

FAMILY ID #2099045



# Megan & Landon





# Hello!

**We are Megan and  
Landon, along with our  
children Nora and Milo**

**from Illinois**



**First of all,  
thank you for  
considering  
adoption.**

We know that this decision is not and will not be easy, and that is ultimately why we have chosen to pursue adoption. We know deep down that we have the desire and capability to give our hearts to another child and we would love to be able to do that while also helping someone else. We are confident our family is a good fit for adoption. Also, not only are we ready for it, but our toddlers are as well—they are always asking when they can get a brother or sister!

# Our Story



We met in college, but were both planning on traveling to different countries after graduation.

OUR FIRST DATE - DRESSING UP LIKE COWS FOR FREE CHICK-FIL-A



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO GET TO KNOW YOU!

So while there was definite interest, we didn't think anything more would come of our friendship. Little did we know, we reconnected once we returned, had our first date dressed like cows for free Chick-Fil-A, and were married a year and a half later. We spent our early years of marriage living in St. Louis and traveling together as much as we could! We are about to celebrate our 9-year anniversary and are so grateful for our little life.

**We now have two little kids that are just as goofy as we are (if not more so) and we spend a lot of our time being outside, dancing, and chasing our fluffy pup, Winston.**

# Meet Megan

by Landon



VISITING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S NEARBY FAMILY FARM



VACATIONING IN FLORIDA

**I was initially attracted to Megan because of her strong faith, intentional care for others, and fun personality.**

She is good at making others feel welcome and comfortable. She loves running and staying active, has a passion for all things coffee, and enjoys traveling and exploring different places/cultures. Since having kids, she has shifted from working full time to spending most of her time with the kids. She works outside the home two days a week managing a local coworking space, and I love watching her use her organization skills and attention to detail to keep things running smoothly (both at work and at home). It has been a joy to watch her as a mom, and I'm so grateful that she gets to spend most of her time with them during these formative years. She knows just how to encourage their development and inspire them to try new things. Nora and Milo absolutely love her so much, and I love getting to hear them playing, reading, and laughing together each day while working from my home office.

**Favorite place to take a child**

We have this cozy little sand cove along a creek near us. The kids love going there to throw rocks in the water and play in the sand.

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**Can't live without**

Coffee, potato chips, and Taco Bell

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**Go-to TV shows**

Friends and The Office

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**Sport I like to play**

Pickle ball

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**Favorite dessert**

My mom's apple pie

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**Source of inspiration**

The Bible

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**Favorite musical artist**

Ben Rector

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**A perfect day for me is**

when we don't make plans (and can do whatever we want!) It typically includes sleeping in, making coffee and going on a walk.

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**Dream job**

Going on Dancing with the Stars

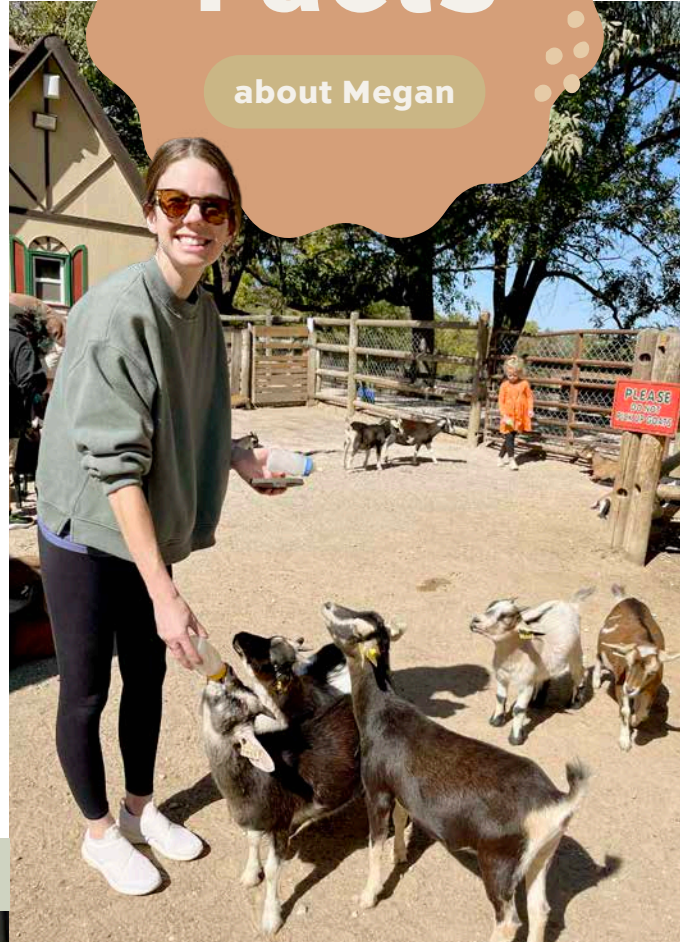
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**Favorite seasonal activity**

