



ALYSSA  
*and* JARED



#1106970

*we appreciate and value*  
**THIS OPPORTUNITY**

TO SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

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Thank you for taking a moment to look through our profile to view a glimpse of who we are. Before you read anything else, we want to let you know that we appreciate and value the strength you have to consider moving forward in this decision and process. **We are also honored that you would take the time to consider us in raising this little one.**





## OUR STORY

THE HIKE WHERE JARED PROPOSED!



WE BOTH ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO TO PURSUE TEACHING DEGREES.

We met in the summer of 2009 through mutual friends who were involved in the same campus ministry. We built a strong friendship that lasted for 8 years before we began dating. Finally, in November of 2016, we realized that there was more to our relationship than just friendship, and we began dating. We dated for one year where we continued to go on many adventures and learn more about each other. We got engaged on January 7, 2018. After church, Jared took Alyssa out to breakfast and went for a drive in the mountains. After a short hike, Jared asked Alyssa to be his wife! We were married on May 26, 2018. Since getting married, we continue to enjoy going on trips, working on house projects and spending time together. **We have been through both ups and downs over the years, and our faith is what keeps our marriage strong.** Throughout both of our lives, we have had experiences with adopted family and friends. These experiences, along with our faith helped guide us to the decision to adopt.



We have seen firsthand through the adoption of our daughter how unique and special adoption is and we are eager to continue to grow our family through adoption.



MEET  
**ALYSSA**

*by  
jared*

It's not easy to describe how much Alyssa means to me in a condensed text. Some quick words that describe her are:

**Wife, Mother, Sister, Daughter, Friend, Teacher, and Christ Follower.**

I tell Alyssa often that she is my “favorite person”, and I am so happy she answered “yes” when I asked her to be my wife and life-partner. We have gone through many highs and lows together, and she is the one who has been by my side through all of these life events. She is my best friend, and I love doing so much of our life together. Whenever I need a calm and compassionate person to listen to me, she is this person. I have always appreciated that Alyssa is able and willing to go with the flow. She is genuinely content and happy simply being around her family and friends. Whenever I finish a race, she is the one cheering me on. At my various coaching games, she is the one cheering and encouraging me and the team. I love how much she has grown into being a woman of faith. She is proud of her relationship with God, and is a wonderful mentor to other women and young ladies who she interacts with. I love that our daughter, Olivia, has her as her mother.



ALYSSA IS PATIENT. KIND. SOOTHING.  
CALM. ENCOURAGING. & CONSISTENT  
AS A WIFE AND MOTHER.



She makes me want to be the  
best version of myself daily.

HIKING WITH OUR DOG, OTTO





FAVORITE  
SPORTS TEAM:  
Colorado Rockies  
Baseball – my dad  
has season tickets  
and I love going  
to games

FAVORITE  
VACATION SPOT:  
Maui, Hawaii

FAVORITE  
HOBBIES:  
Cooking, baking,  
going for walks  
or short hikes,  
watching Jared  
coach

FAVORITE  
SPORTS:  
I was a competitive  
figure skater and  
still love to get on  
the ice

FAVORITE  
SEASONAL  
ACTIVITY:  
Paddle boarding  
or kayaking



CHEERING ON THE ROCKIES



ICE SKATING WITH OLIVIA



## FUN FACTS



ALYSSA LOVES TO BAKE!



## MEET JARED

*by  
alyssa*

First and foremost, Jared has a strong faith in God and is an incredible leader for our family. Jared embraces his role as head of house by encouraging both Olivia and I to read our Bible, pray, and grow our faith. He is passionate about his family, and loves spending time with us. Whether we are just hanging out around the house, running errands, or going on adventures together, Jared is great at being fully invested in his time with us. **Jared is a wonderful father. He is kind and patient with Olivia. He loves to play with and spend time with her.** He isn't afraid to take her on outings with him. He has even taken her to the sale barn to watch the family cattle sale. Jared is willing to go out of his way to help lend a hand to his extended family whether it is a ride to the airport, fixing fence on the family ranch, or helping with yard/house projects. Jared isn't only willing to help out his family, he has strong ties to his community as well. **He is a dedicated teacher and volleyball coach at our school.** He works hard to help his team be successful both on and off the court. I could keep going on and on about how great Jared is. He is fun, easy going, passionate, and encouraging.

JARED IS MY FAVORITE  
PERSON & BEST FRIEND.

I am so blessed by him each  
day and love that he is my  
partner and Olivia's dad.

