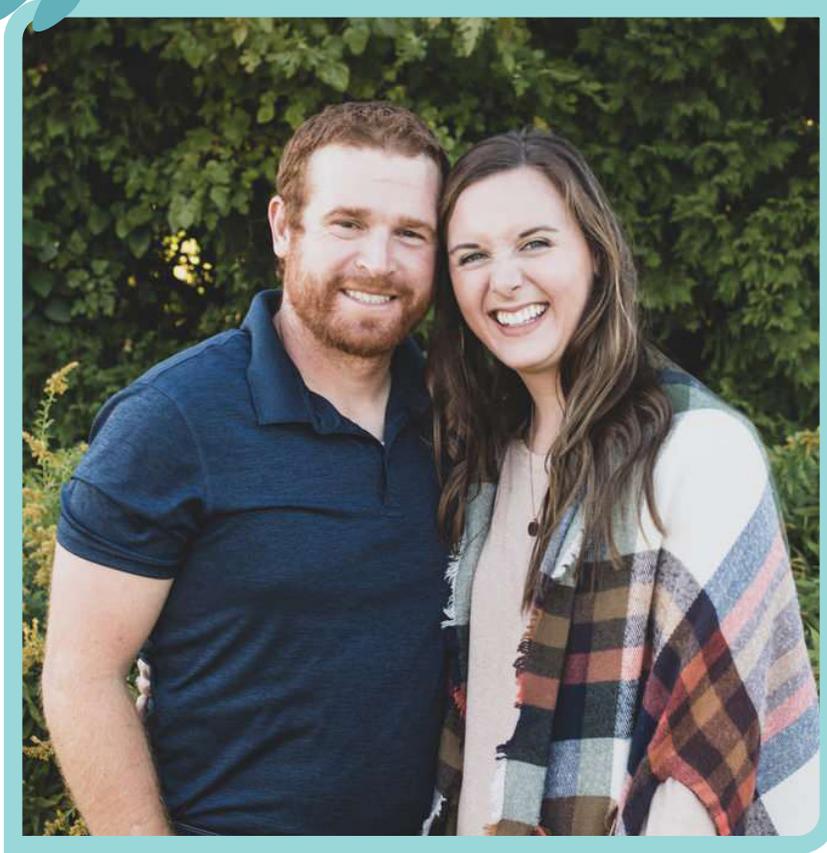




Hello We Are...



Jacob & Jessie



## Our Hopes & Dreams

Ever since we were teens, it has been our dream to have a large family, live on an acreage with lots of land for the kids to explore, and for Jessie be a stay-at-home mom. We strive to provide a secure and loving environment, do fun activities, and live life to the fullest.

We love children and were both raised in families with siblings. We have worked hard our entire relationship to make our dream a reality. We bought our dream home, just outside of town, with land for the children to play, and several years ago Jessie started staying home with our two daughters.

Our hope in life is to have a happy and healthy family. Parenting is such a privilege for us and something we love very much. We are continually growing as parents and are reminded of this daily. We are thankful for our strong support system in family, friends, and church group to help guide us as we navigate our children's lives. Our continued dream is growing our family and we are excited for another opportunity to mature as parents.

Adoption has been in our hearts since we were married. We have two beautiful girls, however, have struggled with infertility for eight years. Every time that we struggled, we would have the conversation about adoption and how we felt God's plan was being unfolded. We feel that adoption has been placed on our hearts more than ever before!

For you, we want you to be confident in your decision; and if you chose us, know that this doesn't mean that your relationship with your child ends here. We will continually support your relationship with your child, in whatever form is comfortable for you. We hope to develop a trusting relationship with you and that you are confident that we will raise your child to achieve their own hopes and dreams.

We look forward to meeting you!

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED** - This is a fundamental principle that guides our family's interactions and relationships. By instilling this golden rule in our children, we are fostering empathy, compassion, and respect for others from an early age. We both have a lot of empathy and it hurts us to see someone mistreated, no matter the circumstance. We never know what is going on in someone else's life and we should show kindness just as we would want it shown to us. By reinforcing this principle at home in everyday interactions, with siblings, cousins and friends, we are empowering our children to create a ripple effect of kindness and positivity in the world around them.



**"IT IS A BLESSING TO BE A BLESSING!"** - What a beautiful saying to instill in our children from a young age. This saying not only reminds them of their own inherent value but also emphasizes the importance of contributing positively to the world around them. By repeating this message daily, we are nurturing a mindset of gratitude and generosity in our children. They learn to appreciate the blessings they have received in life while also understanding their capacity to make a positive impact on others. In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming, teaching our children the significance of being a blessing is truly a gift that will stay with them throughout their lives.



**BE HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY** - Being honest and trustworthy forms the cornerstone of our family's values, creating a strong foundation for open communication and genuine connections. By prioritizing honesty and trustworthiness within our family, we are creating an environment where everyone feels safe to share both the good times and the challenges life may bring. Our commitment to modeling these values in our marriage and relationships shows the importance of integrity, accountability, and transparency in all aspects of life. Apologizing and taking responsibility when necessary, reinforces the notion that nobody is perfect, but everyone can strive to do better. This creates a culture of understanding and forgiveness within our family, where mistakes are seen as opportunities for growth rather than sources of shame or blame.



