

# Michael and Jessica





# Hello Friend!

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through our profile book and learn a little about our family. We can only imagine how much strength, love, and courage it takes to explore an adoption plan for your child, we truly admire you for that. As you read our story and see pieces of our life together, we hope you can feel the warmth, laughter, and love that fills our home. It means so much to us to be considered by you, and we're incredibly grateful.

*Michael + Jessica*

# Hello, I'm Michael

I enjoy spending time with my family and seeing them happy. I enjoy various hobbies including working out, reading books, and trying to learn to play guitar. I also enjoy barbecuing. I'm trying to learn to cook sourdough but not much luck. I also really enjoy traveling and going places as a family, but a good day for me is also at home with family watching a movie or reading a nice book.

## Fun Facts

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- My favorite color is blue.
- As a child I wanted to be a worker at Mary's Pizza Shack. I wanted to throw the pizza dough in the air. Later, I did eventually work at a pizza shop and fulfilled my childhood dreams.
- A few years ago, I decided to run a marathon because I wanted to accomplish something hard that a lot of people have not.
- I am a big fan of science fiction including Star Wars and reading science fiction novels, my favorite author is Pierce Brown.
- I can speak Spanish from living in Honduras for 2 ½ years.



I am **positive, optimistic and calm**. I like to go with the flow and I'm very causal.



# Michael is one of the most selfless, patient and loving person I know.

Michael is truly one of the most selfless, patient, and loving people I know. He has a way with people. He can strike up a conversation with someone at the grocery store and somehow walk away knowing their whole life story within five minutes. Family always comes first for him, no question. He shows his love for me in the small, everyday ways that mean the most; making dinner most nights, grabbing my favorite treat and a bouquet of flowers on his way home from work, starting the laundry in the mornings before he heads out, and countless other thoughtful things he does without ever being asked.

When Michael gets home in the evenings, he's intentional about spending quality time with Luke, no matter how long the day has been. He's a hard worker, and when he does get a moment to relax, he loves reading or playing video games.

That's just who he is. Steady, caring, and always showing up for the people he loves.

Written by Jessica



# Hello, I'm Jessica

I enjoy many activities that bring joy into my life. Family and spending quality time together is my top priority. Some of my favorite moments are quiet nights at home, relaxing with games or movies. I also love antique shopping to find unique treasures that have a story. Spending time with friends on girls' trips, book club or cookie decorating classes is always a blast and love making those memories.

## Fun Facts

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- My favorite color is mint green.
- As a child I wanted to be a killer whale trainer when I grew up. I loved watching the trainers at sea world.
- A few years ago, I decided to try a new hobby of refurbishing furniture. I did a dining room table and chairs. I am proud of myself to this day for completing this project because I had to learn along the way.
- I love to watch older movies and shows. Some of my favorites are Shirley Temple movies, Petty coat junction and Summer Magic.
- Crows became my biggest fear for 10 years after I walked into the living room at 5 and saw my dad watching The Birds. My family still teases me about it.



I am caring, understanding and spontaneous. I'm a total music enthusiast and love having music playing all day long at home.



## Jessica is truly the heart of our home.

From the start, what I noticed and loved most about her was how kind, selfless, and loving she is. It just comes naturally to her. She has this funny talent of researching something for a day and suddenly knowing everything about it. She's always thinking about other people and looking for ways to help or serve them.

Making our home feel loving and welcoming is something she does without even trying. She loves decorating for every holiday and birthday and makes each one feel special. Between homeschooling our son Luke and everything else she does, she always makes sure our family spends time together. Our home is warmer, happier, and more fun because of her.

Written by Michael





WE'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF ADOPTING, AND IT'S BEEN A MEANINGFUL PART OF OUR CONVERSATIONS SINCE WE FIRST GOT MARRIED.

Adoption has always been close to our hearts. It's something we talked about early on in our marriage, and with adoption already being part of our extended family's story, it always felt like a path we'd walk one day. After welcoming our son, Luke, we continued to hope our family would grow. We spent several years exploring fertility treatments while also opening our home to foster children. Those years impacted us in many ways. They strengthened our partnership, deepened our compassion, and helped us understand that the journey we were on was leading us exactly where we were meant to be. We would love to open our hearts and home to another child. If you wish, we hope to have an open adoption and an ongoing relationship, built on honesty and mutual care. We want you to know that we think of you just as much as we think of your baby, and we honor the role you will always have in your child's story.

## WE PROMISE

- To respect you as your child's first mom.
- To keep in contact with you at your comfort level.
- To always include your ethnic, cultural and racial background in your child's life.
- To love your baby unconditionally with our whole hearts.
- To support your child's interests and help them to reach their full potential.
- To create special memories as a family.
- To surround your baby with family and friends who support and love them.





