



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

We always knew we wanted a family and had dreamed of having 5-6 children, but God had different plans for us. After years of miscarriages, we visited a new doctor who spoke to us not just as a physician, but as a friend. She shared her own story and said something that changed everything: 'You are ready to love a child that isn't yours.' We left that appointment feeling like this was no accident, and from that moment on, we knew adoption was God's plan for us. We've remained hopeful ever since.

Our hopes and dreams are to farm full-time, build a home, and have children running around the yard. We would love to have farm animals and give our child the opportunity to engage with whatever sparks their interest. We imagine taking them to their activities and supporting them in their passions.

We want to offer a child a comfortable, loving home filled with warmth, family, and friendly animals. We look forward to taking them to parks, museums, and including them in our daily life while sharing lots of home-cooked meals. Most importantly, we want to support their dreams in every way possible—nurturing their talents and letting them grow at their own pace, without pushing them into areas that don't align with their true interests.

We understand that this is a difficult and uncertain time for you, and we want you to know that our deepest desire is for what's best for you. We are here to support you in whatever way you feel is right. As you begin writing this new chapter in your life, it would be an honor to be part of it.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look at our profile. We hope you find peace in whatever decision you make. If you choose us to be the lucky parents of your child, we would be honored to include you in all the milestones of their life.

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - As Christians, our faith is the cornerstone of our lives. We believe in eternal life through Jesus Christ, and that salvation comes through faith in Him. We are deeply grateful for the forgiveness we receive and strive to show love and kindness to the people in our life everyday. Our commitment to faith is reflected in our regular church attendance and active participation in Sunday School. Prayer is an integral part of our daily routine, and we look forward to sharing this with our children by praying together and reading Bible stories as a family. We also plan to involve our children in Sunday School, where they can grow in their faith while building meaningful relationships with other children from diverse backgrounds.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS - We believe that a strong community of family and friends is essential for a fulfilling life. Relying on each other for support—whether it's lending a helping hand or sharing a home-cooked meal—strengthens our bonds and helps us navigate life's challenges together. We prioritize listening to and understanding each other's needs, ensuring that no one carries their burdens alone. We plan to instill these values in our children by encouraging them to build close relationships with their cousins and make new friends through everyday activities like visits to the park, preschool, gym classes, and music lessons. These connections will provide them with a sense of belonging and support throughout their lives.



LAUGHTER - In our home, laughter is a constant companion, guiding us through both the highs and lows of life. We firmly believe that laughter is the best medicine, capable of brightening even the darkest of days. Whether it's Ross telling a classic dad joke, our cat proudly presenting his latest 'treasures,' or a playful plot to surprise one another, our home is filled with joy and humor. Laughter helps us navigate challenges and lifts our spirits when someone is having a tough day. We aim to pass this value on to our children by teaching them to focus on the positive and embrace life's little mishaps. When they spill their drink, we'll remind them there's no use crying over spilled milk—sometimes, it's best to laugh it off and move on.

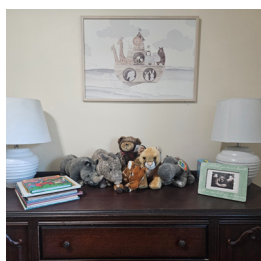


FLEXIBILITY - When life gives you lemons, being flexible is key. We've learned through our own experiences that not everything goes as planned—this is a lesson our marriage has taught us time and time again. Instead of resisting, we've embraced the ability to "roll with it." We hope to instill this same mindset in our children, teaching them to adapt and remain resilient when things don't go according to plan. "Just roll with it" is more than a saying in our home; it's a motto our kids will grow up hearing, reminding them that flexibility can turn challenges into opportunities for growth.

RESPONSIBILITY - Responsibility is a cornerstone of our lives, whether it's managing our finances, caring for our home, or using something that doesn't belong to us. On the farm, we often rely on tools and equipment that aren't ours, and if anything goes wrong, we make sure to inform the owner immediately. While we don't expect our children to handle these kinds of responsibilities at a young age, we will encourage them to develop a sense of responsibility by caring for animals, tending to a garden, or looking after something they've chosen as their own. By nurturing these small responsibilities, we hope to instill a strong sense of accountability and respect for the things and people around them.

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Our Home

We live on a half-acre right outside of city limits. Our home is close enough to the city, with the advantages of living in the country. Ross owned the home long before we were together, much of his family, including his godparents, live on the same street. We've made his house our home, and we look forward to adding children too.

There are children, neighbors and relatives, close by. The children cross the creek to get to each other's houses. They swim, play soccer, and sometimes ride go-karts. We look forward to taking our child to the nearby science center and zoo, and enjoying our downtown festivals, carriage rides, lights, and holiday experiences.