**LOOK TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM IN LIFE** - Turning to God for guidance and wisdom is a deeply rooted practice in our household, providing a source of strength, comfort, and direction for our family. By integrating prayer into our daily lives and emphasizing the importance of seeking God's guidance, we are nurturing a spiritual foundation that offers support in both joyful and challenging times. Prayer serves as a powerful tool for communication with God, fostering a sense of connection and intimacy. By engaging in prayer as a family, we are strengthening our bond with each other as well as deepening our relationship with God. By encouraging our children to turn to God in times of need, confusion, or gratitude, we are instilling a sense of reliance on a higher power that transcends the uncertainties of life.

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# Our Home

Our home is the place for adventures and quality time together! We have several acres enclosed by pine trees, where the kids love to explore. We have a playground with a teeter totter, swings, slide, sandbox, and fort, as well as a trampoline. We also have a large children's playhouse that their grandpa made for them. We have a very large driveway that is awesome for bikes, scooters, electric vehicles, chalk, bubbles, sprinklers, and wagon rides. We play a lot of sports such as tee ball, soccer, and basketball, and we love to take golf cart rides around the property.

Our pool has a slide and a diving board, which is a big hit with the kids. Alongside our pool, is a grill area with a table and chairs where we share our meals around the pool. In the evening, we gather around a fire pit. In the cold months, we usually start a fire in the fireplace and play games and puzzles in the family room.

Jessie is obsessed with photos, and they are all over the home. It's clear to anyone how much we cherish memories with our friends and family. The main level open concept allows us to communicate easily from room to room. Our basement is dedicated to the kids! It has a kid's kitchen, vet area, teacher area, dress up area, and a table for games, crafts, and play dough.

Jessie makes breakfast every morning, and while our oldest is at school, we play Barbies, color and paint, do a puzzle, read books, and somedays go to preschool. Our favorite meal is Friday night pizza and movie night. We make pizza from scratch while we play an Italian playlist, dance, and sing. If for some reason we are busy on Friday nights, we won't skip pizza/movie night, but move it to another night that week because it's such a favorite. We can't wait to share this tradition with another child in our family.

The kids love our home and are excited to share it with a sibling. We are excited for all of them to have siblings to look up to and share in life's experiences. Adelyn loves being a big sister and Charlee is so excited for that opportunity as well. We are excited to see them interact, help, and grow into their relationship. Adelyn is the best big sister out there. She was only three when she became a big sister and has helped from the moment we brought Charlee home. We describe her as our mother hen and this title fits her perfectly. She has been so open to adoption, relating it to movies and books we have read. She just glues to any baby. We have a lot of babies around us through family and friends, and Adelyn is helping all of them, no matter who they are.

Charlotte is 3 now and has really shown an interest in babies this past year. Our best friends had twins and she has been infatuated with them. We have also gained a new cousin who she loves to hold and sing to. We are blessed to have two kindhearted children who are just as excited to gain a sibling as we are to add another child to our family. Every night, they pray for a baby and the baby's mother.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Crafting, swimming, boating, hiking, watching the Chicago Bears, playing outside with the girls, community small group at church, local baseball games, going to the zoo and children's museum, hanging out with close friends and family, and Friday night pizza and movie nights

**Adoptive Father:** Hiking, planting trees and native plants, boating, swimming, watching the Chicago Bears, local baseball games, community group at church, church softball league, camping, fishing, and Friday night pizza and movie night

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Registered Nurse  
**Adoptive Father:** Supervisor of Parks

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree  
**Adoptive Father:** Masters Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We are high school sweethearts, initially spending time together during football and basketball season. It was love at first sight. We went to separate colleges, but only a half hour away from each other. We have been together for a long time through many ups and downs, and have only fallen in love more with each other. We love spending time together and our greatest accomplishment is our family we are building together.

Jess always puts others before herself; she cares and loves with all of her heart. She is passionate and loves kids. Jessie's empathy and compassion is the reason she is such a good nurse and mother. Jacob is patient, kind, loving, and respectful which makes him a wonderful father and husband. Yet he is also intelligent, determined and has so much perseverance. Our faith, communications, unconditional love and a deep respect for each other is the foundation of our relationship. We make all our decisions as a team and are good at making family time and memories together!



Every spring we go to an indoor water park with our best friends and their kids. It is a very family-friendly resort, and we have so much fun playing in the water, going to shows, and spending time together. Every summer we also go tent camping as a family. This started when we were dating and has continued ever since. We have never missed a summer yet and the kids have learned to love camping too.

We are very close to our families, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and see them often. The kids' cousins are their best friends which makes every occasion together even more special. Every summer we go to a lake house together to play hard, get sun, grill, swim, and play at the beach. Holidays are also spent together. For Halloween, we visit a pumpkin patch, play games, feed the animals, go on a hayride, and pick pumpkins. Christmas is one of our favorites. Every year, we go to a reindeer farm to meet reindeer and see Santa. We also go to our hometown for the Christmas light parade.

Jacob's family comes to our house every year for a week around New Years to celebrate Christmas and hang out. This is a very fun tradition that started when we moved into our house. Because everyone in Jacob's family is spread out, it's a very special time together.

Grandparents are also involved in the kids' day to day lives. They come for Sunday night dinners and then stay the night. Mondays are the kid's day with granny and grandpa, and they love their time with their grandparents. When they aren't here, we visit their farm, ride the Gator, play on the playground/trampoline, ride bikes, and enjoy good food. If we venture out, we go to the zoo, museums, swimming, boating, camping, or fishing.

We will continue all the traditions we have started. We can't wait to bring another child with us and for them to grow up so loved by our family and friends.



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