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MEET JEREMY GUZMAN

The First Baby Adopted through New Beginnings



If you wonder about the value of your long-term investments through New Beginnings, this story of a wonderful young man will bless you.

Jeremy Guzman, born in 1986, was the first baby placed for adoption through New Beginnings. He is an amazing and talented young man with a great sense of humor! When speaking with him today, he stated that two of his fondest memories as a child are playing (banging) on the piano with a toy hammer (not getting in trouble for it) and going to Disney every year. He says that their home was filled with love and laughter. He also recalled that they lived in several different states because of his father's employment, which gave him the opportunity to meet new people

When he was a pre-teen, Jeremy played the violin and was allowed to play it in church as well. He remembers that his family was on the church-cleaning rotation for one Saturday each month, and they also were involved in church workdays.

He first met his wife, Janessa, when they were teenagers in central Illinois – she was 13 and he was 15 (Jeremy was best friends with Janessa's brother). They began dating the summer before he moved to Indiana, and they maintained a long-distance relationship while he attended Bible college.

In 2004, he moved to Indianapolis, where he attended Indiana Bible College. He loved the opportunity to meet people from around the world, and states that this gave him a much broader view of the churchworld and how "big" it really is. While at IBC, he was able to visit many churches when he traveled with the music group in the summer.

After graduating, he and Janessa married in 2008 and moved to Bentonville, Arkansas. In the summer of 2013, Jeremy led music at the North American Youth Congress (NAYC – held at Lucas Oil Stadium – home of the Indianapolis Colts), attended by over 40,000 young people.

Jeremy and Janessa have been blessed with three beautiful children – two boys (JJ and Jaxon) and one daughter (Jonsi).

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Jeremy Guzman's Story **CONTINUED**

Born in 2012, 2014 and 2016. Jeremy states that his kids are "hilarious and fun, with wonderful personalities," and two of his children are very musically inclined. As a family, they enjoy going to parks and playing mini golf.

Jeremy currently serves as the Executive Pastor and the Worship Pastor for Calvary Church Bentonville, serving under Pastor Chantry Dean.

Jeremy is thankful for his adoption story and the work of the New Beginnings ministry. He is also excited that New Beginnings will soon open an office in Cabot, Arkansas.

YOU can be proud of Jeremy and his beautiful family, and for the fact that he uses his God-given talents for the Kingdom. When you give to this ministry, YOU are making a difference in the life of each baby – but those babies grow up and, like Jeremy, truly make a difference in their world. YOUR investment matters!

So the Next Generation Will Know:

AN APPEAL TO BABY BOOMERS ABOUT OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS

2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

If you're reading this, chances are you're one of our faithful givers. We are so thankful for you and your generosity to New Beginnings. **But now, we need your help in a different way**--one that doesn't require giving from your pocket book, but from your wisdom.

For decades, we've relied on givers like you to fund our mission of adoption. Many of you have been lifelong givers to New Beginnings, through lump sum donations or monthly gifts. The majority of our givers are Baby Boomers or older. With age comes changes in budgets and financial needs, yet many of you still find ways to give.

However, we're experiencing difficulty attracting giving from younger adult generations. We are actively learning about the younger generations and ways to reach them better.

As we work on this, we want to appeal to you, someone who understands the gift of giving. As followers of Christ, giving isn't just a suggestion, it's a command. As 2 Corinthians 9:7 states, giving must be done from a cheerful heart. In other Scripture, we are given the promise of God's blessing and provision for those who give. Many of you who have been lifelong givers to New Beginnings give because of your obedience to the Lord.

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We believe each generation has people called to give to the mission of adoption. Our appeal to you today is that you will prayerfully consider helping us encourage younger generations by having a conversation about the call to give. We ask you to share with them why you chose New Beginnings as a recipient of your giving and how simple it is to give to us through our online giving website. As we work to gain more notice among the younger generations, we believe your personal conversations with the younger adults in your life can help spark a change that can lead to increased awareness and support for our mission. Your influence can motivate them to take action and help us continue saving and changing lives through adoption.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Without you, our mission wouldn't be possible.

Are you preparing to engage in a heartfelt dialogue about supporting New Beginnings? Share the QR code in the section below for quick access to our online giving portal!



Adoption Tag

Each time you purchase a "Choose Life" or "Adoption" car tag in Mississippi, you donate to organizations like New Beginnings and local crisis pregnancy centers.



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Online Giving

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I/we believe in the sanctity of every life, and we want others to experience the hope of a new beginning.

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2. Choose "Friend of Life" or "Mercy Nepal"
3. Select "Recurring" box (leave blank if one-time gift)
4. Choose amount minimum of \$10
5. Complete the form
6. OR...SCAN the QR Code

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