

Samantha + Michael

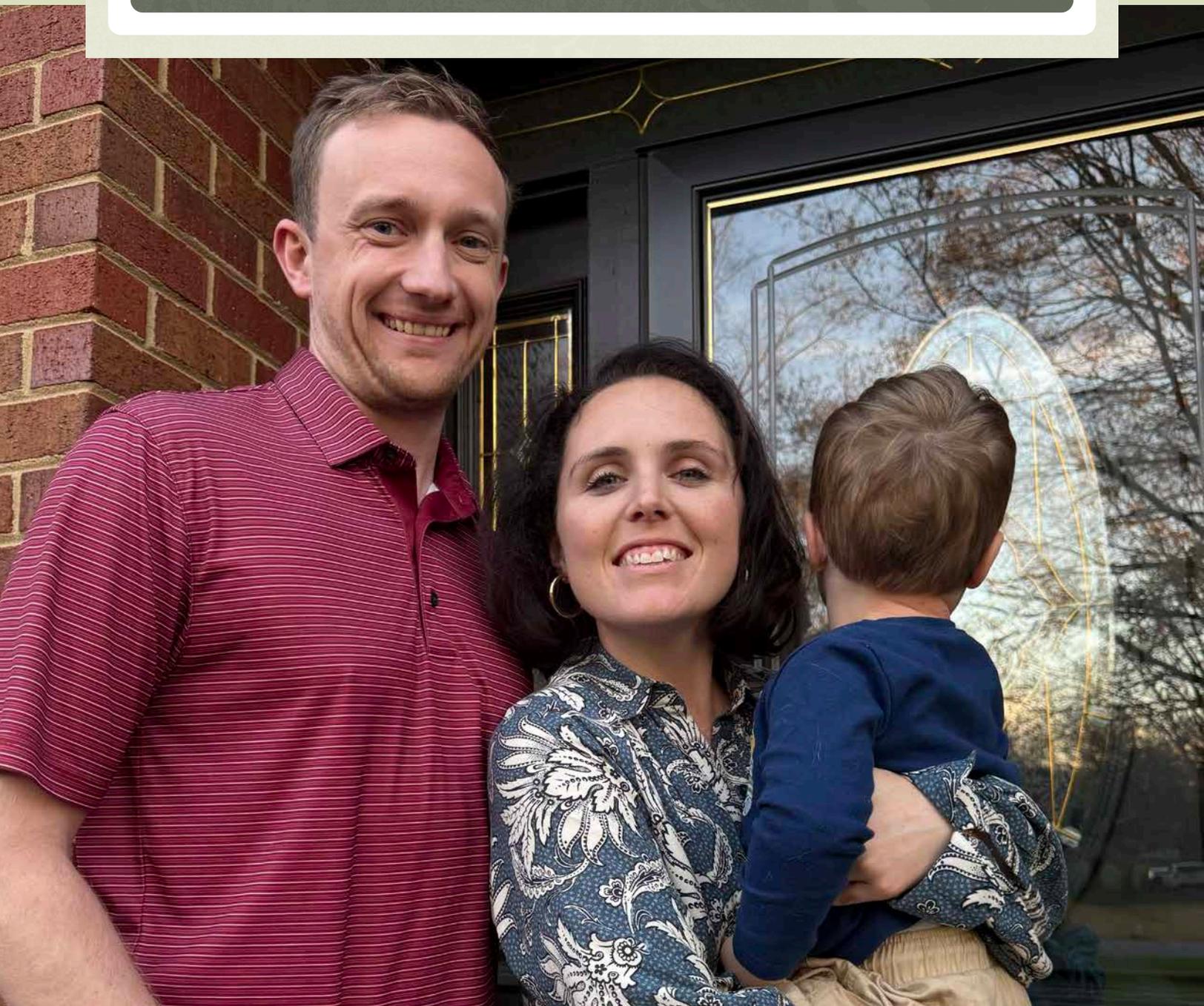
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Hello & Warm Greetings!

**WE ARE MICHAEL AND SAMANTHA,
ALONG WITH OUR SON, G.**

We're a fun-loving family who believes in filling life with laughter, love, and togetherness. Our son, G, is almost always on the go, keeping us on our toes with his big personality and boundless energy. Our home wouldn't be the same without our two elderly dogs who bring their own sweetness to our days.





