



Chris & Lindsay



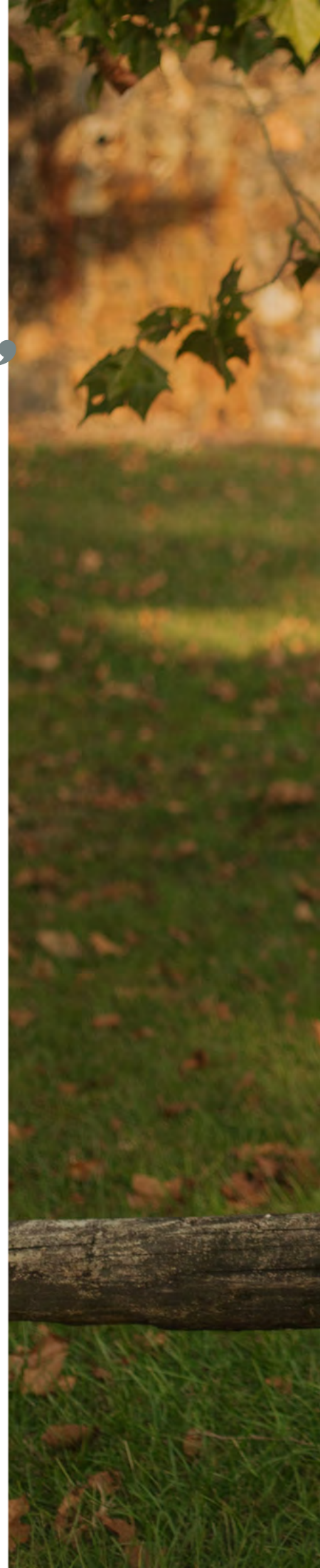
Dear friend,

thank you so much for taking

the time to get to know us and for considering us to be the adoptive parents for your child. We are truly honored to be sharing this vulnerable moment with you. We hope that through this book you will be able to see the love we have for each other, for our friends, and for our families. We cannot wait to bring a baby home, and though we don't know who they are, we already love them more than words can say and cannot wait to love them for the rest of our lives!

We want you to know how much love and respect we feel for you already. We can't imagine the difficult decision you are facing, and we pray daily that you would have the strength and peace you need throughout this process. Our family and friends, alongside us, have joined us in praying for you and your child. We know you want the best for your baby, and we hope you will find us to be everything you desire for your child. We hope you know we are here for you and that you are incredibly loved by us and by a faithful God.

CHRIS & LINDSAY





A romantic couple is shown in profile, facing each other with their foreheads touching. The man, on the left, has short dark hair and a light beard, wearing a pink and white horizontally striped polo shirt. The woman, on the right, has long blonde hair and is wearing a blue denim shirt. They are outdoors, with a background of green trees and foliage heavily dappled with bright, warm sunlight, creating a soft, golden glow. The overall mood is intimate and tender.

As we have felt the desire to have children, God has used the
Psalm 113:9 to comfort us and show us that it's his heart to use
the blessing of adoption to bless the mother as much as the
child. The joy that comes from adoption is something we can't
wait to experience!

THIS IS OUR STORY

We met in the summer of 2013. Chris's sister-in-law had grown up with Lindsay as best friends and thought that we would make a great couple. We talked on the phone for about a week, then we met at Chris's sister-in-law's house. We pretty much knew immediately that we were made for each other!

After about eight months of dating long-distance, we got married. Given our limited budget and the distance between us, we went to the courthouse for our wedding and spent the little money we had on a trip to get away for the week together. While the day wasn't a huge event, it was a special day filled with a lot of love. We both married our best friend and the love of our lives on that day. That's not to say it has always been easy, but we are big believers in the idea that our biggest struggles can be our greatest victories. We have learned how to love each other better and cannot wait for whatever lies ahead.

