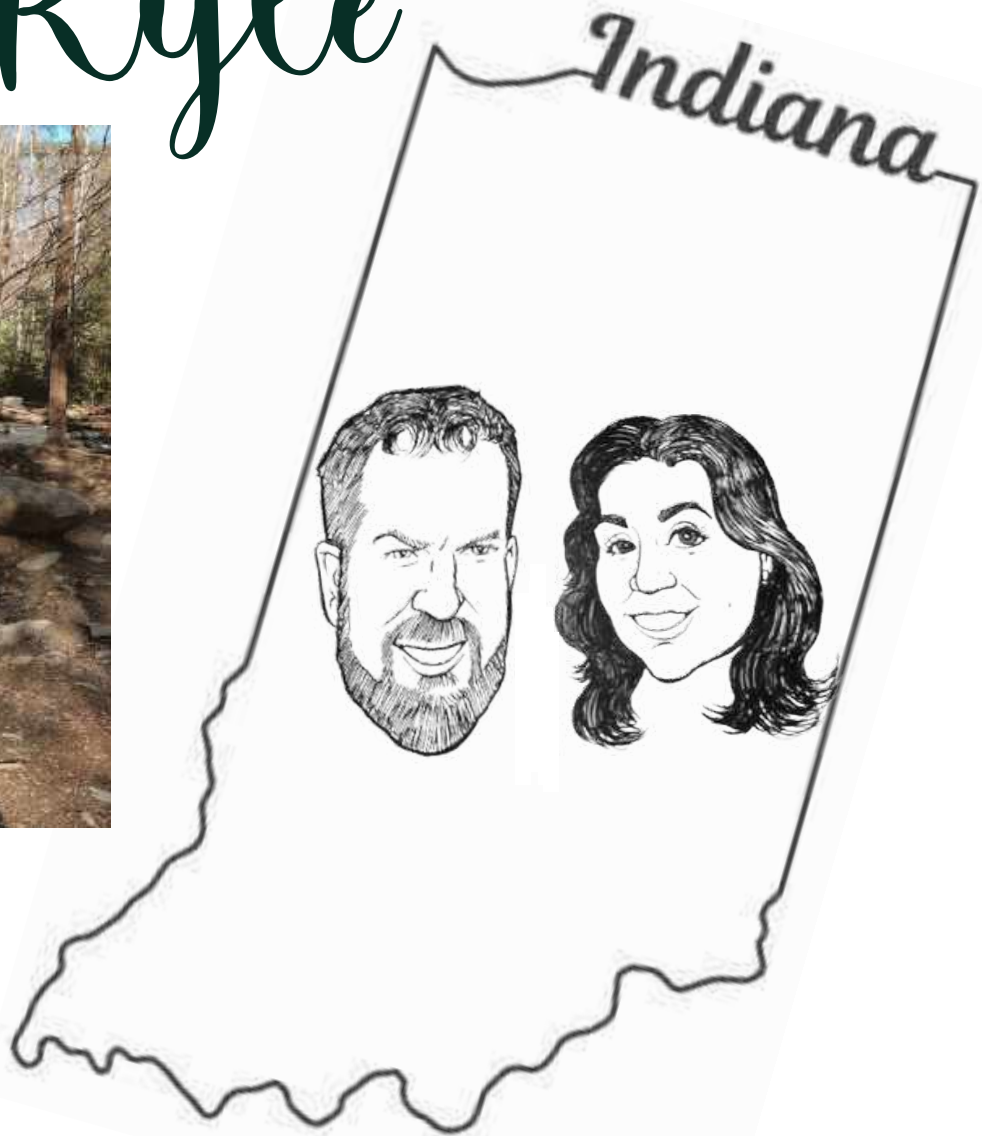


ERICA *and* KYLE



Erica & Kyle





To the Expectant Mother/Parents Considering Adoption,

We are Erica + Kyle and along with our biological children, Savannah (10) and Gabriel (6), we are searching for an addition to our family. The forever child we seek is already treasured in our minds, hearts and day dreams. It has become a favorite family past time to think about him/her; Will they have dark hair or light? Serious or full of giggles? What will their name be? Our children love to start sentences with “When the new baby comes...” We’ve known adoption to be in our life’s journey since before our two older children were born and the right time is now.