Campfires

# Fun Facts

about Megan



FEEDING GOATS AT GRANT'S FARM IN ST. LOUIS

VISITING VENICE, ITALY



DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE



PLAYING PRINCESS DRESS UP WITH NORA



# Meet Landon

by Megan



PLAYING AT A NEARBY PLAYGROUND

**One thing about Landon that caught my attention years ago was his fun and carefree personality.**

I remember riding in a car with a group of friends and we didn't have enough seats. Landon decided he would just ride on the floor, all the while singing along to the radio at the top of his lungs. His fun and selfless spirit along with his strong leadership qualities is what makes him such a great father. Since having children, I have really appreciated how he prioritizes family time. He has a finance job and works remotely out of our basement. This setup allows him to be able to enjoy meal times with us and pop up to help me as needed. He also does a great job managing his time during work hours so he can finish on time and play with the kids. Aside from taking care of all of us, he loves to run and stay active playing sports like pickle ball and ultimate frisbee. He loves traveling the world and has been to so many different countries sightseeing and sharing the love of Jesus. Overall, Landon cares for others better than anyone I know, and I am confident he will be the best dad to any child who joins our family.

# Fun Facts

about Landon



AT A ST. LOUIS CITY SOCCER GAME

RUNNING A 5K RACE TOGETHER



## Favorite family activity

Hiking and dance parties

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## Favorite ice cream flavor

Cookie dough

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## Favorite vacation spot

Anywhere new

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## Favorite sports team

St. Louis City Soccer

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## Favorite candy

Nerds clusters

## Favorite place to take a child

Playgrounds and the zoo

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## Sport I like to play

Basketball and ultimate

frisbee

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## Favorite hobby

Running

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## Favorite movie

Dumb and Dumber

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## Fun fact

I lived in China for a year

## EXPLORING THE RUINS IN TULUM, MEXICO



# Our Children



**Nora** loves life. That's truly the best way to describe her. She enjoys a lot of things, but mostly she loves meeting new friends. Whether she's at school, church, or on the soccer field, you can usually find her hugging or holding someone's hand. She is the best big sister and she can't wait to have another baby in the house!

MEGAN AND NORA ON HER 3RD BIRTHDAY



ROCK CLIMBING ADVENTURES!



**Milo** Milo is our sweet and more reserved child. Lately he's enjoying all the "big boy" things he's learning to do like riding bikes and playing catch. He loves playing outside, reading books, and ultimately doing whatever Nora wants. We are excited to see Milo as a big brother because he loves babies and has been practicing by caring for Nora's baby dolls!



AT A ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL GAME



# Our Home

## & Community



**Our home is located on a quiet, dead-end street in a small subdivision.**

We've enjoyed getting to know our neighbors, and we love that there are other families with young children providing opportunities for our kids to make friends and play together. We live in a friendly rural community in Central Illinois, so we experience all four seasons. In the summer, we love walking on the bike trail near our house, enjoying the public beach at the nearby lake, and visiting the different parks in our community. In the cold winter months, we spend more time playing activities at home, swimming at the indoor community pool, or playing in the snow when it comes.

HANGING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON OUR HOUSE



WE LOVE TAKING WALKS ON THE TRAIL NEAR OUR HOME



VISITING A LOCAL PUMPKIN PATCH



BAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES

We lived in St. Louis for nearly ten years, so we make lots of trips back there to visit friends and family.

# Our Family



AT A PUMPKIN PATCH WITH COUSINS

We are grateful that both sets of our parents live close to us and play a big part in our kids lives.

LANDON'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY RIDES THE POLAR EXPRESS!



MEGAN'S FAMILY AT HER PARENT'S FARM

## Megan's Family

Megan's parents are farmers and our kids love going to the farm and seeing animals and tractors. Her siblings live a few hours away and we see the several times a year. It's always a fun time when we see each other because all the cousins love playing together.

## Landon's Family

Landon's parents as well as his brother's family live in the same town as us. We enjoy getting together with them to play board games or watch the latest episode of Survivor. Landon also has a large extended family that live close and get together on all the holidays or at his 97 year-old grandpa's house!

LANDON'S FAMILY TOGETHER AT CHURCH AFTER OUR NEPHEW'S BABY DEDICATION





WEEKEND HIKING TRIP WITH FRIENDS



LANDON READING WITH OUR KIDS AND NEPHEWS

# Pets

We have a sweet fluffy pup named Winston.



We rescued him 8 years ago in St. Louis shortly after we got married. He likes to take a lap around the neighborhood in the mornings, sniffing out the land, and then he pretty much sleeps the rest of the day. He is so chill and is great with our children even when they chase him and pull his fur.

