



Jim & Melissa

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Hi there,

First of all, thank you for reading this letter and looking through these pictures that show a glimpse of our lives. Please know that we're amazed and humbled by your love and care for your child as you weigh the choices in front of you. We respect and honor the difficulty of your situation, and pray for peace in your heart as you choose a family and a home for your child. Even as we were falling in love with each other, adoption was a part of our conversation, our future plans, and our hope to become parents. As you are facing the unknown, the hard decisions, we pray that it will give you peace knowing that we are sure of our open hearts to adoption, as we have adopted a child before, and know how to love and support a child placed with us, teaching them about their loving and courageous birthmother, and, if you are willing, to welcome you into our family as well.

Our names are Jim and Melissa, and we live in Highlands Ranch, CO. We met on a camping trip with some mutual friends and quickly realized that we had a lot in common and enjoyed spending time with each other. We've been married 5 years, and have already had lots of adventures together! Jim spent his youth living in Argentina and speaks fluent Spanish and speaks it to our two year old son, Elliot. Jim is a structural engineer at a company in Denver. Melissa is an aerospace engineer, but now stays at home caring for Elliot, and is working on a certificate in biblical counseling. She plans to continue to stay at home with our future children and counsel women on a volunteer basis.

Besides our shared love of camping, we just enjoy any way our family can be outdoors as a family- hiking, playing with Elliot at the playgrounds near our home, going to our niece's and nephew's soccer games, and doing projects around the house. We love our home church and enjoy serving there - Jim is a drummer and plays on the worship band, and Melissa works with women, mentoring and providing counsel.

Melissa has known since she was 22 that becoming pregnant wasn't an option for her, so we discussed adoption early on in our dating relationship. In 2019, we adopted our son, Elliot, and our families and friends have welcomed him (and his birthmom) with their whole hearts. We know they will do the same for any more children that we are privileged to add to our family.

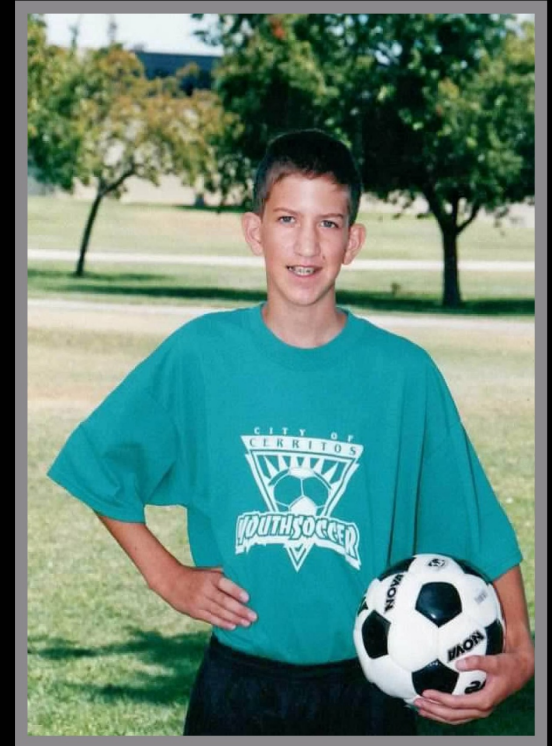
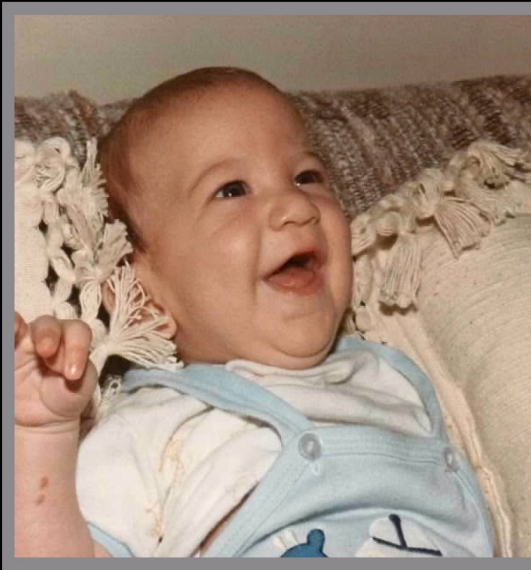
We belong to a tight-knit group of friends made up from our coworkers and church members. We cheer each other on and cry with each other during hard times. Another child in our home would be unconditionally welcomed. Should this child be of a different culture or race from us, we have such a diverse group of friends that this child will always have someone who likes like them in his or her life.

Please know that we are praying for you and trusting God as you seek to make the best decision for this child. We hope peace will fill your heart as you move forward.

Jim and Melissa

Jim's Childhood

Jim grew up in Argentina and speaks fluent Spanish. His favorite sport is soccer, and he loves running and being outside, just as he did as a child.