As much as growing our family through adoption is a spiritual calling for us, we see ourselves and the relationship with prospective birth parent(s) as reciprocal. We desire to have a relationship of mutual respect and appreciation with our prospective child’s first family and plan to abide by the level of openness wanted by them. Above anything, we wish for an ethical adoption where all participants are cared for.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as an option for your child’s future. We hope this book helps you get to know our family enough to decide if we could be a possibility as an adoptive family.

All the best,

Erica & Kyle



Erica & Kyle

We are both from Indiana and grew up on opposite sides of our hometown. After meeting in our church youth group at the ages of 16 and 17, we shortly began dating and have been together, ever since. After high school graduation, Kyle began his electrical apprenticeship through the electrical union and career in the trade. Kyle kept the road hot by traveling frequently to Indiana University to visit Erica. In 2008, Erica graduated with a bachelors degree in education and Kyle graduated to Electrical Journeyman, completing his apprenticeship. In June of 2008 we were married at the very church we met and still attend, today with our children.



Erica

Erica is an Indiana University graduate and early childhood educator. She works part-time at a local preschool. It's her DREAM job and it gives her ample amount of time to keep the home fires burning. Erica is an avid reader and loves to share this passion with the kids. She also loves writing and is an early bird. Erica enjoys podcasts and has an eclectic taste in music!





Kyle's thoughts on Erica:

"Erica is a great mother. She is kind hearted and has the patience to deal with anything that arises. Her love for children is far greater than anything I have ever known.

She is a God-sent angel in the classroom and even more so at home. She has so much more love to share. I know she would welcome anyone into our lives with open arms and treat them with love and kindness as part of our family. "



Kyle

Kyle is a union electrician but he's really our resident "Jack of All Trades". He can fix ANYTHING and can build ANYTHING. He also sews Savannah and Gabriel's Halloween costumes and he's a LEGO master! He is very funny and is one to play pranks. When Kyle has some time to himself he enjoys golfing, fishing, playing softball and listening to alternative rock.





Erica's thoughts on Kyle:

"I always knew Kyle would be an amazing dad and I was right! He is the dad that gets down on the floor to play and has just as much fun as the kids. He is loyal, kind and has a spirit for adventure. Kyle is a hard working and selfless provider. He is one that many of our friends and family call on when they need a lending hand. He supports our kids in whatever their interests are. Myself, Savannah and Gabriel are always his top priority and I do not doubt for a minute that an adoptive child would be included amongst those he loves and puts first. "





Savannah and Gabriel are happy, funny, energetic and curious creatures! Savannah is very creative and outgoing. She loves crafting, basketball, swimming and is a thrill seeker! Gabriel loves music, legos, Minecraft and running track. He loves the outdoors and animals. Both are a part of their elementary school's High Ability program and their favorite subjects are math and art. Gabriel and Savannah are anxiously awaiting a new baby brother or sister and are already planning what adventures they will bring him/her on!



Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee



With Elsa at Walt Disney World

Adventures

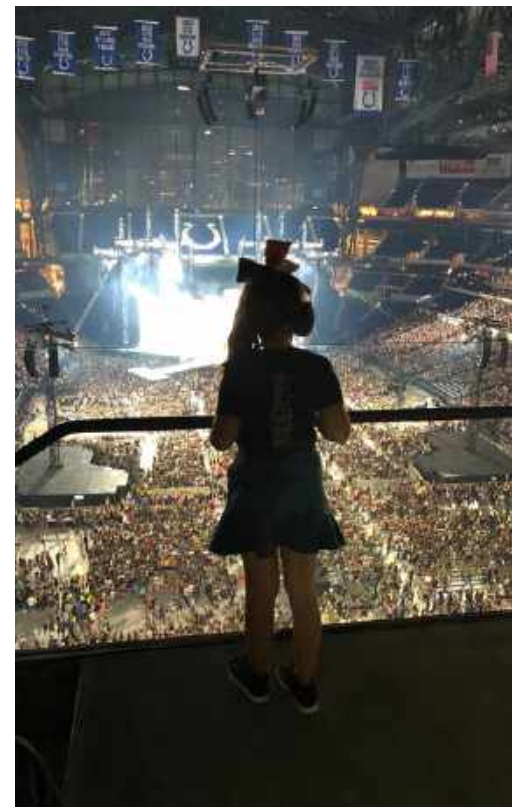
We are an active family that loves to be outdoors. Disney World and the mountains have been our favorite vacations. We take lots of hikes through the woods and love spending time in a local state park. It's just 45 minutes from our home. Every fall we go camping with our friends and their families and it's a much looked forward to event! As the world opens back up post pandemic, we are looking forward to lots more travel. Our upcoming adventures include a trip to North Dakota to visit Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore, Canada, Key West and another Disney adventure!



