



JEREMIAH + LISSA

TAKE A GLIMPSE INTO OUR LIFE



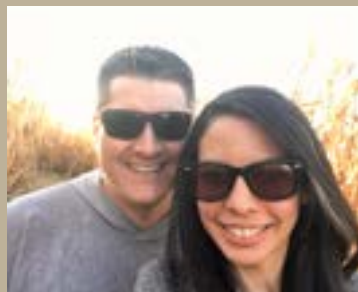


Hello!

We want to begin by letting you know how much you're appreciated and loved. We know this is one of the most difficult decisions a woman can ever make in her lifetime, and we're very thankful and honored that you're considering us to adopt your little one.

We're so very excited to have the chance to bring a sweet child into our home and grow a family with them, as it's something we've been praying for many years now. Despite our excitement, we know this can be a very trying time, and perhaps one of the toughest and saddest days you will ever experience. We want you to know that if you choose us, your child will always know that this tremendous sacrifice you're making is out of your deep love for them.

Jeremiah & Lissa



We know you want what's best for your little one,
and we vow to provide everything your child needs
to grow up into the amazing person we all know
they will become.

OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION

For years, we've wanted to grow our family. Since we started dating, we've always talked about and imagined how it would be to love and raise a child. Unfortunately, we both ran into some infertility obstacles that left us slim to no chance of conceiving a child of our own.

Throughout the years, our dream and desire to love and raise a child have not diminished. Since the infertility news, adoption has always been in our hearts. We know we can love a child, regardless of biology, and we're excited about where this journey is taking us.

We want you to know how much you mean to us, and how much you're appreciated and respected for considering adoption. If you choose us, your decision to make us your child's adoptive parents will have an everlasting impact on our lives and on the life of your child, and this is an amazing blessing that we will never take for granted.

We'll be very grateful and honored to have you a part of our lives, and we want you to know that we're praying for both you and the baby throughout your pregnancy. We promise to love and nurture your baby always.



OUR LOVE STORY

We met overseas

We met in the Dominican Republic in May of 2014 during a work trip. Jeremiah's team was visiting from the US, and Lissa's team was hosting in the Dominican Republic. We felt an immediate connection, and we stayed in touch. It didn't take long for us to know we had found something special. By August, we were dating, and Jeremiah proposed to Lissa in April.

10 years married

Our marriage has grown a lot over the past ten years. We know each other now much better than we did starting out, so we know what each other needs in order to keep our marriage strong, and our faith in God is central to our relationship.



Our Timeline

May 2014	Met in the Dominican Republic
August 2014	Started dating
December 2014	Jeremiah asked Lissa's parents for their blessing
April 2015	Jeremiah proposed with an Easter Egg hunt
July 15, 2015	Married in the Dominican Republic



We work as a team

We are each other's biggest cheerleaders, so we are often encouraging and motivating one another. Because of this, we've pursued things we've never really thought we would. We are open and honest about our communication, aren't afraid of hiding our feelings or emotions, and we listen to each other to understand the struggles each of us may be dealing with.



We love spending time together

We allow space for each of us to pursue what we want to pursue, yet we really enjoy doing things together as well. We enjoy playing board games, going to the movies, traveling together, and making each other laugh with silly jokes and dances.



We complement each other

We like introducing each other to new things, especially aspects of each other's cultures. Lissa has introduced Jeremiah to Dominican music, especially merengue, food (his favorites are sancocho and mofongo), the beautiful beaches, the history of the island, and has helped him grow his Spanish vocabulary. Jeremiah has introduced Lissa to American football, which is now one of her favorite sports, various types of BBQ places, nature and hiking trails, American wildlife, and American history.



My husband
JEREMIAH

Jeremiah is the most amazing guy you'll ever meet. He is loving, kind, caring, and very smart. He is a godly man who always wants to help others and show God's love whenever he has the chance. He's always there when you need him. He is the protector of our family. He is very hardworking and is always thinking of how to be a better person. When we first met, his confidence, smile, and sense of humor attracted me to him. He is always making sure all my needs are met and that I feel loved. I truly cannot imagine a life without him. He is my biggest cheerleader and supporter.

Even though we don't have children yet, I know he will be the greatest dad. His way of treating others - friends, family, and others he doesn't know- is a great reflection of how big his heart is. Kids love being around him, as he is welcoming and shows interest in their activities, and he's very patient and kind, and always joyful in their presence. I know our future children will always count on his love, wisdom, and support. He will make sure that they have everything they need - a loving family, and a safe place to be themselves.



Jeremiah's thoughts on becoming a dad

I always want to keep my child engaged and see their progress as they develop and grow. Knowing I've played a huge role in the proper raising of them will be a great feeling. Growing up, there were 4 of us kids in the house, and our family didn't have a whole lot of money. The great thing is, we were raised to be creative and encouraged to use and foster that

creativity, so I plan on doing the same when raising children. I want our children not to be afraid to try new things, and to not be afraid of being themselves. I will always encourage them to pursue their goals and follow their dreams, and will be their number one supporter.