Our Story

Michael and I first met in college at sailing club, and we started dating after fate put us side-by-side in traffic, chatting through our car windows. Since then, we've been inseparable and truly are each other's best friend.



DRESSED UP TO CELEBRATE A FRIEND'S WEDDING

Early in our relationship, we felt called to adoption and thought we'd start our family that way—but we got a wonderful surprise when we found out our son, G, was on his way! Now that G's here, our desire to adopt has only grown. As a stay-at-home mom, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to be fully present to nurture and connect with our next child. Michael works from home, which means we get to share more of the everyday moments together—whether it's having lunch, going on midday walks, or dividing up household tasks.

We know in our hearts that adoption is how our family will be complete. Together, we love trying new coffee shops, wandering the many Upstate festivals, and building a home filled with openness and love. On any given day, you'll find our home filled with music, dancing, bubbles, and laughter. We cannot wait to add to our family, and are so excited for this next chapter for our family!

*We're dog
lovers!*



AT THE BEACH

*By
Samantha*

Adoption has been on my heart since I was in high school, when a trip to Haiti made a lasting impact.

I shared this dream with Michael when we started dating, and we quickly realized it was something we both felt led to pursue. We know in our hearts that adoption is how our family will be complete. We actually started this Journey in 2021 before G came along, and we truly feel this is the right time. Thank you for considering us. We know you're facing a huge decision, and we're so appreciative of the courage!





EXPLORING AUSTIN, TEXAS TOGETHER

We Dream

—

**TO EXPLORE
THE WORLD
TOGETHER
AS A FAMILY.**



SPONTANEOUS TRIP TO GEORGIA



*Iceland
adventure*

We aim to visit a new state each year, and every couple of years, we hope to travel to a different country. We're constantly amazed by the beauty and diversity around us and want to share that with our children. Through these experiences, we hope to instill curiosity, gratitude, and an appreciation for other cultures. We believe travel is one of the best ways to show our kids just how big and diverse the world is, and how incredible it's Creator is.



Introducing Samantha



SAMANTHA & G



Favorite Dessert

ANYTHING CHOCOLATE AND PEANUT BUTTER!

This includes my favorite ice cream flavor, candy (Reeses), and my go to cake and frosting combo. I'm hooked!

Favorite Football Team

THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS. The culture in the stadium is unmatched, and I love when I get the opportunity to go to a game!

Can't Live Without

COFFEE IN THE MORNING, I need help waking up.

Favorite Musical Artist(s)

ANY OF THE CLASSIC 90'S COUNTRY GREATS - Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, and Brooks and Dunn are the tip of the top.

A Perfect Day

WE GET TO SPEND A LARGE PORTION OF THE DAY OUTSIDE. Whether it's a park or just running in our yard, simple fun with the family is always the best!



WALKING AT THE PARK



GOOFING AROUND WITH A STATUE



MAKING FRIENDS WITH A STINGRAY ON VACATION

"Samantha's unwavering love, strength, and ability to make anything a song make her the perfect mother for any child. With her by my side, I have no doubt that our home will be a sanctuary of love and acceptance for any child who joins our family."

EXCITED TO SEE ONE OF HER FAVORITE BANDS LIVE



BY MICHAEL

From our first meeting, I knew Samantha was special.

Our shared interests and mutual love for adventure deepened our bond. Samantha's incredible personality shines through everything she does. She loves to celebrate others, and often surprises us and our loved ones.

Watching Samantha nurture our son has been a privilege. She pours her heart and soul into every moment, ensuring G's days are filled with love, laughter, and exploration!

Samantha recently transitioned into being a stay at home mother to have the flexibility our family needs. She is now able to be more present for our family while making a lasting impact to our son and spending more time with him.



Meet Michael

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor
COFFEE ICE CREAM. This has been my favorite since I was a kid, likely due to my family's New England roots.

Favorite Sports Teams
CAROLINA HURRICANES (HOCKEY) AND SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS. I have enjoyed watching both especially the Gamecocks being close by.

Favorite Hobby
RUNNING SPARTAN RACES with one of my best friends. We run a few a year and keep each other motivated to prepare for them.

Favorite Vacation
We have had a few fun vacations, but one of my favorites was visiting THE MOUNTAINS IN GEORGIA where we did a spontaneous trip. I enjoy relaxing trips, especially in the mountains.