Cinderella's Castle in Walt Disney World



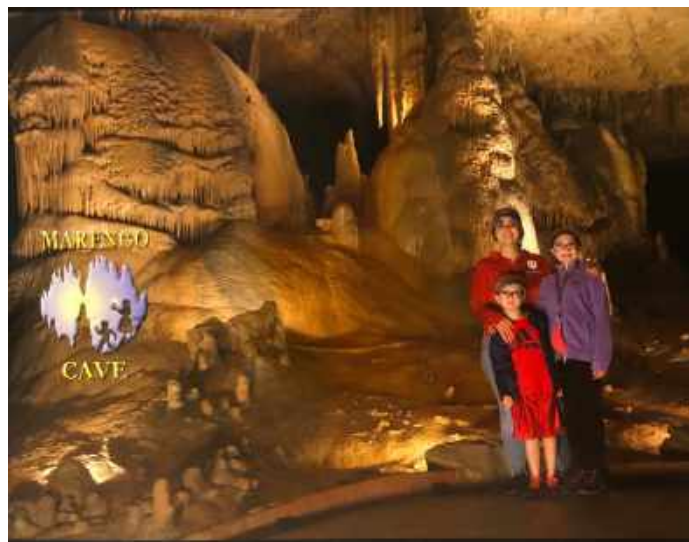
Elephants at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium



Taylor Swift concert in Indianapolis, IN



Building sandcastles in Destin, FL



Exploring Marengo Cave



Fall camping trip at Lincoln State Park



Cinderella's Castle in Disney World



Castaway Cay, Bahamas visited on our Disney Cruise



Savannah and Gabriel at the St. Louis Arch



Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, TN



St. Louis Science Center

Our Dogs



Dolly is a 13 year-old Jack Russell terrier and she was Erica's Christmas present from Kyle their first year of marriage. She's a sweet and quiet old girl that loves to cuddle up on the couch and snore.

Copper is a one year-old rescue, beagle/terrier mix. He was the family Christmas gift and is a gentle, friendly guy that will do anything for a belly rub.



Home Sweet Home

We live in Southern Indiana and in 2018, we moved into our dream home in a beautiful neighborhood. There are lots of kids to play with, safe space to ride bikes, go for strolls, fish in the lake across the street from our home and plenty friendly neighbors that enjoy spoiling our kiddos. We love sitting on the porch eating DQ Blizzards in the summer and deck out our home for the holidays (Kyle makes it the brightest house on the block!). I

have loved making our home cozy and inviting. We grow a garden and mammoth sunflowers every year and they bloom right in time for our kids to go back to school. Our evenings are spent around the dinner table telling stories about our day or venturing out to Savannah and Gabriel's extracurricular activities. The house is large enough where we can all be out of each other's hair but the sound of popcorn popping can bring us together again snuggled up on the couch, ready to watch a movie.





Kyle's Family



Savannah and Gabriel trick-or-treating with their cousin.



Savannah dancing with her great-grandfather at a family wedding.

Our Extended Family

Both sets of our parents are high school sweethearts and have been married for 40+ years! Erica and Kyle are the middle children of large families. Kyle comes from 4 brothers and Erica comes from five siblings (2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers). We are the proud Aunt and Uncle to five nephews, two nieces and (hopefully) more to come! We live in the same town as our parents, Kyle's grandparents and most of our siblings so family get togethers are big, often and joyful!



Gabriel and Savannah with their cousins at a family birthday party.



Savannah and Gabriel with cousins New Year's Day.



Erica's Family

Our Community



Kyle and Gabriel with their prize at Kyle's union picnic.



Our family the day Gabriel was baptized.



Savannah and Gabriel at a local bounce party that we rented for Gabriel's 5th birthday party.



Savannah at the elementary school's "Back to School Night".