"I want to always tell our child how much we love them, but more than that, they will see how much we love them through our actions."





My wife
LISSA

Lissa is so vibrant. She is so kind and loving, and has a heart for God, which is what I most admire about her. Lissa has such a sweet personality with her care, patience, and heart for others. She has a unique way of brightening up the spirits of others around her with her joy. She is always making sure my needs are met. She's always complimenting and encouraging me, and she's always a joy to be around. Since she came into my life over 10 years ago, I can't imagine her not being in it. She's also great at seeing the viewpoints of others to gain a better understanding of where they're coming from. She is purposeful in her work, no matter how big or small the task, and she doesn't take things for granted.

Lissa is great with kids of many ages. We have friends and family with kids of all ages, and she's amazing with them all. She's very attentive, and she makes sure they're treated well and taken care of. She has a knack for putting smiles on kids' faces, too. They really love being around her! Lissa will exemplify God's love through her parenting, which will show through her kindness, caring, discipline, and love.



My thoughts on growing up in the Dominican Republic

When I think about becoming a mom, I think about my own mom. She has been a great role model. I remember her making the best decisions possible for my sisters and me. She made sure we always had a loving, nurturing home. She has been able to blend friendship into motherhood so gracefully, so we know we can always come to her for the deepest conversations and also the silliest ones. Growing up in the Dominican Republic, we were surrounded by music, good food,

dancing, nature, and family, where every occasion is a celebration. In the DR, baseball is a big deal, so we were always watching it. The DR is also on an island, so we enjoyed the beach life, and had fun celebrating Christmas, where celebrations begin in October and run through mid-January. My parents sacrificed a lot to make sure we had everything we needed. They encouraged us to chase our dreams, to be creative, to explore, to learn from our mistakes, and above all, they taught us how important it is to be surrounded by people who love you.

“My prayer is to become the best mom I can be to any children we raise. I pray to always show love, to encourage them to dream big, to make them feel safe, loved, heard, and seen, so they will always know that we’ve always got them no matter what.”



MORE ABOUT JEREMIAH

In my current Support Coordinator role, I handle reporting for my department, so I enjoy working with data and always trying to be creative with it, creating various types of reports and figuring out new, inventive ways to present that data. It's a mostly remote position, and is flexible in case important things come up that I need to take care of. I plan to take two months off when a baby joins our family to focus on bonding.

I enjoy doing a lot of things. I like watching sports, playing disc golf, and playing tennis. I've also taught myself to play guitar. Since we bought our house, we've also gotten into gardening, and we love to play board games together. We enjoy exploring outdoors and seeing new things, so we are always on the lookout for a new place to check out.



outgoing - funny - supportive

MORE ABOUT LISSA

I work full-time from home at an international non-profit organization. Since my department handles international operations, I get the opportunity to travel to other countries, meet amazing people, and learn about other cultures. I'll be taking a two-month break from work when the time comes to love and bond with the baby. Thankfully, Jeremiah's mom lives very close by and will help take care of the baby, and the plan is to have our child in our church's childcare, if needed, once they're old enough.

In my free time, I love to read (Jane Austen is my favorite author!) and paint with watercolors and acrylics. I also love being outside and often work in our garden, and enjoy hiking near our home, where there are lakes and nice hiking trails. I also enjoy playing board games with Jeremiah.



kind - loving - loyal



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Our favorite activities together are playing board games, gardening, watching movies and sports, visiting new places, spending time with our dogs, and going on walks and hiking. When traveling, we usually try to visit Lissa's family in the Dominican Republic or her parents in New York once a year. We like traveling to other cities like St. Louis, Indianapolis, Pensacola, Destin, and Branson.

TOGETHER IS OUR FAVORITE PLACE TO BE



We usually spend evenings playing with our dog, watching TV, or playing board games to unwind. We love to talk about our days over making and eating dinner together with music playing in the background.

On the weekends, we like to cook a nice breakfast and enjoy a cup of coffee together outside if the weather is nice. We like to go visit new places on the weekends, whether that be parks, restaurants, hiking trails, museums, and farmers' markets. We also try to get together with family and friends on the weekends. On Sundays, we go to church together and serve as greeters. We also serve at community meals and help distribute food to those in need. Lissa also helps at church with translation as needed. We usually reserve the rest of Sundays to rest and rejuvenate for the coming week.



MEET KELCE

We have a mini-Australian Shepherd who is five years old. She's an active dog, loves to run and catch frisbee, and spins around when she's excited. Kelce is outspoken, but very sweet. She is a lap dog, so she always wants to be on the couch with us. Kelce is great with kids!



Welcome to our HOME

We live in a split-level home with three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. We also have a finished basement. This is the first house we bought together, and we've taken our time over the past seven years to make it feel like home. Around the home are little details like family pictures, dog toys on the floor, magnets of places traveled to on the fridge, and soft lighting in the right places to make it feel cozy. Our living and dining rooms are our favorite spaces in the house since that's where we spend the most time together, eating our meals, playing board games, and spending time with friends and family when they visit.

