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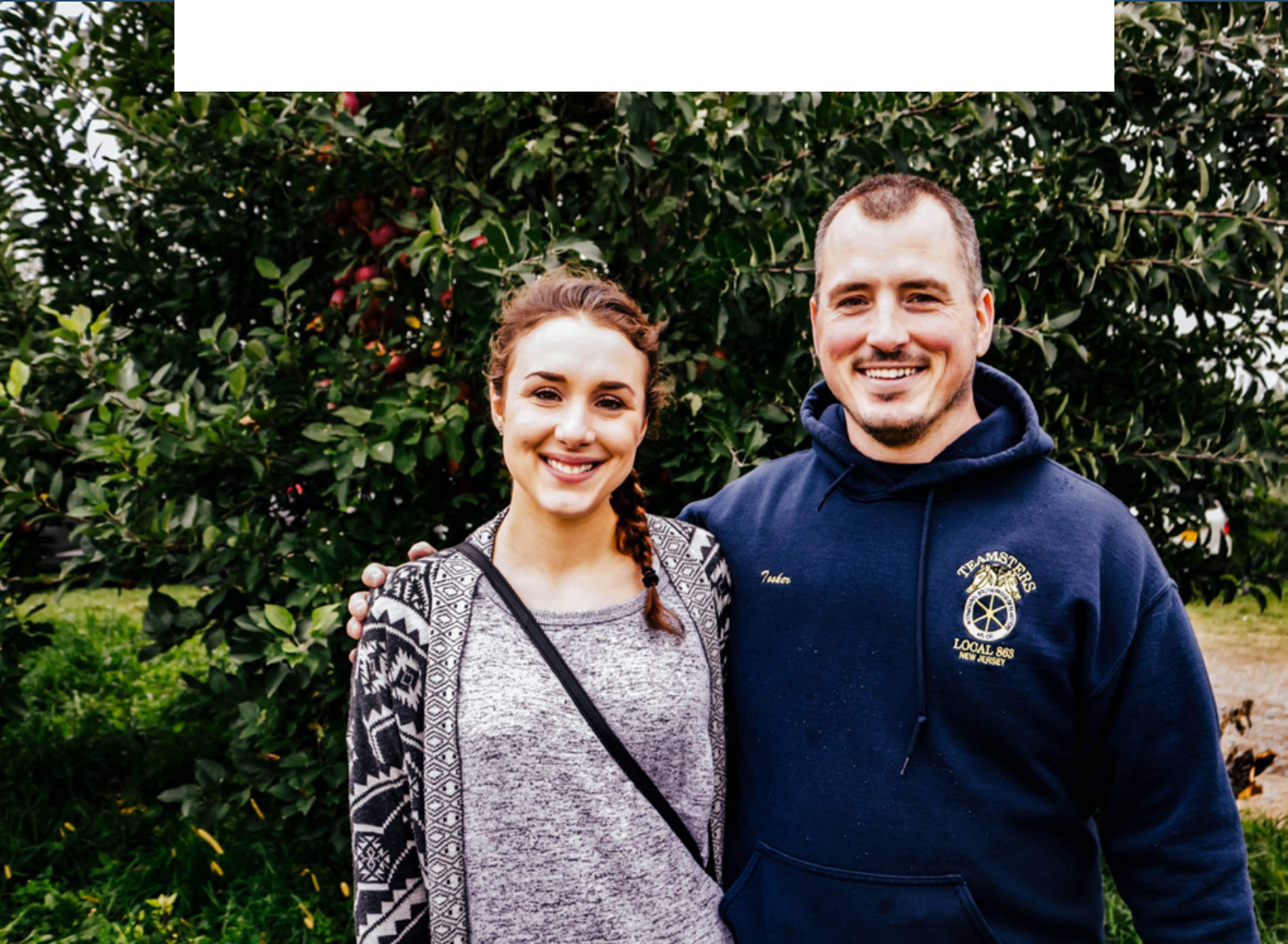
# Michael & Krystine



