

Peter & Monica



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HELLO!

We are Peter & Monica

plus our sons Jaxon and Ellis

We are so grateful you've taken the time to glance into our lives as you consider adoption for your child.



We *cannot* imagine the emotional and physical difficulty you've experienced while exploring adoption, and we truly have so much *respect* for you already.

Our hope is that you find clarity and peace surrounding your baby's future. We also hope our profile provides an honest and encouraging look into our family's life.

We are wild about our two young children, both born from donor conception. After receiving an infertility diagnosis many years ago, we felt strongly that the Lord was calling us to welcome a child into our home through adoption. We have been praying for our future daughter or son ever since. If you feel our family could be a great fit, we promise to provide them unconditional love and unconditional support every day of our lives.

Our Story

Monica made a new best friend in college... and married her big brother, Peter! Now we're all best friends (but really). Peter and Monica met at a college football game, dated long-distance for two years, and didn't live in the same city until getting married. Luckily, living in the same city suited us both just fine, and we've now been married for 9 years. It's been a really, really incredible 9 years. We've had plenty of adventures, many challenges, and an abundance of joy. We're both great communicators and genuinely like being around each other.



DATE NIGHT IN SEASIDE, FLORIDA



WE WILL ALWAYS BE SO, SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR SWEET KIDS

Life today looks like puzzle pieces covering the table, pups running around our feet, kids singing loudly from the other room... but amidst the crazy, we pursue each other. We do a date night every other week, prioritizing a stable, connected marriage on which to build a stable, connected family. Monica works from home and Peter has a hybrid schedule, going to the office twice a week. This has been the biggest blessing for both our relationship and for our kids.

About Monica

BY PETER

The first thing you will notice about Monica is how friendly and fun she is. This is what drew me to her when we first met at a college football game over 12 years ago. She lights up a room when she walks in and genuinely loves meeting new people.

Monica's personality has a unique balance of strengths. She is very creative, which can be seen in her job as a dance instructor at a local dance studio. She is also the office manager of the dance studio, utilizing her leadership and detail-oriented personality. She is truly happiest when engaging with others, whether in a casual, social setting or within more intimate conversations.

I can't stress *enough* how good Monica is with kids. Growing up as the oldest of six siblings and now teaching kids dance, she has a way of making *every* moment *fun*.

She makes up games on-the-spot that our children absolutely love. Our son begs to do school workbook pages with her every day as he enjoys that time so much. I couldn't have asked for a better wife for myself and mother for my children.



MONICA IS FRIENDLY,
ADVENTUROUS,
AND A BOOKWORM!

THESE ARE THE DAYS



MATCHING GEAR IN FLORIDA



Fun Facts

READING

I'm in a book club that has been meeting for 8 years! I love reading and listening to audiobooks.

FOR FUN

I'm an adrenaline junkie - I enjoy scuba diving, skydiving, bungee jumping, hang-gliding, and dragging Peter along for all of it!

RUNNING

Peter and I got into running when we were dating and have ran a race together every year since.

DANCING

Growing up I was on a competitive country-western swing team called The Little Wranglers. It was an absolute blast.