JARED COACHING AT STATE VOLLEYBALL





BUILDING OLIVIA'S SWING SET



AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

STORY TIME WITH OLIVIA



FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:  
Glacier National Park, Montana

FAVORITE HOBBIES:  
Woodworking, yard work, running, coaching

FAVORITE SNACKS:  
BBQ chips and peanut m&m's

FAVORITE SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY:  
Basketball

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY:  
Paddle boarding or kayaking

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:  
My volleyball or basketball teams I coach - Go Falcons!

# FUN FACTS



AFTER A HALF MARATHON IN OHIO





MEET  
**OLIVIA**

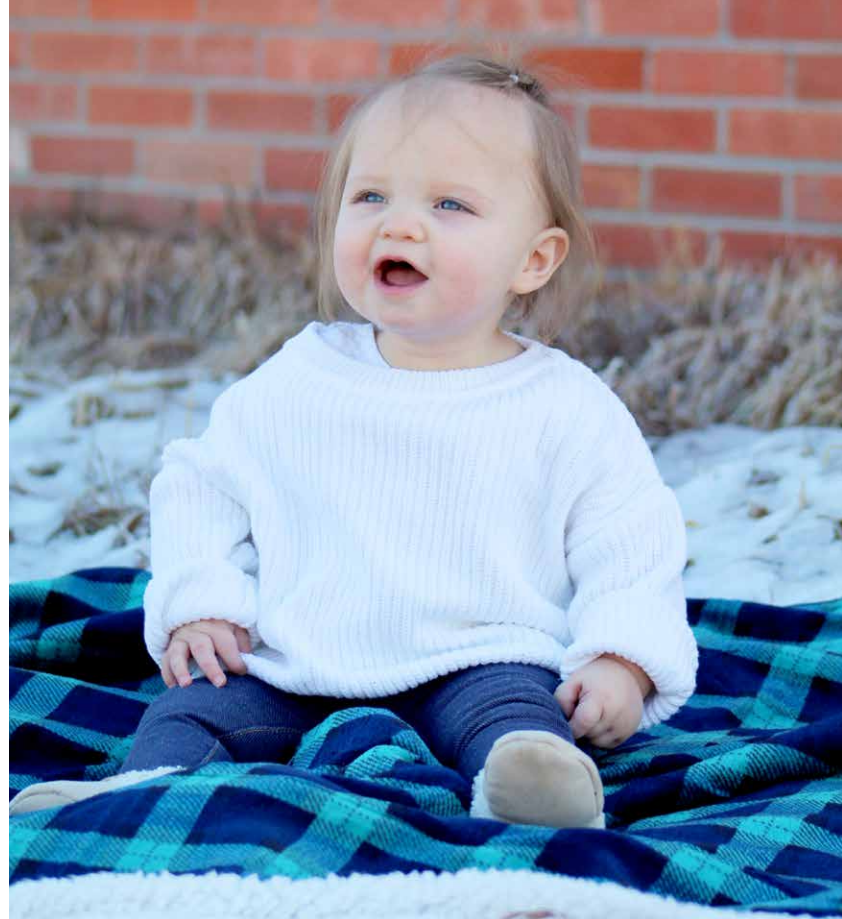
OLIVIA IS 1 AND JOINED OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION.

**We were honored to meet her and her birth mom while they were still in the hospital, and Olivia was placed in our family the day after she was born.**

She has brought so much joy to our family! She is active and joyful. She loves exploring and playing. She is easy going and always just happy to be around. The older she gets the more of her personality is starting to come out. She is sweet and a little bit sassy, which we love!



SHOULDER RIDES WITH DAD ARE THE BEST!



HANGING OUT IN OUR BACKYARD



*Lessons we will*  
**TEACH OUR CHILDREN**

**As teachers and parents, we value and encourage growth and development in social, ethical, and academic areas.** We teach and value first and foremost, a relationship with Christ, and we like to help nurture and encourage this area of life.





PLAYING A  
GAME OF  
CRIBBAGE

Our home is on one acre, where we have a large backyard, chickens, and room for our dog and Olivia to run around.

We are extremely blessed to live down the street from Jared's sister and her family. We love having an aunt, uncle, and cousins just down the street!

**Working in the yard and garden has become a favorite hobby around the house.** We have enjoyed growing various crops in our large garden. Planting flowers and having beautiful landscape around our house, has been something we enjoy doing throughout the spring and summer.