Welcoming international students to Houston!

Jim (as described by Melissa)

Jim is an incredibly giving person. He puts others needs (like mine and Elliot's!) ahead of his own and does it all with joy. He has a goofy sense of humor and when something is funny, he will laugh until he cries. He is kind and patient, he always looks for a way we can help someone. He enjoys meeting international students and teaching them about American culture. He's a great cook and makes really good coffee! He is an amazing hands-on Dad to Elliot. I am so thankful to have him as my best friend and husband.



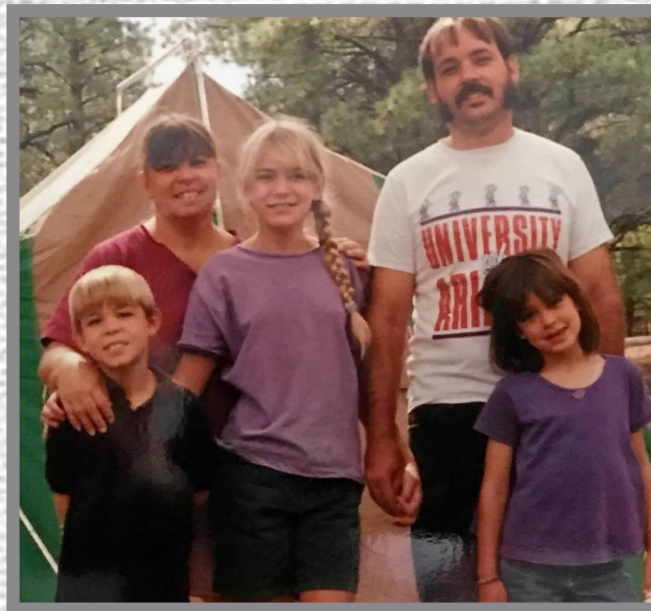
Helping Elliot trick or treat

Melissa's childhood

Her family vacations were always to the mountains for camping! As a child she loved playing outside, reading, participating in Girl Scouts, and playing her flute in band.



Being a Girl Scout was awesome!



Started playing the flute at age 10 and still play today!

Melissa's passion is mentoring women of all ages- helping them with their problems and teaching them the hope that God gives.



Practicing with the hiking carrier

Melissa (as described by Jim)

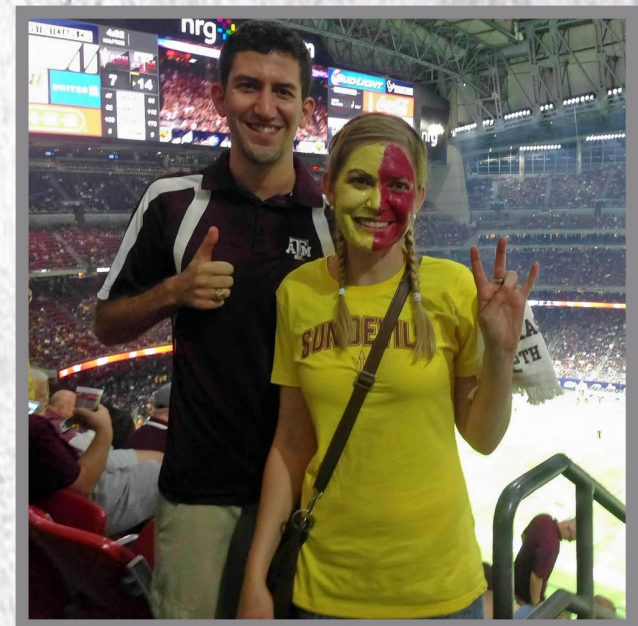
Melissa overflows with love for others! She's always thinking of selfless, generous things to do for other people. She has a great sense of humor and loves laughing with me. She's so smart, and is always pushing herself and setting big goals, but her goals always help other people. Melissa is an incredibly loving mama to Elliot, and is totally dedicated and attentive to his needs and his happiness. I've never met anyone like Melissa, and am so privileged to know her deep love.

