



MICHAEL & KATHLEEN



We want to thank you for considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We are happy to tell you more about us and help you get to know our family. First, we want you to know that you are incredibly brave in your decision to explore an adoption plan for your child. Your unconditional love for your child shows through your desire to put your child's needs above all else. We have been praying for you before you were even reading this letter, and will continue to pray for you and your child's future plans.

We promise to love your child unconditionally and always be there for them. We view parenting as a lifelong commitment to always be there to support our children. As you read more about our personalities, hobbies, home, and life, we hope you can see your child growing with our family. If you would like to learn more about us, please contact our adoption adviser at Adoption & Beyond.

Best wishes,

Michael & Kathleen



about us

HOW WE MET

We met 10 years ago at a social gathering with friends. We locked eyes from across the room and Michael came over to meet Kathleen. The rest, as they say, is history. We spent 2 years dating before we were married. We will celebrate our 8th wedding anniversary this summer. We have made the Kansas City metro our home, and can't imagine living anywhere else. We love that the city has so much to offer for activities, culture, and things to do, and still maintains a friendly, small town feel. We enjoy spending time together at many of the attractions of Kansas City, like the zoo, Crown Center, Union Station, and sporting events. Go Chiefs! As a couple, we love to try new restaurants, travel, try new adventures (like axe throwing or a zip line course), and go to concerts.

We knew we wanted to have a family together, and have a 3 year old son, Hudson. We have wanted to add another child to our family and have felt called to adopt. Adoption has shaped our family as Kathleen's grandmother was adopted. We feel like this is the way that God has called us to grow our family. We also have a support system of family and friends whose families have been blessed through adoption. Becoming parents to Hudson has been the best experience of our lives and we look forward to adding another child to our family and a sibling for our son.



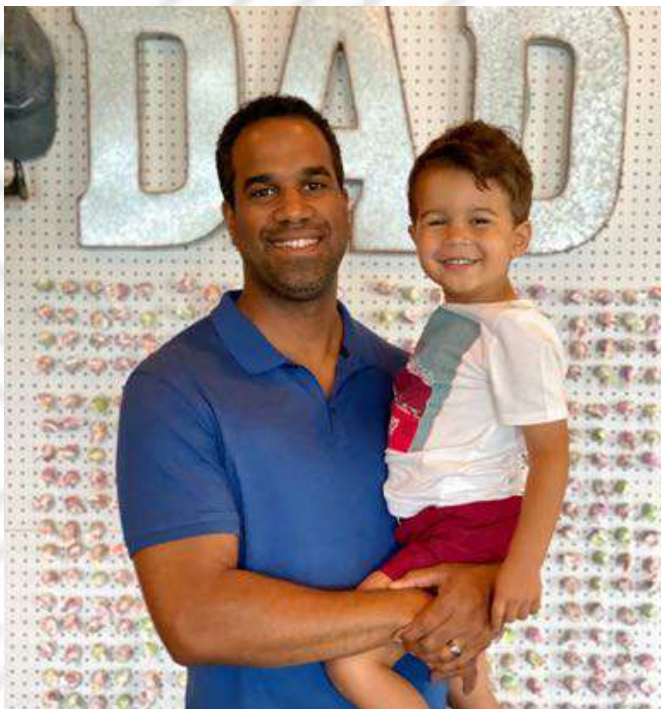
a little about **MICHAEL**

Michael has a heart for making others feel comfortable and welcome in his presence. He truly enjoys getting to know everyone. He strives to make all feel welcome in our home, and is known to offer anyone who comes in the front door a cold drink, even delivery people. I have always admired this quality about him.

Michael is a natural learner and has the uncanny ability to watch a YouTube video to learn a new skill. He approaches every new challenge with gusto and always strives to succeed. He even famously replaced the drainage pump in our washer after a YouTube tutorial, and it is still going to this day! He is known around our house as "Fix It Dad." He also uses these skills with our neighbors. He is the first to jump in and help a neighbor with any house project or repair.

Michael is an attentive father to Hudson. He loves to play with Hudson, and has seemingly unlimited energy to either climb on the swing set in our backyard or wrestle on the living floor. He is also famous as the "Big Bad Wolf" and gets many requests from Hudson and his friends to chase them around our yard.

Michael likes to play strategy games, play his guitar, and watch Oklahoma State or Kansas City Chiefs football. When the weather is nice, you can usually find him on our deck barbecuing on his grill. Michael has supported me to become the person I am today, and I'm thankful God gave him to me as my partner for life.







a little about
KATHLEEN

Kathleen is the most compassionate person I know. She can empathize with others in a way that truly makes them feel safe and heard. If any of our friends or family need someone to talk to they call Kathleen, even in the middle of the night. These qualities are reflected in her career as a nurse where she spends her time helping those who need it the most.

