



CHRISTIAN

Profile Book



My city skyline shot the first weekend I arrived in China!



My parents and me at the airport before I left to work overseas! So lucky that they are so supportive.



Carousel ride at
Disney Asia!

Meet Christian:

I grew up in Washington State and North Carolina, and I am the oldest of two children. Even though I am currently teach overseas, my family and I are still very close and talk weekly through Skype and WhatsApp. While in North Carolina, I received my Bachelors and Masters in Child Development and Education. I am an Early Childhood Educator and I love helping my students thrive and learn through play! I enjoy traveling and coaching at school. Some of my hobbies include running, theatre, traveling, and reading.

My Home:



Beautiful blue skies over my housing complex.



One of the four playgrounds and fields in my complex.



The living room in my home with amazing views and an entrance to a gated deck.



An outside shot of the building where I live.



Working hard on putting the final touches on the nursery!

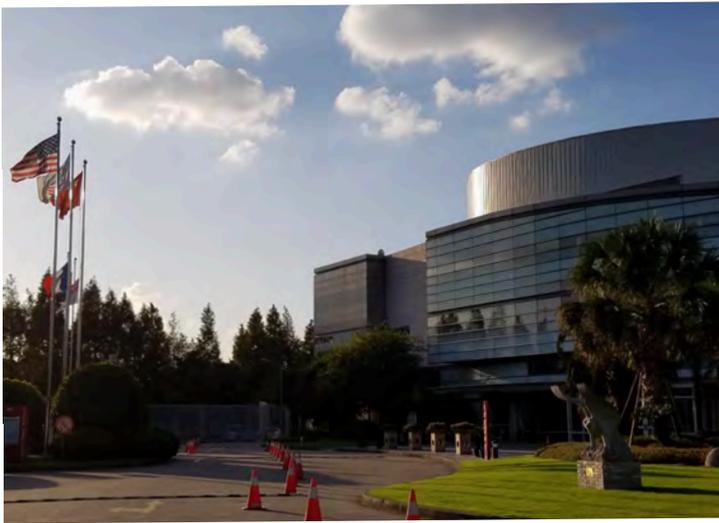


Super excited that my complex has a beach entrance pool!



This is part of the stream that runs through the housing complex. Passes right outside of my living room windows.

My Work:



The front entrance of the school. You first pass in front of our arts building.



My PK classroom!



Our Elementary School's giant playground!



The entrance to our playground looks like an amusement park!

My Community:



My amazing teaching team and I getting ready for our Parent Night!



Visiting Disney Asia with my co-workers/friends and their families.



Jim and I comparing our cakes in the Christmas Cake Cook-Off!



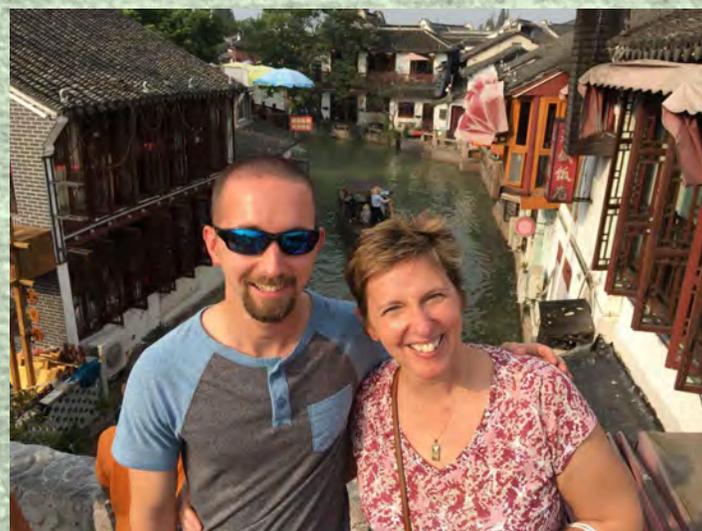
All the people from the Carolinas took a picture at our Winter Ball. Crazy how many of us came from the same place!



Here are my two cats, Mochi and Oscar. They are both super cuddly.



This is Larissa and I on a day-trip in China. Glad to be working with such a great friend and co-worker!



Fellow "Newbie" Jeanne and I visiting a Water Town near our workplace.

My Family:



My sister Gracie and I on Thanksgiving Day.



Me and my father Kevin spending time at the movies and then going out to dinner.



My mother Lisa and I spending time together on Mother's Day!



My step-father David seeing me off at the airport.



My Grandmother and Grandfather. These are my mother's parents and we visit every summer!



My father, Grandmother, and me at my sister's graduation ceremony.



This is me, my mom, step-dad, sisters, and nephew all getting together for the summer!



This is my Uncle Chad, my mother, and me waiting for the reception at my cousin's wedding.

My work with children:



Been babysitting and visiting these two goofballs for 5 1/2 years!



Worked with these three for 8 years. They are all teenagers now, but we still visit each year.



This was my first Kindergarten classroom!



My autistic Pre-K Class. They were a goofy bunch of children!



Spent the week learning about construction and different types of tools.



Our first messy art activity of the year.