**The community we live in is small and rural, but there is a lot of pride.** We enjoy attending community events including the Parade of Lights around Christmas time. The school we both work in is very proud of its academics and athletics. It is a wonderful experience teaching and coaching in a school that has a strong and committed tradition of success.

*we live in*  
A SMALL, RURAL TOWN IN  
**NORTHERN  
COLORADO**



CHEERING ON OUR SCHOOL'S  
BASKETBALL TEAM

# OUR LOVED ONES



JARED'S FAMILY AFTER WORKING COWS ON THE RANCH



JARED WITH HIS PARENTS AFTER HIS GRADUATION WITH HIS MASTERS DEGREE

We are so fortunate and blessed that we have a strong and supportive extended family on both Jared's and Alyssa's side. There are many important influences in our lives who have helped shape and mold us into the people we are today.

**On Jared's side of the family, there are his parents, siblings, and nieces and nephews.** We love spending time together during the summers and weekends. We get together often on the family ranch to fix fence, work cattle, or eat a big potluck feast. We celebrate many holidays and birthdays together. The BIG holiday on this side of the family is Thanksgiving. We all get together and eat a big Thanksgiving meal, and we enjoy playing many card games.



OLIVIA AND HER COUSINS



ON ALYSSA'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY, THERE ARE HER DAD, BROTHER AND HIS WIFE, AND NIECE.

Alyssa's mother passed away in 2019 after a battle with cancer. There are numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who all enjoy getting together for many holidays and birthdays. The BIG holiday on this side of the family is Christmas, where we enjoy eating breakfast and a big Christmas dinner. Opening presents and spending time together is a wonderful way to spend this holiday.



FOUR GENERATIONS ON ALYSSA'S SIDE



ALYSSA'S FAMILY AT A ROCKIES GAME

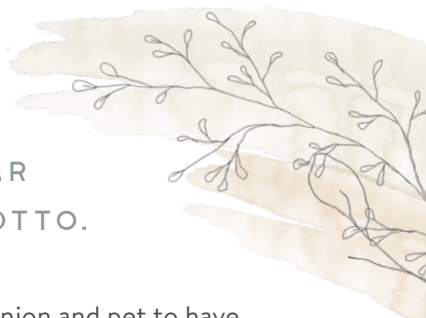
JARED, OLIVIA AND OTTO TRICK-OR-TREATING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



EASTER WITH ALYSSA'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY

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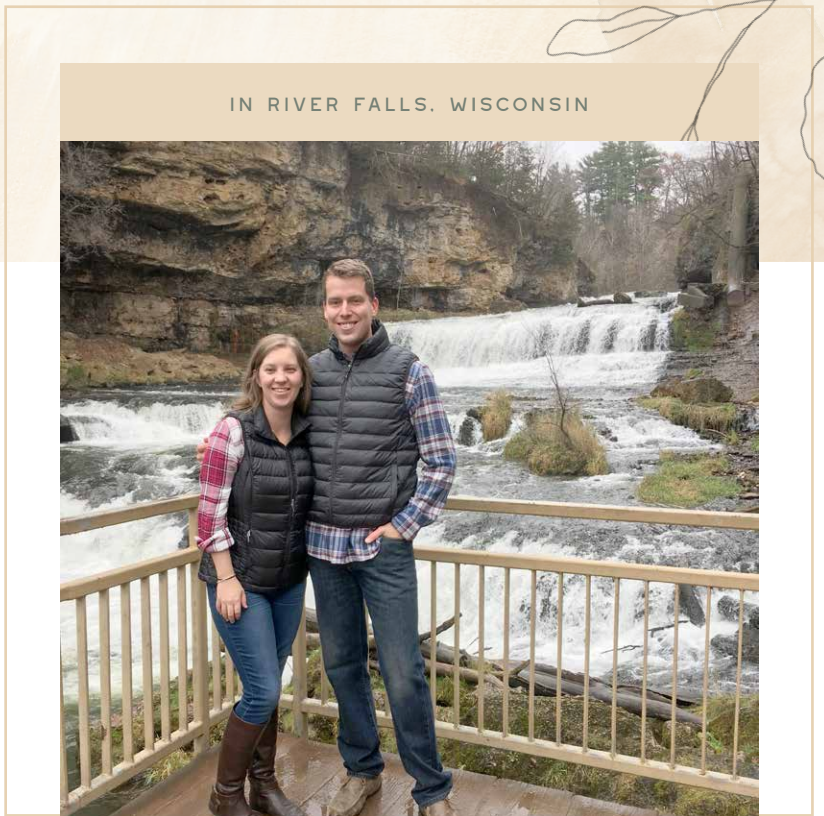
WE HAVE A 5 YEAR OLD HUSKY NAMED OTTO.