Kathleen is always working to be a better version of herself. She is an achiever and she uses that drive to motivate herself to hit her goals. After she had our son Hudson, she set a goal of running a 10K and trained all summer to make it happen. On the day of the race, she took first place... in our hearts!

In our home, Saturday mornings are the best because Kathleen whips up her world famous pancakes! She loves being active with our kiddo. She always tells me that she wants to get a scooter to zip around the neighborhood in style. Even though she can play with the best of them, she has a patient and kind way of always knowing what our son needs.

Kathleen loves John Mayer. As her husband, I have come to terms with the fact that I am not able to compete with that man. She has seen him 5 times in concert and if he tours again in the near future, I am sure we will be there! In her spare time she also enjoys reading, exercising, traveling, trying new foods and shopping. She is the kind of person that makes life better and I feel the world needs more of her in it.





a little about
HUDSON

Hudson is our 3 year old son. He has brought so much joy to our lives. We look forward to adding another child to our family and having a sibling for him to grow up with in the future.

Hudson loves to be active. He enjoys swimming, running, and playing any sport with a ball. He also loves to read books and looks forward to our library trips to find new books to read.

Hudson will make a great big brother. He attends preschool and enjoys learning and playing with his classmates. He has many friends in our neighborhood and loves playing with them too. He enjoys other kids and babies so much that when we leave church we always have to make a stop by the nursery to wave to the babies!



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Our 1 year old Australian Shepherd is the perfect family dog. She adores Hudson and loves to be doing whatever he is! We love to play fetch with her in our backyard and take her for walks around our neighborhood. Her favorite game with Hudson is chasing bubbles from the bubble machine!

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD





Swimming at our neighborhood pool



Ready for outdoor movie night at the pool parking lot



We live in a suburb of Kansas City that has one of the best school districts in the state. We chose our neighborhood for its many families and the home owner's association which plans frequent activities for the residents. We have a neighborhood pool where you can find us during the summer. Our house is a great layout for our family, a big backyard, and room to grow. We live on a cul-de-sac which is perfect for the kids to play in and ride their bikes and scooters. We live close to parks, restaurants, shops, and the library. We can walk to our favorite coffee shop and love to go on Saturday's for a treat!

OUR FAMILY



Michael's dad Phil ("Opa"), niece Layla, brothers Matt, Alex, Chris, & step-mom Fatima



Kathleen's sister Jeralee and her husband David with their kids Keenan & Clayton



Kathleen's mom Janet and step-dad Chris ("Nanna" & "Grandpa") with her brothers, Lane & Miles



Kathleen's dad Lee ("Pape") with Hudson

Family is an important part of our lives and we love to spend time with them. Kathleen's mom and step-dad live 2 hours away and we see them monthly or more. She grew up in a small town on a family farm, and we enjoy taking our son back for fun outdoor activities. Kathleen's dad lives a short plane ride away and visits monthly. Michael's dad lives in Oklahoma and we make the short car ride for visits. Michael's mom lives a longer plane ride away in Germany. Technology makes the distance seem shorter, and we are able to do frequent video calls with her.



Celebrating
birthdays
together

Fun
on the
farm



Making
memories
with
grandparents

family



Bingo players are ready for Christmas bingo!



Watching a movie with Papa & his partner Myron



Our extended family also includes Kathleen's nanna Sandra and many more aunts, uncles, and cousins. We enjoy celebrating birthdays and holidays together. Our favorite tradition is the annual Christmas bingo gathering. The dress code is festive and competition for prizes can get intense. We love that Hudson can grow up having close relationships with all our family.



WITH
FRIENDS
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THESE



We are blessed to have a supportive community of friends and neighbors. Our neighborhood is filled with young children, and there is always a playdate for Hudson. We also have a strong friend group affectionately called the Supper Club. We get together for monthly dinners which started 5 years ago after being friends for many years before that!

Our Interests

We enjoy going to sporting events or cheering on our hometown teams from home. We like to cook as a family and eat dinner together every night. We enjoy playing board games together too!





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Adventures

We enjoy traveling to explore new places or visit our family. We love the mountains and the beach equally. We look forward to taking many more trips together in the future to make memories!



Our promise to you...

Values:

We abide by these family values and plan to raise our family with these same values:

Christ-Centered: We strive to be like Christ in this world.

Team P: We are a team and put the team's needs first.

Welcoming: We make all feel loved in our presence and home.

Playful: Life is more enjoyable with fun!

Education:

We believe a part of our role as parents is to support our child's education. We support this by choosing to live in one of the best school districts in our state. We

also have a college fund started for our son to support his future education and plan to do the same for another child.

