

THIS IS US

PHILIP + HOPE





WE ARE *so happy*
TO MEET YOU!





HELLO! —

OUR NOTE TO YOU



We feel so honored to know you are taking the time to glimpse into our life and we hope you feel a connection with us through these pages! We have been praying for you and your baby for many months and we will continue to do so as you navigate this difficult decision.

We each had a desire to start a family before we were even married. **After we got married, our original plan was to have both biological and adopted children.** We struggled with infertility for over two years, which led us to the adoption of our son, Henry. While we did grieve after realizing we would never experience pregnancy, after Henry's adoption we realized this was the only way we wanted to continue to grow our family. Almost four years later, we welcomed our second son, Graham, through adoption and felt the fullness of it all over again. We now feel called to add another child to our family through adoption. **To be presented with the opportunity to adopt a third child is a much greater blessing than we could ever have planned on our own.**

While adoption has been such an amazing part of our lives and we are so excited to add to our family again, we also want you to know we do not take lightly the difficult sacrifice and unconditional love that has brought you to this place of considering adoption for your sweet baby. We admire your strength and your desire to love your baby so fully. We want you to know we see how brave you are as you move forward and we respect and honor your decision, no matter what it might be.

Without a doubt, we have been eagerly awaiting the adoption of a third baby into our family. We are excited to share our love with another child and are prepared to be the best parents we can possibly be. Parenthood has been such a joy and the best responsibility we could ever ask for. We thank you for considering us as adoptive parents to your child. **If chosen, we want you to know we will love your child with all of our hearts. They will grow up in a home surrounded by laughter, love, and family. Your child will grow up knowing that their story started with a deep love from you and we will honor their story with our words and actions each and every day.**


Philip and Hope



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WE ENJOY DRIVING AROUND ON NICE DAYS AND EXPLORING TOWNS WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO BEFORE. WE OFTEN TAKE WEEKEND TRIPS. SOME OF OUR FAVORITE PLACES TO GO ARE THE LAKE, OUR FAMILY CABIN, OR THE BEACH. WE LIKE GOING FOR WALKS, SHOPPING, AND TRYING NEW RESTAURANTS. WE ESPECIALLY LIKE TO DO HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TOGETHER.

OUR LOVE STORY

We met in youth group when we were fourteen and fifteen years old. We quickly became friends and found that we were most attracted to each other's sense of humor. We spent as much time together as we could while at youth functions. After about a year, we couldn't keep pretending we were only friends and began to go out on dates and spend time together outside of youth group. We dated for about nine years before getting married. During that time, we broke up for a year and a half which ended up being a healthy break that allowed us to strengthen our faith individually. On dates, we would typically go to the movies, go out to eat, go mini golfing, or take a walk or hike. Occasionally, we would ride my horses although, Philip never truly enjoyed that. He just did it to impress me! No matter what we did, we had fun just being together. - Hope



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OUR ENGAGEMENT

Due to his job, Philip lived about an hour from home while we were dating in the later years. On a weekend visit, we went to a nice restaurant and then to a basketball game on Friday night. I had been hoping for a proposal for quite some time. I wondered if it would happen that night. It did not, and I was disappointed. The next morning, when I was completely unsuspecting of it, Philip proposed! We were in his apartment and he simply knelt down pretending to look for something on the floor. He ruffled through some bags and said, "What is this?" I expected him to pull out something one of us had bought, and instead, it was a ring. The smile on his face is one of my dearest memories. It was sincere, sweet, and now a treasured moment. It was true to his personality and character. He said a lot of nice things, but I honestly don't even remember them because I was so excited. I could hardly handle not being at home to tell our family, so we drove home that morning and shared the news. It was a wonderful weekend!

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

We got married in an old church that had a beautiful cathedral ceiling and stained glass windows. I walked down the aisle to Cannon in D played by a string quartet. We drove Philip's dad's Mustang to the reception. Our reception was in a beautiful, old barn. Our families came together and helped us make it special. There were lights strung in the rafters and a friend of mine painted huge canvases with bible verses and quotes about love which hung around the barn. There was good home-cooked food, lots of cake, and a candy bar. The day was beautiful. Everyone was happy and enjoying the day, especially Philip and I. God gave us the perfect day. We still say we would do that day over and over again!





MEET PHILIP

A FEW OF MY HOBBIES

- BOW HUNTING
- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- HIKING
- WEIGHTLIFTING
- TIME WITH FAMILY

I am a Project Manager for a utility contractor. I am responsible for overseeing electric utility projects for the company. I work from home 90% of the time, which I really enjoy. I have the capability to bend my schedule around anything that might come up with our family schedule and I have ample time off. I normally work from 7-4 each day, either from home or visiting job sites. After work, I like to spend time working on projects outside or playing sports with Henry and Graham.