# Hello from New Jersey!

FIRST AND FOREMOST

**We cannot begin to understand the difficulty of the decision you are making. We truly acknowledge your courage and bravery. We decided that adoption was the best way to expand our family, after necessary medications left us unable to conceive naturally.**





↓ HIKING AT BUSHKILL FALLS IN PENNSYLVANIA

We have been talking about becoming parents since our engagement, and are so excited to be doing so through the gift of adoption. We love to go on, what we call, "adventures" together. This can be as simple as a day trip to New York City or a road trip to Florida. We cannot wait to begin this new adventure and become parents! We thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us and hope to get an opportunity to learn about you too.





# Our Story

We met in April of 2017, when we attended the same lunch fellowship after church. After a year of friendship, Krystine asked a mutual friend to see if Michael liked her. It took some time, but eventually our friend informed Michael that, "word on the street was, if he asked Krystine out, she'd say yes". For our first date, we went to a local coffee shop and Dave and Busters. Afterwards, we spent hours sitting in Michael's car talking about our pasts, our faith in Jesus, our goals and more. Everything matched up, even our sarcastic sense of humor. It was clear that this was the real thing. Michael proposed in 2019, after ice skating in Central Park, and we married a year later on January 18, 2020. Our marriage has been full of laughs, excitement, growth and, most importantly, love. We enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, attending shows and sporting events and spending quality time with friends and family.



# Interests & Hobbies



↑ MIKE SPENT HOURS RESTORING THIS CABINET

↓ KRYSITINE IS AN AVID READER! SHE LOVES ALL KINDS OF BOOKS AND ESPECIALLY READING TO HER PRESCHOOL CLASS



We both enjoy engaging in activities that help us stay healthy. Together, we love going for hikes at county parks and long walks around town. We also have a membership to our local fitness center (which we don't go to as much as we would want! ha ha ha). Krystine has always had a love of books and reading. She likes to sit down with a good book and get lost in its story. From fiction to nonfiction and suspense to romance, she will read any genre. Michael has a passion for learning a variety of home improvement skills. He loves the satisfaction of accomplishing a task, whether it be refurbishing a cabinet, installing flooring or fixing little things around our home.

# Meet Krystine

TOLD BY MICHAEL

**Krystine is truly a sweetheart. It only took a few dates for me to fall in love with her warm, fun-loving personality.**

She has a great sense of humor that allows me to be as silly as I want to be around her. It definitely helps keep our marriage entertaining and our love for each other strong. Besides that, one of my favorite things about Krystine is that she has a deep love and care for children. Since her college days she has been teaching and caring for small children all around northern New Jersey. Krystine has had the honor and privilege of making learning fun for hundreds of kids from all backgrounds for more than 10 years. She has used her talents in a variety of ways, including educating kids with special needs, doing fun projects with children in afterschool programs and teaching Bible lessons to toddlers in Sunday school. Krystine is currently a head preschool teacher at Primrose, which she absolutely loves doing. Her little students' parents frequently give kind reviews and have nothing but good things to say about her. Krystine is a natural caretaker as she was always the eldest sibling and cousin growing up. She is a true leader of the pack and is going to become an awesome mom.



↓ IF KRYSTINE WAS A SUPERHERO,  
ICE CREAM WOULD BE HER WEAKNESS



**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor**

Mint Chocolate Chip

**Favorite Sports Teams**

New York Yankees

**Favorite Hobbies**

Reading and Art

**Favorite Musical Artist**

Twenty One Pilots

**Favorite Vacation Spot**

Wildwood Crest, New Jersey

**Historical Figure you want to Meet**

Abraham Lincoln

**Collection**

Magnets from places we visit

**Biggest Source of Inspiration**

The Bible

**Favorite Seasonal Activity**

Decorating for Christmas

**Can't Live Without**

Coffee (or "Cawfee" – as we say in NJ)



↑ WE LOVE TO LAUGH, EVEN IF WE ARE BEING CHASED BY DINOSAURS



↑ KRISTINE LOVES TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL!

