (as Pooh Bear would say)*



*Directing Summer Camp (2017)*



*All Dressed Up for a Disney Themed Youth Event (2015)*



*Playing Board Games (Alana Won This Time)*



*Leading Games at Church Day Camp (2016)*



*A Few Brass Buddies (2016)*



*Brother at Pole Raising (2017)*

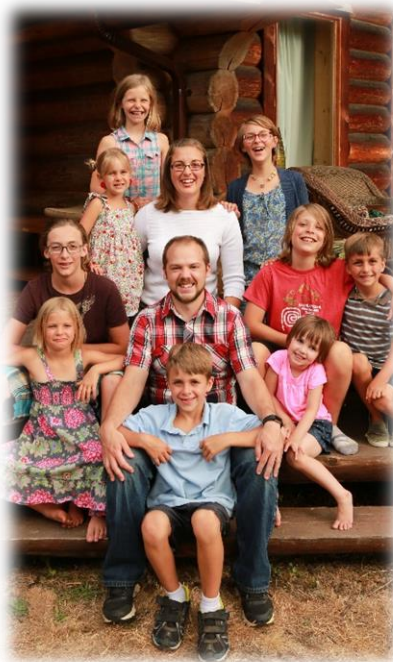
Indigenous perspective. She has spent the last few years becoming more involved in and knowledgeable about her Haida heritage and engaging in discussion about Indigenous social justice issues. She loves Star Wars and Pixar, listening to jazz or electronic music, and hosting parties. Coffee dates, a good doughnut, and dark chocolate are three of her favourite pastimes.

### Our Community

We are aunty and uncle to many children. Our family members are excited to welcome another cousin, grandchild, niece and nephew into our family! We have big families made up of siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, both biologically related and related through adoption. Our child will be welcomed into a community of family and friends that love music, sports, laughter, reading, coffee, and board games.

We hope that when we welcome home our future child, we will also begin a special, new relationship with the birth family. We know that you will always be an important part of your child's life.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We wish you all the best on your journey!



*Parents, Most of the Siblings, and Some of the Nieces and Nephews*