



**JOSH  
&  
APRIL**

# hello

We are Josh and April. We are honored and humbled to be considered in your selfless decision. Our journey all started with the Lord stirring in our hearts over four years ago. Two years ago through God's leading and much prayer we started on our son's adoption journey. We are thrilled and privileged that we feel called to adopt again.

We have been blessed with six children, five bio and one adopted. We have realized with each one how much they truly are a blessing from the Lord. During this journey we found out that unfortunately we can no longer have children. God has even used this heartache as part of His plan.

Being an only child, April grew up always wanting a large family. Josh told April when pregnant with number three that he thought they would have two! We are both excited (Josh included!), and the hopeful big brothers and sister are ecstatic, to meet the new blessing God has intended for our family.

You are loved and being prayed for! We trust that God will be leading you during this difficult and challenging time. We are praying for strength, clarity, and peace in choosing the family for this sweet blessing.

# *our story*

Josh saw April for the first time, pulling up in his Camaro at April's family get together. He grew up with her cousins but this was their first time meeting. The summer of 2001 is forever in our memories. We got to know each other as friends before dating. April thought Josh was so kind, fun, and cute! Josh thought April was beautiful, contagiously happy, and a little sassy! We grew to find more and more to love about each other. On a foggy day 2 1/2 years later we became husband and wife. We have been married for 17 years.





## *Josh loves that April is:*

April is kind and loving wife and mother. Her beauty inside and out is what attracted me to her in the beginning. God has truly put in her heart the desire to have a large family, and her devotion and unselfishness in what God has called her to do is evident in her everyday life. April is so fun to be around and the laughter she shares with the kids and I makes for a happy, welcoming home. I love her desire to have an intimate relationship with God, myself, and the kids. She is always striving to be a better homemaker, even though she is already amazing at the task! April's drive to unselfishly give to her family is contagious and inspires the kids and I to do our best at what God has called us to. She encourages not only us, but also girlfriends who are in the same stage of life. Her love for all of us shows in many ways and makes her even more beautiful!

*april rose*

## *April loves that Josh is:*

Josh is a wonderful father and husband. He is hard working and enjoys his job but is quick to tell me how much he loves coming home. I feel very secure in Josh's ability to provide for our family, financially and spiritually. He is a godly man and provides an amazing example for our boys to live up to and our daughter to look for in a husband. I love the way that in anything he does he includes the children. Whether it is working on vehicles, house projects, or reading the Bible, he spends time not just with the children but really getting to know them. The love that he has for us is evident in all that he does.



*joshua peter*



# children are a blessing



Gabe is the oldest big brother and 14. He is a responsible and mature young man. He loves mowing the lawn and can't wait to have his own lawn mowing business! He also enjoys reading and is excited to snuggle his new little brother or sister and share that love with them.

Natalie is 13 and the lady of the family. She is a wonderful big sister and has a kind and compassionate heart. She loves drawing and has amazing artistic ability. She can't wait to have a baby in the family again to play with and make laugh. Baby giggles are her favorite!



Asher is a fun loving and joy filled boy. He loves being in the kitchen and at 11 is a great cook. He has such a sweet heart and is always including any young children that are around. He is so excited to have his very own baby brother or sister to come along side to have fun with!



Owen is a sweet, quiet 9 year old boy, the thinker of the family. He is an amazing worker and loves doing anything outdoors. Gardening, raking leaves, or snow shoveling, he's your man. He is excited to be a big brother that will be old enough to help and hold the baby.

Noah, our 7 year old is quick to tell you that he loves you. Having been the youngest so far he has been showered with love that he is happy to return. He is a happy cheerful little man and loves to talk! He can't wait for a baby brother or sister and is looking forward to feeding the baby.



Caleb is 2 and an active, busy boy! He is the center of attention and has brought such joy into our home. He loves to dance, snuggle, and play with his older siblings. He talks about the "baby" all the time. He is excited to snuggle and kiss on his new baby.

# *blessed by adoption*



We have an open relationship with Caleb's birth mom and are happy to be sharing updates and pictures monthly. We may live in different states but when Caleb came into our family we gained "L" as family too.

# *our home*



We are blessed to live out in the country with plenty of space for kids to run. We have swings in trees, a pool, trampoline and an outdoor play set. Our driveway is long for bike riding and taking walks. Our rural community is close knit with lots of parks and within 1 hour to multiple large cities. The Children's Museum and an amazing zoo are some of the attractions that we regularly visit.

# *trips & family fun*



We desire to make memories with our children by taking them to new places and having yearly traditions. We make a yearly trip to a cabin on a lake and to "breakfast on the farm" in our area.

# *extended family*



# *our promise*

We will love unconditionally!

We will provide a Christian home and teach Biblical truths.

We will allow a child to be a child with fun and silliness!

We will homeschool for the ability to give a customized education.

We will fill our home with laughter!

We will give the ability to follow dreams and passions.

We will read, snuggle, and play!

We will give of our time, money, and selves for any need of our children.

# *our hope*

That our children know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

That our children will grow up to be best friends.

That our children will know love and acceptance.

That our children will communicate openly with us.

That our children will desire to follow God.

That our children will love unconditionally.