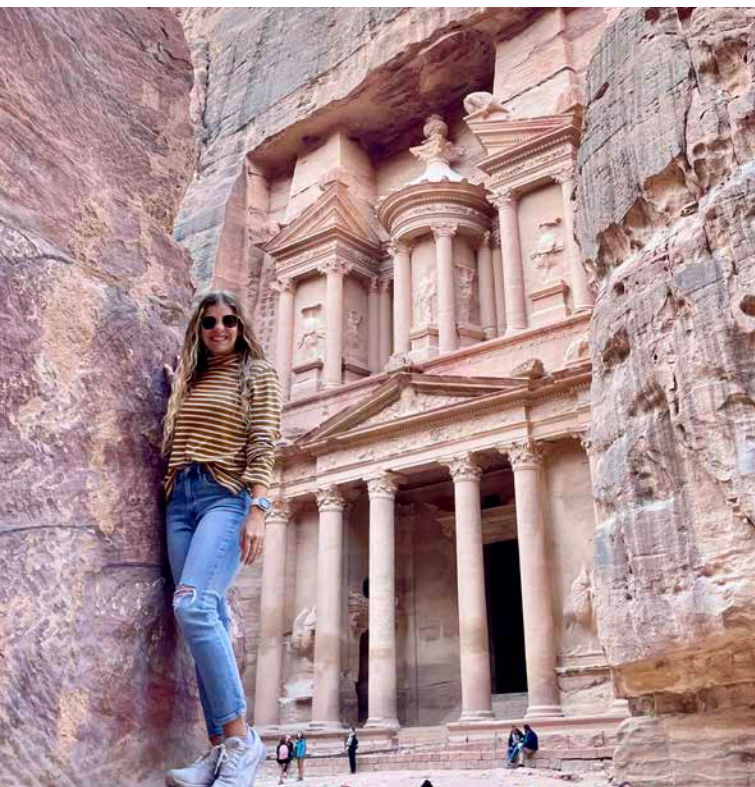
EXPERIENCES

I thrive off new experiences. When deciding where to eat, Peter and I will pick from a shared note on our phones called "New Restaurants to Try".

ANIMALS

I've ridden a whale shark... twice!

EXPLORING IN PETRA, JORDAN



About Peter


BY MONICA

Peter is the most humble person I know. Our friend group was actually talking about this recently, and we were all in agreement! I find Peter's humility somewhat ironic, because he's also the very best person I know. If I were as funny, selfless, and brilliant as he is, I'd have a pretty hefty ego.

Peter is a devoted employee; he's worked at the same engineering company for 12+ years. Peter is a devoted husband; he's loved me well every day that we've been together. But maybe my favorite thing about Peter: he is, truly, a devoted father.

He loves our kids
fiercely and they are
crazy about him.

Silly voices every day when reading stories. Playing endless rounds of Uno with our oldest. Piggy backs every night on the way upstairs for bed. He has never missed a T-ball game (I've missed two!). He loves the Lord and pursues a relationship with Him. Peter is wise in his parenting, knowing when to give correction and when to give extra hugs. I know there's no such thing as a perfect father, but he seems, without even realizing, to toe the line.

A man with short blonde hair, wearing a green t-shirt and black pants, is sitting on a brown leather chair. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. Behind him is a white stone fireplace with a wooden mantel.

PETER IS KIND, STEADY, AND LOVING

WE LOVE THE NEARBY WACO ZOO





BEAUTIFUL TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS



PETER GREW UP ON THE COAST AND HAS ALWAYS LOVED THE OCEAN

fun facts

BASEBALL IS PETER'S FAVORITE SPORT



GOLFING

My favorite leisure-time activities are golf and disc golf.

SPORTS

My favorite sport is baseball - I love the Houston Astros! I'm also a big Texas A&M University sports fan (football, baseball, etc).

VACATION

My favorite vacations involve mountains in the winter to snowboard or the beach in the summer to relax.

FOOD

My favorite snack is chips and salsa (or queso). We can't keep it in the house or I'll eat it too much!

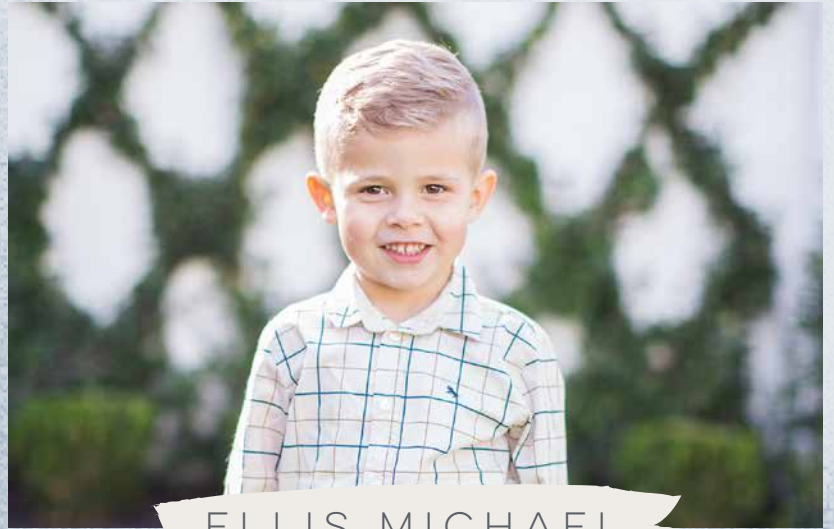
MISSION TRIP

In college, I went on a mission trip to Kenya which was my first exposure to a culture outside of the US.

