## MEGAN AND WILLIAM



# SAGREETINGS!

WE ARE WILLIAM AND MEGAN We are grateful that you are taking time to look at our profile book. Adoption is an amazing opportunity to share God's love with someone we would not have met otherwise. Our desire to adopt really started blossoming about 5 years ago; although, we have always had a great respect and appreciation for it as William was adopted by his father

at age five. So, now, we are excited to grow our own family through adoption. We have always desired to be parents and love kids. We are a fun loving family that values caring for one another, singing songs, family games, food, and exploring the outdoors. It is our hope to be able to share those loves with our first child. We thank you for considering adoption for the little life that is growing inside of you. We realize the decision you are facing is difficult and we want you to know that we respect the decision that you will make. Though we don't know you, we care and want the best for you and your baby. Thank you again for taking your time in getting to know us more.









AT WILLIAM'S TWIN'S WEDDING IN MEXICO

# ADOPTION

We desire kids because God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts such as our home, talents, skills, and wisdom that are meant to be shared and passed on to others. More than that, we believe that our child will grow us to be more complete human beings in love, wisdom, and humility. We will do our best to instill in our child a love for God and humanity. We desire for our child to know where they came from and how God has uniquely made them. We value how an open adoption can help with that and we would teach our child to respect where their heritage. As God has adopted us into His family, so we want to adopt a child into ours. We are passionate that the family is a picture of unity in diversity, diverse individuals growing together because they depend on one another. We want our family life to be about being together-studying together, playing together, worshiping together, doing chores together, cooking together, hurting together, healing together, and loving God and others together.

# our Story



Our story began in college, where we met thanks to a mutual friend. I remember William trying to impress me by jumping over a table only to knock over a bunch of strawberries and soda. We dated a bit when we first met. then decided it was better to just be friends. Our friendship grew over the next three years, and wouldn't you know, we ended up getting engaged and then married 4 months later. William brilliantly decided to propose on April Fool's day – the joke was on him. What drew us to each other was our love for the Lord and that we complemented each other in many ways - Megan likes cooking, William likes eating. Megan likes breaking things, William likes fixing things. We had hoped to start a family at a young age, but God had other plans as we found out we were infertile. Though difficult, that opened our eyes to see the blessing of adoption.

So now, as we wait for our family to grow, we spend our time caring for Granny, working, going to school, Church activities, dancing, preparing our home for baby, and spending time together as a family.



UNCLE WILL GIVING OUR NEPHEW HIS FIRST PIANO LESSON



TACO TUESDAY

### DAILY TRADITION

We have a tradition in our home that is done almost daily. Right after dinner, we read from the Bible. Then, we discuss how we can better serve God, our family, and our community. After praying, we finish by singing a hymn or two while William plays the piano.





### MY WIFE MEGAN BY WILLIAM

What I love about Megan is that she is the most nurturing person I know and not afraid to get her hands dirty or try something new. She bandages wounds, shoves pills down dog throats, operates power tools, and whips up a meal in under 30 minutes all while humming a song in her head (or out loud). I like to say Megan married an old man, but I married someone young at heart. For example, I like reading books, Megan loves coloring books. With those characteristics combined. it is neat to see her with kids. On the one hand, they relate to her and have fun; on the other hand, she is attentive to their needs- to the point where our Korean friends thought she spoke Korean (she doesn't) because of how well she perceived their kids' needs. She's quick to change a diaper and is the gueen of soothing our nephew and niece to sleep.

Her love for the Lord really comes out in her service toward everyone, but particularly kids. I believe she is a natural parent and I look forward to seeing her in action.



ALWAYS POINT YOUR TOES

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT Camping in the mountains

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD I love aquariums and the zoo

> INSTRUMENT YOU PLAY The cajon box drum

> > HOBBIES

Cooking/baking, dancing, sewing and crafting

#### FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

I love going apple picking in the fall, and playing in the snow during the winter

FAVORITE DESSERT Maple fudge is my absolute favorite

#### FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

One of my favorite children's books growing up is "Silly Sally." I read it so many times that I still have most of it memorized.