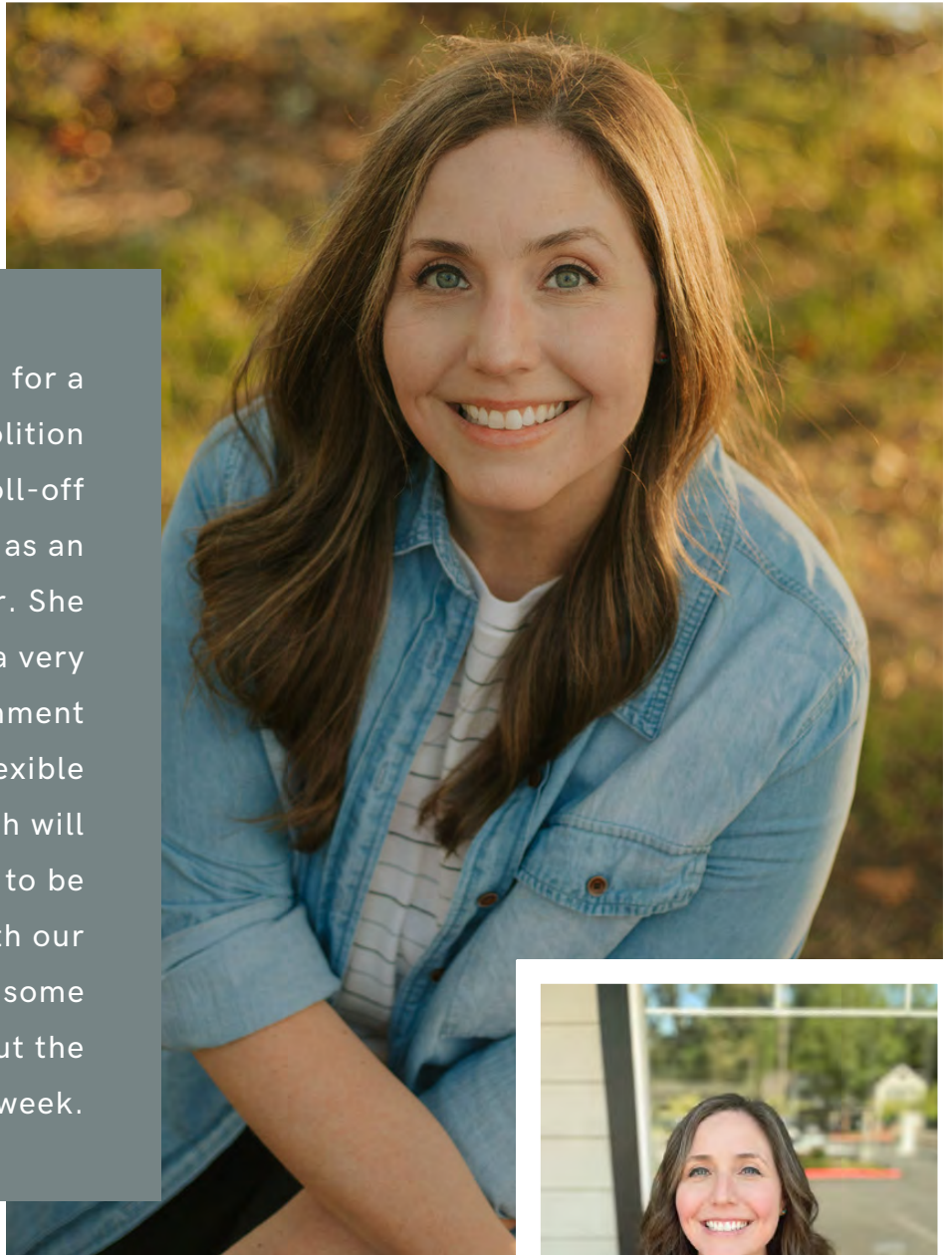
why adoption

We knew early on in our marriage that we wanted to be parents. We have always had a desire to adopt since the beginning of our marriage. That desire turned into a calling after our 11th wedding anniversary passed, and we still had not been able to have children. We tried for many years to get pregnant, however, we were unsuccessful. We began to pray and consider whether adoption is God's plan for us. We decided not to pursue any medical tests, nor fertility treatments, because we believe adoption is God's plan A for us. We are beyond excited to meet the child that we will have the honor of parenting.