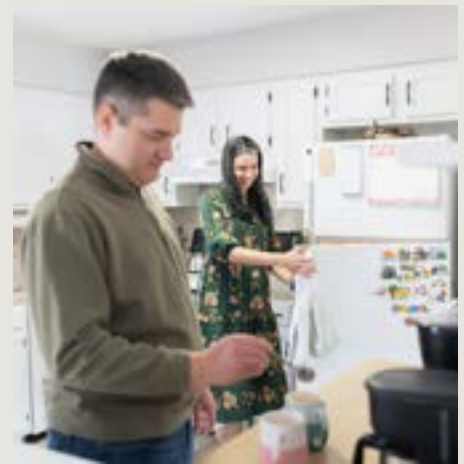
MIDWEST

SUBURBS

COZY

We also have a deck to hang out on and a grill where we enjoy cooking. On cooler days, we enjoy getting out the fire pit and sitting around the fire, and making s'mores. We have a spacious, fenced-in backyard, where we have garden beds and enough space for the dog to run and play. At any given time, you will find a well-played-with Frisbee or two somewhere in the grass.

We live in the Midwest, and we love our town because it's quiet, yet close enough to the city to take advantage of the various activities it has to offer. We have a nice park with a splash pad within walking distance and tennis courts close by. Our community also has a local water park, trails, and there are a number of lakes to enjoy other water-based activities. Our church is diverse and is very accepting of other cultures.



Our town has a great school district, so many families live here, and it's a very family-oriented community.

It's the perfect place to raise a family!

OUR VILLAGE

our extended family



Lissa's family

Lissa's parents, Juan and Carmen, live in New York, after moving to the US six years ago from the Dominican Republic. They've been married for 42 years. Lissa has two sisters, Danny, and Alicia (married to Jonathan), both living in the Dominican Republic. We see Lissa's family at least once a year, whether that is us traveling to see them, or them coming to see us.



WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR OUR FAMILY
AND HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH
THEM - WE FEEL SO BLESSED!

Jeremiah's family

Jeremiah's father, Gary, and his girlfriend, Susan, live about 30 minutes away. Cody, Jeremiah's half-brother lives with his girlfriend, Jenna and her kids: Skylar (8) and Brayden (11). Jeremiah's mom, Lori, lives just two miles from us, and we see her often. Jeremiah has three other siblings: Jessica, who has four kids, Laura, Joshua, and Haley who are adults and Tommy (8). And Jeremiah has two other brothers: Joshua (married to Rebecca), and Jordan. Everyone lives within just 45 minutes, and we see them often.



They're very supportive of our plans to adopt. They have already expressed their willingness to support in any way we need, and are praying for the health of the birth mother and child, for courage, and for open doors for a bright future for them.



our family

VALUES

Faith plays a very important role in our family. We will teach our future child about God's love and mercy, and prepare them to make their own decision regarding their faith. We want to teach our child to love and respect others, to work hard, be honest, to walk by faith, help others in need, and always be a light to others.

Our current plan is to send our child to public school. We value education and know our district offers many great opportunities for kids. When it comes to education after high school, we will support our child whether or not they decide to go to college. We also know there are great opportunities to be had outside of college. We will always encourage growth and will respect their decision.





01

ADVENTURE

We believe creating memories brings many cherished moments, so we very much enjoy traveling to see cool places and enjoy the experiences that go along with them.

02

KINDNESS

We believe supporting others is a way to show kindness and love, so we try to find ways to help others around us, whether that be through acts of service, financial means, or just spending time and listening, or encouraging them.



03

FAITH

Our faith plays a huge part in our lives, and we attend church regularly in addition to serving in any way possible.

04

FUN

We really enjoy just being silly together as well, since fun and laughter are other great ways to connect and enjoy our relationship.



OUR *PROMISES* TO YOU

We promise to encourage and support your child in striving to achieve their hopes and dreams.

We will ensure your child receives quality education.

We want your child to know where they came from. We want you to be a part of your child's life, and for your child to know firsthand how much you love them.

We promise to love your child unconditionally and to make sure they know it every day from our words and actions.

We promise to celebrate their milestones, and we will ensure they're always provided a safe and loving environment.



THANK YOU

We promise to give your child the best life possible and raise them surrounded by love, laughter, and joy.



We want to thank you for considering us to care for your child. You are so strong and brave for having the courage to make a decision such as this. We cannot imagine how you're feeling, as this must be extremely tough, and emotions must be flowing, but we want you to know we're here for you. Loving and taking care of your child will be both a privilege and a blessing.

We promise to love your child unconditionally,

reminding them often of how much you love them and how you made this decision out of your deep love for them. We promise your child will always know about you, and we'd love to stay in touch with you, so that you can witness how your child is growing and developing. We want your child to know you and understand their story. We're praying for strength and courage through this difficult decision, as we know you want only the best for your child.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE
& GRATITUDE,

Jeremiah and Lissa

YOU ARE LOVED

