

FAMILY PROFILE

# STEVEN & KASEY





# A LETTER TO YOU, MAMA

We want to start off by saying that you are a hero, and an incredible woman for considering such a hard decision for your child. We don't take that lightly! We want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us as a potential family, and we have tremendous respect for you and your journey.

We don't know your story or what brought you to the place of considering adoption, but we believe that God has a great plan for each of our lives. We trust that He intricately works out the details of our lives in the way He best sees fit. We have seen evidence of this in our own journey as we have faced the difficulties of infertility and the pain of unmet expectations, while at the same time, experiencing the joy of starting the adoption process. We feel God's guidance each step of the way and we pray often for you that God would meet you in a real, comforting, and encouraging way.

We are very excited to be on this part of our journey to grow our family. We can't wait to meet whoever the little one will be! We feel so strongly that this is the direction Jesus has led us to grow our family. We understand there are complexities and nuances that will need to be worked out over time, but we are committed to it and to you. As you read this profile, our hope is that you will see the beautiful, colorful, adventurous, Spirit-filled, loving, active life we live and that it will give you peace of mind to trust us with such a precious gift.

Lastly, we are with you on this journey and seek what's genuinely best for you, for us, and of course, the little baby being knit together daily.

*Love,  
Steven & Kasey*

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!





# OUR PROMISE

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We promise to celebrate who the child is and their unique story.

We promise to teach the child about Jesus, the beauty of spiritual adoption, and His love for them.

We promise to teach them about adventure, hard work, discipline, the importance of hobbies, valuing community, and how to play hard.

We promise to make space for the child to ask questions, struggle, fail, seek, and learn.

We promise to talk positively about adoption and love them unconditionally.



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# OUR STORY

We met 12 years ago as students at NDSU. Steven was pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences, and I (Kasey) was planning on being a social worker by day, and a pastor by night. We met in a campus ministry. We were both student leaders. Steven was really involved on the worship team playing guitar, singing, and leading a bible study. I (Kasey) was involved in leading a bible study, serving on the greeting team, and we were both starting to take bible classes online.

We started dating August 2013, and it became clear pretty fast that we had a lot in common, like our love for physical activity, adventure, rock music, Jesus, and we both felt lead to be college pastors.

We have been married for over 10 years (crazy!), and moved to Florida 5 years ago to pioneer a college ministry at our local university! Our life together has been the greatest adventure as we adopted our first fur-baby Fin, moved across the country and started over, walked through the pain of losing family members, a 4 year journey of infertility, made new friends and new memories, and learned what it really means to walk by faith and trust in Jesus. We learn from each other every day what mercy and unconditional love looks like, and the need for Jesus to forgive us time and time again.



A photograph of a young couple sitting on a thick, mossy tree branch. The woman, on the left, has short brown hair and is wearing a black jacket, a colorful patterned scarf, blue jeans, and brown boots. The man, on the right, has short reddish hair and is wearing a black and white checkered shirt, blue jeans, and brown boots. They are both smiling at the camera. The background shows bare tree branches and a snowy ground, suggesting a winter setting.

# WHY WE'RE ADOPTING

For a long time, we weren't sure if we wanted kids. We got married young and figured that we would cross that bridge when it came time. After about 6 years of marriage, we started to hit a point where it felt like the right time, and we became open to whatever God had for us.

As a few years passed, we started to notice something was wrong. After some testing, and a surgery, more time passed and it became less and less likely that a biological family was possible for us.

We both felt strongly that fertility treatments weren't the direction we felt God was leading us. We have always been firm believers that a family is built with those you love and include, not just biologically. We have always tried to include our college students in our family during holidays, and so often feel like we have many, many 'kids to parent.'

We are so excited to add a little one to love in our family, and that love has only grown over the years! We can't wait to share our favorite things with them, like theme parks, sushi, our love of dogs, sports, and of course, Jesus. We are ready for this next season ahead!





