

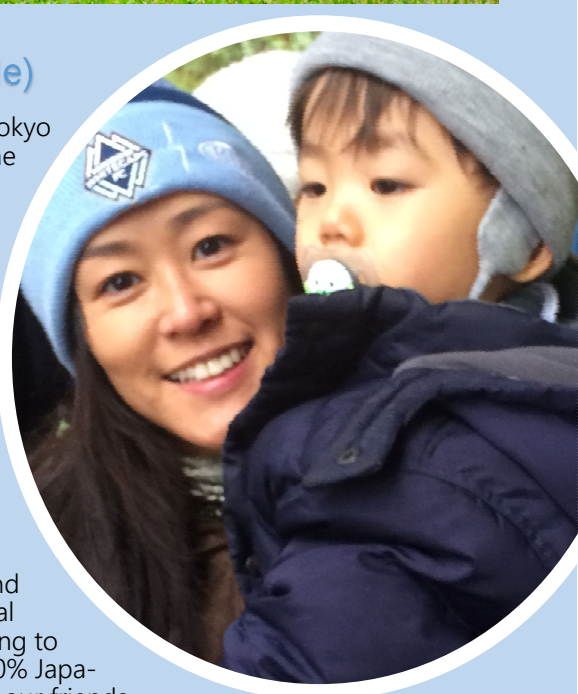


Dave, Sora & Nori



THIS IS US!!! (Adventure Ride)

We met in front of Starbucks in Shinjuku, Tokyo in 2000 when Nori's boyfriend at the time stood her up. Luckily Dave found Nori alone and the two started chatting. That was how it all started. Before getting married, Dave told Nori "welcome aboard the "Adventure Train". He was right! Since then our fun and exciting life has never stopped. We got married in Tokyo in 2003, moved to Belgium, moved back to Tokyo, then Toronto and finally settled in Vancouver in 2007. We love meditating and doing yoga every day. We have very international friends who are from all over the world and we enjoy the "difference" and "similarity" and after all we embrace eternal friendship. We live in Kitsilano and enjoy walking to the ocean and smelling seasonal air. We speak 100% Japanese at home and English whenever we hang out with our friends.



Dave (Yogi husband with super intellect)

Dave was born in Ontario in his lovely family as the 3rd child. He has one older brother and one older sister. He is the most patient, compassionate and loving person. He never EVER EVER raises his voice or shows anger. But he of course has various emotions. His laughter travels mile away so you know he is laughing and he needs tissue papers when he is crying while he is watching movies. He is the best buddy for our Son, Sora. Sora calls him "Davi" (Dave in Japanese) to play with him and "dada" when he needs Dave's gentle care. He was one of the top students at university and he is master of language – he can speak a bit of French, Flemish and Native level Japanese... and of course English. He graduated university with honors. He is a brilliant business consultant and truly embraces life's ups, downs and everything touches his life.

Nori (Superstar mom and loving friend)

Nori was born to a loving family in a farming community in rural Japan, and has one older brother. Nori is sensitive and caring. She pours her love into her close relationships with friends and family. As the center of many circles, she brings people together, organizing gatherings and outings. Her quirky sense of humor makes everyone laugh. Nori's deep longing to be a mother brought our first child, Sora, into our lives. Nori is always seeking how to enrich his life and tenderly looks at every aspect of motherhood with care and interest. She grew up playing in the rice fields and forests around her home and still has a love for outdoors. She graduated with a degree in Japanese literature, and after moving to Canada, she trained as a tax accountant. Nori now enjoys working at an infrastructure company. Nori is loved wherever she goes, and her warm heart brings a smile to everyone nearby.

Sora (Fun loving Zen child)

Sora was welcomed in to our life through adoption in Japan on October 28, 2015. He was only 3-weeks old. Sora's name was given by his biological sister. Sora means – gentle space and sky in Japanese. He is very gentle and his heart is full of love and kindness. His pure beaming smile and laugh melts anyone's heart. He loves dancing and singing. He danced too hard one day and hit his head (don't worry he was ok). He is our teacher. He teaches us what life means every day. He understands that he has 2 wonderful moms and he feels special as he has 2 moms!! He is hoping to meet his tummy mommy when he goes back to Japan.



Milo (Furry Child, World Traveler)

Milo was adopted from Nori's piano teacher in 2013. Milo was a bit shy of 2 years old. He loves sleeping next to babies and kids as they are so warm. Milo knows he used to rule our household kingdom but now his throne was taken by Sora which he was ok with! Milo has traveled with us – Japan, New York, Los Angeles, Halifax, and Toronto. Recently he had to extract many teeth and is still hoping to chew bones once in a while.



Our Community (Japanese Adoption Community and Spiritual Community)

Nori organizes a monthly meet-up at the Creekside Community Centre for the Japanese Adoption Community. Next year will be our 4th year. We also participate in an annual camping trip on Salt Spring Island every June. Our community is very tight and special. We are so lucky to have each other.

Nori's meditation community is very loving, kind and full of consciousness. They meet once every quarter but they are deeply connected to each other at heart-level. When Sora was welcomed by our family, Nori's meditation community also gives lots of love to Sora and food!! Dave is a core member of different meditation and Yoga community in Vancouver. They are very respected and honorable group of people.



Dear You:

We would like to honor and respect your decision. We are here to hold and embrace our space where a future baby/child will enter. Which we hope we will be co-creating together in a way both of us feel "RIGHT". Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We send you lots of love toward you and your family and know that whatever decision you make, it'll be the right one for you and your child!

