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Michael & Christa



hello.

We are so excited that you have chosen to take the time to read about us and our family. We pray that if it is God's will that we are the family you choose that God highlights something very special in this book that will verify it for you. You are not forgotten and He has a plan for you and your baby. We know this journey will turn into something beautiful.

We have one son, Aiden, whom we adopted in 2020 as a newborn, so we truly understand the beauty of adoption and are looking forward to adopting and growing our family. Our son talks non-stop of his future sibling or siblings that God will choose to add to our family. We know without a doubt God has called us to adopt again and we promise to love this baby unconditionally and raise them to know Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

We pray to have an open adoption with you. We know the healing and beauty that comes to not only you but also this child. They will know their adoption story and know that you love them whole-heartedly. That is the blessing of openness and seeing them grow and be loved on all sides. We look forward to sharing updates with you throughout their life.

We bless you as you decide what is best for you and this baby and will continue to pray for you throughout this time.

Michael and Christa





Our 11th anniversary picture!



We love our monthly date night!



our love story

meet us

Hello! We are Mike and Christa. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and the love we have to share. As you are reading about us, we pray for you and hope to meet you one day.

My husband Mike and I first met in 2010 through my twin sister Candice. I was immediately drawn to Mike's genuine kindness and the way he cared for others. He admired my faith in God and my compassionate heart. Over time, our friendship grew into something much deeper. In our early years together, we loved going out to eat and simply enjoying each other's company. Our marriage has been shaped by both joyful moments and unexpected hardships. When I was diagnosed with cancer and had to undergo a hysterectomy, our faith became our anchor and brought us even closer together.

Through that journey, God led us to adoption, and in 2020, we were incredibly blessed to welcome our son Aiden into our family. I've now been cancer-free since 2015. We continue to make our relationship a priority by setting aside time for monthly date nights. I enjoy helping Mike with projects around the house. And he's always willing to jump in with chores or anything else that needs to be done. We truly cherish the life we've built and are excited to share our love, faith, traditions, and family with another child.



our family's values

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Our firm foundation is God. We believe Jesus came to earth to die for our sins so we can be forgiven and believe and live with Jesus forever. We are forever grateful for His sacrifice for our sins. No matter what, we stand for the truth of the Bible and what it says. We make church a priority in our home because it's a way we can serve and build community. Our church family are our prayer warriors and we lean on them a lot. We strive to spend daily time together as a family whether that be cuddling on the couch, watching movies, playing sports outside, going on a golf cart ride in our neighborhood, or sitting at the kitchen table for meals. Spending time and valuing each other is a gift that we cherish because we know kids grow up and will spread their wings but we always want them to know they are welcome back home.



A family selfie before church



Going on a golf cart ride in our neighborhood



Christa

about me

I grew up on a dairy farm, just seven miles from where we now live! Throughout my childhood, I worked with my family on our farm, which helped me develop a strong work ethic. Before motherhood, my career was Massage Therapy. I loved using the gifts God gave me and hearing people's stories. As Aiden has started kindergarten, I am slowly transitioning back into massage therapy but also enjoy spending time with friends and family and getting house projects done. I will often FaceTime my twin and her toddler or will call my oldest sister to meet at our parents' house to hang out. I like meeting up with friends to walk our community pumpkin vine nature trail or meet with other moms and have a Bible study and pray for our kiddos. In the harvest season, you can find me in the garden or in the kitchen canning or baking. Having a canning room and freezer stocked for the winter months fills me up. Investing in relationships is a huge part of who I am. I love serving the Lord, whether that be simply holding the babies in nursery at church or having led The Way Teens youth retreat over the summer. I'm blessed to use my gifts and talents to serve the Lord in all I do.

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Sarasota, Florida

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD

Anything from Texas Roadhouse or Panda Express

FAVORITE HOBBY

Making heat transfer vinyl (HTV) custom baby onesies for gifts or creating my own shirts with scripture

FAVORITE DESSERT

Chocolate Mudslide from Hacienda

FAVORITE SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITY

Sleeping in and waiting until our son jumps into our bed for cuddles.



Christa in her garden



Enjoying her favorite dessert
with Aiden



Canning pickles

MY WIFE

Christa

by Michael

Selfless
Joyful
Inspirational



She loves designing t-shirts!

My wife, Christa, has a warm and easy-going spirit, and when we spend time together, her joy lifts me too. She's deeply compassionate, caring for people with a rare level of empathy. She's forgiving, genuine, loyal, and respectful, with a joyful, kind-hearted nature that shows in how she treats everyone. With children, she is especially nurturing, gentle with babies and patient with toddlers, meeting kids right where they are. When they're hurt, she takes time to comfort and calm them. Our son calling her his "tender-hearted, loving mama" captures exactly who she is.