Place To Take A Child
I ENJOY TAKING G TO THE PARK, Seeing him light up full of joy just brings out so much happiness.



AT A HURRICANES HOCKEY GAME

CHEERING ON
OUR TEAM





MICHAEL & G AT A RESTAURANT



WHO CAN PASS UP DOG CUDDLES?

"Each day, I fall more in love with Michael as I watch him continue to flourish as an amazing father, dedicated professional, and corn hole champion!"

BY SAMANTHA

Michael is truly my best friend. He is the most selfless husband, father, and friend anyone could ask for. Loving, empathetic, silly, and adventurous, Michael never turns down an impromptu dance party. Our strong communication keeps our relationship thriving, and no matter the situation, he always has a way of keeping me grounded. Watching him become a dad over the last two years has been the most heartwarming experience, and I feel lucky to have a front-row seat. He is even-tempered, a team player, and always validates our son's feelings, even during the most puzzling toddler tantrums. Michael is an amazing insurance broker and has been with his company since his college internship. His company values family and has been supportive of our family needs. For the last four years, Michael has worked 100% remotely with some travel. He misses our family deeply when he's away, so he always tries to opt for day trips, leaving as early as possible to be home in time for our son's bath routine.

POST SPARTAN RACE



future big brother

G

OUR SON, G, WAS BORN IN THE SUMMER OF 2022, HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE JOY FROM DAY ONE.

He's compassionate, energetic, and has a special love for being around babies—he's even started talking about a baby brother or sister. After his school day ends at 2:30, we spend our afternoons together reading books, coloring, playing enriching games, or enjoying outdoor activities. He loves to help with household tasks like feeding the dogs, dusting, and picking up his toys.



COZY BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE



PICKING TULIPS

ON ADOPTION

We have been praying for this child for years and believe that whoever joins our family is truly meant to be ours. We wholeheartedly welcome any race and are committed to honoring our child's heritage by educating ourselves on the history and cultural background of their first family. We understand that transracial adoption requires sensitivity and an ongoing commitment, and we're dedicated to learning continuously. To help our child feel connected to their roots, we will seek out and cultivate intentional relationships with people who share their cultural background, and celebrate cultural traditions at home. No matter what, our hope is to offer them a strong, supportive foundation where they feel seen, heard, and deeply valued for who they are.

We are open to an open adoption and are committed to finding a balance that is in the mutual best interest of our child and their first family. Our goal is to create a relationship that offers support, respect, and love, and we hope to work closely with the mother to determine what will feel best for everyone involved.



Our Home

Nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac within a large, family-friendly neighborhood, we're surrounded by young families and children - a setting we are proud to call home.

We bought our five-bedroom, three-bath home in the Greenville area in 2020, with dreams of building our family in South Carolina's Upstate. Our fenced-in backyard and patio provide plenty of room for play, and the nearby walking trail to explore the outdoors. On the weekends you may catch us grilling outside or making pancakes! Our vibrant neighborhood hosts community events like holiday festivals, corn hole tournaments, fireworks, and golf cart parades, and we enjoy access to amenities like a playground, tennis court, and pool. Our church, less than 10 minutes away, offers a welcoming community with many children and abundant support for foster and adoption families. Our son currently attends a highly regarded private school, and as long as we live here, we plan to keep our children there. With its exceptional athletic programs, strong college admittance rates, and faith-centered values, it's a place we're confident will nurture our children's growth.



WE SHARE OUR HOME WITH TWO LOVING DOGS WHO ARE GREAT WITH KIDS

Meet Our Our Loved Ones

We're grateful to have a warm and supportive family, both by blood and by choice, who bring so much joy and richness to our lives. We believe wholeheartedly that family is who you make it, and we're blessed with active relatives and friends who have become family.



ALL SMILES

SAMANTHA'S FAMILY

Samantha's parents, along with their partners, are incredibly involved; we see them in person at least every other month but FaceTime several times a week. They are only a couple of hours away, so day trips are a breeze! Her father lives on a small farm, and it is always fun to visit with our toddler! Samantha also has two best friends who are like aunts to our son—one who is adopted and has shared her experiences, and the other who works closely with foster and adoptive families, both offering unique support and insight.

MICHAEL'S FAMILY

Michael's family is equally close-knit; his two grandfathers are still with us, and his loving parents, who have been married for decades, share a lake house in Virginia. We treasure our long weekends there in the summer and at Christmas—it's truly magical! Together, our family and friends create a network of love and support that we cherish deeply.