He has been a really great companion and pet to have around the home. **He is soft, gentle, and great with kids of all ages.** He loves the snow! For Halloween he pulled a wagon as he was a 'Sled Dog' a part of the Halloween costume.



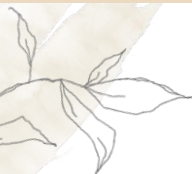
WHALE WATCHING IN VANCOUVER, CANADA



IN RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN



ENJOYING A WALK IN PENNSYLVANIA



*we love*

# TRAVELING!

Some of our favorite places we have been together are:

WISCONSIN

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

MAUI

KEY WEST

NEW YORK

LAKE TAHOE

VANCOUVER

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

SEATTLE



We have a goal to visit each of the 50 states in the United States. Alyssa has visited 42 states. Jared has visited 47 states. We are so close to this goal!

# THOUGHTS ON PARENTING



MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
AT A LOCAL NURSERY

CELEBRATING AFTER JARED'S  
VOLLEYBALL TEAM WON REGIONALS



SINCE OUR FAITH IS  
THE MOST IMPORTANT  
PART OF OUR LIFE.

we will make sure that our children  
know that while they are loved by us,  
and their birth parents, most importantly,  
they are unconditionally loved by God.



As Christ loved us and adopted us into his family, we have adopted our children into our family. We want our children to know that God has a plan for their life, which includes joining our family. We believe that God is the stronghold for our marriage and our family. Our prayer is we can continue to grow and pursue the love of Christ every day. We pray for our daughter daily, as well as for our future children. **We promise to ensure our adopted children know that they are loved, they are safe, and they belong in our family. We promise to honor our adopted child's cultures, backgrounds, and birth families.** We are willing and able to learn as much as we can so any child we raise understands his/her background and heritage. We want to help celebrate this area.



## ON OPEN ADOPTION

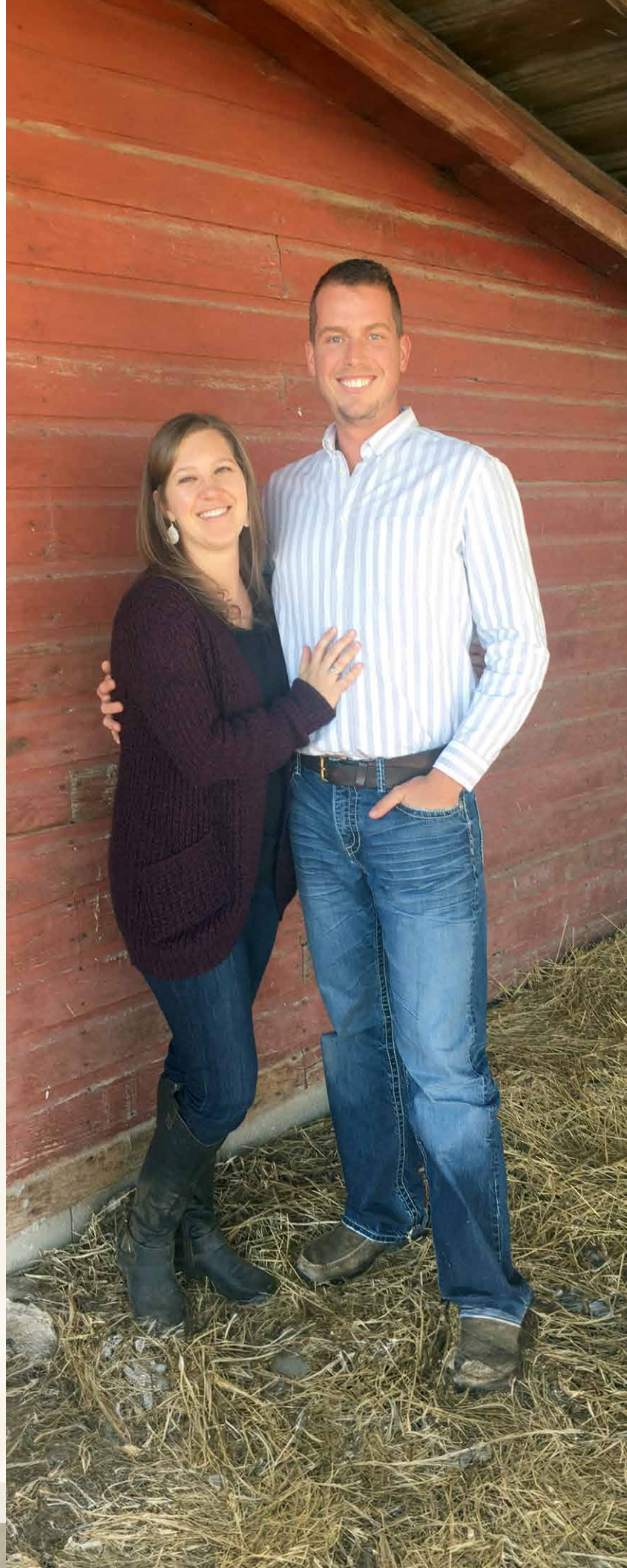
We value and choose to support the birth mother in whether she wants little or more contact with us and the child. **For mothers interested in more contact in an open relationship, we are willing to communicate through texts, emails, web pages, pictures sharing, and potential visits.**