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Being a father is one of the most fulfilling purposes of my life. With the adoption of our sons, Henry and Graham, I was, and still am, overwhelmed by the blessing of fatherhood. I cherish the responsibility to care for, teach, and show love to our children to the best of my God-given ability. It has always been our hope to have multiple children and we look forward to completing our family with another child. Hope and I both experienced the joys of growing up with siblings and we are excited to see Henry and Graham bond with another sibling.

WISE FUNNY LOVING PATIENT



THE BEST DAD



MY HUSBAND, PHILIP

Philip is the funniest person I know. He is a very hard worker and never complains about his job. He is wise, sensible, and does not get worked up about many things. He is a reassuring constant in my life. I like that I can trust his opinion and advice. He is also a very loyal person. He is an amazing father and constantly blows me away with the love he has for our children. He is very protective of our sons and is always aware of where they are and what they are doing. He likes to teach them and show them new things. He encourages independence, exploring, and playing. He makes a point to spend quality time with them, both together and one on one. He will often take them along when he is running errands, doing projects at home, or going out in the woods for a hike. He makes Henry and Graham feel special and loved. You will always find Philip playing and joking with our nieces and other children in our life. He always takes time to talk with them and ask questions, making them feel seen and cared for.



MEET HOPE

A FEW OF MY HOBBIES

- RIDING HORSES
- GARDENING
- READING
- TAKING WALKS
- BIRD WATCHING
- BEING WITH FAMILY

I work as a part-time Medical Coder for the Family Medicine offices that belong to our local community hospital. I work from home and can work any time I want. I often work early in the morning before the kids wake up and I can stop and start my work as needed in order to be there for our children and what they need.

I plan to take a three-month maternity leave to bond and spend uninterrupted time with our new baby and the boys. After that, I will return to working part-time from home. My mom watches the boys one day each week and Philip's mom one day a week. Those two full days a week allow me to get most of my work done. I also work during naptimes if needed. I love this schedule and how I can be fully present whenever the boys are home!

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Being a mother is a very fulfilling part of my life. Even as a young girl, I dreamed of being a mom. Having been through fertility struggles, I grasp this precious gift of motherhood even tighter, knowing how very fortunate I am. I love seeing my sons grow and change, and I look forward to pouring my love onto another baby. I love the snuggling, the laughs, and the playtime. I am excited for Henry and Graham to have another sibling to play and bond with!

BEAUTIFUL CARING LOVING STRONG



LOVING MOM



MY WIFE, HOPE

I admire Hope's strength and how she handles adversity. Going through infertility was very difficult, and I saw her rely on God and grow in her faith in a very inspiring way. I love her caring nature and how she is very in tune to the feelings of others. She is always ready to help a friend or family member who is struggling. She is a great listener and is always willing to stop what she is doing and put the needs of others before her own. She does this for me, our boys, and anyone else she gets the chance to serve.

I love seeing Hope as a mother. She is very caring and attentive. She listens well when the boys need to talk and always plans fun activities for Henry and Graham. She has an innate way of bringing children joy. Her passion for motherhood since she was little has made her a great mom and aunt. Her nieces love her and she always enjoys any time she gets to spend with them. She takes time to make sure children are heard and feel special when they are around her. I know her love will only grow as we add a third child to our family.

HENRY + GRAHAM



OUR BOYS ARE OUR BIGGEST BLESSINGS!

We openly talk about adoption in our home. Both Henry and Graham have a book we created that tells them all about their unique adoptions. We want conversation and questions about their stories to be something they know they can openly express. We tell them that God wanted them to bless their birthmothers, even just for a short time in the womb, before coming to be in our family. As they grow and process more of the questions that will come we will be open with them to an extent at which they can comprehend at their age. Their stories are unique and special and we will always honor those stories well.





HENRY
6 YEARS OLD

Henry is a very active boy and he loves to be outside. He likes to ride his 4-wheeler, catch crayfish, go fishing, and hang out in his hideouts in the woods. He loves playing in the mud with his toys. He loves to swim and will swim in his grandparent's pool for hours! He is very close with his cousins and they often have sleepovers together. He likes to have a job or task to do and he loves when we ask him to help with something. If he could choose something very special to do, it would be to stay home and play! He likes to be goofy and make people laugh.