SAMANTHA, HER DAD AND G

TRADITIONS WE LOVE

New Year's Day has always held a special place in our family, and it's one of those minor holidays we never let slip by. Growing up in the South, Samantha's maternal grandmother kept the tradition alive with a meal of black-eyed peas, pork, and greens—a Southern staple for starting the year with health and prosperity. Since getting married, we've made sure to carry on this tradition, hosting a New Year's lunch and sharing it with friends and family in our home. We love inviting others into our traditions and can't wait to share these cherished moments, while creating new ones, in the years to come!



SAMANTHA WITH HER LITTLE COUSINS



SAMANTHA WITH HER BEST FRIENDS



SAMANTHA WITH HER MOM AND COUSIN



FOUR GENERATIONS

WITH MICHAEL'S FAMILY AND SAMANTHA'S MOM

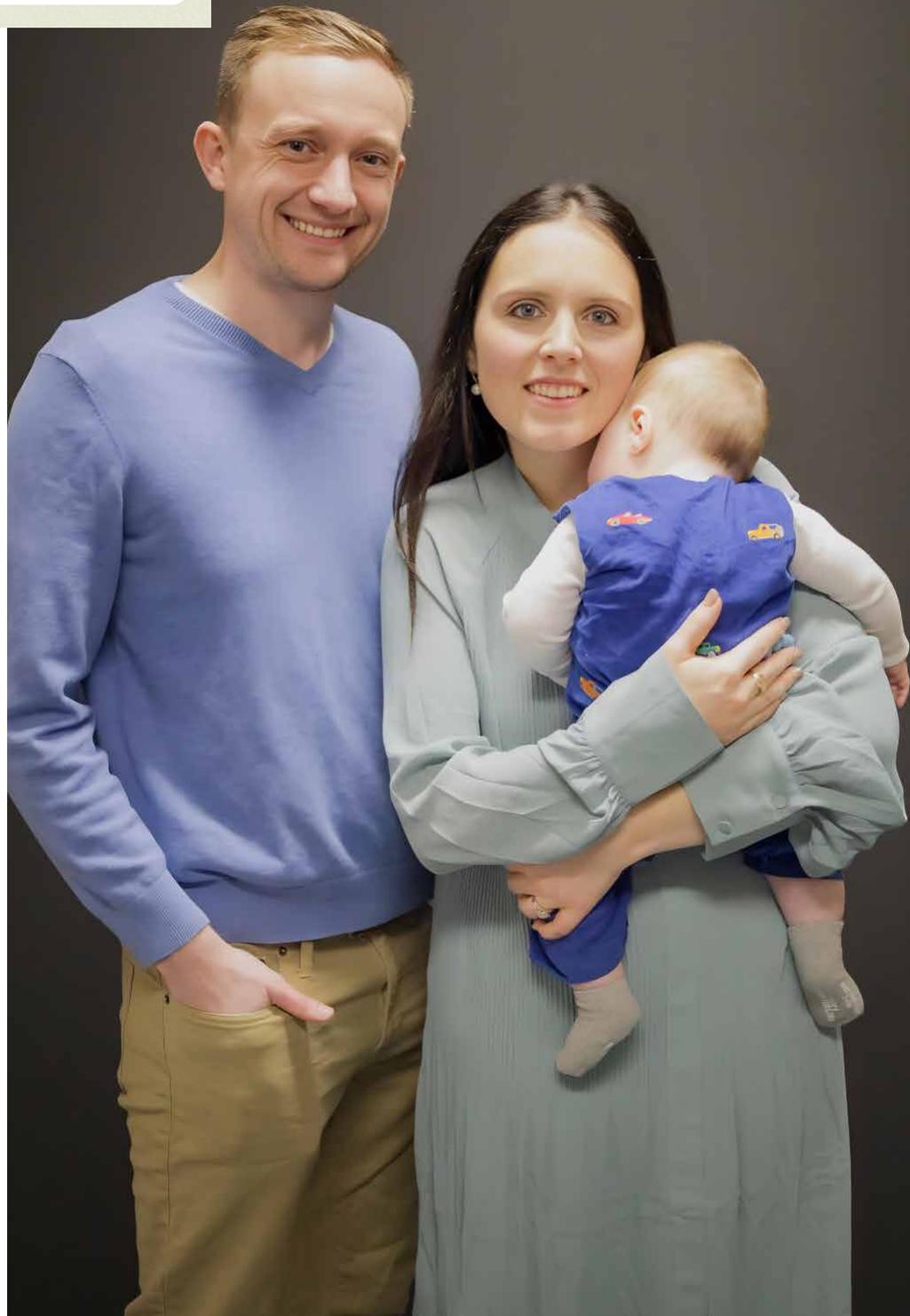


Thoughts on Parenting

**Our family may not be perfect,
but we strive every day to
keep Christ at the center of
our lives. We hope to raise our
children to be strong in faith
and full of love for others.**

We've seen how intentional parenting can shape a child's outlook, and we've found that simple practices, like offering redirection or a "redo," make a big difference in our son's temperament. We promise to stay levelheaded, responding to every situation with love and gentle guidance. Communication is at the heart of our family, and we believe it can help us through nearly anything.

We are committed to giving our children every opportunity we can, building intentional and personal relationships with each of them. We look forward to sharing life's adventures and cheering them on, whether they find their passion in sports, the arts, or anything in between. We can't wait to be their biggest fans, creating memories, supporting their dreams, and walking with them through all that life brings.





Father's Name
MICHAEL

Occupation
INSURANCE BROKER

Education
BACHELOR'S - ECONOMICS

Religion
CHRISTIAN - BAPTIST

Date of Birth
02/02/1994

Hair Color
BLONDE

Eye Color
BLUE

Height
5'11"



Mother's Name
SAMANTHA

Occupation
STAY AT HOME MAMA

Education
MASTER'S OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

Religion
CHRISTIAN - BAPTIST

Date of Birth
02/13/1995

Hair Color
BROWN

Eye Color
BLUE

Height
5'3"

FAMILY INFORMATION

DATE OF MARRIAGE

October 7, 2017

CHILDREN

G, 8/8/2022, biological. Happy go lucky toddler who loves to read, be outside, and dance around the house.

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Together we enjoy trying new restaurants, coffee shops, and attending outdoor markets. We both take our health and physical activity seriously and enjoy finding ways to stay active. Samantha volunteers for her sorority as well as a member of the Junior League. Michael enjoys neighborhood activities like cornhole tournaments and holiday events.