Michael

about me

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I grew up Amish on a little farm about a 1/2 mile from where we now live. I love hanging out with friend's whether it be going golfing or just sitting around the campfire chatting. I also enjoy spending quality time with my family. I enjoy being goofy and making people laugh. My wife and son are one of my greatest passions in life. I know my calling in life is to be the best husband, father, and provider I can be. In my free time, I love completing projects. I just recently finished making a mini camper for Aiden to play in and pull behind his mini jeep! That knowledge came from working in the RV industry for 18 years. I really enjoy giving gifts, especially to children. The joy in their eyes is such a great feeling! I try to do any upgrades or remodels in our house on my own because I like the challenge of figuring it out. A great way for me to decompress is tinkering around with my 3D printer. Sometimes I make toys for Aiden or nieces and nephews. I also enjoy designing parts to replace little things around the house if they get broken.

fun facts

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Anywhere warm

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST

Skillet

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM

Golden State Warriors

FAVORITE HOBBY

3D printing and designing

FAVORITE DESSERT

Lemon cookies

FAVORITE ITEM TO COLLECT

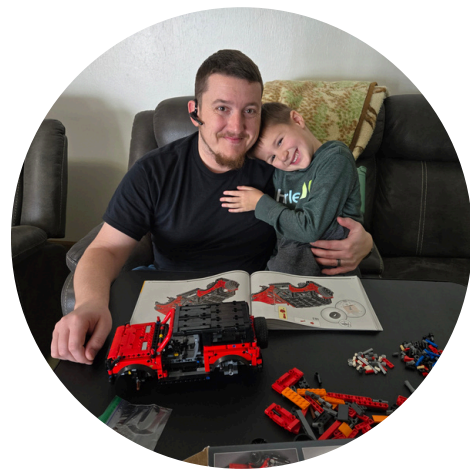
Basketball cards



Mike working on Aiden's camper!



Roller skating with Aiden!



Building Legos with Aiden

MY HUSBAND

Michael

by Christa

*Funny,
Compassionate,
Generous*



Aiden and Mike grilling for supper

I always tease Mike that he has a heart of gold, but I really believe that's true. He's always been the one who will drop everything to help a friend in need. He is genuine in who he is. He loves the Lord with all his heart and every night our son and him do a kids' Bible devotional. He's all in when it comes to being a daddy and a husband. My favorite thing about him is seeing his face light up when our son runs to greet him as he comes home from work. He's brilliant, funny, and if he doesn't know how to do something, he'll figure it out. I am truly blessed to have him in my life.



Aiden loves kittens!



Aiden would love to play basketball in the NBA someday!

MEET

Aiden

*Sweet, Kind,
Energetic*

Aiden became part of our family through adoption as a newborn in 2020. We are incredibly blessed to have him in our family. Aiden is a sweet, silly, & energetic kid. Watching him grow and become his own little person has been the best part of being his parents. He is full of imagination and loves sharing those adventurous stories with us. He loves greeting Daddy as he comes home from work, running into his arms yelling, "Daddy's home!"

Some of Aiden's favorite toys are his tractors and hot wheels. He loves when we read from his "Joke Book" and then makes up his own jokes to giggle some more. He loves wrestling, playing basketball, and is always running. He enjoys dancing to music with Mama in the kitchen and playing dart games and sled games with Daddy on the phone. When he's outside, he'll be swinging, driving his jeep, or pretending to be fishing in the yard.

Aiden has such a huge, caring heart and will be an amazing big brother. He made the comment that he's excited for his sibling to grow so they may play in his room with him and his toys. We look forward to watching Aiden love his sibling or siblings (Aiden always teases, maybe we'll have twins)!

Welcome to our home

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We live in Northern Indiana in an Amish-friendly, Christian community. We live within walking distance to Mike's family and just seven minutes to Christa's family.

We feel so honored living in a community where it is safe and we have each other's backs. There are often fundraiser food drives or local town benefits to help needy families or others with medical bills. Our community shows up and helps one another. We were honored to be recipients of a fundraiser for families wanting to adopt in 2025. Now, we get to go and support other families this year and for years to come, knowing this was a God moment in our story.

We really love our home. It is a ranch-style house with a big backyard to entertain, grow plants in the garden, or let our son and kiddos play and use their imagination. We are often found at home during weekends spending time as a family, enjoying campfires or playing card games. Then we start each week by going to our church only 30 minutes away.



Game night!



Aiden on his favorite horse carousel



Mike and Aiden picking corn on the cob

our hobbies

Hobbies are daily and in the little things we do in life. Christa likes to wake up before Aiden and make herself a cup of iced coffee, go outside on the back patio, and have her quiet time with Jesus in the Bible. Mike loves going through his basketball card collection, which he started as a young boy, and hopes to pass it down to his children one day. You may also find him tinkering around on his 3D printer and making fun gadgets. Together as a family, playing card games and having movie nights complete with ice cream are important to us. Our lives move with the seasons, constantly changing and adjusting. But one thing is constant and that is staying together and pressing into each other's needs and cherishing family time.