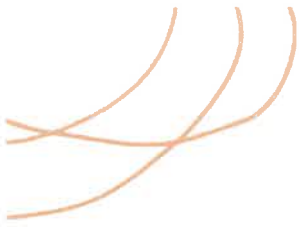


GRAHAM
2 YEARS OLD

Graham wants to do what his big brother does! He has a very funny personality and will do and say silly things to try to get a laugh. Graham loves playing basketball and throwing football. He is active and enjoys running around outside and riding his little tykes 4-wheeler. He is happiest when someone gives him a ride on our big 4-wheeler or golf cart and would probably do that for hours if we let him. He likes our animals and is very kind to them. He thoroughly enjoys his cousins and screams with delight when he sees them. He is a confident and silly little boy!

FAMILY TIME

We love being outdoors together. At home, we are outside a lot, whether it's working in the yard or barn, throwing football, or having a campfire. We often ride a 4-wheeler, our golf cart, or the boys take a ride on our horse, Mazey. We try to go to the beach at least once a year. We go to Hope's family cabin for a long weekend every year and this is a family favorite! Sometimes we have family sleepovers in the living room, staying up eating snacks, and watching a movie. We like to go on drives and explore new areas. In the evenings during the week, we always eat dinner together and then play or read books before bed.



Our home is a three-bedroom cape cod built in 2018. The upstairs has two large bedrooms and a large bathroom. The downstairs has the master suite, kitchen, dining room, living room, and guest bathroom. We have a large basement that is slowly being finished and turned into a home office and family room/playroom. We love our large wrap around porch in the front, and the patio in the back. The patio has an outdoor dining table and a grill. We have a swing set in the backyard as well. Our property is forty acres and is mostly wooded land. Our home sits far off the road which makes it a safe environment for outdoor playing.

We live in a small community that neighbors a larger town where our children attend school. Our community borders multiple towns, so we have close access to what each town has to offer. Our community boasts many beautiful historic homes and farms. The surrounding towns are quaint with trees and shops along the streets. The community is safe and filled with friendly people. Our community has different festivals- like the yearly Arts Festival, the Apple Butter Festival, and the Harvest Festival. Within a ten minute drive, we have access to multiple parks that include playgrounds and pavilions for picnics. Our neighboring town has a beautiful trail that spans for miles through farmland and wooded areas and is used for biking, walking, and running.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME





our little farm

We have one horse named Mazey, one mini-donkey named Millie, and one sheep named Cooper. They live in our barn and are great fun for our children! Henry likes to sit on Millie's back and she follows him around the pasture wanting his attention. Mazey is old, but can still give the boys rides which they love. We also have seven chickens and two barn cats. The chickens are usually free-range and friendly. The barn cats are so sweet and will follow the boys around outside just wanting to be petted. We also have one indoor cat named Lucy. She is often out roaming with the barn cats, then comes in to snuggle and enjoy our couch in the evenings.





MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Philip's parents are Chris and Judy. They live in a ranch home outside of town. They have a nice backyard that has trees around it allowing some privacy from the neighbors. They recently put in a pool with a great big deck! We often spend nice days on their deck visiting and swimming. Judy was adopted as a baby as were her two sisters. She cherishes having this in common with our children. Their home is the home Philip grew up in, and it remains a home we enjoy returning to for visits. Philip has one younger brother, Alex. Alex lives with their parents and works as a landscaper. Alex is easy to talk to and has a great sense of humor. He is a wonderful uncle to our sons and is great at sitting and playing whatever they ask him to!

My parents are David and Wanda. They are wonderful grandparents. They live on a small farm just outside of town where they raise a few beef cows, have a big yard where we play games, and have 4-wheelers and a golf cart that we give the kids rides on. My older sister is Amanda and her husband is Luke. They have been married for thirteen years and are high school sweethearts. They live close to us and have four girls. Kenley is eleven, Joslyn is nine, Leah is six, and Camdyn is four. They are fun and energetic girls who bring a lot of joy to all of us. Mandie and Luke are wonderful parents and have set a good example for us. Mandie is my best friend and someone I trust for advice and help as a mother. My younger brother is Shawn and his wife is Katie. They also live nearby and we are close with them as well. They have two daughters. Sophia is four and Brielle is two. They are excellent parents and are also very present in our sons' lives. They are responsible and trustworthy and are people we turn to for childcare if needed. I look forward to my nieces meeting our next child. Their girls are already understanding of adoption since our sons are adopted, and they are eager to embrace their newest cousin.





Philip and Hope are great parents to Henry and Graham. They spend quality with their boys and show them how to love Jesus, family, and the people around them. Their desire to love and welcome another child into their family is a beautiful blessing. We have watched their faith grow as God has worked out His plan for growing their family. We love and support them in the decision to adopt another child and we are so excited to love our next grandchild and be involved in their life as Pap and Nana. Watching our children love and raise their own children has been such a blessing and we are so excited to meet the newest addition to our family!