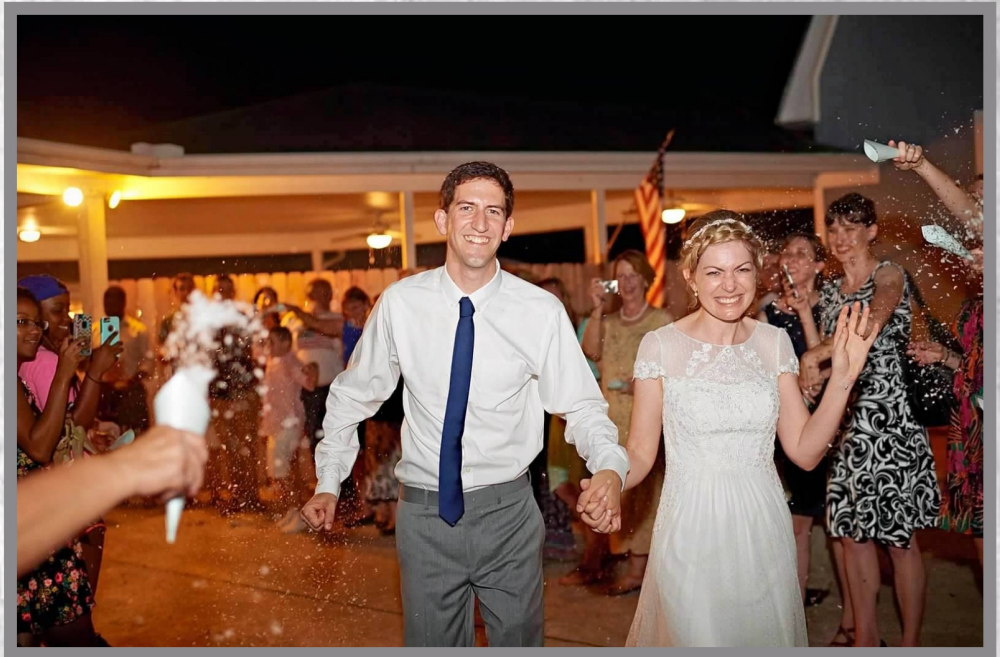
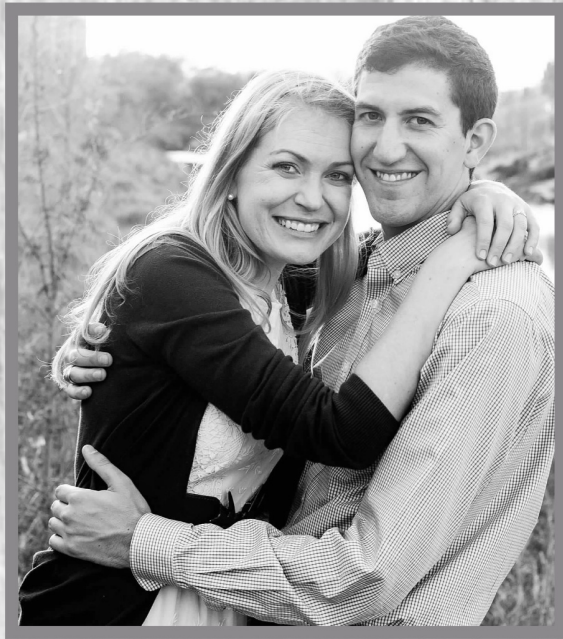




Dating Adventures

Snowshoeing, backpacking, going to friends' weddings and a football game between our colleges





Our Wedding!





Elliot, age 2

Our kiddo

We adopted Elliot at the end of 2019. He is a joyful kiddo with a great sense of humor. We are raising him bilingual (English/Spanish). He absolutely loves being outdoors and we spend hours playing in our backyard and at various parks/playgrounds.

We've been able to visit with his birthmom, who we consider part of our family, several times since he was born and we love their relationship. Elliot has a huge heart and we can't wait to see him welcome and love his future sibling.



Elliot's birthmom, Kate





Jim's sister, Krissy

Jim's Family

He has two older sisters. One sister, Becky, is married and has 3 kids and lives about 25 minutes away. His other sister, Krissy, lives and works in Spain. Jim's parents live in California.



Easter meal with family



Thanksgiving meal with Jim's parents,
Mike and Marcia



Jim's sister, Becky, and
her family



Decorating Christmas cookies with Melissa's parents, Mark and Cindy

Melissa's Family

Melissa has a younger brother and sister, who both live in Arizona.

They have 6 kiddos between them, ages 1 year to 15 years.

Melissa's parents also live in Arizona.

We love spending time with our 9 nieces and nephews!



Melissa and her younger siblings, Monica and Bobby



Cousins photo!



What we like to do:

We're enjoying exploring our new home in Colorado- hiking, camping, and trying out new parks with awesome playgrounds!

We both love creating: Jim does woodworking and Melissa sews and quilts and both love reading.

We enjoy spending time with people from other cultures and are working on building another diverse community here in Colorado.



Fantastic park near our house



Date day hiking



Just two guys camping in the woods



We love going to the mountain town of Evergreen to hike and explore and sometimes grab breakfast there too!



Hot air balloon festival in Colorado Springs

We've traveled a lot between the two of us (12 countries and many states!) We can't wait to take Elliot and our future children to explore new places with us.