# STEVEN

SPORTS ENTHUSIAST • MOVIE BUFF •  
ICE CREAM CONNOISSEUR

## MY FAVORITE THINGS

- Pickup basketball games
- Minnesota Vikings (Skol!)
- Reading about WW2
- Action movies any day of the week
- Playing the guitar, and the drums
- Disney dates with Kasey
- Chocolate ice cream
- Fishing on the Minnesota Lakes
- Mentoring college students
- Gardening
- Lifting weights at the gym

## WHAT KASEY SAYS

"Steven is one of the hardest working, detail oriented, thoughtful men I know. He is so great at listening to others, and is often found sitting with someone quietly as they pour their heart and pain out to him. He is quick to encourage, even quicker to forgive, and is my best friend. He loves his family so purposefully, and prioritizes his walk with Jesus daily. I can't wait to watch him become a dad, and teach them about his love of history, how to play the guitar, and gardening." -Kasey





These photos are just some of my favorite things, with a few of my favorite people. I have 14 nieces and nephews, and 6 of them are shown here. My oldest two nephews are Dylan and Owen. They're both getting close to graduation! I also got to visit my family on Halloween and go trick or treating with two of my nieces and two of my nephews. Hard to say who's costume was best! The other photos show me with a close friend on my wedding day, standing by an epic cannon in a fort in Puerto Rico, and leading worship at a college retreat. Plus, playing with our dog, Fin.



A man stands on a dark, jagged rock formation in the foreground, facing away from the camera with his arms outstretched towards the horizon. He is wearing a red t-shirt and blue shorts. The background features a vast ocean with small waves under a dramatic sunset sky with orange, yellow, and blue hues. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon line.

"I'm most  
excited to  
share my  
love of the  
ocean with  
our future  
child!"

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# KASEY

HEAVY METAL HEAD • PELOTON  
PRINCESS • COFFEE QUEEN

## MY FAVORITE THINGS

- Cooking and baking
- All my plant babies
- Reading fantasy and thriller books
- Christian heavy metal
- Naps with Fin
- Pickleball, Spikeball, and Kan Jam
- Coffee with a close friend
- Cycling at the gym
- Coffee and Kombucha
- A good biopic
- Socializing with anyone anywhere anytime

## WHAT STEVEN SAYS

"Kasey is probably the most intentional person I've ever met. She also has a passion for anything adventurous, which makes her the opposite of boring. She cares deeply about people, and her passions and priorities make her a rare person indeed." -Steven



Adventure and friends are two core values for me! Some of my close friends are shown here, like my friend Whitney (red skirt), and Erika and Janae (armature work) . Danielle and Alyssa are in the middle, on Alyssa's wedding day. We've all been friends for 13 years, and Danielle actually adopted her son as well, and has been a great support on this journey. Brianna (red sweater) is more like a sister to me, and we have been on the journey of infertility for a long time- here we were celebrating her pregnancy with her son! Lastly, the top two pictures are from my time picking tundra berries in Alaska (right), and when I visited Aqaba, Jordan this past winter!







“I love  
cooking  
from  
scratch! I  
can’t wait  
for a little  
chef to help  
me!”

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# Our Home

We just bought a beautiful home in Florida. It's an older home, built in 1956, and has all the charm you would expect. The best parts are the fully-fenced backyard where we have bonfires (in cooler seasons), the large deck that we drink our morning coffee on, and the huge windows (Kasey's plant's thrive)! It's a dream home for us, and we couldn't be more grateful.

The neighborhood is truly amazing - it's older, established with so many trees, and quiet. We love to go on long walks and admire the gardens, wildlife at the pond, and meet other young families. We often bike to the local grocery store for snacks and for an excuse to get outside.









# Our Community

Where we call home is an amazing city to live in. It has every opportunity and local adventure you could want. We moved to a hip part of town, where there are restaurants and plenty of ice cream stops to try out! There is a family-friendly downtown life, parks nearby, and we live close to the zoo and the local theme park.