Pap Dave + Nana Wanda



We are blessed beyond measure to share the responsibility of being grandparents to Henry and Graham with Hope's parents, Dave and Wanda. Our families and extended families are close and practice the same values and beliefs. We support Philip and Hope in their commitment to raising their children with a strong faith in a loving environment. We love spending time with the boys in nature, at local parks, traveling, and simply reading books and playing with toys in our home. We are so excited to welcome another grandchild to the family! Without a doubt, having another little one to love will bring just as much joy and laughter as Henry and Graham have brought into our lives.

Mimi Judy + Bumpy Chris



AS A FAMILY, WE ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO OUR YEARLY TRADITIONS AND HOLIDAY GATHERINGS!

On Thanksgiving Day we have meals with each side of our family. With Philip's family, everyone makes a dish or two and when it is all together, it is truly a feast! We eat, visit and talk, and have fun with family. Early afternoon we head to my parent's house for Thanksgiving dinner. Both of my grandmothers are there as well as my brother, sister, and their families. We all still fit at the table in my parent's dining room which is a cozy cheerful time.

One tradition we love is decorating for Christmas the day after Thanksgiving and getting the Christmas tree that weekend. Philip always strings the lights on the tree because it turns out he is much better at it than me! The boys and I love hanging the ornaments. My mom and Philip's mom always decorated the tree with their kid's homemade ornaments, and we plan to do the same with our children. Each year, we make a couple of new ornaments that creatively use the boys' hands, feet, pictures, etc. We enjoy going to a local Christmas Village and light display to see the Christmas lights. The Christmas holidays include big homemade meals, games, lounging, and gifts. We recently decided that Christmas day will be spent at home so our children can enjoy their gifts and the good food I make! We invite our parents to drop in anytime that day to see the kids' gifts and visit.





THOUGHTS ON *education*



We plan to send our children to public school. Henry has just started kindergarten this year. We are confident our children will be receiving a quality education and great opportunities in our school district. The school district recently built a brand new athletic facility and tends to stay current on modern advantages in the school system. Our school district and neighboring schools are competitive in many sports most notably football, soccer, and field hockey. They have talented and quality music programs including choir, plays, musicals, and band. We know quite a few of the teachers and faculty at this school district and those connections are valuable!

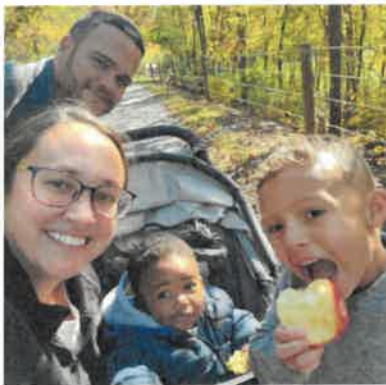
We plan to encourage our children to pursue a college or trade school degree. We also plan to help contribute financially with a portion of our Roth IRA and by starting a 529 College Savings account for each child.

