



The Milligan Family





Hey There,

Thank you so much for your considerable courage and your brave decision to consider adoption. We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us and considering us to be potential parents for your child. We know that this decision is hard and that you only want what is best for your child. We respect your desire to find the right people to love and cherish them. We will do everything possible to fulfill the dreams you have for your your child and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so. Please know that if you decide to choose us, your child will be raised in a loving, caring and thriving home. We would love the opportunity to be connected to you through a child we both will love so much!

We hope that no matter who you choose, you feel supported, encouraged and loved. We know that you desire to place your child in the arms of parents who will give him or her the future you imagine. With us you can trust that your child will be well provided for, pushed to pursue their dreams, and supported along the way. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers on this journey.

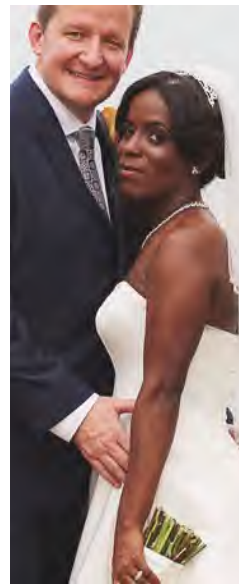
We are Shilashia and Erik

## Our Story

We met while we were both working for the same defense contractor. We actually had started working there around the same time in 2006, but didn't actually start talking to each other until 2014. We got married in 2018. We took our time getting to know each other over those four years and grew our friendship while also falling in love with one another.

We are loving and friendly people who enjoy doing life together. Hugs and kisses are a normal part of our daily routine. We both have silly sides and enjoy making each other laugh. Erik is good at making up songs about everything and I have started to do it too. There is no shortage of laughter in the house. We both enjoy listening to a wide range of music, and Erik also plays piano. We love to travel, hike, and explore new activities.

Erik is a senior program engineer for a defense contractor in the area, while Shileshia is a configuration management analyst at a separate contractor. We both value education, but also just spending time together as a family and having fun.





*our love for each other*



**WHEN WE FIRST MET**

We weren't looking for a relationship as we both had just been through heartbreak. God had other plans.

**THE LOVE STORY**

It grew quickly over four years that were based on friendship, respect, love and mutual support of one another.

**OUR WEDDING DAY**

We actually got married at the courthouse but then had a ceremony and reception for everyone in September.



## Why we are adopting

While Erik has biological children, Shileshia has not been able to have children of her own as she has a condition that would make it difficult for her to carry, so we felt like adoption was our opportunity to expand our family. We would love the opportunity to provide a child with a loving and caring home and family.

Adoption can be a blessing for everyone involved if it is done correctly. We are in a better position now in our lives to share what we have learned and to share our love with a child. Becoming parents and sharing a child together has always been a strong desire of ours.



There are so many children who need loving homes and there are expectant parents who may not be quite ready to parent yet. We like to think of adoption as partnering with expectant parents to raise a child in a loving and supportive environment. We have always loved the idea of adoption as it is a reflection of how God adopted us into His family. We want to provide a new life and healthy start for a child that is in need while also respecting where they come from.

We feel like adoption is not only a great way to bring a child into our lives but to enlarge our extended family as well. That is what you, as the expectant parent, will become to us, family. We want to have a relationship with you as well. Not only will your child grow up in a loving home, but they will have a connection to you also.



# MEET SHILESHIA



*writing + photography + travel*

HOBBIES



*Hello,*

I am pretty laid back and can be shy at first but I make friends pretty easily. I am loving and will defend those I love to my last breath. I love music, reading, and writing. One of my favorite hobbies is photography, I take my camera everywhere. Education is a big deal for me and I would definitely try to instill a love for it to any child we brought into our home. I love children! I get along great with my stepchildren and there are bunch of smaller children in our extended family that I enjoy getting to spend time with. There are also several babies and small children at church that I love on as well. I enjoy getting to experience the world through their eyes as they learn and discover new things. Hearing a child's laughter is the most beautiful thing in the world.

I currently work as a configuration analyst. The company I work for has very family friendly policies. I don't work from home all the time but I do have the ability to. Also, they offer paid parental leave that I plan to take advantage of when the time comes.

*-Shileshia*



## CAREER:

*Configuration Analyst*



## FAVORITES

Movie: Tombstone

Color: Purple

Book: Without Rival

Sport: Football

TV Show: The Witcher



*I can't wait to experience  
motherhood!!*

# MEET ERIK



*ministry + music + hiking*

HOBBIES

Hey,

I hope you are doing well. I have a pretty laid back personality and people tell me that I am very easy to talk to and get along with. I consider myself to be a pretty patient person. I love to play the piano, sing, hike and travel. Since both my wife and I are associate pastors at our church I enjoy sharing The Gospel whenever I can also. I love Sci-Fi movies, board games, and hosting get togethers at our home.

I currently work as a senior program engineer and I work from home. So even when my wife returns to work, I would be here to help take care of the child. Taking care of and raising a child is not new for me as I have three adult children from a previous marriage. I love my children dearly and we have a great relationship. Lately I have gotten to play with my fair share of little cousins and nieces that have been born recently. I would love nothing than to share more love and wisdom with another

-Erik

#### CAREER:

Sr. Project Engineer



#### FAVORITES

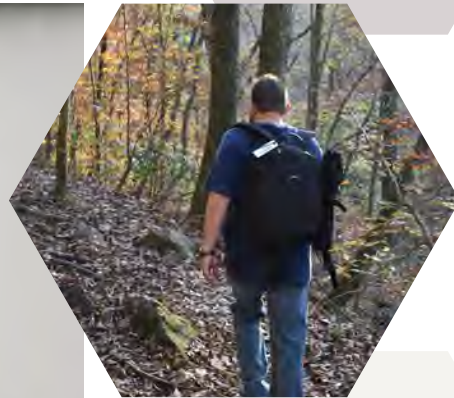
Movie: Hobbit/Lord of the Rings

Color: Blue

Book: Bible

Sport: Football

TV Show: Star Trek



I can't wait to be a father!!



# WE PROMISE

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More than anything we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally. We will nurture him or her to grow up to be the best person he or she can be. We promise to provide an upbringing where God is a central part. Treating people with kindness, generosity and respect are values that we will instill in them daily. We want them to know that no matter where someone comes from or what they look like, everyone needs love, respect, and kindness.

We want you to be a part of your child's life at whatever level you are comfortable with. We want them to have an understanding of the tremendous sacrifice that you made out of love. Your child will always know where he or she came from and how much you loved him or her.

Should you choose us, we promise to do everything in our power to protect your child. We promise to give them courage and strength to not only face the monsters in the closet, but to also face the challenges of everyday life. We would be honored to partner along with you on this journey and share in the joy in loving this child for life.

We hope that you enjoyed getting to know us. We enjoyed putting together this book to share with you and to one day share with our child. We will be forever grateful for the family that helps us create our family.

Thank you for considering us. We will keep you in our prayers.

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