We live in a community that gives us the best of both worlds. We have museums, a breathtaking zoo and botanical garden, beautiful libraries and several opportunities for our children to follow their interests. We also live in close proximity to quiet nature preserves, state parks and the rural Indiana farm lands that you would see on a postcard.

Our faith community is a special part of our lives. We attend the same church we met and married in. It makes our hearts so full to continue to celebrate the spiritual milestones of our children in a place that means so much to us.

Savannah and Gabriel attend an award winning school and thrive under the guidance of exquisite teachers and leadership. Their school is diverse and their friend groups are made up of individuals that come from a variety of backgrounds, socioeconomic status', ethnicities and religions.



Hiking at a local state park.



Savannah and Gabriel at a local drive-in movie theater.



Savannah receiving her 8 year-old bible with Pastor Emily.



Savannah choosing books at our local library.



Things We Love

Erica's Favorites:

Favorite Meal: Chicken tacos with chips and queso.
 Favorite Bop: "Levitate" by Dua Lipa
 Guilty Pleasure: The Bachelor
 Hobbies: Reading, writing, listening to podcasts and decorating our home.
 Favorite Season: Fall- Indiana's changing leaves, sweater weather, and bonfires!
 Favorite TV Shows: The Simpsons, The Great British Baking Show and Modern Family.
 Favorite Family Tradition: Candlelight Christmas Eve service, Halloween camping and walking forest trails.
 Something I'd like to achieve in my lifetime...: Publish a book.



Kyle's Favorites:

Favorite Meal: Steak and potatoes.
 Favorite Bop: "Intergalactic" by The Beastie Boys
 Guilty Pleasure: Fountain sodas
 Hobbies: Golfing, softball, woodworking and gardening.
 Favorite Season: Fall- Camping, cooler weather and football.
 Favorite TV Shows: Anything Marvel related
 Favorite Family Tradition: Homemade Thanksgiving food, driving through Christmas light displays, 4th of July pool party with our friends and their families.
 Something I'd like to achieve in my lifetime...: Live long enough to meet my great-grandkids.

Savannah's Favorites:

Favorite Meal: Sausage Calzone with sauce on the side.
 Favorite Bop: "Knight Fall" from the Descendant's 3 Soundtrack
 Favorite Candy: Life Saver Gummies and Sour Patch Kids
 Hobbies: Basketball, crafts, playing the Ipad, and making videos.
 Favorite Season: Summer- The end because that's when my birthday is!
 Favorite TV Show: My Little Pony
 Favorite Family Tradition: Getting presents on my birthday and Christmas!
 What do you want to be when you grow up? Work in a dog rescue and play with 50 dogs EVERYDAY!



Gabriel's Favorites:

Favorite Meal: Cheese quesadilla or anything with cheese.
 Favorite Bop: "It's Raining Tacos" by Perry Brooke
 Favorite Candy: Chocolate
 Hobbies: Build legos, play Minecraft, music class and running track.
 Favorite Season: Fall- I love jumping in leaves!
 Favorite TV Show: Bluey
 Favorite Family Tradition: Cake and presents on my birthday!
 What do you want to be when you grow up? A famous gamer.

Our Whole Hearted Parenting Pledge



To our children and the one we pray to find,

You are wholly loved and lovable. When you were created there were no mistakes made. You are perfect and worthy of belonging as you are. We have no expectation of who you will be other than who you were meant to be.

You will know how to love and care for yourself because you will see us love and care for our own physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

You will learn humility and respect by watching us make mistakes. You will learn accountability by watching us apologize and make amends for our own moments of humanity.

You will feel safe and secure in our home. You deserve to have the confidence that all your needs are met and our home is a soft place to land when the world is a hard place to be.

You will know how to love another because you will see us love each other and love each other well. You will see what respect, healthy conflict resolution, teamwork, consent, honesty, trust, forgiveness and kindness looks like in a relationship because these are the foundations of our marriage.

Together we will laugh, dance, create, feel, make mistakes and have the courage to be vulnerable and sometimes fail. You will always have the freedom to be yourselves and no matter what, you will belong here.

With all our love,

Mom and Dad

Thank You

We hope whatever brought you to view our profile book, in whatever decision you make, you find peace and joy in your next steps. We wish you blessings in your future and the future of your child. Thank you for getting to know us and giving our family your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erica, Kyle, Savannah and Gabriel