### *final thoughts*

WE FEEL COMPLETELY  
HUMBLED AND HAVE GENUINE  
COMPASSION FOR YOU AND  
THE JOURNEY YOU ARE  
PREPARING TO GO THROUGH.

We want you to know, we are praying for you. We are praying for this baby, and we are praying for this journey about to begin. We pray for strength for you. One Bible verse that we regularly visit in times of uncertainty or moments of fear is “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 40:10).





# Family information

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**MOTHER'S NAME:**

Alyssa

**OCCUPATION:**

Teacher

**EDUCATION:**

Masters of Education

**RELIGION:**

Christian

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

June 27, 1988

**HAIR COLOR:**

Brown

**EYE COLOR:**

Blue

**HEIGHT:**

5'4"

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**FATHER'S NAME:**

Jared

**OCCUPATION:**

Teacher

**EDUCATION:**

Masters of Education

**RELIGION:**

Christian

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

November 1, 1989

**HAIR COLOR:**

Brown

**EYE COLOR:**

Blue

**HEIGHT:**

6'2"



**DATE OF MARRIAGE:** May 26, 2018

**CHILDREN:** Olivia (adopted) Birthday: January 27, 2023

Olivia is active and joyful. She loves exploring and playing. She is easy going and always just happy to be around. She is sweet and a little sassy.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** We enjoy doing many activities together. Some of our favorite activities together are going to the lake, traveling, road trips, spending time with our families, spoiling our nieces and nephews, and finding new recipes to cook and try. Jared enjoys coaching volleyball, basketball, and track, as well as running, helping on the ranch, woodworking, and doing yard work and landscaping. Alyssa enjoys cooking and baking, ice skating, watching Jared coach, going for walks, and mentoring other teachers she works with.

**HOME:** We live in a small, rural town in Northern Colorado. Our home is on one acre, where we have a large backyard, chickens, and room for our dog and Olivia to run around and play. We are extremely blessed to live down the street from Jared's sister and her family. We enjoy having flowers and plants in the spring and summer, as well as spending time on our back deck during the nice weather. We also enjoy decorating our home for Christmas and other holidays throughout the year.

**PETS:** Otto is our five year old husky. He loves Olivia, and is super gentle with kids and adults.

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** We both have unique experiences in life that have brought us to the decision for adoption to grow our own family. Alyssa has a cousin who was adopted as a toddler. Jared had a young childhood friend who was adopted. Because of our experiences growing up, we also wanted to grow our family through adoption. Adopting Olivia has also been a large blessing in our life. We look forward to continuing to grow our family through adoption. We want to give a child the opportunity to grow up in a home that is full of love and support. We want this child to know that he/she is not only loved by parents, but we want this child to know that God loves this little one more than we ever could.

**OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S):** We value and choose to support the birth mother in whether she wants little or more contact with us and the child. For mothers interested in more contact in an open relationship, we are willing to communicate through emails, web pages/blogs to share pictures, letters, texts, and potential visits.

**CHILDCARE PLANS:** Jared and Alyssa both have the opportunity to stay at home full time for the first few months. After the first few months, Jared will continue to work part-time staying home in the mornings with our children, and then having at-home babysitting for the afternoons. We already have a wonderful nanny who comes to our house, and is wonderful when caring for Olivia



*may God grant*  
**PEACE, STRENGTH, &  
REASSURANCE TO YOU**

DURING THIS TIME AS YOU WEIGH THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS LITTLE ONE. PLEASE KNOW WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AS WE WRITE THIS AND EVERY DAY HEREAFTER.



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