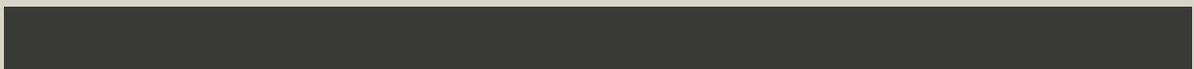




Mike and Leah





OUR FAMILY

We've been married for five years and are blessed to have a two and a half year old son of our own, Clark.

We love having the chance to share everything we love about life with our son- like good food, music, art, traveling, and exploring the outdoors.



If we had to choose one word to sum up our family, it would be:

adventurous

Whether it's something simple like an art project, or something bigger like trying a new activity, we love to mix it up and see what adventures each day holds.





OUR HOME



We live in the last house at the end of a private road. We love it because there is no traffic and plenty of space to safely run and play.

We spend a lot of time outside. We hike through the woods around our property, play in the creek, and have bonfires. Our dog Wrigley loves to explore with us. We're even raising chickens!

We live in a small town 30 minutes outside of the city. We love the balance of small town charm and local events, with access to city amenities!



Throwing rocks in the creek



Our chickens



Our two-story home has an inviting farmhouse feel. It includes a loft area that we use as a playroom. We love to hang out on our screened-in deck during the warmer months. Our small pool is made from a livestock watering trough. It's perfect for cooling off and playing in the summer!





FAMILY LIFE

Day to day, we spend a lot of time outside playing, working on projects around the house, meeting up with friends, and visiting local parks.

We like to take several family trips each year. We love visiting the beach and the mountains. We also make a few trips to see our families in Ohio.



We value spending time together, so we intentionally schedule one large family activity each week that's different from our daily routine; things like apple picking, Food Truck Friday, a picnic at the park, or a local festival.



We both grew up with siblings and want that for Clark as well. Sibling relationships can be so special, and we want to foster that between our children.

Clark is kind, gentle, and very social. He's always making new friends on the playground. We know he would make a sweet big brother.





Mike

Mike is Mr. Fix It. He repairs our cars and our house whenever issues pop up. He even built our chicken coop.

Mike is a hard worker in his career too. He is Lead Program Manager for Google Fiber for the East Coast. He is respected in the workplace, and just received a promotion with high praise from his supervisors.

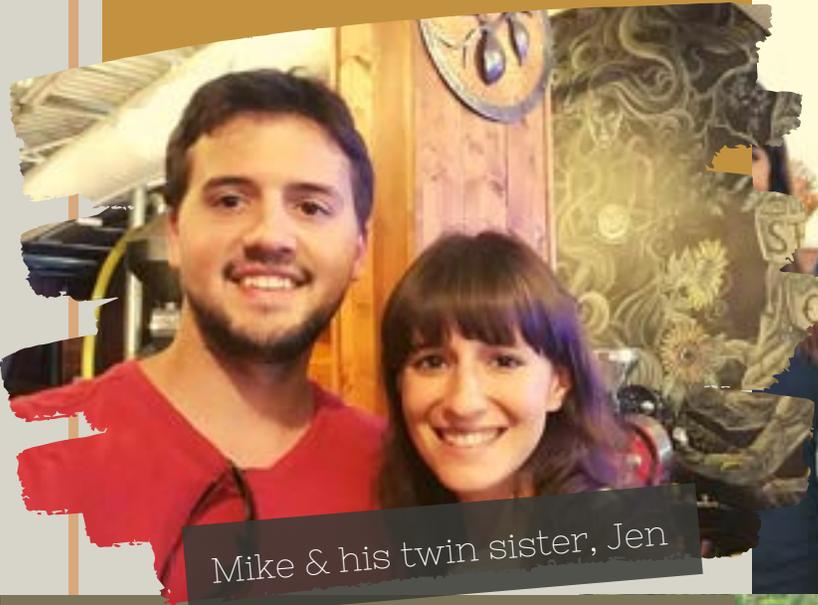


Favorite Sport:
Hockey

Favorite
Vacation Spot:
The beach

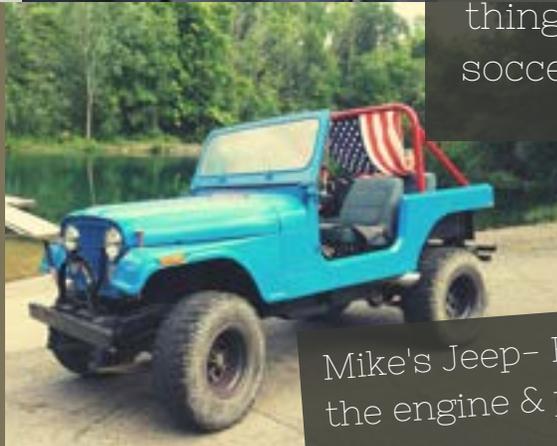
Favorite food:
Hot wings

Hobbies:
Working on
cars, building
and fixing
things, playing
soccer, golfing



Mike & his twin sister, Jen

Mike is a supportive father. He lets Clark help when he is working in the garage or on a project. Mike is extremely patient, taking extra time to show Clark how to use tools and give him a chance to try.



Mike's Jeep- He rebuilt the engine & painted it



Leah

Leah worked as an ESL teacher before she became a stay at home mom. She loves art and music- she studied photography in college and plays the guitar and piano. She is almost always working on a creative project, whether it's DIY, art, or writing.

Leah is dedicated to her family and doing the very best for them. She works hard to plan activities and events, as well as get together with friends.



Leah loves being a stay at home mom. She takes Clark to events like Tinkergarten, swim class at the Y, and story time at the library. She exposes him to art and music, lets him help cook, and reads him endless books.



Favorite TV Show:
The Office

Favorite Vacation Spot:
Japan (sister lives there)

Favorite food:
Mac & cheese

Hobbies:
Photography,
music, art, DIY,
writing



Leah & her sister, Jenna



We've been through dirty diapers, temper tantrums, and bedtime battles.

We've learned to savor the sweet moments and persevere through the tough parts of parenthood.

We'll use all of our experience for your child's wellbeing.

We hope you'll bless us with the opportunity to discover what makes your child unique and to welcome your child into a loving family with a caring big brother.

We truly value your role in the process of adoption. We will respect your wishes and work with you to establish the amount of contact and relationship you want with your child- however open or closed that may be.