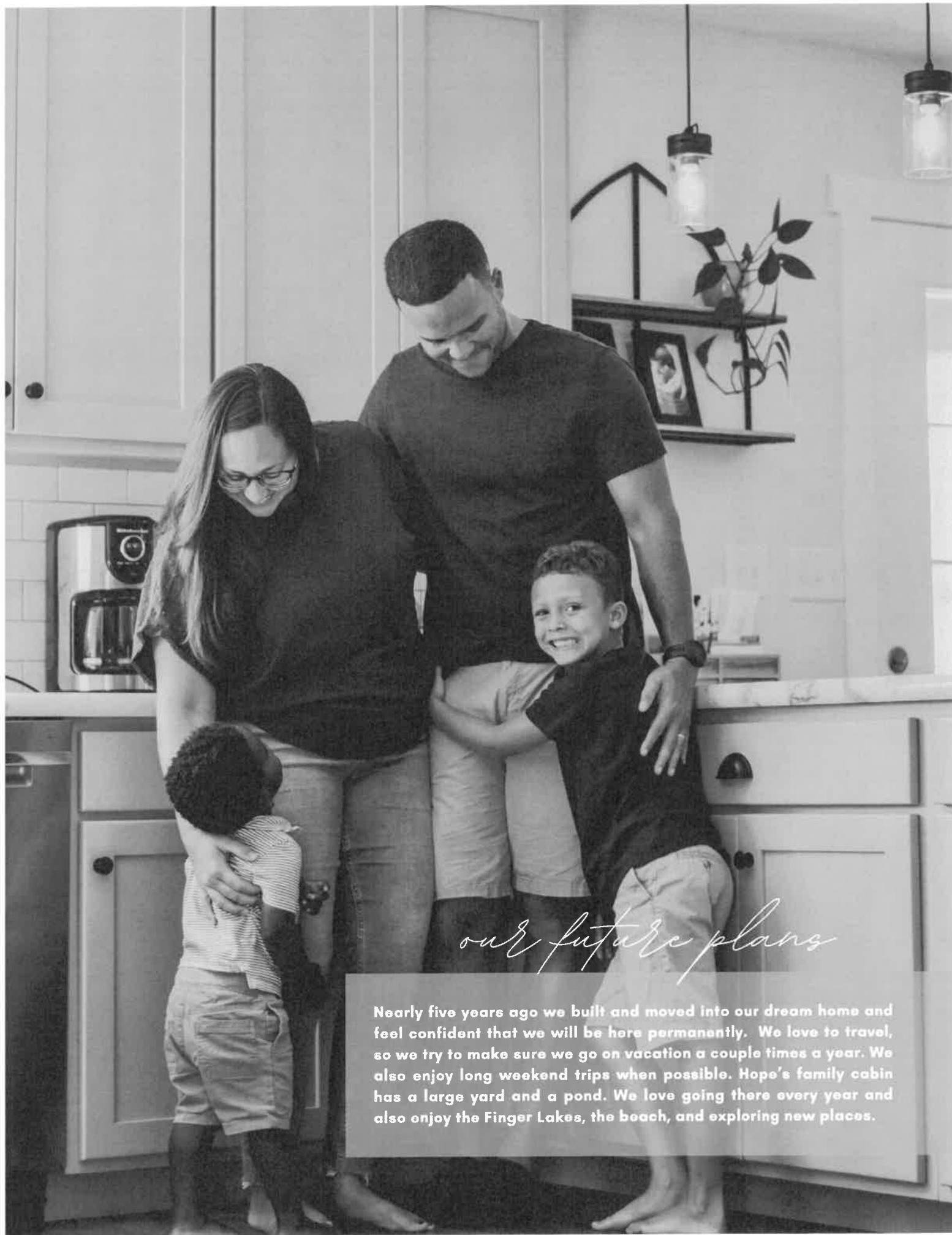


our faith

Our prayer is that we are able to live out our faith daily and teach our children the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We plan to teach our children the importance of humility, honesty, integrity, forgiveness, and a strong work ethic. Our church family is a large group of people from different cultures, backgrounds, and classes sharing their love of the gospel. Many of our own family members as well as long time friends that we know and trust attend our church. There is a large group of kids with a wonderful children's ministry that we trust our children to be a part of. Our church family has been and continues to be so supportive and excited about our adoption! Many families in our church were built through adoption so we are blessed with that commonality.







our future plans

Nearly five years ago we built and moved into our dream home and feel confident that we will be here permanently. We love to travel, so we try to make sure we go on vacation a couple times a year. We also enjoy long weekend trips when possible. Hope's family cabin has a large yard and a pond. We love going there every year and also enjoy the Finger Lakes, the beach, and exploring new places.



OUR *family* VALUES

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

Even though we fall short of perfection, it is our hope that our marriage gives glory to God, and God's grace and faithfulness is evident in our marriage.

TIME SPENT TOGETHER

We are best friends and have been through a lot of ups and downs together. We know the importance of supporting each other and being there for one another.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTHOOD

This is something we do not take lightly and we believe firmly in our calling to grow our family through adoption.

BEFORE YOU GO



Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We are so thankful for you and the love you have for your child. We love how adoption is already such a huge part of our family dynamic and we are so excited to see our family grow through adoption again. If you decide we are the right family for your child, he or she will be in a family where they share the bond of adoption with their brothers, grandmother, two great aunts, and a cousin. **All of our children's biological families will always be spoken of as the ones who first loved them and chose to give them the life they have.** There will always be respect for their biological families in any conversation throughout our child's life with us. There will be no secrets regarding adoption or what that means. We plan to openly express our belief that it is the most beautiful way God has chosen to create our family. We are thankful that all of our children will have this in common and we are grateful to be given the opportunity to be parents in this way.

We are praying for you as you read profiles and get to know families. We have no doubt you will make the best decision possible for your child. One that flows out of the deep love you have for them. Thank you again for considering us. We are so thankful our paths have crossed in this way!

Love,
Philip and Hope



we are so thankful for you!

YOU ARE SO LOVED

