



VICTOR *and* MICHELLE

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DEAR EXPECTANT *mother*

We write with the deepest admiration for you. This must be such a difficult time for you, and we can't imagine what you are feeling right now. What we do know is **you are brave**. We have so much respect for you. We hope we get to meet you face to face, but for now, we hope this book gives you a small look into who we are.



Adoption is something we have both felt called to for a long time, even before we were together. Once we got married, we knew adoption would ultimately be part of our family's story one day. Three years into our marriage, after Michelle struggled with some health issues, God placed it on our hearts to start our family through adoption. So much has happened to lead us here and we know over time it will become even more evident **how beautifully the Lord orchestrates the story of our lives**. We are very excited to become parents and give our love to a child.

We are college sweethearts and have been married since August 28, 2016. We live in Colorado with a sweet Goldendoodle named Cooper. We love being outside, cooking, traveling, photography, and spending time with our family and friends. Victor works in marketing at a Christian non-profit. Michelle is a registered nurse at a surgery center.

We are very thankful to have a loving and supportive extended family. We talk with them often, make frequent visits to see each other, and go on family vacations. We also have a community of close friends that we consider family. **We would love to have a relationship with you in whichever way you are comfortable with**, whether that's being part of our extended family, FaceTiming, receiving photos, or little to no contact. We promise to honor the level of openness you desire and respect your privacy with any decision that you make.

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn a little about us. We know this is a huge decision for you. **Know that we care for you and are praying for you**. We pray the Lord will give you health, comfort, clarity, and peace as you make a plan for your child.

Victor + Michelle



WE MET IN COLLEGE

We met each other in college through mutual friends. We spent lots of time together studying, attending campus events, and riding to church together.



WE STARTED DATING

After multiple years of friendship, Victor finally asked Michelle on a date. After a transition from friendship to dating, we quickly fell for each other, and the rest was history!



WE GOT MARRIED

8/28/2016 - On a hot August day in Tennessee, we tied the knot! It was a day to remember with all of our loved ones. What a joy it is to marry your best friend!

OUR story



WE MOVED TO COLORADO

Victor's job brought us to Colorado immediately after we got married. We love it so much here, and we can't imagine living anywhere else!



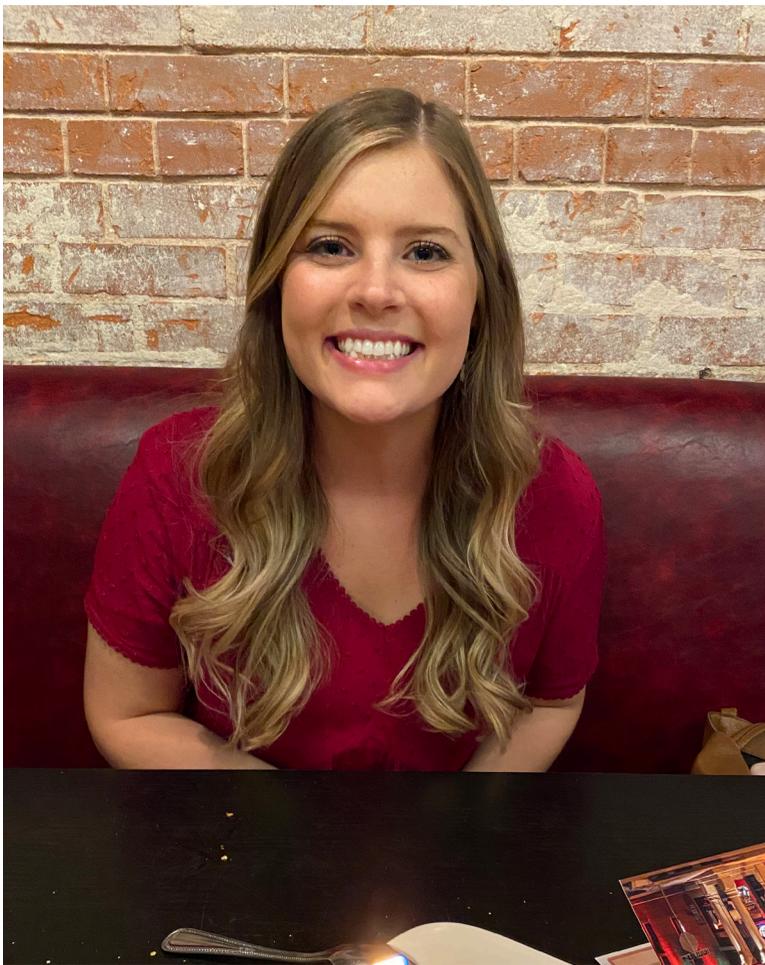
WE BOUGHT OUR HOUSE

Colorado won our hearts fast, because, after four months of living here, we bought our first home! We already have so many memories in this house and can't wait to make more.



