



Mike *and* Mary

What is meant to be
will always
find a way.







hello!

Thank you so much for taking a moment to get to know us.

As you flip through these pages, we hope you see a family that finds joy in everyday moments and loves spending time together. Whether we're off on an adventure, playing board games at home, barbecuing in the backyard, or snuggling up for story time, we value laughter, kindness, and simply being together.

We can only imagine what this moment feels like for you, but it's clear you care deeply about your baby. If we're lucky enough to be part of your story, your child will be raised in a home filled with unconditional love, endless support, and respect.

No matter what you decide, we are honored you are here, and we're sending love and strength as you continue this journey.

Mike & Mary

our story

We both grew up in the same Virginia town and even went to middle school together – but lost touch for over a decade.

In 2012, Mike was living in Hawaii but reconnected with Mary while visiting Virginia after a military deployment. We instantly hit it off! Our childhood bond and love for each other grew after we survived a harrowing cliff jumping adventure in Hawaii together. Mary was swept into the ocean, and Mike calmly rescued her. In that intense moment, we knew we were meant to be together. From then on, we dated long distance, falling even more in love through our words.



We got married in 2014, and welcomed our son, Michael, in 2019.

Mike's military career has since taken us to California, Maryland, Virginia and back to California! Our story is one of resilience, laughter, and love—and we're so excited (and grateful) to grow our family through adoption.



Adoption has become something we feel deeply called to.

why adoption?

For years, we dreamed of growing our family, but after struggling with infertility, we began to realize that maybe the path to our next child would look different. Meeting families formed through adoption helped open our hearts and reshape our vision of what family can be.

We know adoption begins with loss, and we approach this journey with deep respect for you and your child. This isn't just about us growing our family—it's about creating a lifelong connection, built on love, trust, and honoring your story. **We promise your child will always know how loved they are and the strength and care that brought them to us.**

meet Mike



My favorite thing in the world is being a husband and dad. A perfect weekend for me is relaxing at home and spending quality time with my family. I love to play catch, shoot hoops, and pretend with my son. Outside of family time, I enjoy smoking meat, backyard bonfires with music, and camping. My dream is to travel the U.S. in an RV one day. I grew up in Northern Virginia with my parents and younger sister. After college, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps and am now in my 16th year of service. It's been an honor to serve, and I take pride in leading with integrity and heart.

In Mary's words: Mike is my best friend and the most incredible dad. I fell in love with his loyalty, humor, and positive outlook – and stayed in love because of his kind heart and devotion to those he loves. Watching him become a dad has been the greatest gift. He is a hands-on dad. He plays action figures, dresses up in costumes, makes up stories every night and brings nonstop laughter with his silly dance moves. **Mike leads with love and lives with purpose, and he will pour that same devotion into loving another child.**



meet Mary

Hi, I'm Mary. Being Michael's mom is the greatest joy of my life. I love making his world fun—whether that's dressing up in costumes, making volcanoes out of baking soda, or dancing with him in our backyard. I grew up as the youngest of six kids in Northern Virginia and know firsthand the joy and chaos of a big, loving family. I worked for 15 years as a Federal Contracting Officer, but today, I'm taking time off to focus fully on raising our son.

In Mike's words: Mary is the most selfless and thoughtful person I know. She's the heart of our family and the one who keeps us grounded. She makes life special by always doing the most for us – whether it's planning a fun trip, setting up an art project, or playing games with our son. Mary has created such a loving and happy home. **Mary was born to be a mom, and I can't wait to see her share that love with another child.**



our son

Meet Michael

Michael is our big-hearted, spirited five-year-old. He is endlessly imaginative and emotionally wise beyond his years. Whether he's running through the neighborhood in costume, creating stories with action figures, or dancing to his favorite songs, he brings light and laughter into every moment.