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR My favorite type and flavor of ice cream is Dippin' Dots Banana Split

OUT ON THE TOWN







#### LOVE ME A GOOD BURGER

CARVING THE ROAST BEAST



### MY HUSBAND WILLIAM BY MEGAN

William's love for God and teaching is what I love most about him. He has been teaching since I have known him, and not just things about the Bible; all through my college life he tutored me. I would not have graduated without his help, he even tutored me in a subject he hadn't taken. He now shares his love for God and teaching at our church where he also occasionally preaches. He is a person who likes to be active and work with his hands. You can often find him running, riding a bike, working out, or tinkering on his bicycles and other small engines. He's also a bit of a jokester and can come up with a witty or punny phrase at the drop of the hat. Making our life together fun and full of surprises, like when he pours cold water on you in the shower because you look hot. Watching him with our niece and nephew has been amazing, as it is a small glimpse into how he would be as a father. He is very gentle and caring with them, and seeing him smile down at them melts my heart. I can't wait to see him reading to them, and he's very good at bringing stories to life through his different animated voices. I also look forward to the day where I can look out the window and see them playing in the yard together.



ALWAYS UP FOR A RIDE

PREACHING AT CHURCH



INSTRUMENT YOU PLAY Piano, Bass Guitar, Ukulele



FAVORITE DESSERT Oatmeal cookies!

FAVORITE SPORT Anything with bicycles or a ball (soccer)

> DREAM JOB Bible Teacher

FAVORITE LUNCH BOX SNACK Ginger hard candy

MY COLLECTIONS Bicycles, books, Rubik's Cubes, and hats

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR Eggnog

HISTORICAL FIGURE I'D LIKE TO MEET George Mueller, he started the first major orphanages over in Bristol, England

FAVORITE ACCESSORY
Beard

HARD AT WORK



### OUR HOME

We live in northern Virginia, about a 45 minute train ride from Washington DC. So we are close to history, the arts, museums, and city life while not being right in the middle of the hustle and bustle. Our neighborhood makes the most of the four seasons, joggers and dog walkers roam the neighborhood and surrounding nature trails all year. The creek crossings are popular for splashing around in during the summer months. Over the winter, if we happen to get enough snow, our neighborhood hills are filled with kids sledding and playing in the snow. During the middle parts of the year we enjoy watching the creek behind our house from our deck and having friends over for a cook out. Megan celebrates every season with different décor. Including making seasonal wreaths for the front door. Megan is often found making crafts in her crafty cave, while William is either in the study or working on one of his bicycles. We're also within driving distance from the mountains, and have been known to do some camping, waterfall hunting, and mountain biking.

MUST CHASE WATERFALLS

#### FAMILY WALKS ON THE TRAILS



### MARZIPAN

We have one dog, Marzipan, who is a lovable goof ball. She is a Bernedoodle, so half Bernese Mountain Dog half Poodle.

She loves to go for walks, play with her toys, and snuggle. When we got her we thought we had gotten the laziest dog, as she didn't like to walk down hills but rather roll down them. A few weeks later she got more energetic, and has maintained that energy now. She's been trained to walk on a leash and is great with our niece and nephew and fascinated with all their smells. We look forward to seeing her grow with a child so that they are able to play together and have their own unique relationship.

YOU CAN STOP READING NOW

# our FAMILY

Spending time with our extended family happens regularly, and we chat daily. We each have one living grandmother and they are guite the pair when together; they have a very similar sense of humor and have a knack for picking the same outfits. William's mom joins us for church and lunch every Sunday. William's dad lives across the country, but he visits a couple times a year. Megan's parents come up to visit at least quarterly and stay with us for one to two weeks at a time. All three of William's siblings are now married and their spouses are a great addition to the family, two of them are from different countries (Georgia and Mexico). Learning about different cultures has been fun. William's twin brother had a son last year; he was born deaf, so we are all getting to learn sign language and about deaf culture together. William's sister lives nearby and also gave birth last year to a little girl. Megan's sister and her boyfriend live on a farm and have many animals. In fact, our entire family are animal lovers. We are a family who enjoys spending time together, playing boards games, sightseeing, and eating.