WE'RE HOPING TO ADOPT

We are now hoping to grow our family through adoption! We are so excited to become parents one day, and we know God has been preparing our hearts.



meet MICHELLE

Michelle grew up in Tennessee and is a southern girl at heart. She is very goofy and outgoing, and a definite people person. Michelle works as a registered nurse at a surgery center in the recovery room. She has a major sweet tooth and enjoys baking new things to share with others. Michelle loves ice cream, Gilmore Girls, beach vacations, yoga class, breakfast foods, phone calls with loved ones, and reading.

WHAT *Victor* LOVES ABOUT *Michelle*:

I love that Michelle is always ready to do something fun! She is the best at planning gatherings for our friends. Michelle often makes meals to bring to other people in times of need! I love that she cares so much for people in our daily lives and in her work as a nurse. She is always so affirming, and I can't wait to see her care, love, and share her heart as a mom.



WHAT *Michelle* LOVES ABOUT *Victor*:

I love that Victor is so easy going and friendly. I always say that he could make conversation with a brick wall! He is hilarious, and I love how much he makes me laugh! I love how careful he is with our finances and planning for our future. He works so hard to do what's best for our little family. Victor is so selfless and loving, and I can't wait to see him become a dad.

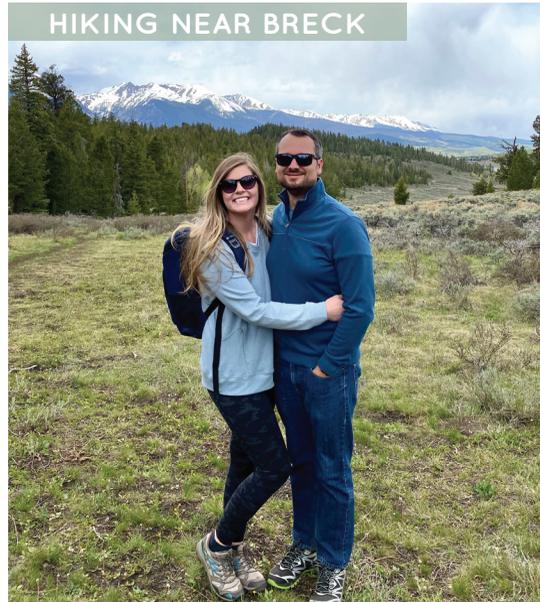


meet VICTOR

Victor grew up in a small town in Missouri. He is witty, creative, hardworking, and very talkative. Victor's favorite pastime is researching things, and he is always looking to learn something new! He works as a digital marketing specialist at a Christian non-profit. He loves Mexican food, afternoon walks, cooking, traveling new places, and making family videos.



COOKING CLASS



HIKING NEAR BRECK



ICE CREAM DATE

THINGS WE LOVE:
Cooking and baking
Being outdoors
Photography
Traveling
Date nights
Our family & friends
Trying new things
Cozy nights at home



TRYING TANDEM BIKING



HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL



SNUGGLES WITH COOPER



SNOW TUBING



PHOTOGRAPHING A WEDDING



COOKING DINNER



COLORADO WINTER



BAKING LEMON BREAD

OUR LIFE Together

Life is so fun when you're married to your best friend! On a typical weeknight, you'll find us cooking dinner, going for walks, watching movies, playing board games, or just talking and laughing together. On the weekends, we enjoy going on adventures in the mountains, attending church, spending time with friends, going out for ice cream dates, and sometimes just snuggling up at home. We also have a part-time photography business. We have so much fun capturing weddings, engagements, and family sessions together! Above all, we make sure to prioritize intentional time with each other.



BACKPACKING



PLAYING BOARD GAMES



LEON BRIDGES CONCERT

OUR home



Our home has four bedrooms and four bathrooms, so we have plenty of room to grow! The best thing about our house is how open the kitchen and living area is. It's great since we love having friends over and cooking. When the weather is nice, our favorite spot to relax is on our balcony.