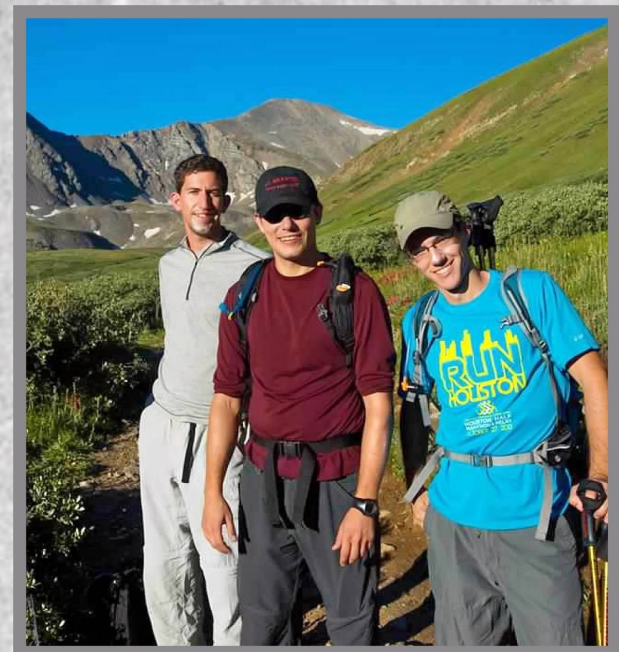
Enjoying a date night



At the wedding of our sweet friends, Cyrus and Victoria.



The best guys: Dick, Joseph, Nathan, John (and Caleb in the back!)



Hiking and adventure buddies for many years: Matt and Dick

Meet our close friends and community: we enjoy spending time and sharing our lives with these wonderful people



Sonya was Melissa's first friend in Texas - they've been friends for 18 years!

Melissa's other bestie, Irma. They've been friends for almost 18 years and Melissa has learned so much from her.



Making tamales with Melissa's best friend, TimaSue. They've known each other for over 20 years!





Our house

Our
home



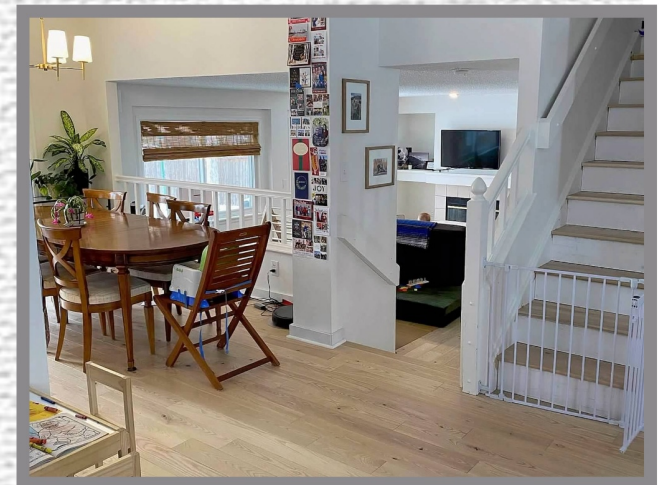
Backyard



Nursery



Play area



Part of main living area

Our Sweet Dog

We have a snuggly pup named Maizie - she's a mix of Yorkie, Chihuahua, and some other type of terrier. She is 8 years old.



Family Traditions



Reading books together, going to the pumpkin patch, picking out and cutting down a Christmas tree, and donuts for birthday breakfast!



Thank you for looking through our book. We are happy to talk with you and answer questions you might have about us and what kind of parents we are and are working to become.

Family Info

Father's name: Jim
Occupation: Structural Engineer
Education: Masters in Structural Engineering
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: April 8, 1987
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Hair color: Brown
Eye color: Blue
Height: 6'2"

Mother's name: Melissa
Occupation: Homemaker
Education: B.S. in Aerospace Engineering
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: February 20, 1981
Ethnicity: Caucasian
Hair color: Blonde
Eye color: Blue
Height: 5'7"

Date of marriage: June 25, 2016

Interests and hobbies: We love the outdoors - camping, hiking, working on projects in our home. Jim is a talented woodworker and likes to build furniture and Melissa enjoys creating quilts, and baking yummy treats to give to family and friends. We enjoy spending time together as a family hiking, playing, and exploring places in our new city.

Home: Our cozy house (3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms) is in an quiet neighborhood surrounded by huge beautiful trees. Our backyard is large and backs up to a trail with miles of pathways for exploring. We have plenty of room for toys and swing sets and maybe a treehouse!

Pets: We have our sweet little dog, Maizie, who is 8 years old and a snuggly pup.

Reason for adopting: We've known since we were dating that we would become parents and grow our family through adoption. We were so thankful and joyful to add Elliot to our family and are excited to welcome another child to our home and family.

Openness to birthparent(s) : We hope to interact regularly with you, via emails, photos, and or text message and we hope to be able to spend time with you in person as well if you are open to that! Our relationship with Elliot's birthmom is one our most treasured ones and we see how much she loves Elliot and look forward to the relationship they will have together.

Childcare: Melissa already stays at home during the day and plans to continue to do so to care for our children.

