

About the Couples in *Pregnant with Hope*

Each of the couples featured in ***Pregnant with Hope: Good News for Infertile Couples*** participated in the infertility Bible study. All of them became parents—either through conception or adoption—and now agree that the journey was well worth it. They all feel they are parents to the children who were meant to be theirs, and that their faith was strengthened immensely by the journey and the experience in our group.

Here's a brief bio on each couple...

James & Michelle – They met in a singles' Sunday school class and married after a six-month engagement. After failed IUI's, failed IVF and a frozen cycle, they conceived and delivered twin girls.

Wilson & Sarah – He was her marathon training coach. They married two years after running the Marine Corps Marathon together. After failed IUI's, surgery for endometriosis and IVF, they conceived and delivered twins (a boy & a girl).

Sean & Angela – They met and married at 25, deciding to travel and enjoy being a young couple before starting a family. After an ectopic pregnancy, surgery for a closed tube, multiple miscarriages, failed IUI's, failed IVF's and an autoimmune deficiency diagnosis, they conceived naturally. Twice.

Trey & Amy – They started trying with very specific ideas about when they'd have their baby. But after multiple miscarriages, failed IVF's, failed IUI, a loss at 19 ••• weeks and a failed attempt to use a gestational carrier, they succeeded with IUI. Then, unexpectedly, they conceived a second child naturally.

Don & Robin – They met and married in their early 40's and discovered conceiving was easy, but sustaining a pregnancy was not. They decided against assisted reproduction and pursued adoption. They adopted twin boys through an agency.

Joe & Nancy – They married in their early 30's and chose to be childless—at first. Then, they changed their minds. After a cancer diagnosis, both underwent surgery. Two failed IUI's led to the choice to pursue IVF and adoption simultaneously. IVF failed, but adoption succeeded. They are now raising a son.

Mike & Toni – Married just before her 35th birthday, Toni's doctor told her to “hurry”—the biological clock was ticking. After three failed IUI's, they chose to try IVF. Despite retrieving only one egg, she conceived and delivered a son. A year later, it worked again.

Brent & Cathi – College sweethearts, they married young and delayed starting a family. After surgery for stage 3 endometriosis, IVF worked and they delivered a girl.

Mike & Kirsten – They met in Sunday school, got engaged after six months, and married nine months later. A loss at 20 weeks devastated them. After four failed IUI's, and two failed IVF's, they began considering egg donation—but decided to try one last hybrid IVF protocol. It worked. They now have twins (a boy & a girl).

Brian & Laura – They married when she was 23 and he was 34. After a diagnosis of PCOS, they tried several IUI's, all of which failed. Varicocele repair did not improve their results. They were told they were in the “10% of unexplained infertility.” They proceeded with IVF and had a girl. Then, they conceived naturally. Twice. They're now the parents of three girls.