TRAVEL

We have visited 5 out of 6 major continents. We have a bucket list item to visit South America to complete the list.

Meet Ellis and Jaxon



ELLIS MICHAEL

JAXON JAMES



WE HAVE AN OPEN SWING JUST WAITING
FOR ANOTHER LITTLE ONE TO JOIN THE FUN

Ellis (age 4) is our oldest. He is *always* up to tell a joke.

He loves meeting new people and going to new places. Every night before bed he asks "what new things are we going to do tomorrow?" His favorite activities include riding his scooter, reading, playing catch, and playing on the playset in the backyard. He also loves reading to his little brother, and can't wait to read to his new little sibling, too.

Jaxon ("Jax", age 2) always has a *huge* smile on his face.

He loves other people and always wants to cuddle up next to his mom and dad. His favorite activities include puzzles, dinosaurs, going down slides, and doing whatever his brother is doing. At bedtime, we rock him while singing "You Are My Sunshine" and it's one of the best parts of the day. Jax is going to be such a sweet big brother one day.



Our Faith

We were both raised in Christian homes learning to love and walk with Jesus. Our faith in Christ is the basis for how we treat each other, how we parent our children, and how we treat those around us. The truths that Jesus teaches in the Bible hinge on two commands: love God and love others. We strive to model loving God to our kids by worshipping at our church every Sunday. We strive to model loving others by investing in the lives of those around us, whether through service, prayer, or fellowship. We have attended Hill Country Bible Church for 9+ years and are so grateful for the community and support it has provided our family.



WE PRAY THAT OUR KIDS SEE OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD AND DESIRE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, TOO.



home sweet home



We live in Cedar Park, Texas, a small suburb *just* north of Austin.

We love this city because it's in the beautiful hill country, has a wonderful school system, and provides a small-town feel. We're only 40 minutes from downtown Austin and frequently drive down for fun family outings. We love outdoor activities as a family and the options around us are endless.

Our home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac with lovely neighbors. The end of the cul-de-sac opens to a lakeside park, including an incredible playscape, walking trails, sports parks, kayak rentals, and more. We also have a neighborhood pool, complete with a kiddie area. Our kids also play on a playset in our backyard that Peter built this year, and often ask to eat dinner on their picnic table. We have an open room on our second floor that is used as our children's play area, including toys, games, puzzles, and a desk for learning and coloring.



WE DESIRE OUR HOME TO BE WELCOMING, CALMING, AND FULL OF JOY.



JOEY & OLLIE

Bucket List

TRAVELS

We both love experiencing new places and traveling.

In fact, before having children we lived in Malaysia for a 3-month work assignment for Peter's company. We spent weekends and holidays exploring other countries in that part of world and fell in love with it. One bucket list item we have is to visit all 6 major continents and the only one we have left is South America! We would love to bring our children along in the future.



SNORKELING TOGETHER HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES



DATE NIGHT BY THE SEA



BLOWN AWAY BY THE COLOSSEUM IN ITALY



HIKING IN HAWAII IS HARD TO BEAT!

Family & Friends



MICAELA, PETER'S
SISTER AND MONICA'S
BEST FRIEND



PETER'S FAMILY



MONICA'S FAMILY



MONICA IS THE
OLDEST OF 6 SIBLINGS



Monica is the oldest of 6 siblings and extremely close with them and her parents. Most family vacations involve immediate and extended family, which means there's never a dull moment! Both of her parents have always valued creating meaningful experiences for their kids over material things. That typically means her family goes on multiple vacations per year, whether far or near, to create special memories that will last a lifetime. Monica has brought this experience-driven mindset into our own family.

While Peter grew up in a smaller family, his two sisters are now married with multiple children, ranging from ages 1-11 years old. Holidays and vacations these days involve a lot of cousin-time for our kids, spent laughing and playing. Peter's parents are loving, supportive of their kids, and

strong in their faith. Peter grew up going to a Florida beach every year. This was always the highlight for their family.