↓ WE ENJOY THE SPECIAL THINGS EACH SEASON BRINGS



# Meet Michael

TOLD BY KRYSTINE

Michael is my best friend and soulmate. He is kind, smart, and easy-going. One of my favorite things about him is that he loves to laugh. Michael doesn't take himself too seriously; and when he laughs, he does so with his whole being. He is also a hard worker; driven to succeed in whatever he puts his mind to. A few years back, Michael decided that he wanted to pursue a career in heating and air conditioning. He began attending trade school and graduated in December 2021 with a certificate in air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology. Now, Michael works for a great company and gets to do something he really enjoys. Michael is also selfless and has a heart for volunteering. He is always willing to help with different ministries at church and has become an integral part of the congregation.

**When I see Michael interact with children, I am filled with happiness. He is gentle, confident, fun and loving. He is not afraid to look silly or do what it takes to make the child feel comfortable and even giggle. I cannot wait to see how Michael is as a father to our future child.**



↓ COLLECTING FUNKO POPS HAS BEEN A FUN WAY TO REMEMBER THINGS WE LOVED GROWING UP





**Favorite Dessert**

Ice Cream Cake

**Favorite Sports Teams**

New York Rangers

**Favorite Musical Artist**

Elvis Presley

**Sport you like to Play**

Darts

**Favorite Hobbies**

"Fixin' Stuff" and Exercising

**Collection**

Autographed Funko Pops

**Biggest Source of Inspiration**

The Bible

**Favorite Seasonal Activity**

Hiking

**Can't Live Without**

Snickers

**Favorite Accessory**

Bucket Hat



↓ ICE CREAM PARTY WITH A FRIEND'S DAUGHTER



↓ EXPLORING A FARM WHERE WE WENT ON A HAY RIDE AND DRANK APPLE CIDER





↓ THE NEARBY PASTRY SHOP HAS GREAT CANNOLIS



↓ THE SOCCER FIELD DOWN THE STREET HAS A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE NEW YORK CITY SKYLINE



# Our Home

We live in a family-friendly neighborhood in Bergen County, New Jersey. There is always something to do here, as we are only a few miles from New York City and about an hour drive from either mountains, lakes or beaches. Our home is located in

walking distance of the center of town as well as playgrounds and a large county park. Bergen County is known for their excellent schools, and providing ample opportunities for people of any age. Activities like food truck festivals, fairs, ice skating and music lessons can all be found nearby.

One of our favorite things about living in New Jersey is getting to experience all four seasons. Enjoying cozy movie nights and hot cocoa on snowy winter evenings. Seeing the cherry blossoms bloom on springtime walks. Spending a day at the beach or walking the boardwalk in the summer; and experiencing the changing colors and apple picking in the fall.

# Our Bucket List

Buy a House

Host a Holiday Gathering

Get a Family Pet

Go on Road Trips

Take a Family Cruise

↓ WE SPEND TIME PRAYING AND READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER



↑ WE LOVE TAKING ROAD TRIPS! WE WENT TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER IN KENTUCKY

↓ ANOTHER STOP ON A ROAD TRIP WAS FLORIDA! HERE WE GOT TO VISIT EPCOT



# Our Family



↑ KRYSITINE AND HER MOTHER HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP



↑ CELEBRATING A FAMILY WEDDING WITH KRYSITINE'S STEP-BROTHER, SETH, AND HIS WIFE, REBECCA



↑ MIKE AND HIS MOTHER ALICE ON HIS WEDDING DAY

**We are blessed to have most of our family living right here in New Jersey!**

Family is very important to us; and having the opportunity to visit them at almost any time is something we really treasure. Throughout the year, we enjoy getting together for holidays, birthdays, dinners, or just because. Michael is the youngest of four boys. His mother and two of his brothers live about an hour away; while his third brother lives down the street. We also live close to Michael's aunt and uncle, who we visit often. Krystine is the oldest in a large, blended family. Her mother, stepfather and father all live a few towns away, and we love making plans with them. Krystine also has two brothers, one sister, one stepbrother and one stepsister. All but two of her siblings live in New Jersey, while her one brother and stepsister live in Texas. They are all excited about this adventure we are on, and are looking forward to sharing their love with a new little one in the future.