#### The whole family is thrilled and looking forward to meeting their newly adopted family member.



SUNDAY TRADITION

BACKYARD SHENANIGANS



TROPICAL GETAWAY



BOTANICAL GARDEN WITH WILLIAM'S OLDER BROTHER AND HIS WIFE





FAMILY FUN AT THE ESCAPE ROOM



Holidays have always been a time to spend with family, no

matter how small the celebration. Over Easter and Thanksgiving we open our home up to members of our church who don't have family in the area, and weren't able to travel to be with theirs. We really enjoy being able to open our home and serve family and friends in this way. Decorating is also usually a big part of our holidays, and during Christmas the whole family gets involved. Setting up and decorating the Christmas tree is usually a family event and completed with a time of singing carols. Another part of the Christmas holiday is the mass production of Christmas cookies that we (mostly) give to neighbors and friends.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, NIECE AND NEPHEW





NEPHEW ROMAN CHILLING WITH AUNTIE MEGAN

SISTER-IN-LAWS

### thank YOU!

Thank you for taking your time to get a small glimpse of who we are. We would love to share more about ourselves with you. We are continuing to pray for our future child and to prepare ourselves to raise them in truth, love and respect. We long to share our love for food, different cultures, music, dance, bicycles, and vacationing in different historical areas. The Bible tells us that children are a blessing from God, and that God has a heart for adoption. We can't imagine the journey that you yourself are on; but we are thankful for you and desire to be a part of your journey through adoption and post adoption as extended family. We pray that you are blessed and have peace with whatever decision you make. Through we don't know you, we care and want the best for you and your baby.



#### 1 JOHN 3:1

SEE WHAT SORT OF LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN UNTO US: THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED GOD'S CHILDREN ...and indeed we are! We enjoy learning and experiencing different cultures, and we will incorporate our child's heritage into our own. Some of the ways we would do this is through food, language and holidays. We will keep and open and honest relationship with our child about adoption and the blessing that it is to our family. Along with that, we would value sending letters and pictures regularly, meeting annually and possibly more as able.



OCCUPATION Engineer

EDUCATION Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

> RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH May 27, 1984

HAIR COLOR Blonde

EYE COLOR Hazel

> HEIGHT 5'9"

MOTHER'S NAME Megan

OCCUPATION Homemaker/Housewife

EDUCATION Bachelor of Science in Science Education

> RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH February 4, 1985

HAIR COLOR Brown

EYE COLOR Green

> HEIGHT 5'4"

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of Marriage: August 11, 2007

Children: None

**Interests and Hobbies:** William is most passionate about studying & teaching the Bible, riding bikes, and tinkering on mechanical things. Megan loves cooking & baking, dancing, crafting, and decorating. As a couple we enjoy playing board games, bowling, going out to eat, watching movies, music, vacationing at historical sites, and spending time in the great outdoors.

**Home:** We live in a 3 story home, with 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Our main living area is the heart of our home, where most of our time is spent. Our home backs up to a wooded area with a creek that flows through our entire neighborhood. Our neighborhood is very active and you can almost always see kids playing out in the yards, and people walking their dogs. On the outskirts of our neighborhood we have a long trail system with a few playgrounds and basketball courts and over the summer you can find the families carrying tubes down to the creek and spending the afternoons near the water.

**Pets:** We have one dog, Marzipan with is a 2.5 year old Bernedoodle. She is a big, fluffy, and loving pup.

Why are you interested in building your family

**through adoption?** We are interested in building our family through adoption because God has given us the means to do so, as well as the desire to love others in this way. We, ourselves, have been adopted into God's family; and so what He has done for us, we desire to do for others.

**Openness to birthparent(s):** We recognize the difficult decision and the emotional stress that the birthparent(s) must go through, and wish to welcome them as extended family. Depending on the birthparent(s) comfort level, we are open to letters, photos, and annual visits and possibly more as able.

**Childcare Plans:** We are blessed in that only William needs to work outside of the home. Megan will be the main care taker for the child during the day. However, if childcare is needed there are many friends in our Church who are ready to help out, as well as local family. For longer periods of time, for example our anniversary weekend, the grandparents are ready to come up and help.