HOME

We live in a 2 story, 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with a fenced in back yard. Our home is on a quiet culdesac in a family friendly neighborhood. Our neighborhood hosts family friendly events for every holiday, corn hole tournaments, chili cookoffs, and more. We love living here!

PETS

We have two older dogs, a boxer mix who is G's best friend, and a mini Australian Shepherd who doesn't let a crumb hit the floor.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

Samantha has known she has wanted to adopt since High school. She visited Haiti and worked in an orphanage and it made a lasting impact. Once we started dating, Michael understood and shared Samantha's desire. We both know that we have so much love to give and hope to be able to share it with an adopted child.

OPENNESS TO BIRTH PARENT(S)

We are open to maintaining contact based on a collaborative decision made with the birth parent(s) and what is best for the child. We want to continue to put the child's needs first, and want to have a mutual respect amongst everyone. We can only imagine the emotions that go into choosing adoption, and so we want to work with the birth parent(s) to establish the level of contact they are comfortable with and prefer.

CHILDCARE PLANS

Our birth son attends a private Christian preschool. Samantha has transitioned into focusing on our family and home and is no longer working outside of the home. We are excited for her to be home with our next child for formative early years.



thank you
**FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO LEARN
ABOUT OUR FAMILY.**

We've been praying for the opportunity to grow, and we are so ready to welcome another child into our home. We can't wait to share our traditions, like Saturday morning waffles, spontaneous dance parties, and all the little moments that make our family life so special.

It's not easy to fully capture in words how important family is to us, but we hope you can feel the love, joy, and intention we bring to every part of our lives. If we are fortunate enough to welcome your child into our family, know they will always feel supported, loved, and valued for who they are.

We feel uniquely positioned with a strong network including those who have been adopted or have adopted themselves. Our community is filled with people who will walk alongside us, ensuring that your child has the best role models and a safe space to grow. We are confident in our ability to provide a nurturing, loving, and stable environment for your child. Thank you for your time and consideration, we are praying for you too!

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