## What our loved ones say about us

There's a short list of people I'd vacation with, and they're at the top of it.

They're kind, loving and trustworthy people.

They're always there when you need them.

Caring and intentional.

Fun, outgoing and friendly.

WINSTON IS VERY GENTLE AND GREAT WITH KIDS!



## Our Core Values

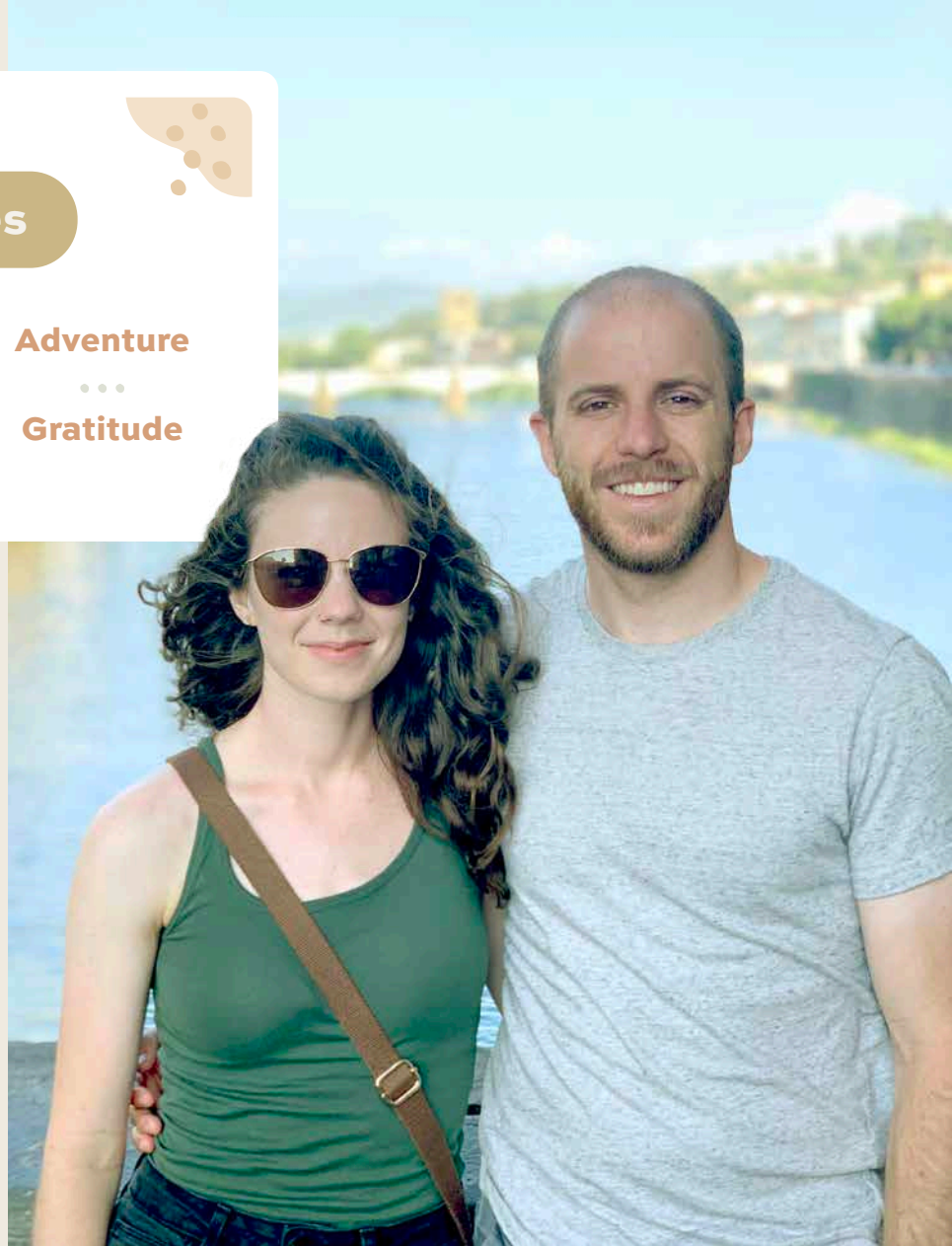
Honesty  
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Generosity

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Humility  
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Adventure  
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Gratitude



WE TAKE LOTS OF WALKS TO A WATER TOWER BECAUSE THE KIDS LOVE HOW BIG IT IS



VACATIONING IN FLORENCE, ITALY

## Our Faith

Faith is a huge part of our personal relationship as well as our day-to-day lives. We were both working for different mission organizations when we got together and have continued to make our relationship with God a priority. We have a wonderful church community which brings a whole other level of support to our lives. We are also volunteer youth leaders at our local church so we spend a lot of our free time hanging out with high schoolers. Ultimately, our faith in Jesus is what makes us who we are today and we hope to teach our children that they are loved and created by an awesome God.