Each of our parents are *thrilled* that we're adopting and *cannot wait* for a new grandbaby to love on!

We have been blessed with an extremely close-knit, supportive friend group that we met through our bible study. Many of our children are the same ages and have also become best friends! This community loves our kids like their own. We have many friends who have adopted, most adopting children of a different ethnicity. We are grateful they have walked this road ahead of us and can offer wisdom and support.

We promise

WE PROMISE

to love and support your child unconditionally. Through any emotional hardships, through any behavioral struggles, through any insecurities, your child will be deeply loved, guided, and cared for.

WE PROMISE

to never talk negatively about you, their birth mother. You showed your child immense love and bravery and they will know this always.

WE PROMISE

to raise your child in the church alongside a community of believers and pray for them regularly.

WE PROMISE

to parent in a way that prioritizes connection and self-worth over discipline. Our top priority is our children knowing they are deeply valued and safe.

WE PROMISE

to create meaningful family experiences that will last a lifetime (trips to experience other cultures, family dinners each night, picnics, game nights, etc).

WE PROMISE

to invite your child into our active lifestyle, planning fun family hikes, bike rides, jogs, and more.

WE PROMISE

to celebrate where your child came from on a regular basis, both ethnically and in relation to their adoption story.

If our adopted child is a different ethnicity than us,

WE PROMISE

to ensure they have many people and friends in their lives who look like them.

WE PROMISE

to advocate for your child and continue to learn how we can best support them.

WE PROMISE

to schedule visits, if that is your desire, so your baby can know you as they grow up.

WE PROMISE

to send you updates of your child through the years (photos, texts, cards, and more).

WE PROMISE

to be flexible in establishing a communication plan that you're most comfortable with.

Final thoughts

When it comes to adoption, society likes to celebrate the adoptive family, the ones bringing a child into their home. We feel *passionately* that this is backwards. It is the birthparents who should be *celebrated* and *honored* for their incredible selflessness.

Whether you choose us or not, our prayer is that you find a family who not only loves your child, but also cares for you, because you matter.



When we found out we weren't able to have children on our own, we didn't realize this would make us better parents. We didn't realize the difficult road to creating a family would lead to us savoring each day with our little ones. But now we know. We know we have so much appreciation for getting to be parents, and our kids feel even more loved because of it. We have SO much love to give, and we would be completely overjoyed to give it to your baby girl or baby boy. Praying we get to meet you soon!



Family Information

Father's name: Peter
Occupation: Engineering manager
Education: Texas A&M University
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: 8/20/88
Hair color: Blonde
Eye color: Blue
Height: 5'10"

Mother's name: Monica
Occupation: Dance instructor
Education: Texas A&M University
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: 4/11/92
Hair color: Blonde
Eye color: Brown
Height: 5'2"

Date of marriage: 5/18/14

Children: We have been blessed with two boys, both from donor conception. Ellis was born 1/29/2019 and Jaxon was born 2/25/21. Ellis is friendly and very organized, and Jax is our silly, cuddly little guy. They both love puzzles, playing on our playground, and reading books.

Interests and hobbies: Peter and Monica both love running, camping, traveling, and reading. Many weekends are spent on family hikes or tackling a house renovation project together. Peter especially enjoys snowboarding, grilling, & board games. Monica enjoys paddleboarding, organizing, & trying new restaurants.

Home: Our home is a spacious two-story on a quiet cul-de-sac. The end of the cul-de-sac opens to a new lakeside park, including an incredible playscape, walking trails around the lake, kayak rentals, and

more. We also have a neighborhood pool, complete with a kiddie area. We are great friends with many neighbors and truly love our neighborhood. We plan to stay here until our kids are grown.

Pets: Ollie & Joey: two friendly, beautiful Australian shepherds that we've raised from 8 weeks old.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? After receiving our infertility diagnosis, we felt strongly that the Lord was calling us to adopt. We have been praying about it ever since.

Openness to birthparent(s): We would love our adopted child to have an open relationship with their birthparents. We'd nurture this relationship by scheduling visits and sharing pictures, letters, etc.

Childcare plans: Monica works part-time from home and is thankful to stay home with their children.



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