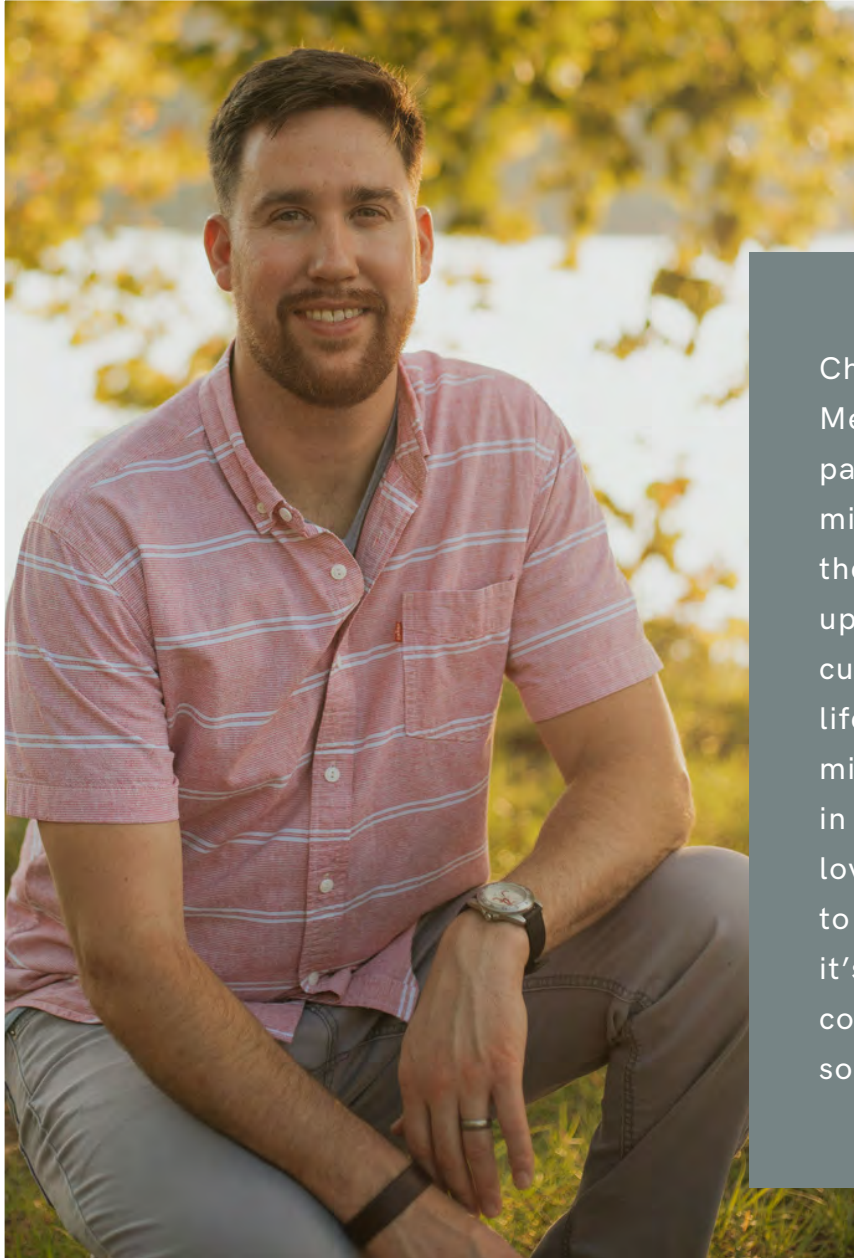
MEET
LINDSAY
Written by Chris

Lindsay works for a small demolition and roll-off company as an Office Manager. She works in a very flexible environment and has a flexible schedule, which will allow her time to be at home with our child some throughout the week.



The owners of the company go to our church, and we've known them for ten years, and they are like family to us. They are just as excited as the rest of our family to meet the child God has planned for our family.

Lindsay loves children. I've often said that she's already a mother, she just doesn't have a baby. She adores all our nephews and nieces and loves serving in the nursery at church with our babies. I know that Lindsay will make a fantastic mom and provide the most loving home environment for our child. I can't wait to see her in that role!