SUNSET  
AT LAKE  
MICHIGAN



# Diversity and Open Adoption

If we are blessed to adopt a child of a different racial or cultural background, we are committed to embracing and celebrating their heritage.

HANGING OUT WITH OUR CLOSE  
FRIENDS FROM ST. LOUIS



We will actively seek resources and opportunities to learn about and honor their cultural traditions, and will ensure they have role models and peers who share their background. We strive to cultivate a home that reflects and celebrates diversity in meaningful ways.

We understand the importance of honoring a child's roots, and we look forward to supporting an open relationship if that is something you wish for. We would love to share updates so you can know your child is growing and loved, and we are open to traveling annually to visit. Ultimately, we want to maintain open communication with you in a way that feels comfortable for everyone involved and is best for the child. We want the child to be proud of where they came from and proud of their unique story.

# Thoughts on Parenting

**We want every child to be loved as unconditionally as humanly possible.**

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While we do have two biological children of our own, we have chosen not to have more so that we can have the capacity to share love with another child who needs it. We strive to teach our children the importance of loving and caring for others by putting their needs above our own and modeling our faith in Jesus the best we can. We hope to foster a life of joy in the little things. Even when life is hard, we hope our kids will remember how we dance in our living room, sing silly songs, and talk about why we are thankful. We are not parenting experts, but we are learning and growing every day and are confident that we will provide a safe and loving home for your child. We will encourage your child to ask questions and try new things so they can become their own unique self. We will also provide a safe place for them to learn by offering guidance along the way.



**Date of marriage:** 02/27/2016

**Children:** Nora, 08/06/2020, Biological daughter. Nora loves life. She is a joy-filled little girl with a wild imagination and a kind heart. She loves coloring and playing pretend. Milo, 03/03/2022, Biological son. Milo is the sweetest little boy. He adores his big sister and does anything she does. He loves riding bikes and reading books.

**Interests and hobbies:** We love to travel and drink coffee. We both enjoy being active, especially running and playing pickleball. A lot of our day-to-day includes a family walk, living room dance parties, and watching Bluey. We spend a lot of time with our church community throughout the week as well.

**Home:** We live in a rural community in Central Illinois. We've enjoyed getting to know our neighbors, and there are some families with young children for our kids to play with. While it is small-town, it has two major interstates intersecting in, so we have a lot of great places to eat and many parks to visit!

**Pets:** We have one lazy dog named Winston. We rescued him as a puppy 8 years ago and while he prefers being alone, he lets our kids pull his fur and climb all over him. He's a sweet fluff ball and the kids love taking care of him and chasing him in the yard.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** Before we were married, we both expressed that we were open to and interested in adoption. We value familial relationships and know how important it is, so we would love to be able to provide that for someone else. We also want to tangibly support someone who is in a tough spot and makes the brave decision to choose life. We were blessed (and surprised) with two biological children not long after marriage and decided the next addition to our family would be through adoption.

**Openness to birthparent(s):** Ultimately, we want what is best for the child. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you too! If you would like to maintain contact with us, we are open and will stay in touch based on your desires. We hope to maintain a healthy relationship if possible and create a plan for providing updates as you want.

**Childcare plans:** Megan currently works outside of the house two days a week and stays home with our kids three days a week. Our parents each spend a day during the week with the kids while Megan is working. Both sets of grandparents live very close and LOVE to help. This has worked well and we plan to continue with this setup until they are school aged. Megan is also willing to stop working to care for the kids full-time if that becomes a necessity. We love that she can be the primary care-giver during these formative years and she would do that for any child we bring into our family. Landon works remotely full-time and is always close by if any help is needed. He is a very hands-on father and has a flexible work life.

## Family Information

### Megan

**Occupation:**

Massage Therapist and Manager of a local coworking space

**Education:** Associates

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 10/02/1990

**Hair color:** Brown

**Eye color:** Blue

**Height:** 5'5"

### Landon

**Occupation:** Director of Finance

**Education:** Masters

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 02/09/1990

**Hair color:** Bald/Brown

**Eye color:** Brown

**Height:** 5'10"



# Thank you

## for taking the time to learn about us!



We can only imagine the love, courage, and strength it takes to consider adoption, and we want you to know how deeply we respect the decisions you are making.

We welcome an open adoption where we can stay connected in a way that feels right for everyone. We believe it is important for your child to know where they come from and to understand the depth of your love for them.

More than anything, we want to offer you peace of mind - knowing that your child will be surrounded by a family that consistently loves, protects, and cherishes them. Whether you choose us or not, we pray you find a family who loves your child and cares for you.