Activities/Individual Passions:

We will support our child in the pursuit of their individual interests and passions, whether that is a sport, music, art, or dance. We will be there to encourage them as they try new things and help them discover their passions in life.

Childcare:

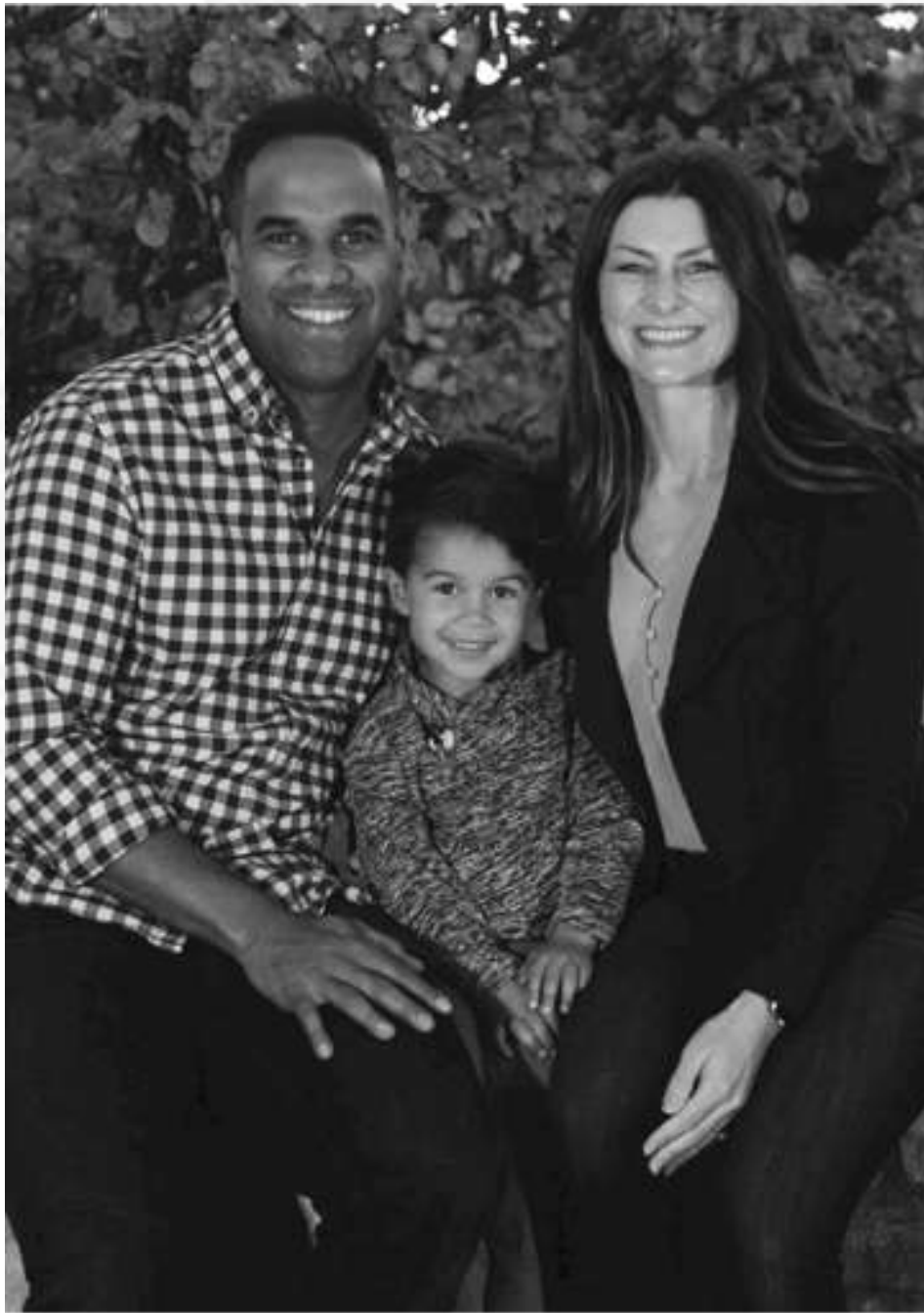
Kathleen plans to take 12 weeks off of work. We plan to have our child go to the same daycare as our son which is 5 minutes from our house. Kathleen works from home full time, so she is close. She also has a flexible schedule that allows her to be there for after-school activities. Michael has a flexible schedule and the ability to work from home to support our family if needed.

But I know the heart of life is good.

John Mayer







Thank you for looking at our
book. We hope you will
consider us as the family for
your child!

All the best,
Michael, Kathleen & Hudson