LUKE



# Meet Luke

He Loves to make people laugh by telling jokes or being silly. He is sweet, friendly, intelligent, imaginative, energetic and outgoing. His favorite things to do are playing with friends, learning karate, making Lego sets, and playing Minecraft.





# ABOUT OUR HOME

Our sweet German farm home was built by our landlord's father just after WWII. It has three bedrooms and two bathrooms and sits at the front of the family farm our landlord still operates. We're welcome to help feed the baby goats and sheep, and we often enjoy watching the animals from our balcony. The balcony is one of our favorite spots. We sit there to watch the sunset over the fields, and in the summer, we host friends for dinners and game nights.



A walking trail begins right at the end of our driveway, and our village is quiet and quaint. There's a fun playground just five minutes away, and a local village band plays at the community tree down the road every so often, which brings everyone together. We have two bakeries and three restaurants in the village, and shopping is just a 15-minute drive to a larger village or the military base.





# FAMILY & FRIENDS

## Michael's Family

I am the middle child. I have 1 older and 1 younger sister. My sister Angela is the oldest and she is 37 and Bre is 30. My parents are divorced and both remarried. We keep in touch with my family regularly through texts and phone calls especially during the holidays. We spend time with my mom, stepdad and sisters when we go to California. We make a yearly trip out to Nevada to visit my dad and stepmom. My mom and stepdad fly out usually every October to visit us.

## Jessica's family

I am the 2nd oldest of five. There are us 2 girls and then I have 3 younger brothers. Our ages range from 32 to 15 years old. We joke our parents have two generations of kids. Our parents have been married for 34 years. We do not live near family, but we fly out to California regularly for visits or they fly out to us for visits. We have gone on vacations like a cruise to Mexico with my parents and siblings. We keep up with each other through Facetime and texting.

## ABOUT OUR FRIENDS

Friends really are an extension of family, and being a military family has made those bonds even more precious. We're so grateful for a community of friends who have become like family. Friends who laugh with us, support us when life gets tough, and share in the joys and challenges of each day. These friendships fill our lives with love, joy, and a sense of belonging we treasure deeply.



**Our family has many traditions**, both old and new, and we're always excited to add more. We love celebrating holidays year-round, from Valentine's Day and the Fourth

of July to Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Some of our cherished traditions are tied to specific holidays, while others have been passed down from our childhoods.

Our traditions include:

- For birthdays, we make the day extra special, and the birthday person picks a special dinner.
- When Michael must leave for a deployment, we always have a "YES Day" filled with fun activities, and upon his return, we throw a grand celebration.
- Every year, we take a family trip to either Disney World in Florida or Disneyland in California or Paris, creating lasting memories together.
- Weekly pizza and movie nights
- Game nights
- We collect a magnet for every new place, city, or country we visit
- Going to a pumpkin patch every year
- Visit Christmas markets while we are here in Europe
- Preparing a three-berry breakfast casserole on Christmas morning
- Capturing family photos on December 21st each year
- Watching fireworks on the 4th of July and New Year's Eve
- Baking cinnamon rolls on New Year's Day.

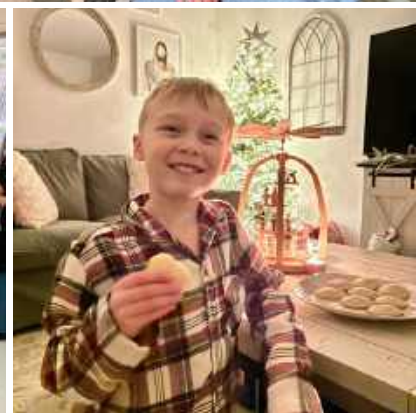


## Our Adventures

We love exploring the area we live every time we move, and we have been very blessed the military moved us to Germany. Exploring Europe as a family will always hold a special place in our hearts. The boys are huge history fans, and there's so much of it everywhere we go. I'm constantly in awe of the architecture, and of course, we make it a point to stop at a McDonald's at least once in each country just to try the fun, unique menu items.

Michael's favorite vacations are always our family trips to Disney World. We try to go every other year, though while we've been in Germany, Disneyland Paris has taken its place. Jessica's favorite travel memory is from Switzerland, when we lucked into last-minute tickets to the Eras Tour. A dream come true for someone who's been a Taylor Swift fan since the debut album but had never seen her in concert. And Luke's favorite trip so far has been a Caribbean cruise with Jessica's family, where he fell in love with every waterslide on the ship and all the different foods he could try.









**Thank you again for  
spending time with  
our book and getting  
to know who we are.**

We admire the incredible strength and deep love you are showing as you navigate this path for your child's future. If you wish, we would be grateful for the chance to meet you and learn more about your story. No matter what you choose, we see you, we respect you, and we honor the care you are taking in making this decision.

*Sincerely,*

*Michael & Jessica*