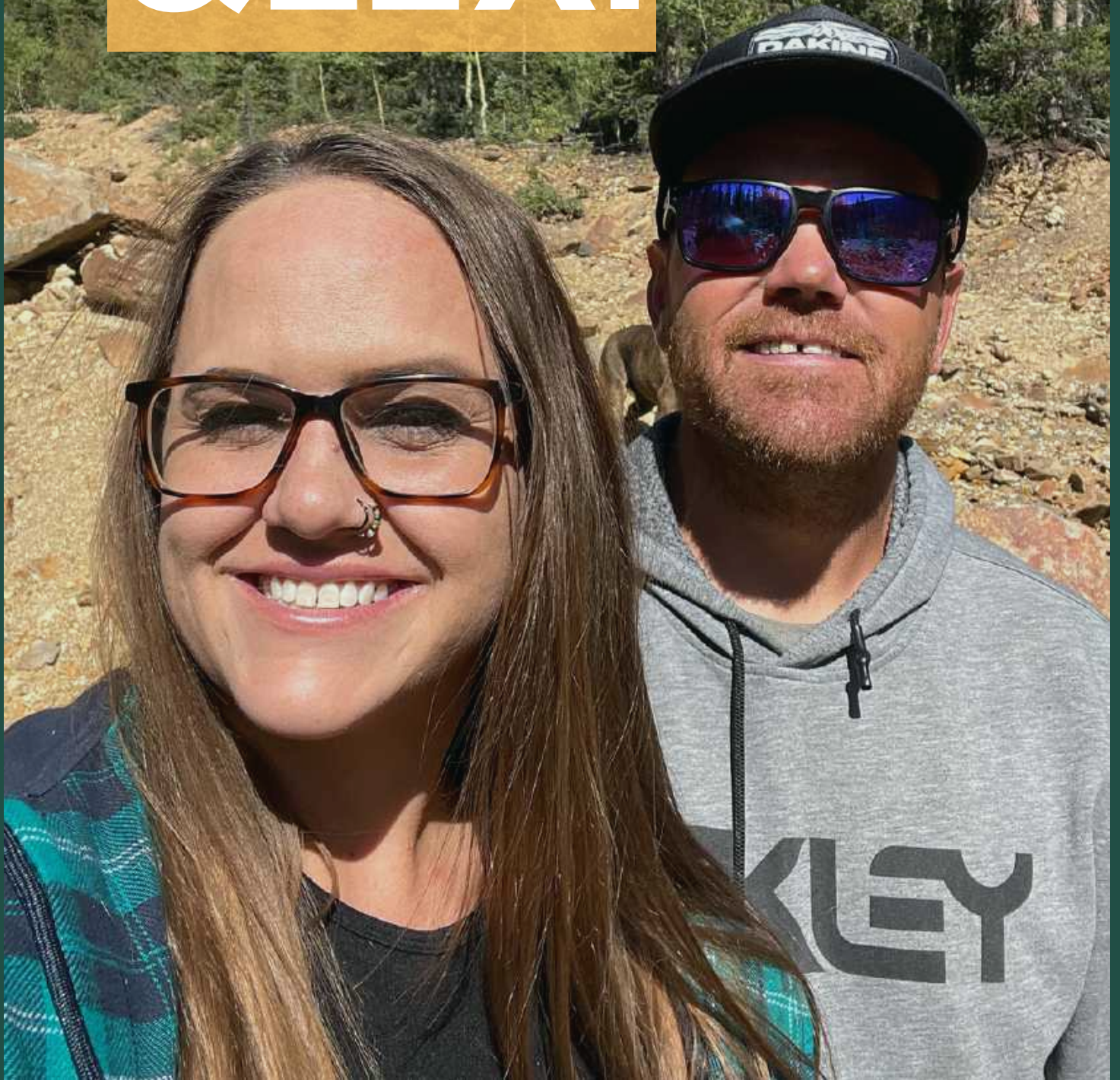


HARLEY

& LEXI



Hello,

We are the "Kauppi Krew," and we are honored to be crossing paths with you. We hope that this book about our family allows you to see into our lives. Since we have adopted before, we know that it isn't just all rainbows and butterflies. With that said, We understand that this must be a confusing and difficult journey for you; and can't imagine everything you must be feeling as you look through these pages. We want you to know that if you were to choose our family, we will respect you and your wishes, hold space for you, and support you throughout this journey. We would invite you to communicate openly, and freely with us, and for you to feel welcome to ask any questions you may have. We will be praying for you regardless of what you decide is best for you and your baby.

We are super thankful you have chosen life for your sweet baby and admire your courage to consider adoption. We would be honored to go on this journey with you if we seem to be a good fit for you. Have a blessed day!

PS.- I (Lexi) am writing this book as if I was the narrator of our life. :)



Who We Are

It all began...

