## ANDY + DENISE

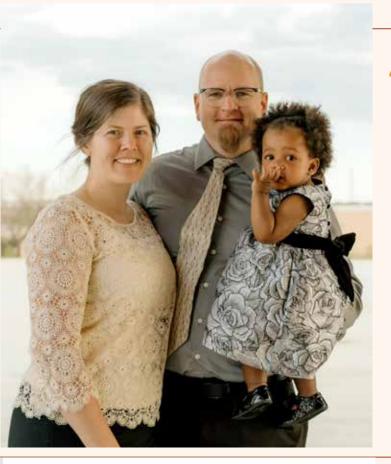
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about us

Hello, dear friend! We're Andy and Denise, and we are honored that you are viewing our profile.

Our parents have been longtime friends, so our story begins early on. We went our own ways as teens but began dating after reconnecting through mutual friends. A few years later, we were married on a beautiful fall evening surrounded by a huge group of friends and family.

We enjoy spending time outside (swimming, hiking, barbecues...), traveling, playing games, trying new foods, and spending time with friends. We work hard but are always down for a good laugh and make quality time a priority.

Andy owns his own wood-working and finish carpentry business. He excels at hearing the visions of his customers and crafting detailed projects. Denise works, casually, as a nurse at a family medicine clinic. She thrives on building relationships with families and bringing comfort to those in need.



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We live in a spacious, ranch-style home nestled in the midst of a beautiful valley. Our three-bedroom, two-bathroom home sits on nearly one and a half acres in a quiet neighborhood, minutes from city limits and blocks from the local elementary school. We're surrounded by hiking trails, lakes, and views of mountains. Our two German Shepherds enjoy these local attractions, as well as running through the yard and irresistible belly scratches. We also have five chickens that provide us with delicious nuggets of protein. With Andy's carpentry experience and Denise's love for design, we are excited to continue home updates and expansion plans.

### **OUR ADOPTION STORY**

A few factors lead us to adoption. As a child, Denise marveled at her relatives' adopted families and the love found there. After marriage, we discussed the adoption process. Then, over time, we learned infertility wouldn't allow for biological children. Although this came with disappointment, it solidified our desire to build a family like Denise's relatives. Our first adoption journey was exciting but, at times, difficult. We trusted that God had a plan for our family and kept faith. We were blessed with a sweet daughter in the spring of 2023. Our lives forever changed in the most beautiful way imaginable. Her birth mother is an angel that we deeply treasure. We pray for siblings for our daughter; to build a strong, beautifully blended family.





















## ANDY

- **OCCUPATION:** Woodworker **EDUCATION:** Vocational certificate **RACE:** Caucasian **RELIGION:** Christian FOOD: Steak **HOBBY:** Water sports, golf, hockey
- **TRADITION:** Camping and holiday gatherings **MUSICAL GROUP:** A variety **DREAM VACATION:** Ireland SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math







# moge about DENISE

- **OCCUPATION:** Nurse EDUCATION: Associates degree **RACE:** Caucasian **RELIGION:** Christian FOOD: Mexican cuisine **HOBBY:** Hiking, weight lifting
- **TRADITION:** Barbecue and holiday gatherings
- **MUSICAL GROUP:** A variety
- **DREAM VACATION:** Switzerland or Thailand
- **SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Geography and art



We were raised in large families. Andy is the middle child of ten and Denise is the second child of eleven. We feel blessed to be surrounded by several siblings, many cousins, and extended family members. Our immediate family members live both locally and across the country. One sibling resides in Europe with her family. We have an amazing network of family support and numerous homes to visit when we travel.

There is never a dull moment when we get together with family. We try out new group games, eat until our hearts' content, visit about life, and enjoy a good laugh. The holidays are extra special when we sing holiday songs, exchange gifts, and enjoy the winter scene: hockey, sledding, building snow forts, and so on. Traditionally, we also take this time to remember our grandparents who have passed away by visiting their graves.



#### To the angel reading our story,

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Words cannot describe our admiration for your selflessness and bravery. Although we cannot fully understand the difficult decisions, thoughts, and emotions you carry, we want to reach out in support and love; to hug you through this sheet of paper and remind you that you are not alone. We want to walk alongside you. We experienced the hurt and beauty that adoption is through adopting our daughter and marvel at the selflessness that is being in your shoes. We are immensely proud of your strength!

We have prayed over growing our family through adoption. If you choose us, we would be honored to be part of this journey with you. Our promise to you is that your child will be surrounded by love. We promise to encourage your child to dream big dreams, to face their fears, and to live life to the fullest. We promise to provide an upbringing in which God is the central figure and the values of kindness, respect, and forgiveness are taught every day. We promise your name will be treasured in our home. Most of all, we promise to give your child a happy, loving, safe, and devoted home where they can spread their wings. Our promise is to support their endeavors and love them unconditionally.

Thank you for taking a moment to learn about us! We are honored by your consideration. We pray you feel loved and supported throughout your pregnancy and always.

With Love,

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