Michael talks often about becoming a big brother and already has ideas for where the baby's car seat will go. He dreams of having siblings (and assigning each one a dog!) and can't wait to share his love. *We know he will be the most caring and enthusiastic big brother to your child.*





things we love



Mike loves: My family • Barbecuing • Bonfires in the backyard • Playing with my son • Exercising



Mary loves: Being outside • Making memories with friends and family • Traveling the world • Hiking through National Parks



Michael loves: Playing with action figures – especially villains • Halloween • Playing pretend • Bedtime stories every night • Sports • Trampoline parks • Roller coasters • Air hockey





home sweet home

We live on a military base in California,

Where life feels a bit like a throwback to simpler times. Kids ride bikes and scooters between houses, and families look out for one another. It's a safe, close-knit community filled with diverse and welcoming neighbors.

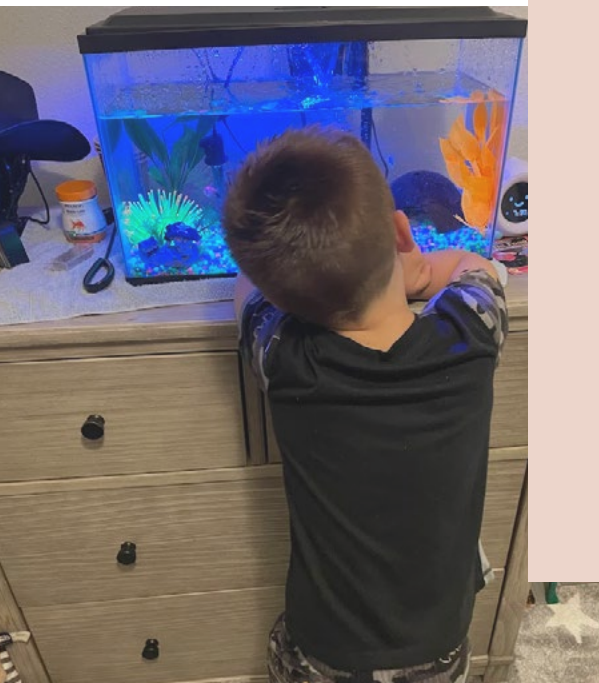
Our three-bedroom home has a fenced backyard and sits right across the street from a playground, with others just a short walk away.



We spend weekends hosting cookouts with friends, playing sports, swimming at the pool or joining fun base events like Boo Bash or Bingo Night. We're also a quick drive from destinations like Palm Springs, San Diego, and Disneyland—and we can't wait to share all these memories with another child.



Our home is the kind of place where a kid can focus on being a kid. Our son's artwork covers our fridge, his "student of the month" award is framed on our wall. We have weekly playdates here with friends. No matter where the military takes us, our home will always be filled with joy – a place where a child feels safe, loved and celebrated for exactly who they are.



our family

We are both lucky to come from loving,
supportive families.

Mary's family is big and close-knit, with siblings living around the world. From surprise birthday celebrations in England to summer weeks at grandma and grandpa's house in Virginia, we cherish our family traditions and make the most of our time together – and we're usually the loudest group in any room.



Mike's family is smaller but just as close. His sister, mother, and much of his extended family live in Virginia, where we love gathering for Monday night burgers, dinners at El Paso and family traditions, such as Left Right Center at his Mother's annual Christmas party. Whether it's a big group or a quiet dinner, we love just spending time with our families whenever we can.



in this family...



we play!

we say "I love you" every day.

we snuggle every morning.

we never miss an opportunity to wear costumes!

we celebrate both the big and little moments.

our travels

Travel is one of our favorite ways to make memories as a family.



Mary first caught the travel bug while studying abroad in Spain. Together we've explored much of Europe, visited the Caribbean, and taken trips across the U.S.

Even with Michael, we haven't slowed down. From a castle tour in Scotland to a road trip along California's coast, we love discovering new places through our son's eyes. While our pace may shift with a baby, we look forward to continuing to travel and experience the world together—with one more little adventurer by our side.





promises

From us to you and your baby:

We promise to cherish your child and love them unconditionally.

We promise to create a home filled with laughter, learning, and love.

We promise to always speak of you with honor, love, and gratitude.

We promise to share your child's story in a way that reflects their strength and yours.

We promise to encourage their passions and help them grow into who they are meant to be.

We promise to surround them with a village of family and friends who adore them.

We promise to keep open communication—honoring the connection we share with you.

Thank you, again, from the bottom of
our hearts for considering us to be the
adoptive parents of your baby.

Mike, Mary and Michael