Harley and I met while we were both out with friends. I would love to tell you it was super romantic, however... I had drunk tequila for the first time. I was only interested in dancing and kept blowing him off, and then we ended up sliding up and down the streets on the ice. (Colorado winter) That night he was such a gentleman, and he walked me back to my hotel while totally respecting my boundaries. The following Monday he texted me asking me questions about things I had going on in my life that I had talked about. At that point I realized he was different. We have been married for 11 years, and Harley is my Best Friend.

Harley was raised as an only child, and I am from a large blended family with a total of 11 kids!! We both have come from traumatic childhoods, and healing from our trauma and breaking those generational curses has become a priority in our marriage, and for our family.



Since we got married in 2011, we have worked really hard to build the life of our dreams, with the focus to give our kids the life we never had. With God, we have been able to build a very successful Landscaping company from the ground up. I (Lexi) even had to do labor work for a year.

We have purchased the ugliest house on the block, and have redone it to make it our own. Complete with landscaping and water features.

We have experienced Great joy in our marriage, and we have also endured hard things that have taught us about unconditional love, forgiveness, life and healing.

More About Us

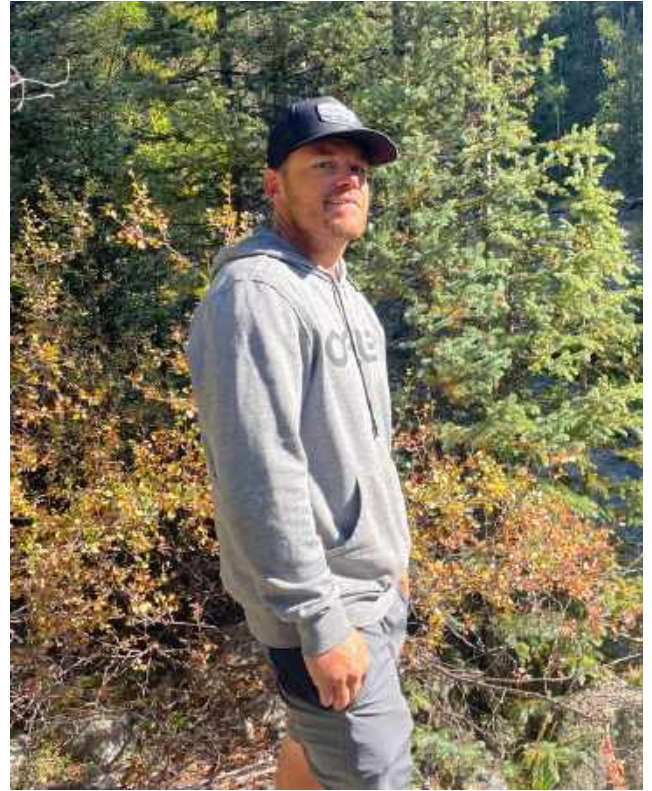
Harley:

I was born, raised, and lived in Colorado until I was 26 years old, then moved to New Mexico after meeting my wife. I love my girls. Being a father is awesome, getting to play with all the cool kid toys again, teach your kiddo all about the passions you have in hopes they pick some up and do them with you, you get to let your imagination run free and young again,- as just the other day my 4 year old and i built a school bus in the back yard and took it to the beach, of course I let her drive!! (lol)

i like to listen to music, workout, cook sunday breakfast, and dance with my girls. The mountains are my favorite, and hiking rivers, streams, and waterfalls are the best.

I absolutely love my job as I build design and create ponds, waterfalls, and landscapes. This year our company was recognized on a Global scale with our water feature installs, I have a passion for what I do, so I really never WORK a day.

I enjoy great food, and traveling around to different places and seeing different cultures. My dream is to expand our family and touch as many hearts as possible in my time!



Lexi:

I was born and raised in New Mexico, and I am obsessed with Green Chile. I love God, My family, animals, plants, and thrifting. My entire life my dream was to be a Wife and Mom. After being faced with infertility I knew I was meant to adopt. Coming from a blended family, I know that DNA is important, but not required to unconditionally love a child. And if I am being honest, my Step Dad has been the best remodel as a parent with no DNA connection.

I work from home as a Coach for digital marketing agency, and am pursuing my dream of creating my own coaching business.

My passion is helping "pull others out of the dark" and into God's light. I know from real life experience how past trauma, and pain can haunt us for the rest of our life, I am in the phase of my life of fully stepping into my God given Power, and want to bring God glory through my life. I am so excited to see how this journey unfolds.



Meet our Family

Lola- We were blessed with our lil Lola through adoption, when she was born in 2017. She is the coolest kid, full of fun, and so kind. Her Black Girl Magic shines bright with her "skills" in every area. She has been able to outrun me (Lexi) since she was still in diapers. She attends preschool, loves art, dance, gymnastics, nature, adventures, and baby dolls. She is very excited to be a big sister, and looks forward to having someone around her age to play with and to teach "her baby" everything she knows.



Laura- Laura is Harley's 14 year old biological daughter from a previous relationship. We have had primary custody of Laura since she 5 years old, and have made many fun memories with her. Laura is very artistic, and creative. She has strong leadership skills, and of course loves hanging out with friends. Laura is now a typical teenager, and is growing extremely fast. Laura has decided she would like to live with her Mom, and we have respected her wishes.

