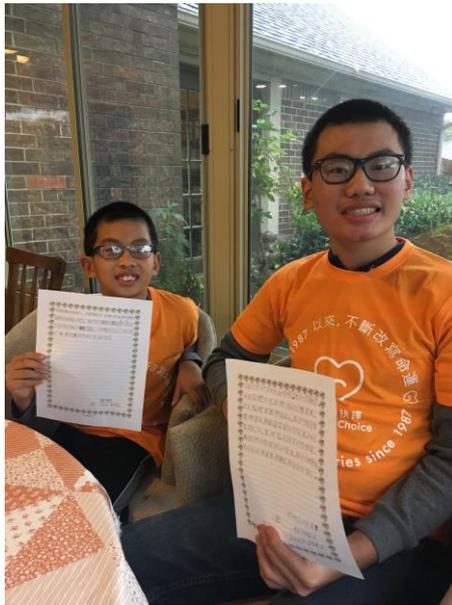




A Sibling Adoption Story



Meet Wyatt (13) and Asher (11), and their family. Wyatt and Asher are two biological brothers who both lived in separate placements in Hong Kong until they joined their adoptive family at 6 and 8 years old.

Adoptive mom Felicia, shares her family's story of adopting two brothers from Hong Kong. Her story shows us the beauty of a sibling adoption.

When I read their information on Reece's Rainbow, Wyatt was 6 and Asher was 4. I knew that the Lord was speaking to me about them being our children. Even with that, the decision to adopt again was not met without hesitation. The cost, our ages at the time, and the ages of the boys were all things to be considered. In the end, when the Lord asks it of you he gives you all that is needed to accomplish the goal.

When we were adopting, we knew Wyatt has some autistic tendencies. These seem to have lessened with a stable, consistent environment. He is very bright when it comes to math and Asher is very bright in all areas academically. We have had a Chinese tutor for them since they came home 6 years ago. They continue to learn Cantonese both written and spoken.

The best thing about adopting siblings was the fact that they had each other during the adjustment period. Even though the boys had never lived together they had a common bond.....language. They had been tutored in HK in English so they both had some basic language skills. During the day they would speak as much English as they could. When they would go to bed at night they would immediately begin talking to each other in Cantonese. Honestly, I miss hearing that at night.

Asher and Wyatt have done exceptionally well the last 6 years. They are happy, adapted, and part of a big forever family. They love the many animals they have at home and have kept up with their Cantonese, even being able to write a letter in Chinese!

Wyatt and Asher also share a little bit about their own adoption journey.

What was your first thought or memory of going home to your family in the U.S?

Wyatt: When we got home it was nighttime. We rode on an airplane for a long time. The airplane has little computers on the back of the seat. When we got to the airport Daddy and all the other family members were waiting. We drove home. Asher and I slept in Mom's room the first night.

Asher: At first I didn't want to go because I didn't know who she [Mom] was. We went on a plane and on the back of the seat there was an Ipad. We took 2 planes. At the airport the rest of the family was there.

What do you like most about your life in the U.S with your family?

Wyatt: I like being here with a lot of brothers and sisters.

Asher: I like my new friends, my dogs, the big yard, and all of my siblings.

What was the hardest thing you had to learn when you moved to the U.S?

Wyatt: Learning the different cultures like the way we eat, riding in cars instead of the MTR, being homeschooled instead of public school.

Asher: The language and the food were all different.

What did you miss the most from HK?

Wyatt: I miss going to school in HK.

Asher: I miss my HK [foster] mommy.

What is your happiest memory/ favorite thing you like to do with your brother?

Wyatt: I like to play basketball, football, Roblox, and Minecraft with Asher. Also, we can still speak Chinese and no one knows what we are saying.

Asher: We play games inside and outside, and talk.