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The first time I heard Rachel's name was at a friend's place for dinner. A mutual friend invited me over for dinner with 3 girls; one of them was \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ and so this was the first time we ever met. My first \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ I met her was that she was gorgeous. I thought to myself that I had to find a way to get to know her. Ever since then my life has been very happy & contented. She \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ she teasingly \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ if I regret getting married and my standard reply is "only regret I didn't get to know you earlier"; :P

We were very surprised when we found out that you were going to have a baby. The baby was unexpected but we decided that since God allowed us to get pregnant He must think we're ready. Rachel was feeling not herself in the early weeks of pregnancy - poor diet, upset stomach etc.

I feel excited about becoming a dad, but also not ready! Once the baby is born we'll probably have fewer times of being together alone so we have been reminding ourselves that "life will never be the same again."; But I'm looking forward to teaching the baby to make his or her own choices/decisions & be responsible for them

We look at how our parents and others raise their kids and talk about it and decide if it's something we want to follow or not. Our baby will be a Malaysian citizen and will be bilingual in English & Chinese (I'll have to keep reminding Rachel to speak to baby in Mandarin). Rachel insists that I (Dad) will read bedtime stories.

We find it amusing when people try to guess the baby's gender. The common techniques are: whether the belly shape is round or elongated; whether the belly button pops out or stays in; whether the baby is active or passive.

We asked both our dads to give suggestions for Chinese names. We've kind of settled on Chinese names for either gender already. If the baby is a boy, we (well, actually, I) want him to have a name that speaks of him as "God's representative"; or "someone called by God for a purpose."; If the baby is a girl, the name will mean someone who is "under God's grace.";