Some of our favorite places to visit are our local church, which is a great place of belonging for us. We play pickleball often at the local park, and we pick up ice cream at our favorite place three minutes away more often than we should. We are on campus most days of the week with our college students, and of course, we visit the beach as often as we can. Who can resist white sand!









# Our Family

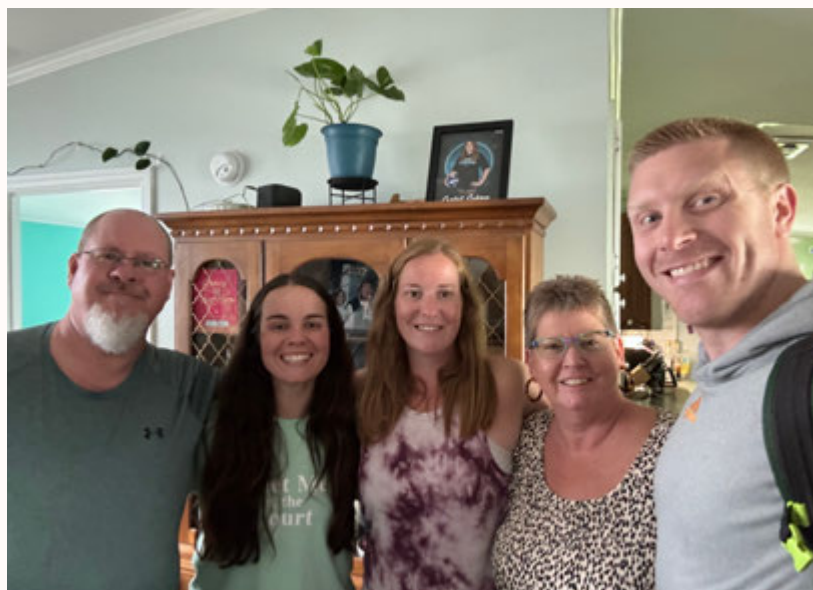
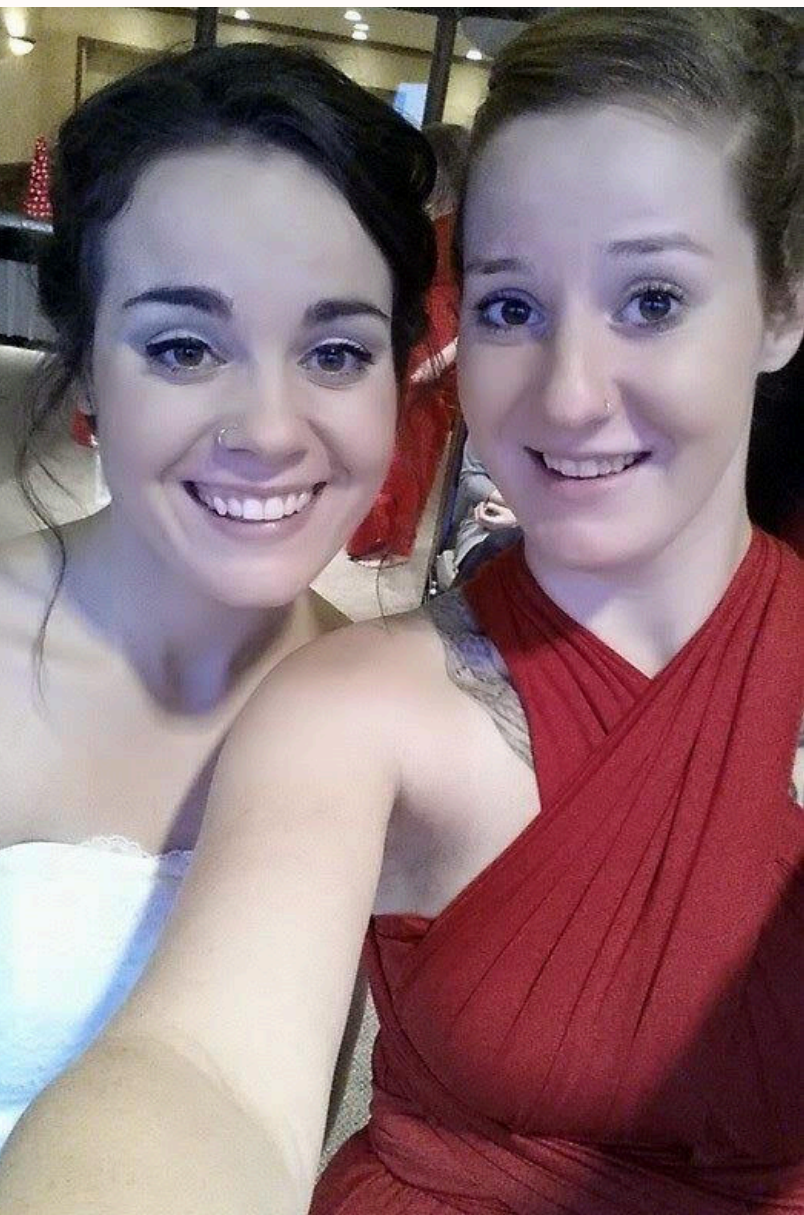
Steven's family (pictured below) is big, warm and so welcoming. Steven has four brothers and sisters, with a total of 14 kids between them. Grandpa Neil and Grandma Leslie are amazing parents and grandparents. His family is well acquainted to noisy holidays, so many sports games, and they love the excitement of it all.