MEET CHRIS

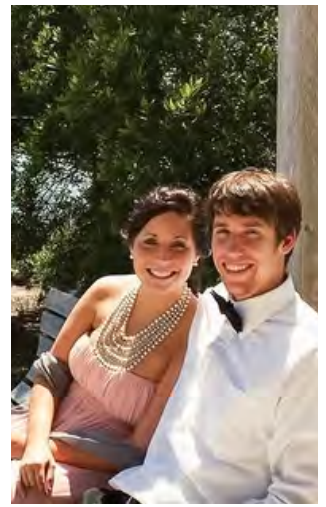
Written by Lindsay

Chris grew up in Mexico, where his parents are missionaries. I can see the impact that growing up in a different culture has had on his life. He is kind, open-minded, and adaptable in situations. Chris loves music! He loves to watch videos on how it's made and how it comes together in songs.

He is also fully fluent in Spanish, and that has helped him to be equipped to serve the Hispanic population in our community and as the youth pastor at our church. He earned his Associate's degree in Divinity in December 2023. Since he works at our church, his schedule is very flexible. We will have a nice setup to rotate our schedules once a baby comes. One of us will always be home with our child.

Chris has the biggest heart of anyone that I know. Because of this, kids love him! Chris is the youth pastor at our church, and he's great about getting on the floor and playing with the kids, or joining them for a game in our Awana program. The parents at our church often tell us how much their kids enjoy Chris being a part of their game. I am so lucky to explore life with Chris and am so excited to see him become a father. I know he will be the best leader for our family.





What we love about each other

As stated earlier, Chris has the biggest heart of anyone that I know. When my sister-in-law was setting us up, she told me that he would give a stranger the shirt off his back, and that has been 100% true of him! He loves with everything that he has, and he shows it instead of just saying it.

He loves to serve others, and he is always looking to see where he can do more. He is a wonderful and strong leader in our home, and always leads by example. He is a wonderful husband, and I often say that I don't deserve him.

My wife is one of the most caring people I know. She's a wonderful listener and already has the tender heart of a mother. She was born and raised in South Carolina and grew up loving the Lord and living to honor him. She is one of the most diligent and hard-working people I know, but she loves to have all kinds of fun too! She loves music, animals, and going places like the zoo and theme parks (especially Disney World!) She loves a good movie with some snacks and popcorn on Saturday nights, and trips to the Smoky Mountains in the fall.



WE LIVE IN BEAUTIFUL GEORGIA!

Our home has three bedrooms, and we have already begun preparing one of them for our child. Our home is warm, welcoming, and comfortable. We are located in a beautiful rural area where it is calm and peaceful, but not too far from the city with lots of things to do! When we bought our home, we envisioned raising children here, BBQs with friends and family, and making a lot of memories as a family in our home!

We have neighbors nearby, a church just down the road, and a farm across the street. We love the peaceful area we are in, yet we are close to the city, so that nothing is too far away. Nearby, you'll find a science museum, parks, good schools, and lots of great restaurants. We love going to all our church events, day trips on the weekends to the zoo, and spending holiday weekends in the mountains or with family.

We're excited about making memories with our children in our home. We look forward to family game nights, snuggling on the couch watching movies and eating popcorn, decorating the house for Christmas, and nightly family dinners.



things we love

Serving at our church Going to the Smoky Mountains
Watching movies Going to Disney World
Going to the gym Relaxing at home on Saturdays
Going for walks Going on day trips
Going to the zoo Spending time with our friends