Mike organizing his basketball cards



"Buddy Night" at Christmas



Christa drinking coffee & reading the Bible

our family traditions

Traditions are an important part of our family, and we look forward to sharing them with another child. We cherish our monthly family dinners with both of our immediate families, as well as our monthly "Buddy Night" with Mike's lifelong friends and their families. We love celebrating birthdays, especially for the children, with special songs, cake, ice cream, and gifts. During the summer, we spend time camping at our local campground, making memories through swimming, bike rides, campfires, and s'mores. Holidays are especially meaningful, with Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas centered around faith, delicious meals, family gatherings, games, and creating lasting memories together.



Cousins at Christmas!



Our yearly FL trip!



Camping at Twin Mills



Family vacation with friends



Aunt Karla and Aiden



Christa and her siblings



Christa's extended family

extended family

Mike grew up Amish in Northern Indiana, and all of his family members have an Amish or Mennonite background. He is the youngest of six children, has 15 nieces and nephews, and 3 great-nieces and nephews. Adoption is a huge part of Mike's family, as five of his nieces and nephews are adopted. We are happy that a child will have adopted cousins living right down the street and will be able to share with them that special bond.

Though most of Mike's family lives nearby, two of his brothers and one sister live in Kansas with their families. We see them at least once a year, which is always lots of fun. As for his family here in town, we get together quite often, always looking forward to our monthly ice cream suppers or random pop-ins.

Like Mike, most of Christa's family still lives nearby. Her parents and three of her siblings are just minutes away from our house, and she has one brother who lives in North Carolina with his wife and son. We have four nieces and three nephews on her side, who are all excited to have another cousin to play with in their future! All in all, we are very blessed to have huge, supportive families who cannot wait for us to add and grow our family through adoption.



Mike's extended family

adoption & parenting

We feel incredibly blessed to be called to adopt again. In 2020, our son Aiden's birth mom made the selfless decision to place him in our family, and we thank God every day for that gift. Aiden knows he is deeply loved—by us and by his birth family. We cherish the unique relationship we share with them and are grateful to stay connected through visits, calls, texts, and social media.

We have been praying for you and your journey, asking that you never feel alone. We hope to build a relationship rooted in grace, love, and trust. While we are far from perfect, we strive to grow each day as parents, as a couple, and in all of our relationships. We are excited to grow our family through adoption, and Aiden often talks with joy about his future sibling. We trust God's perfect timing and look forward to the day our family grows again.

THOUGHTS ON OPENNESS:

We value openness and believe it has been a beautiful gift in Aiden's adoption journey. We respect his story and will always support what he chooses to share. Our hope is that he feels deeply loved by everyone in his life. We would love another open adoption and are committed to building a lasting relationship over time. Whether through visits a few times a year, texts, phone calls, or other ways of staying connected, we cherish those relationships and look forward to learning what openness and communication would look like for you.



Family fishing trip



Family fun at the beach

family information



Father's Name: Mike

Occupation: Logistic manager @
Michiana Equipment

Education: Learned a trade

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 2/2/91



Mother's Name: Christa

Occupation: Stay-at-home
mom/Massage Therapist

Education: College

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 7/17/92

Date of marriage: 8/15/2015

Children: Aiden was born on September 26 of 2020 and is adopted. He is a sweet, kind, energetic boy who loves fishing, cats, and blue whales. He loves school so far. He continually talks of a future sibling and is really excited to be a big brother.

Interests and Hobbies: We enjoy watching movies, playing card games, taking golf cart rides, going on date nights, getting together with friends and going on vacation with them. Separately, Mike creates 3D models or collects basketball cards. He also enjoys working on vehicles and loves the challenge of fixing things in our home. Aiden says, "Daddy can fix anything." Christa enjoys designing t-shirts or taking naps, being outside in nature, hanging out with family, and getting iced coffee with friends.

Home: Our home is a ranch-style house with a big backyard that we can ride the mini-jeep or 4-wheeler around in. We have a nice, big garden where we grow our own corn, tomatoes, zucchini, green beans, and other vegetables. We also have a treehouse that kids love to play in. We are surrounded by safe neighbors who look out for one another but also respect each other's spaces. We live close to town but also far enough away from the tourists that visit our community.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: After Christa had a hysterectomy due to her cancer in 2015, we knew we still wanted a family. It was a journey with 2 failed adoptions at first. Then we were blessed with our son whom we adopted in 2020 and we want to grow our family again! We know God has called us to adopt and has moved some pretty huge mountains for us to be able to adopt. We are excited and are waiting in anticipation for what the future holds for our family.

Childcare plans: Christa plans to continue to be a stay-at-home-mom once we receive placement.



Thank you

Thank you so much for choosing to learn more about us as adoptive parents. We look forward to hearing your story too! Please know that we've been praying for you for some time now. We hope you have felt the love and peace that we've been praying about. By choosing adoption, you have already displayed an immeasurable amount of love that not everybody knows. Placing your child up for adoption is the most noblest and selfless decision you may ever have to make and we will never take that for granted.

We wish you the best as you decide what is best for you and this baby. And we will continue to pray for you throughout this time.

Mike, Christa, and Aiden