

Stephen and Kristian





Hello!

Stephen and I have known each other since 2006 and have been married since 2012. We have 4 precious children, that we love dearly. We own our own business and work from home, which creates lots of opportunity for quality time with family. We love being parents so much and can not wait to add to our family!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We hope that this book gives you a glimpse of our lives and our hearts! We are praying for every person that reads this book!

Our Story

Why we are adopting



Stephen and I have always desired a big, loving family! We knew in our hearts from the beginning of our marriage that we wanted to grow our family through adoption. I am adopted by my Dad and Stephen is the oldest of ten children. We have experienced the joy of adoption and the joy of having a large family firsthand and we know that our family is not done growing yet! We made the decision to have my fallopian tubes removed with my last c-section delivery and solely grow our family through adoption. We have now journeyed through adoption once and are so excited to be on this path to grow our family once again! We are excited to see God's plan for our lives so we are not specifying a specific age and are open to all the wonderful possibilities!

Our Promise to You:

Should you choose us as the family for your child, we vow to love you and your child without condition. To protect them fiercely, provide them with love and patience and a community of support. We promise to honor you in all that we do. We will lead them in their walk with Jesus and help them grow in their faith. We will be the very best parents we can be and provide them with the comfort and security of a loving family.

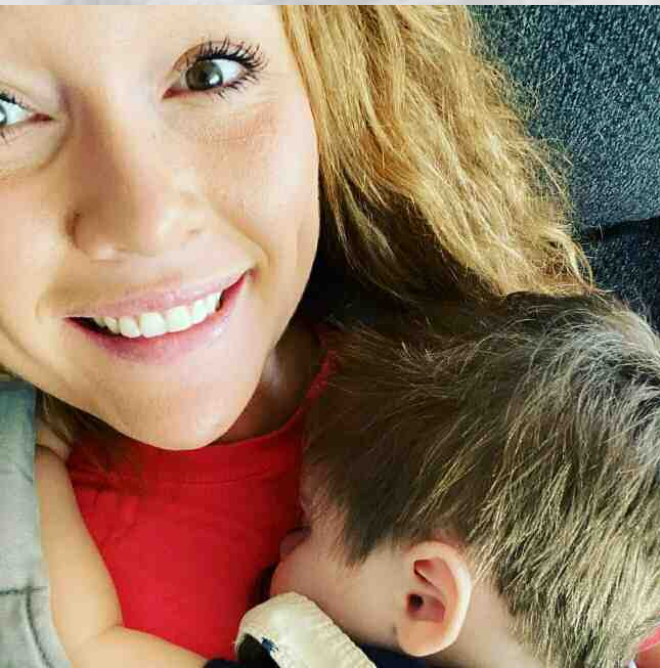
Meet Stephen



WHAT KRISTIAN LOVES ABOUT HIM

My husband, Stephen is an incredible example of a loving Dad and husband. He continues to amaze me every day with everything that he is able to accomplish and how he does everything with such enthusiasm and a happy spirit. I feel so blessed to be able to share my life with such a kind, genuine, hilarious man. He is a true born leader and is leading our family with his awesome example. Stephen never misses a project, performance, game or party. He makes sure that he is always present for all the big and little moments in mine and our children's lives. He always makes you feel important in his presence and is a GREAT listener and advice giver. He is so patient and level headed, I have never seen him lose his temper! I've never met a better encourager. When you leave a conversation with stephen you're naturally filled with confidence to take on the world. He encourages our children with great intention, hoping to fill them with the confidence to reach for their dreams and never stop trying. He enjoys his quality time with the kids and drives them to school in the mornings. I cried the first time I rode along and heard the mantra he had taught them to say as they exited for school. The girls got out of their seats and said " I am smart, I am successful, I am a leader, things are always working out for me, I can do anything I put my mind to, today I will be a blessing in the lives of others and will always stand guard at the the door of my mind and stay positive." Imagine how touching it was to hear that he had intentionally come up with a positive set of affirmations for our daughters. He is just so thoughtful and caring towards others, especially me and the kids. I love this man and all the wonderful attributes he possesses and feel so blessed to be able to call him my husband

