

KATIE & MICHAEL



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

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ABOUT US

We are Michael and Katie, and we have been together for five years and reside on the East Coast. Katie grew up on a farm in the Midwest, while Michael grew up in a military family and has lived overseas and across the U.S. We both work in higher education and enjoy the flexibility our jobs allow for us to work remotely and be home a majority of the time with our future child. Travel is a large part of our lives as we believe the most enriching education in life comes from these experiences. Between the two of us, we have been to over 68 countries, ten together, and it has become one of our greatest bonds and a passion we are excited to share with our future child.

OUR HOME & PET

We live in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in a quiet, family-friendly neighborhood only minutes from an elementary school and 15 minutes from the beach. We have a rescue greyhound we adopted three years ago. She is one of the sweetest and most mild-mannered dogs either of us has had, and she adores children. Her favorite things are treats, naps, squeaky toys, and cuddles. They call greyhounds Velcro dogs because they stick to your side, and ours does. We can already picture her being a constant companion to our future child as we know she will become their dog—helping them balance as they learn to walk, getting rid of any unwanted vegetables during dinner, and providing continual joy and comfort.



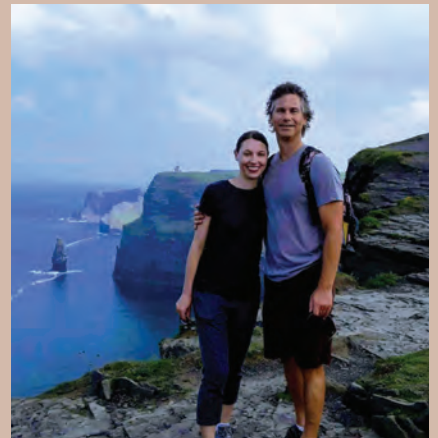
WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

When we first began talking about starting a family, our initial instinct was to adopt. It had been something that always appealed to us, knowing we would love a child regardless of how they came to us. After attempting to conceive for two years with no luck, we realized our first instinct was correct and adoption was our path to parenthood. As we began sharing our plans with our families, we were surprised to learn of relatives who were adopted, including cousins and even Katie's great-grandmother. This gave us even more assurance in our decision as we have our family support and relatives we can talk to who have gone through this process, and our future child can connect with them when the time comes.





OUR LIFE TOGETHER



KATIE

Occupation: Instructional Designer

Education: M.A. (Ed.D. in progress)

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Golf, pickleball

Food: Mom's fried chicken

Hobby: Travel, reading, cooking

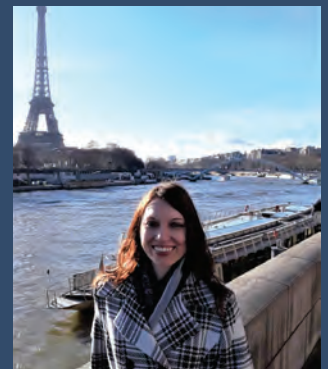
Musical Group: Country

Dream Vacation: Horse trek across Mongolia

TV Show: The Golden Girls

School Subject: Arthurian literature

Book: Harry Potter



MICHAEL

Occupation: Professor

Education: Ph.D.

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Agnostic

Sport: Swimming, cycling

Food: Salmon curry

Hobby: Travel, writing

Musical Group: Jazz

Dream Vacation: Cycle across Spain

TV Show: The Great British Bake Off

School Subject: History

Book: Shantaram





OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS

Katie's family includes her parents, four brothers and their wives, thirteen nieces and nephews, great-niece and great-nephew, and paternal grandmother. There are also several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael's family includes his parents, brother, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, and cousins.

Living in different states, we visit our families once or twice a year, and our parents come to see us at least once a year. Every year Katie's family hosts reunions over the Fourth of July at a summer camp that has between 45-60 family members attend for the weekend. There is an auditorium with a stage that is used to host the annual talent show. Kids and adults compete, coming up with their own skits and acts (costumes included), always causing a riot of laughter before having a dance party for the kids. The weekend also includes a day at the lake swimming and boating before going to the rodeo and seeing the fireworks display. Holidays like Thanksgiving are spent with Michael's family, while for Christmas, we always take a trip abroad as a couple. We look forward to taking our Christmas trip as a family of three.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We cannot imagine the decision you are facing and appreciate your consideration in choosing our family to raise your baby. We hope you find comfort knowing your baby will be the center of our world if you choose us, growing in a home full of love and support. We will raise our child with opportunities to see the world and lead a life of adventure and independence. We deeply appreciate this gift you are considering giving us and the sacrifice you are making to ensure your child has a life that is positive, fulfilled, and healthy.

Dear Baby,

How long we have waited for your arrival! We are beyond excited to have you make our family complete. Know that throughout your life, we will be here to love and support you, guiding you on your journey to find happiness and fulfillment in whatever you choose. Your new dog is also anxiously awaiting to meet her new best friend.

WITH LOVE,

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