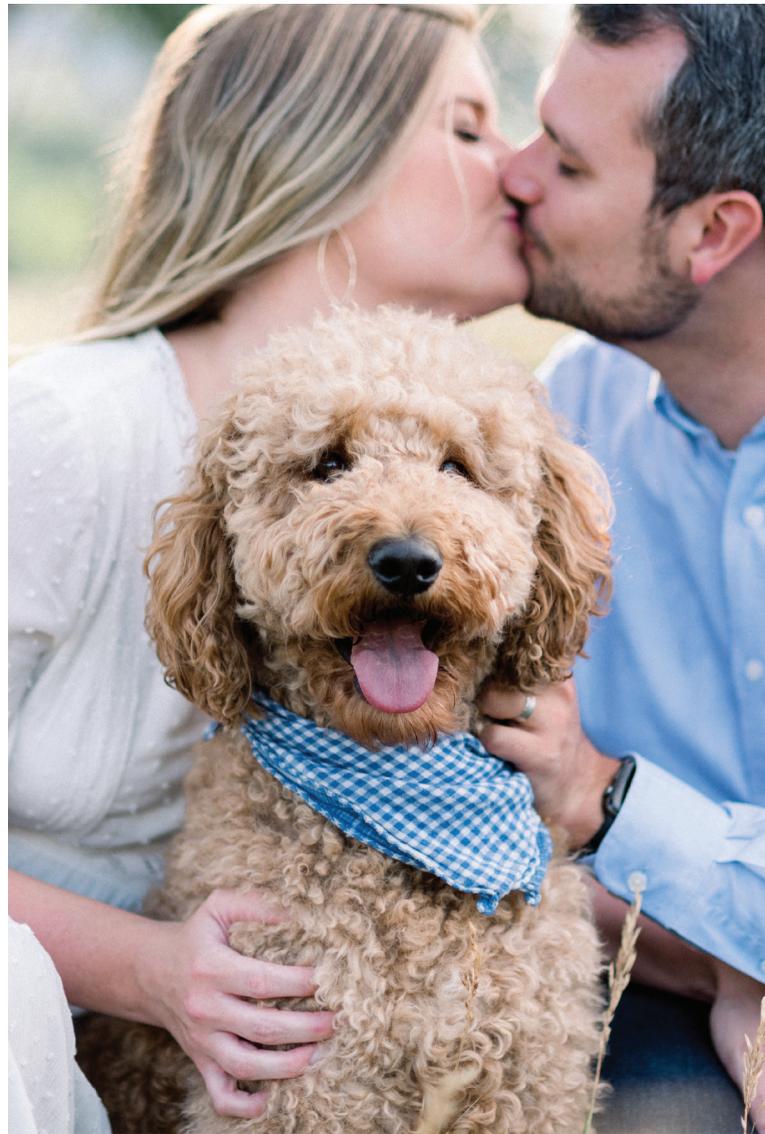
THE NURSERY

We have slowly been gathering items for the nursery. We are excited to add more things and decorate!



NEIGHBORHOOD

Our home is located in a suburban community with a beautiful park and schools within walking distance. With colorful homes, lots of children, and plenty of things to do nearby, this neighborhood is a great place to raise a family!



OUR dog

We got our Goldendoodle, Cooper, right before Christmas of 2017. He loves tennis balls, going on walks, snuggling, and sleeping on mountains of pillows! His favorite activity is sticking his head out of the window during car rides. He is one of the most lovable, relaxed dogs in the world. He brings so much joy to our lives, and we know he has a lot of love to give to future children!



MEXICO



CANADA - OUR HONEYMOON



SEATTLE



HAWAII



BANFF, CANADA



DALLAS

One of our favorite things to do together is travel! We love visiting new places, eating fun foods, taking in different scenery, and making new memories. We have traveled to lots of places, but if we had to choose a favorite, it would be Hawaii! We can't wait to go on more adventures as we grow our family.

OUR Travels



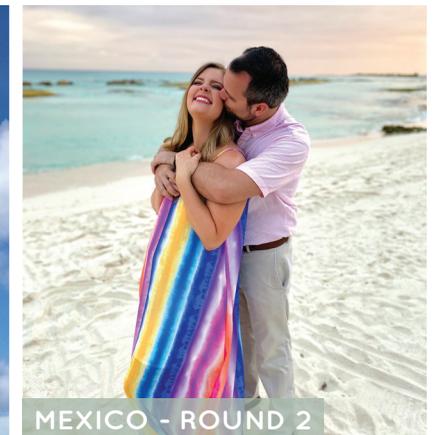
VAIL



LOS ANGELES



ARUBA



MEXICO - ROUND 2



ICE CREAM WITH THE FAMILY



VICTOR'S SISTER, KARA



MOM'S 50TH BIRTHDAY



THE WHOLE FAMILY



VICTOR'S MOM



TRAIN RIDE WITH GRANDMA

VICTOR'S family

Victor's family lives in Missouri. We get to see them multiple times a year, whether we go to Missouri or they come to visit us in Colorado. We love planning fun vacations together. Victor's family enjoys being outdoors, playing games, and sitting around a good bonfire. When we go to his parents' house in the country, we can always count on lots of family and friends to stop by for a meal or just to say hello. Victor's parents are very relaxed and welcoming. They are so excited to become grandparents for the first time!



CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY



NATALIE AND JOHN'S WEDDING

MICHELLE'S family

Michelle's parents live in Tennessee, and her older sister, Natalie, lives in California. We are blessed to see them often between vacations, holidays, and frequent visits despite the distance. Michelle's family loves sitting on the porch, sharing meals, and watching movies. They are all looking forward to a new addition to the family! Michelle is very close to her sister, and they are excited to hopefully have kids around the same age.



SUMMER VACATION



MICHELLE'S SISTER, NATALIE



MICHELLE'S STEP DAD, FRANK



FAMILY WALKS



HIKING WITH DAD



FRANK AND MOM

OUR friends

We are beyond thankful for the close-knit group of friends we have here in Colorado. They have become like a second family to us. We spend a lot of time together with cookouts, prayer nights, birthday celebrations, double dates, local events, and all the little things in between. We are so thankful to have a community that rejoices with us during the highs and is there for us during the lows. Many of our friends are starting to grow their families as well. We are so excited for our kids to grow up together!



BEACH TRIP



MOVING DAY



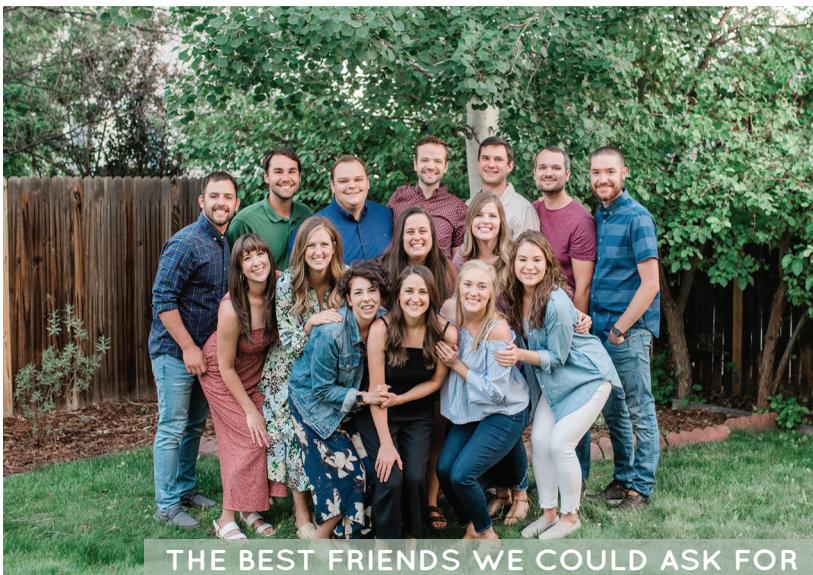
HIKING WITH OUR FRIENDS, KATIE & WILL



LABOR DAY BALLOON FESTIVAL



VICTOR'S BIRTHDAY DINNER



THE BEST FRIENDS WE COULD ASK FOR



WEEKEND TRIP WITH CHRISTINA & JAKE



FOURTH OF JULY COOKOUT



GIRLS' NIGHT



BABY SHOWER FOR RICH & LAURA



CHRISTMAS EVE WITH KYLE & ALICIA



WEEKEND MOUNTAIN TRIP



BOWLING NIGHT



VICTOR, LAUREN, & JAKE AT KATIE AND WILL'S WEDDING

OUR FRIENDS DESCRIBE US AS:

- Welcoming
- Adventurous
- Helpful
- Loving
- Positive
- Thoughtful

WE LOVE *Christmas*



NEW YEAR'S EVE

We love to start the new year with our very best friends! The night usually includes games, LOTS of food, reflecting, and watching the ball drop on TV. On new year's day, the two of us like to sit down and talk about our goals, dreams, and prayers for the next year.



EASTER SUNDAY

Every year we take turns hosting Easter brunch after church. Last year it was our turn, and we loved having so many friends and family around our table! Our favorite things to make (and eat) are honey glazed ham and homemade biscuits!



Christmas is our very **favorite** holiday, so we love decorating inside and out!