↑ MIKE'S BROTHERS AND GROOMSMEN SPORTING THEIR NEW WEDDING GIFT SCARVES



↑ KRISTINE'S MOTHER IS VERY SKILLED WITH MAKEUP AND LIKES TO PRACTICE ON KRISTINE



↑ KRISTINE'S BROTHER AND FIANCÉ FROM TEXAS CAME TO VISIT!

↓ WE VISITED OUR FRIENDS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SPENT SOME TIME WITH THEIR ADORABLE SON



↓ KRISTINE'S BROTHER, ALEX, HAS A PASSION FOR MUSIC



# We Promise

**We promise that your child will be loved unconditionally no matter what life throws our way.**

**We promise to teach them that they can be adopted into the family of God by simply believing and following Him.**

**We promise to connect before we correct in order to better build a trusted relationship.**

**We promise to learn about your child's heritage so we can teach them who they are.**

**We promise your child will know you wanted the best opportunities and life for them.**

**We promise that your child will know you and that you love them.**

**We promise your child will not only be aware of their culture, but proud of it as well**

**We promise to teach your child to be loving and respectful to others and themselves.**

**We promise to slow life down and focus more on spending quality time with your child and less time on everyday tasks.**

**We promise to give your child opportunities to thrive in whatever interests and talents God gives them.**

**We promise to stay in communication with you and honor you as the courageous person who brought this child we both love into the world.**

EPHESIANS 1:4-5

**"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will".**



**Father's Name**  
Michael

**Occupation**  
HVAC Technician

**Education**  
Trade School

**Religion**  
Christian

**Date of Birth**  
12/24/1983

**Hair Color**  
Dark Brown

**Eye Color**  
Brown

**Height**  
5'9"



**Mother's Name**  
Krystine

**Occupation**  
Preschool Teacher

**Education**  
Bachelor's Degree

**Religion**  
Christian

**Date of Birth**  
09/27/1987

**Hair Color**  
Brown

**Eye Color**  
Brown

**Height**  
5'3"

**Date of Marriage:** 01/18/20

**Interests & Hobbies:** We enjoy going on hikes and long walks together, spending quality time with family and friends, attending a variety of shows and going on road trips. Krystine loves to read and collect books of all genres. She also enjoys decorating and making their home cozy. Michael enjoys learning new home improvement skills. He loves practicing new trades and being handy around the home.

**Home:** We currently live in an apartment in North Arlington, NJ, a suburb of New York City. We are surrounded by lots of grass to play on and have multiple county and town parks within walking distance of our home. There are many young families in our neighborhood and tons of activities to do. As a side note, we plan on moving into a house in the near future.