The children used their bodies to make life-size gingerbread people! They had a blast.



Water Day! Everyone's favorite day of school!



Learning about the Three Little Pigs. Can the Wolf blow down the house of hay?

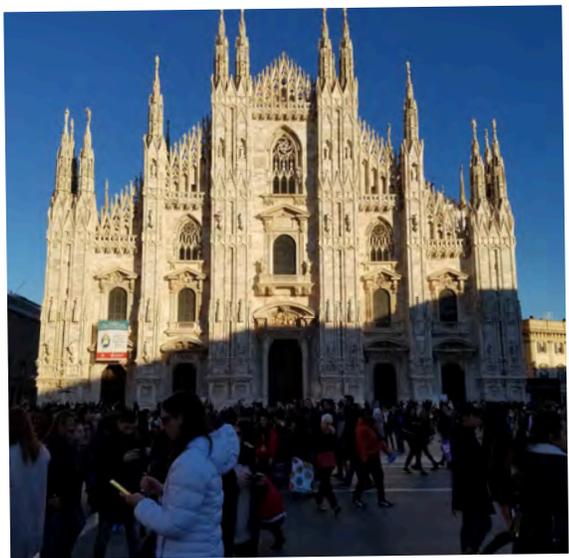
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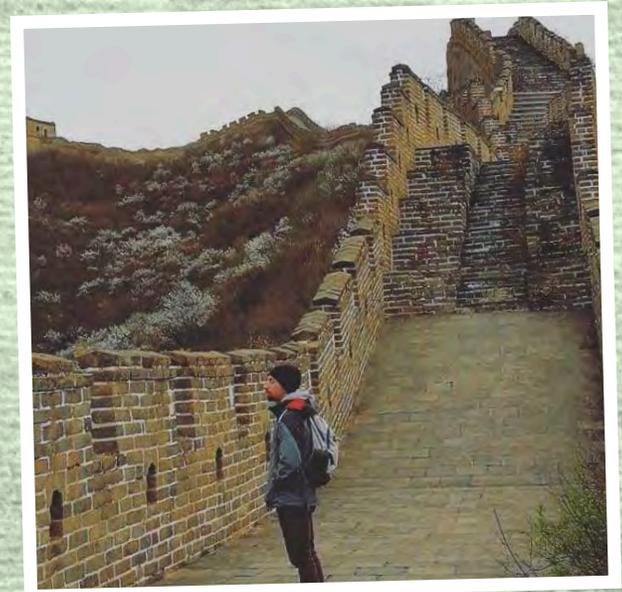
Christmas Trip to Angkor
Wat in Cambodia!



Saw this amazing temple
when I visited Japan.



Saw the Milan Cathedral in
Milan, Italy while on a work
trip. So amazing!



It was awesome to visit the
Great Wall of China!



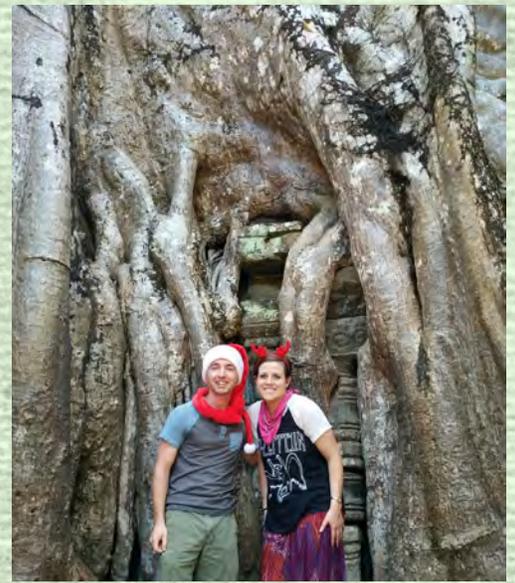
My friends and I
visiting Thailand
for Christmas.



Pagoda visit in Hangzhou, China.



Visiting the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland!



Christmas photo from Cambodia!



Halloween costume day at work! I have the best teaching team!



I was told to strike a pose. I never know what to do!



My Christmas card from this year. This is my third year making these kooky Christmas cards. Always a lot of fun!

Christian Through Other People's Eyes:

“The depth of his experience caring for and teaching young children in a variety of contexts impressed us immediately... His gift for putting young ones at ease through gentle play, kind words, and comforting caregiving led more than a few to prefer him over the other staff members.”

- **Susan Steinberg, Children's Pastor UCCH**

“Over time Christian became not just a babysitter and playmate but eventually a dear friend. Christian cared for our sons from when they were very young through when they hit their teenage years. He went from helping them get ready for bed to talking with them about where they may attend college. As a parent Christian would provide a caring, compassionate, and structured future for a child.” - **Liza Lee, Mother of three boys**

“I appreciated and trusted Christian's judgement on difficult issues. We frequently turned to him on advice on the boys' eating eccentrics, toilet training, developments, preparing our oldest for his first year of primary school, and picking out a new daycare. He was, and still is, a fount of knowledge that we still depend on, even with difference in time zones!”