We attend the Christmas Eve church service, then order pizza for dinner since we know we will cook a big dinner the next day!



Michelle especially loves to bake around Christmas time. Her favorite thing to make is a warm apple crisp

OUR *Traditions*



FALL DRIVES IN THE MOUNTAINS

The scenery in Colorado during the fall is unmatched. We love taking long drives through the mountains to see the changing leaves. On one of our favorite drives, there's a little chocolate shop along the way. We always buy some fudge to eat on the way home!



HALLOWEEN

We love being goofy together, and that includes coming up with fun costume ideas! Last year we dressed up as Luke and Lorelai from Gilmore Girls. Our favorite part about Halloween is getting together with friends to pass out candy to the neighborhood kids!



Every year we plan a special Christmas date, such as driving to see lights, going to a Christmas concert, eating a fancy dinner, or just a cozy night in!



Our favorite thing is snuggling up by the Christmas tree with hot chocolate, especially since it snows so much here!



On Christmas morning we like to cook breakfast, open presents, and watch our favorite Christmas movies. Our favorite one is Elf!



DATE NIGHT



S'MORES IN OUR BACKYARD



HIKING



HARRY POTTER SYMPHONY



COLLEGE GRADUATION



PAINTING OUR HOUSE



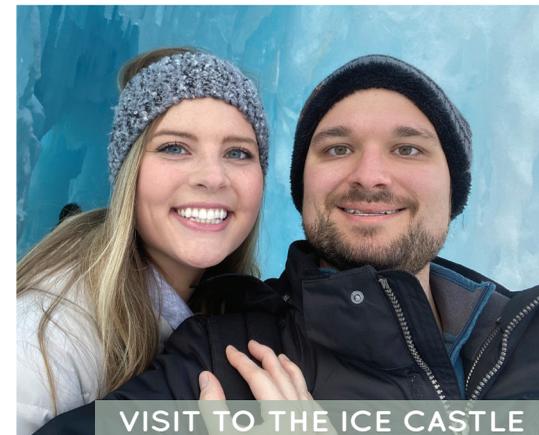
MICHELLE BEING GOOFY



SNORKELING



PICNIC AT THE PARK



VISIT TO THE ICE CASTLE

OUR *promises*

We are ready to become parents, and it is something we take seriously. If chosen, here are some commitments that we would like to make to you and your child:

WE PROMISE TO LOVE THEM WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY.

WE PROMISE TO RAISE THEM IN CHURCH AND TEACH THEM ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS.

WE PROMISE THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM AND HOW BRAVE YOU ARE.

WE PROMISE TO EXPOSE THEM TO DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL HELP THEM DEVELOP AND SHARE THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS.

WE PROMISE TO HONOR CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND VALUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

WE PROMISE TO SURROUND THEM WITH A COMMUNITY THAT LOVES AND SUPPORTS THEM.

WE PROMISE TO RESPECT THE LEVEL OF OPENNESS THAT YOU DESIRE.

OUR family

AT A GLANCE

VICTOR

OCCUPATION: DIGITAL MARKETING

EDUCATION: MASTER'S IN PROGRESS

RELIGION: CHRISTIAN

DATE OF BIRTH: MARCH 12, 1994

EYE COLOR: HAZEL

HEIGHT: 5' 11"

MICHELLE

OCCUPATION: REGISTERED NURSE

EDUCATION: BACHELOR'S DEGREE

RELIGION: CHRISTIAN

DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 18, 1994

EYE COLOR: BLUE

HEIGHT: 5' 9"

DATE OF MARRIAGE: August 28, 2016

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: We love being outdoors, cooking, having friends over, traveling, visiting family, and spending time together at home. We have so much fun being creative together through our photography business.

HOME: We live in a four bedroom, four bathroom house in a quiet, family-friendly neighborhood. We love living in Colorado because of the gorgeous weather, beautiful scenery, and all of the outdoor activities. There's always something fun to do!

PETS: We have a Goldendoodle named Cooper, who has such a funny little personality. Sometimes we aren't sure if he is a dog or a human. He loves being around people and snuggling up on the couch.

WHY ADOPTION? We always knew we wanted adoption to be part of our family's story. When Michelle experienced some health issues in 2018, our desire to adopt was affirmed even more. We are willing and ready as the Lord continues to write our family's story.

OPENNESS IN ADOPTION: We would love to have a relationship with you in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. If we are chosen, we promise your child will always know how much you love them.

CHILDCARE PLANS: Michelle's job has a lot of flexibility, and she can cut back to part-time once we become parents. On the days that she works, we will use private child care.