Meet Kristian



WHAT STEPHEN†LOVES ABOUT HER

My marriage to Kristian has been what I've always dreamed of. She is beyond loving and caring and I cannot imagine my life without her. She holds this family together and always gives 110% to ensure that myself and our children are happy. She is the most selfless person you could ever imagine. She is truly a one of a kind wife and mother who is the most thoughtful and giving person I have ever met. She does whatever it takes to make sure that our children have a wonderful and memorable childhood that is filled with love and laughter. I love to watch her with our children. If she's not doing arts and crafts with them, she's outside playing, or swimming with them. Kristian really enjoys singing. Our kids love to listen to her, whether it's just a song on the radio, or the song she made up that she sings to them when picking them up from school, asking how their day was. One thing I love about her is her bedtime routine with the kids, where she reads and prays with them. She is sincerely the definition of a great mother. I couldn't be more blessed to call her my wife.

Meet Gracie



Gracie is 11 years old, she will be 12 in April 2022. She is so kind and very funny! She loves soccer and is very good at it! She is an animal lover and loves to read books and learn about animals. Her favorite animal is the cheetah and she can basically tell you anything you could ever want to know about them. She is a great artist and loves to sketch, draw and paint! She loves school! Bible and Spelling are her favorite subjects, she won the regional spelling bee last year and Hopes to be invited again this year! She loves being a big sister and loves quality time with

her siblings. She is so loving and thoughtful and always loves to be a helper!

What do you think about a new sibling? "I can not wait to have another baby brother or sister!" What will you teach the new sibling? "I like to read to Charlotte, Michael and Joey,

so I would like to read to my new sibling, too!" "Maybe I can teach my new brother or sister to

color!" How do you think our life will change? "I think it will be more fun"



Meet Charlotte



Charlotte is 8 years old and will be 9 in February 2022. She is very sweet natured, quiet and sensitive. She is very caring and so considerate of others. She **LOVES**

being a big sister to Michael and Joey and takes pride in helping to teach them things. She loves third grade! One of her favorite things to do is read. She is very artistic and loves to paint and color, she makes pictures for us every day!

Charlotte loves to dance and loves gymnastics. She loves to be surrounded by

family and is very excited about adding another child to the family.

What do you think about a new sibling?

"I think it is going to be so much fun!"

What will you teach the new sibling? "I will teach them to draw and play with Tucker and Sunny (our dogs)."

How do you think our life will change? "I think we will have more fun!"



Meet Michael



Michael is 5 years old, he will be 6 in October 2021. He loves to play with his brother and sisters and be read to. He is obsessed with his little brother, Joey! He loves playing with our dogs and being outside. Michael loves to swim and is generally a very happy kiddo. He is loving Kindergarten and is learning so much every day! When we have asked him if he would like to have another sister or brother he says "yes" with enthusiasm and is super excited at the idea!



Meet Joseph



Joey is 2 years old. He is energetic and so hilarious. He is definitely the life of the party. He keeps us all smiling and laughing. He loves his big siblings and being a part of a large family! We know he will be excited to have a new sister or brother!



Our Home



Our Neighbourhood



We love our home and neighborhood! We just moved in November 2018 and have already found great friends in our little cul-de-sac. Our home has 6 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms and a very warm, inviting feel. Everyone's favorite part of the house is the living room. We spend most of our time together in the living room, dining room and outside! Stephen and I enjoy sitting on the back patio with each other at the end of the day and talking while the kiddos play! We live in a HOA community in a smaller city. We absolutely love our neighborhood! We actually decided to move because of all that the neighborhood offers for our kids and whole family. There is a water park in our neighborhood as well as nature trails and a huge playground. We love being outside!



Our families are our greatest friends and our friends have become our family... Here are the people that we love most!