We have a cute and cozy home with simple decor, which is true to who we are. We love to spend time in our backyard where we have a patio, a swing, a water fountain, three raised gardens, and a small strawberry patch. We enjoy making lunch together, and Sunday morning's breakfast. Sometimes, we have a game night, or just enjoy sitting outside catching up on things. Our animals (two dogs, a cat, a parrot, and many chickens) are always up to something and provide lots of good entertainment.

When friends and family visit, we love gathering around the table for a delicious meal, often featuring fresh eggs from our chickens. Our hens lay eggs in a variety of colors, and it's always a special moment when the kids get to pick out their favorite-colored egg to take home. When our nephews are here, we go to the basement, where we spread out all the toys we have and get on the floor and play together. They especially love playing with the barn, tractors, and Tonka Trucks, turning the space into a world of imaginative fun.

Ross is incredibly hardworking, enjoys working on the family farm, and lending a hand at the farmer's market when Amanda sells her candles. During harvest season, Amanda steps in to take care of the house and animals, gather the chickens' eggs, and prepare lunches to bring to the farm. Sometimes, she even rides along in the tractor with Ross to keep him company. We look forward to giving our child rides in the tractor and playing with the animals together. When it's time for dinner, some of our favorite meals include roast and potatoes, smoked ribs, and fried tacos—a delicious tradition passed down from Amanda's father, who grew up in California.

Slow mornings are our favorite. We love to unwind on the couch, relax, play with the dogs, and watch the sunrise together—those moments are the best. Breakfast is simple but special, with pancakes or waffles and our farm-fresh eggs. What we're especially looking forward to is letting the kids choose which color egg they want for breakfast—adding a little extra fun to our peaceful mornings.

We are eagerly anticipating the joy of slowing down and welcoming a child into our home. The child's room is lovingly decorated with a safari theme, featuring tan walls with Noah's Ark pictures, playful giraffes, elephants, and a delightful collection of stuffed animals we've gathered over the years. Amanda's mom has handcrafted safari-themed quilts and blankets for her future grandchild, adding a special touch of love. We've also been thoughtfully collecting essential items like clothing, a high-chair, car seats, and bottles ensuring everything is ready for our little one.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Play the piano, cook, gardening, caring for our animals, making candles and wax melts

Adoptive Father: The outdoors, hunting, fishing, farming, grilling and smoking meats, camping, sitting around a fire, trying a new restaurant in town

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Production

Adoptive Father: Production/New Product Development Tech

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Associates Degree

Adoptive Father: High School Diploma

PLUS:

- Family Dogs, Cat, Parrot, Chickens
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met at work in 2018 and have been happily married for over four years. Our love is unconditional, and we truly support each other in everything we do. One of our greatest strengths is our flexibility, which keeps us grounded, whether we're working on the farm, handling our jobs, or helping out a family member in need.

We love weekend getaways, especially right before or after harvest, as they give us the chance to recharge and prepare for what's next. Date nights are also special to us, whether it's grabbing ice cream at the local Dairy Queen (and treating our dogs to pup cups) or enjoying concerts, playing miniature golf, or having a nice dinner in town.

Our families are thrilled to welcome another member! Both sides love having children around to join in all the activities, play games, and get creative. Ross' side of the family is huge, and Amanda's side is small. We are part of a family farm. Ross has seven aunts and uncles that live on the same road as us, plus their spouses, and some cousins.

We see our parents and grandparents often—whether it's stopping by for visits or attending church with Amanda's parents. We spend Saturdays or weekdays with Ross' parents, and in the summer, we're often at their house enjoying the pool. We are very close, especially during the busy seasons on the farm. We also spend a lot of time with Ross' cousin and his children, as they help on the farm too. Another cousin lives just across the street. We all look out for each other, and help each other whenever someone needs a hand.

"Our tradition is to put up the Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving, a tradition that began with Amanda's parents and one we decided to continue. On Christmas Day, we read a children's version of the Christmas story before opening gifts—a tradition that started with our very first Christmas. The book was purchased on our honeymoon, as we got married over Thanksgiving weekend, and we knew it was something we wanted to make special for our family.

We spend Christmas Eve with Ross' family, a newer tradition that started as the family grew. This is something we're really excited to experience with our children, as Christmas Eve is such a magical time, especially with the anticipation of Christmas morning. Amanda's family usually celebrates on Christmas Day, but they keep things flexible. Their unique tradition is going around the room and telling the Christmas story by heart before opening gifts, which always brings imaginative versions of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem."

Our families are very supportive and both grandparents look forward to spending quality time with their new grandchild.



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