our faith & values

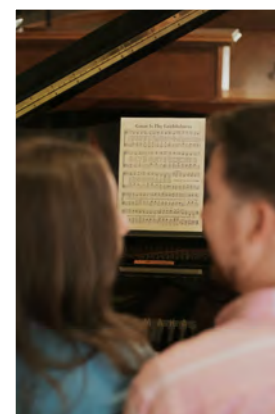
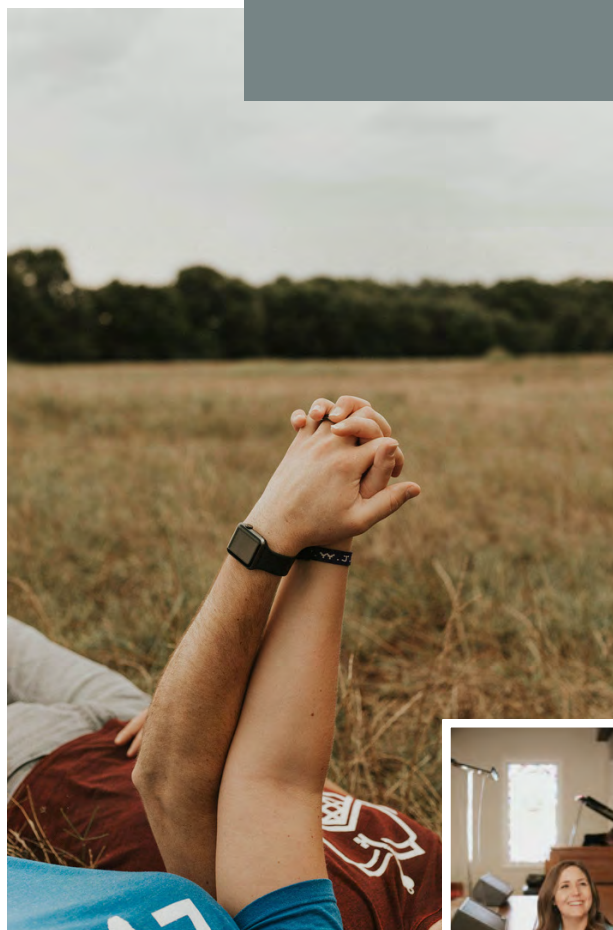
To love, follow, serve, and submit to the Lord Jesus Christ and his Word.

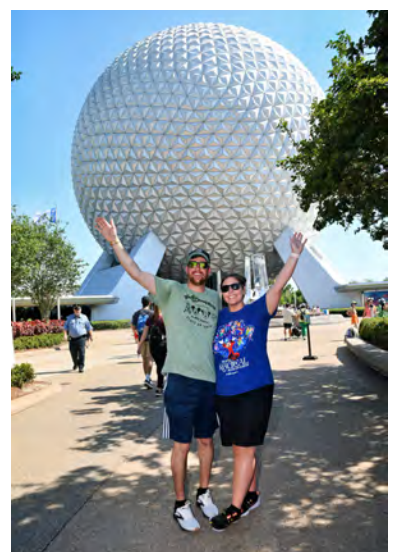
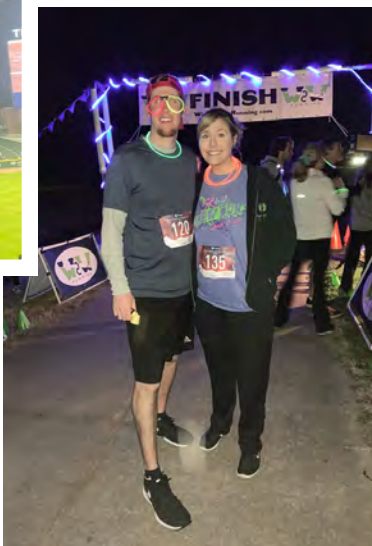
We'll raise our child in a Christian home and hope they live a life dedicated to serving our Lord Jesus Christ. We don't wish to push any specific desires of ours on them as God knows how he made them and how he plans to use their lives for his glory.

However, some ways we desire to see them grow up is to be involved in the mission of getting the Gospel around the world, regardless of whether that means being a pastor or church planter, being on a team, or serving faithfully in developing those who will be sent out. We have a strong plan in place to do our best to separate family life from the ministry, so our child can just be a kid, without feeling undue pressure because of Chris's role on staff at our church.

**We hope our child grows up loving
Jesus, serving him, and with the joy that
he brings through his love for them.**

We hope to help our child work through the emotions and struggles they may face as they respond to the realities of being adopted. As they learn of their heritage, we hope to help them learn about who they are, where they came from, who their birth parents are, and how to find peace in who they are in Christ.