(My) Kasey's family is smaller, but meaningful. She has a twin sister named Allison, (who coincidentally married an identical twin), and her and her husband have four kids (Allison's step-kids but she loves them all the same.) We love to get together to play games, go to the pool, and watch movies. My (Kasey's) parents, Steve and Sheila, moved to Florida right after we did which made the transition easier.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the addition of another little one to love and we're sure that they'll be the darling of the family as the youngest.









# Our Friends

We are firm believers that no one should do life alone, and we're convinced we've found some of the best. God has provided us with some of the most supportive, life-giving, intentional, friends around.

Our friends are beyond excited for us to become parents. We have celebrated with so many of them as their families have grown, and they are eager to do the same. They remind us often that God has a plan for us, too. There have been many offers for baby showers, babysitting, and we feel certain that as our family grows, the number of aunties, uncles, tías and tíos, is unlimited.







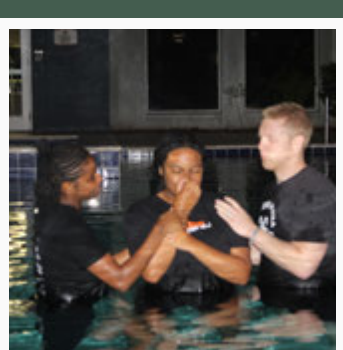
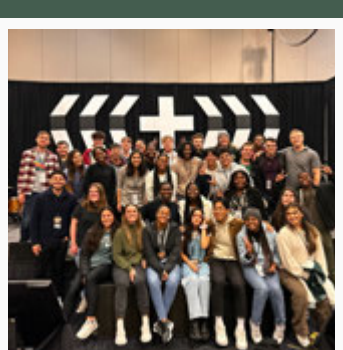
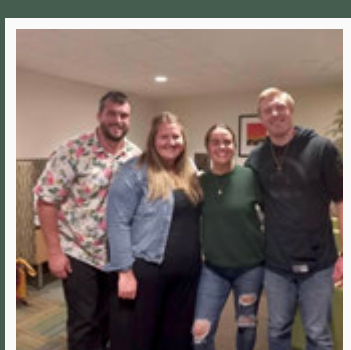
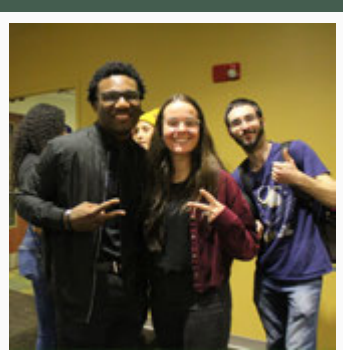
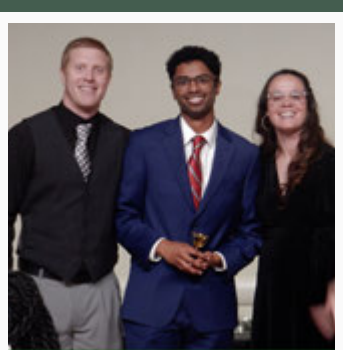
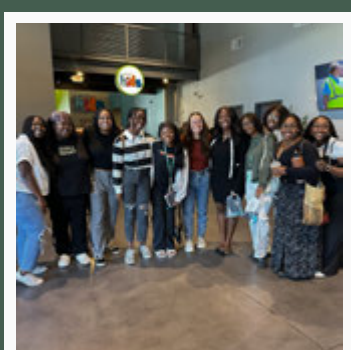
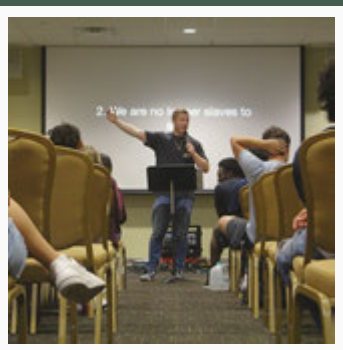
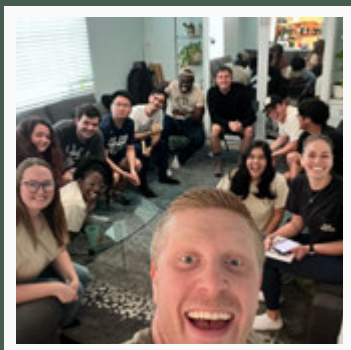
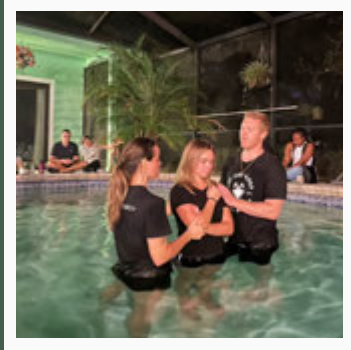
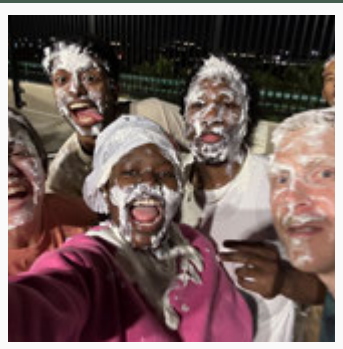




# Meet the (College) Crew

Doing campus ministry is a major part of our lives. We started attending as students, and never left. We believe in the importance of mentoring college students and saw how our own lives were changed through our time in college.

College students are making major life decisions, like who they're gonna marry and what they believe. We feel privileged to be able to come alongside them and invite them into our lives. Our students truly are part of our family, and so many of our students are lifelong friends. We have a long line of babysitters who can't wait to be big siblings to our future kiddo.











# Meet Fin

Fin, also known as Finny, Finskers, or even Baby Puppy, is our 8 year old rescue pup. He has been a joy and delight for us as our first pet, and often comes with us on 'pack' adventures. He even travelled across the country with us when we moved from North Dakota to Florida!







# Our Values

We recognize that the foundations of grace and forgiveness are essential for any healthy relationship.

We think that living with an attitude of humility is the key to everything.

We believe that everyone is made unique and with intrinsic purpose because we are made in the image of God.

We never lose a sense of awe and wonder for the gift of life.

We aim to always live with a sense of adventure.

We believe in hard work, but we also know the importance of downtime, relaxation, and doing something just for the fun of it.

We make the Bible our guide for life and practice.

We aim to celebrate big and often, no matter the occasion or reason.



# Thank You!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! This book is just a glimpse into who we are, and what we're about. If you feel like we are the right family, we would love to get to know you better, and even meet if possible! We are open to everything adoption has and look forward to pursuing a relationship with you.

Love, Steven & Kasey