**Pets:** We do not have any pets right now. We have both grown up with dogs and would love to have pets in the future.

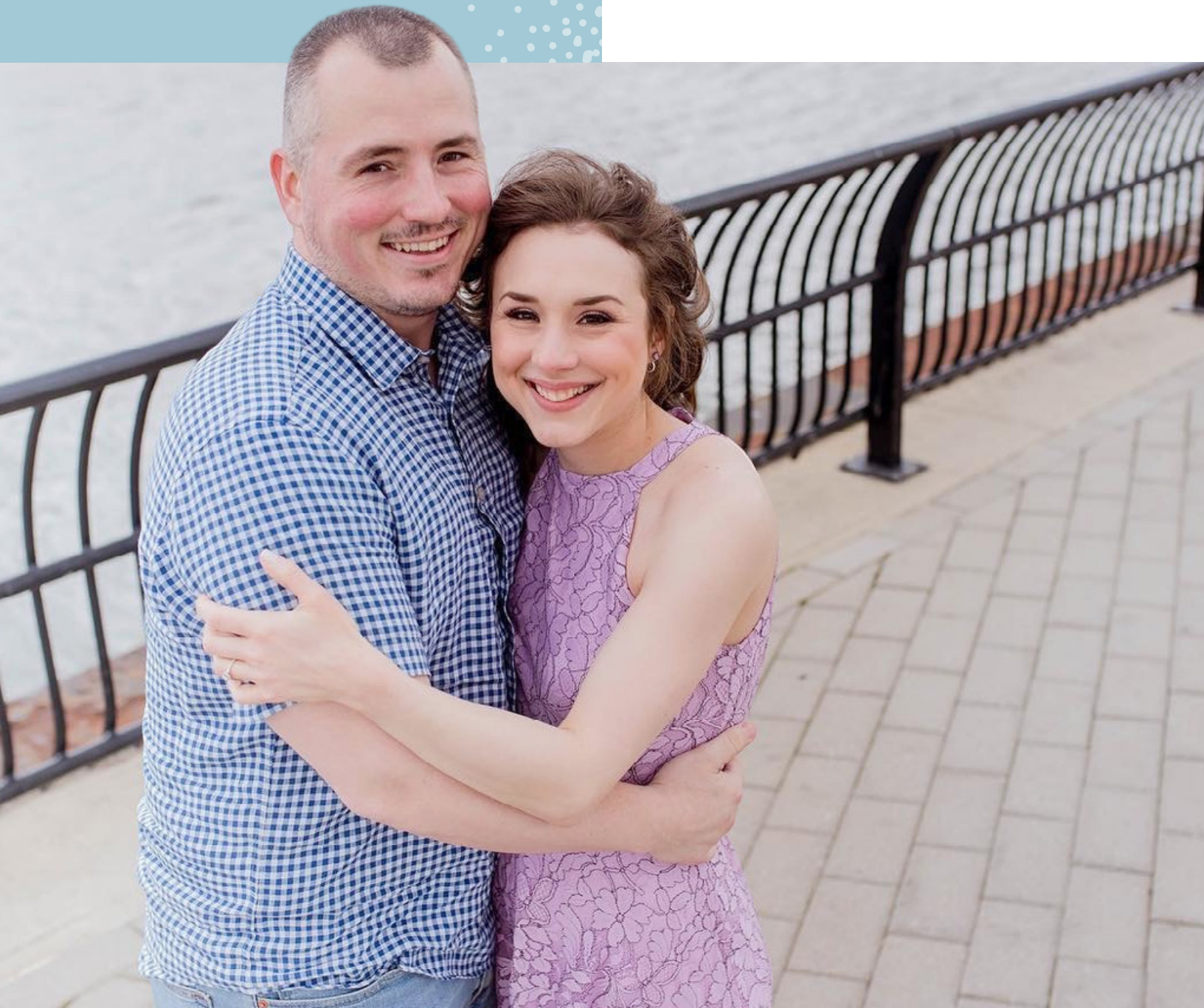
**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** We have both wanted to be parents since we got married in 2020. Unfortunately, due to necessary medications, we are unable to conceive naturally.

**Openness to Birthparent(s):** We wish to form a relationship with you in which you know your child and your child knows you. The level of openness in an adoption should be something we are all comfortable with and work on together. The most important thing is for your child to feel happy, loved and complete.

**Childcare Plans:** Initially, we will both be taking leave from our jobs in order to care for and bond with the child. When it is time for us to return to work, we will be utilizing either trusted family friends or a near by well-established day care. We have also discussed Krystine working less or modified hours in order to spend more time with the baby.

**Our faith and hope  
in Jesus Christ  
is our number  
one motivator for  
wanting to adopt.**

We do not take adoption lightly or view it as shameful. Adoption is an ultimate act of selflessness, and we thank you again for considering us to raise your beautiful child. We would love to share more with you and discuss our commitment to having an open adoption. May God richly bless you in this journey.



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