Meet Our Pets



Bentley:

Bentley is our sweet, 14.5 year old "mountain Grizzly fox," Harley had Bentley when we met. But he is all about hangin with Mom now. He is the brains, sweetness and calm of the bunch. He loves kids.

Bugatti: He is our Sweet 8 year old English Bulldog. He would run straight to Lola's room when she would fuss after her nap as a baby, and is a fierce protector. He loves kids.

Lambo: "Big Tank" is a two year old english bulldog, and our only Girl Dog, who thinks she is a princess. She loves her kiddos, and helps with bedtime duties, and is always down to play. Her "clean up" game is strong too.



Blueberry:

Lil Blu is an almost 1 year old French Bulldog, and was an unexpected addition to the family. We ran out of car names before Lola named him, Blueberry. He is a spunky, fun lil Dude who loves to cuddle and play with kids. He is working on his security skills, but still has a lot of training to do.

Peep:

Our over weight guinea pig that is on a strict eating schedule. He only pulls his weight by helping "mow" the lawn, one small square at a time. He is a sweet lil chunk.



Our Home

We live in Northern New Mexico, 15 mins south of the Colorado Border. Which means that we are able to explore beautiful landscape any direction we go, and we love the NM culture. We moved from Colorado 10 years ago, because we wanted to buy an affordable house. We bought the ugliest house on the street, and slowly but surely have made it our own. With complete Landscaping in the front and backyard, and we just completed a renovation on the inside making it an open living concept. Our House may not be huge, but we would rather live humbly, and be able to afford creating fun memories with our family. We have plenty of room for another child(ren.) We cannot wait to hear them running and laughing in the halls of our home, and playing in the "river" out back. (Harley designed all of the remodeling and landscaping of our home)



Beliefs and Values

We think that it is important for you to have an idea of what we believe, and what values we strive to teach our children, incase you would like to choose us.

We believe in Jesus Christ, but on a personal relationship. In the past we have been really involved in churches, but have not felt the energy of the church recently. So we are intentionally reading the word, listening to sermons, and really focusing on transforming our hearts to be more like God, and less like us.

We believe in the "old school" values such as respect, taking responsibility for our actions, and the power of kindness, and if you "got nothing nice to say, then say nothing at all." But we have been really focused on learning how to parent our children a "better way," and have learned that giving them different parents than we had will require more than us addressing our childhood trauma. We have been learning how to become really confident in "connected" parenting where we give our kids choices, and allow them to learn the lessons through patience. But with that said, we would "rather our kid says Asshole, instead of be an asshole." We hope our kids will grow up and have a grateful loving heart, and view the world from an optimistic point of view, while still being able to set boundaries and speak their truth. We hope that our children will grow up feeling connected, love, surrounded, and cherished. Having a "big" family has always been a dream of ours, and we look forward to see God's plan unfold.



Our Support System

Together we have a large family, and "Tribe" all around us. Lexi's Family does large family gatherings a few times a year locally, and we travel to see Harley's Mom in Arizona as well. We have many long lasting friendships that we make sure to spend time with them, and create memories. Our "Tribe" is so excited to grow through adding to our family through adoptions, and that lil person(s) is already so loved and supported.

Below is some pictures of a small amount of our "Tribe," I just realized we need to be more intentional about taking pictures together.



Traditions & Holidays

When it comes to Traditions & Holidays, you can say that "We like to Party!" But not Party in a non kid friendly type of way, we all have bedtimes here. We love to celebrate the holidays, filled with traditions and fun. But we also like to make a big deal out of simple stuff for the kids, such as the carnival, or summer time fun, their sport games, or finding Daddy Daughter dances for them to attend, or back to school, and especially their birthdays.

We like to go on adventures often. A weekend trip to the zoo, camping, a weekend deep in the mountains, movie and dinner date, or spending time with friends. We are all so much happier when we get some fresh air, and fun.



Our Intentions & Promise

Our intentions behind wanting to adopt again is simple. We believe that all children and babies deserve love. Adoption is complicated, and finding a child that fits your family can be a journey. But God has smashed it out of the park for us before, and we believe that he can do it again. After dealing with infertility, it was more of a confirmation of the route we should take.

Our Promise to you, if you choose us to adopt your baby is this, we promise to communicate honestly with you. We promise to respect your wishes, allow you to take your time when needed, and will allow you to lead this journey. We promise to love your child unconditionally, support them relentlessly throughout their life, and to tell them their story, and celebrate with them every single speck of who they are.. We promise to protect your child, and teach them how to speak their truth and set boundaries. We will provide your child their needs and (most) of their wants, we will encourage them to follow their dreams and believe in themselves. We will teach them everything we can to prepare them for the "real world." Thank you for considering us, and we want you to know that we honor and respect the courageous decision to provide the best life for your baby. We are praying for you, and sending you love and light. – *Harley and Lexi*

