



STEVEN & MJ

We first want to thank you for taking the time to even consider us- we are very grateful for the chance to spend the next few moments with you as you read and learn about our family.

The fact that you're considering options already says how much you love your child. Even though we have never met, we truly admire your courage and selflessness. We can't begin to imagine the difficulty of the decisions you are facing, but we do understand that life sometimes doesn't work out like how we planned. We offer our heartfelt support and are praying for you.

May God replace all anxiety and fear with His peace and strength, as you make the best decision for you and your child, whether to place for adoption or to parent.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us.



ABOUT US

- Happily married for 4 wonderful years
- Not been able to have children and have experienced loss and grief in our journey
- We love God and people
- We attend and serve at church regularly, and are part of life groups
- Love to travel and spend time with family & friends on special occasions
- Have 1 pet- a Siamese cat named Lana
- Steve is self-employed as a real estate agent, and MJ is in corporate finance and works most days from home

OUR STORY

We met online in 2018. We hit it off right away- our first date lasted about 8 hours! (We had lunch, played miniature golf and went bowling, then saw a Disney movie.) A year and a half later, we said "I Do!"

Our journey with starting a family wasn't as easy as falling in love- we struggled with infertility. But in the midst of that struggle, we grew closer together as a couple. Our relationship with God also grew deeper and we learned a great deal about His character in our toughest season: that He is still good; He sees our pain and is near; and He makes everything beautiful in its time.

We believe God is leading our family to welcome someone very special through the gift of adoption. And we can't wait to step into this next adventure!



MEET STEVE

- Excited to become a Dad
- Laidback, selfless, understanding, great listener, smart
- Born and raised in the Midwest
- Loves movies- action movies, old school black-and-white movies, and Star Wars (Han shot first!)
- Big fan of Michigan football (go Blue!)
- Favorite dessert is Key lime pie



MEET MJ

- Has a deep longing to be a Mom
- Compassionate, wise, joyful, hospitable, has a big heart
- Born in the Philippines, and grew up in Southern California
- Loves going to thrift stores & antique/vintage shops
- Enjoys baking, watching cat videos, and spicy food/snacks
- Favorite movie is The Lion King

OUR FAMILY

- Steve's family is local and a short 15-minute drive away
- MJ's family is in California and we visit twice a year
- Both our families are looking forward to being grandparents, aunts and uncles



With family on our wedding day



Church life group



Trip to Grand Canyon



Feeding alpacas in Santa Fe, NM



Game night with friends



Lana is a very gentle and laidback kitty



Extended family from Seattle and Dallas



At nephew's baseball game

FAMILY VALUES

- Love - we show up, we make time for each other, and we say 'I Love You.'
- Joy - we dream, create, laugh, and look for wonder in everyday life.
- Honesty & Empathy - we tell the truth, we keep our promises, and we are kind to ourselves and others.
- Respect & Boundaries - we are polite, we treat people like how we want to be treated, and we follow rules to keep ourselves safe.
- Progress, not Perfection - it's ok to make mistakes, we try again, we focus on the positive, and we celebrate the little things.
- Biblical Values - we forgive, we have a thankful heart, and we live knowing 'Jesus loves me.'

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

- Neighborhood fountain park- we go often for walking exercise. There's also a playground, splash pad, ducks on the lake, and special events held there throughout the year
- Our date nights are at fun family-friendly places- amusement parks, miniature golf, fairs, festivals... we're kids at heart!
- Vacations, trips up north to beat the summer heat & visiting extended family
- Volunteering for organizations that support families & children



Volunteering at Salvation Army



Trip to Tombstone



At a D-backs game



Han Solo & Chewbacca for Halloween

FAMILY TRADITIONS

- Michigan football game days
- AZ Diamondbacks baseball family night
- Traditional home-cooked Thanksgiving
- Christmas in California (and lots of laughs playing board games!)

OUR PROMISE

We hope this letter has given a glimpse of the love, faith, and fun in our home. If you should choose adoption and give us the honor to be parents, we promise:

- To raise him/her to know Christ, and to feel secure in their identity as a precious child of God
- To love, cherish, and guide them all their lives, to support him/her in their God-given talents and passions
- To have a home where they truly belong, is always heard, and is safe
- To honor you and speak highly of you, and to share their adoption story with joy



Nursery in our home

In whatever step you decide to take in the days ahead, our hope & prayer is you receive support, gain wisdom, and experience peace stepping forward.