Travel

We love to travel! We've been fortunate enough to travel to some cool places both separately and together. Lindsay has been able to visit Manhattan, New York multiple times, and it's one of her favorite places. Chris has been as far as Kenya, Africa on a missions trip! Together we've been to the Dominican Republic, Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas, Monterrey, Mexico, out west to visit Portland, Oregon, and of course, Disney World! We can't wait to be able to take our child to visit different places as well, and we hope to be able to give them the opportunity to go places that they specifically want to see!



PLACES

SMOKY MOUNTAINS
MONTERREY, MEXICO
TURKS AND CAICOS
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WE'VE BEEN

DISNEY
PORTLAND, OREGON
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
THE BAHAMAS



FAMILY IS EVERYTHING

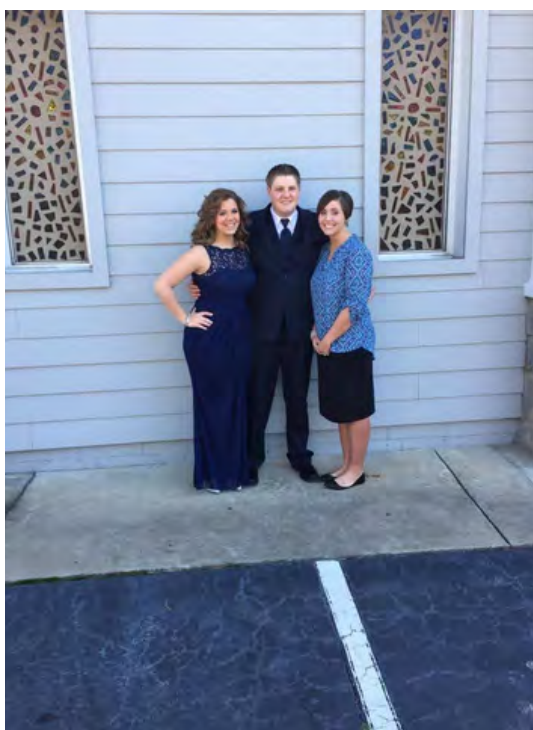
Our family is incredibly important to us. We have family about 3 ½ hours west of us, and 3 ½ hours east of us. Throughout our lives, they have been our biggest fans and a great source of support through some of life's challenges. Between our families, we have 12 nieces and nephews who can't wait to meet their next cousin!

We have siblings as far as Oregon, and Chris' parents are missionaries in Mexico. Though we don't all live right down the road from each other, ministry events bring us together multiple times a year through the connection that all our churches share. Though we are able to capitalize on a lot of ministry events for family time, we also love to make time just to be together as a family around holidays as well.

Lindsay's parents and siblings are all just over three hours away, making day trips frequent and easy for us to go there, or for them to come here. Her siblings are ecstatic to meet their next niece or nephew, and her parents are excited to meet their next grandbaby!

Everyone in our family is extremely supportive, and we are very blessed. We all share a common faith, and we all get to see each other enough to be in touch with what's going on in each other's personal lives. We communicate in a group chat on WhatsApp, and pray for each other regularly. We have a great network of supportive family members who are excited to love our child.





Our friends are like extended family. We have many gatherings and share meals with our friends and church family for holidays, church events, and trips. We value the time we get to spend with them. They are very supportive of our plans to adopt, and they have rallied around us in prayer and constant encouragement. We are so blessed, and so will our child be by the church family God has given us!







Thank you

for taking the time to get to know us!

We hope that this book has given you a glimpse into our lives and the love that we have to share with your child. We appreciate your consideration more than you know. If you decide to make an adoption plan for your baby, we promise to love your child unconditionally and to raise them in a home filled with love, faith, and purpose.

Your child will grow up knowing they are deeply loved by you, by us, and by God. They will know who they are, where they came from, and the love that their mother has for them. We promise to provide them with the best education and schooling possible. We will teach your child to be honest, caring, loving, and kind. We promise to do our best to instill in your child a servant's heart and a humble spirit. Last but certainly not least, we promise to take your child to Disney World as often as we can!

We admire your decision to choose life for your baby, and we know that your desire is to do what's best for them. We promise, too, to love, honor, and respect you all the days of our lives. Though we can't imagine the decision that you're facing, we are praying that you feel supported and loved no matter where you are on the journey!

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