-**Clara Cottrell, Mother of two boys**

Christian served as an excellent role model for how to be kind, considerate, and respectful to others. I think his training as an educator makes him particularly well-suited as an adoptive parent, as he already has extensive experience with many different types of children. Indeed, we learned a lot about how to be good parents from watching Christian interact with our own son.”

- **Brian Brimmage, Father of a toddler boy and an infant girl**

Christian will make an excellent parent and he is likely better prepared to be a parent than almost any first-time parent we know. Christian taught us several methods of calming our baby that we would not have otherwise known. Christian also took the opportunity to help our baby learn new skills, encouraging him to walk and communicate from a young age. We feel strongly that Christian will provide a loving, compassionate, structured, and safe home for a child.

-Craig and Amanda Fratrick, Parents to a baby boy

Christian was a favorite of my children because of his eagerness to engage them in games, outdoor activities, and outings. His love for children was apparent in his interactions with them. He was a valuable partner in helping us keep them on the right track when they were out of school during the summer and when we were otherwise unable to be present at home. I believe that the character traits I have described would make Christian a loving, responsible, and outstanding person to care for and guide a child on a daily basis.

-Greg Jenkins, Father of two children

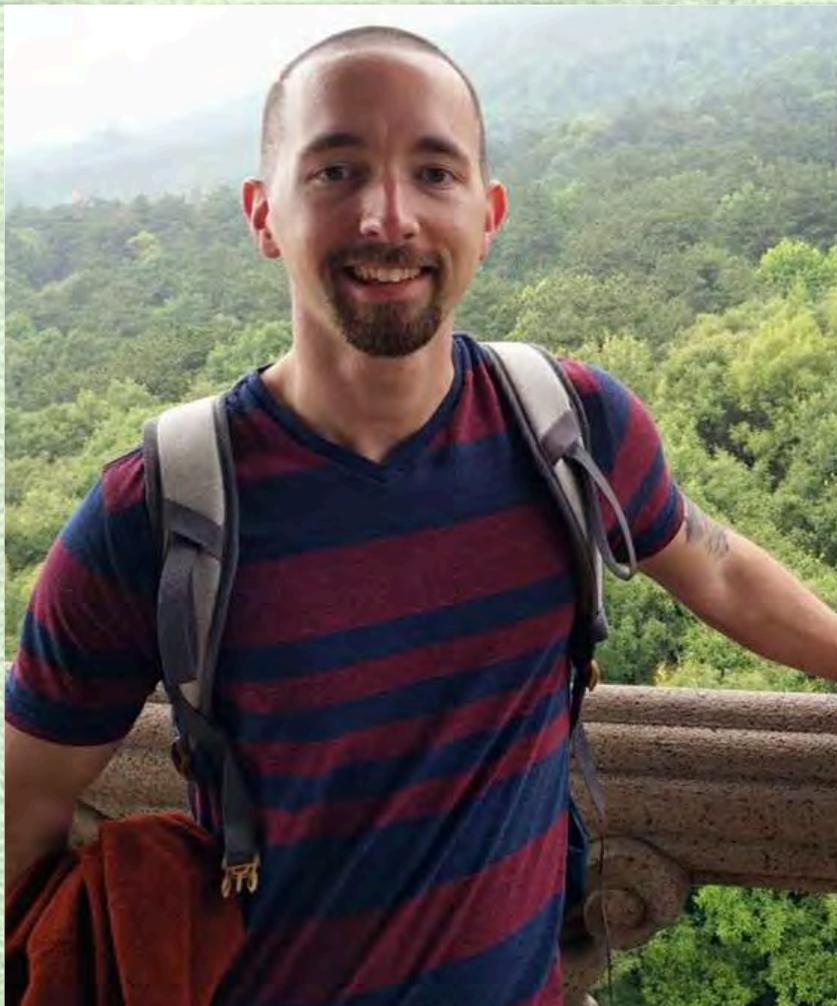
I first met Christian teaching kindergarten as his team leader. I was immediately impressed with his passion for teaching. He provided a well-structured, welcoming, rigorous, and safe learning environment for his students; many of which came from impoverished areas. His classroom management was amazing and he did a wonderful job of building relationships with not only his students, but their families, which is critical for our students to be successful. Christian loves children-teaching them, working with them, learning from them. I know he will make an amazing parent.

-Kim Gonzalez, Kindergarten Intervention Teacher

I always felt comfortable and confident that my son was well cared for by Christian. Christian is a well-rounded, energetic, compassionate, faith-filled individual who would provide a caring, compassionate, and structured future for children. **-Amanda Hemmerich, Mother of one child**

Christian thrives on being busy and experiences as much as he can. Christian has a passion for what he does and it shows in the way the children respond to him, how quickly his students learn, and in the way parents respect him. As his mother, I can attest to his sincere desire to be a father. With every goal he accomplishes, it's to get him closer to his dream of adopting a child. He will be a generous and loving parent.

-Lisa Goodwin, Christian's Mother



Visiting the Purple Mountain in Nanjing,
China

Thank you for taking the time to read and look over my profile book. I hope that it has helped you get to know me a little better and I hope I get the opportunity to know you as well.

-Christian

