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### **Couple Attempts Viral Video To Find Baby**

LOS ANGELES, CA, May 7, 2015 — Comedian and prankster Greg Benson, whose viral video pranks have been featured on “Good Morning America” and tweeted by Ellen, released a very special Mother’s Day video today in which he and his wife Kim announced that they are now eligible to adopt, and asked Benson’s 1.4 million YouTube followers to help them find a baby.

In the video, entitled “[Stealing Kids At Disneyland \(A Mother’s Day Prank\)](#),” Benson and his wife approach families in the theme park and ask the parents if they can have their children.



According to Benson, “our adoption agency, the Independent Adoption Center, encouraged us to make a YouTube video to increase our visibility to potential birthparents. We want to reach as many people as possible so I figured the best way to do that would be to add a prank element to the video and upload it to my Mediocre Films YouTube channel.”

The average wait time to adopt a newborn infant at the IAC is 14.8 months. The wait time starts once a family completes a home study and Adoption Letter/online profile and ends when they have a baby placed in their home.

“That’s a mathematical average but open adoption is not a straightforward process,” says Benson’s wife Kim Evey who herself was adopted from Seoul, South Korea at the age of 14 months. “People think we’re on a list and when our number comes up, we get a baby. But with open adoption the birthparents choose



the family who will raise their baby so the only power we have to affect the outcome is to increase our visibility so potential birthparents know we exist.”

The Bensons are hoping the video goes viral, not only so they can make their birthparent match but to raise awareness about the IAC and open adoption in general.

“We respect whatever decision a woman chooses to make when dealing with an unplanned pregnancy,” says Kim. “But for those who are considering adoption, we want them to know that there is an option that allows ongoing contact over the years.”

“We’re only one couple and we’re hoping that this video gets viewed by hundreds of thousands of people,” adds Greg. “We really want this to help other adoptive families make their matches as well by bringing more attention to the IAC and the open adoption process.”

#### **About Kim and Greg:**

This June, Kim and Greg will celebrate 11 years of marriage. They met in a sketch comedy writing class in Los Angeles in 2002. Greg writes, directs and acts in comedy videos for his [Mediocre Films YouTube channel](#). Kim is a web series producer whose credits include [Gorgeous Tiny Chicken Machine Show](#) and [The Guild](#), though she plans to take time off and be a stay-at-home mom once the baby arrives. They cannot wait to welcome a baby into their happy home.

#### **About Open Adoption:**

There are many benefits to open adoption. The birthparents feel at peace knowing they have created the adoption. Ongoing contact through the years enables birthparents to get closure and confirm that they made the best decision for their child. The adoptive parents feel chosen and entitled to parent their child. In addition, because they know the birthparents, they do not fear an unknown future. The child benefits most of all because they know where they came from and where they belong. They also have access to information about their birthparents including cultural and medical history.

#### **About The Independent Adoption Center:**

The IAC is a nationwide nonprofit organization that has been building families through open adoption since 1982. They are a licensed adoption agency that consists of professional and licensed social workers with Masters of Social Work (MSW) degrees or higher. The IAC facilitates adoptions in 49 states and is fully licensed in California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, and Texas. All the families who work with the IAC have been evaluated extensively and have been legally approved to adopt a child. They have completed background checks, physicals, and home evaluations. The IAC has no racial/ethnic, age, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression restrictions for prospective adoptive parents.



Kim and Greg on the morning of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2014