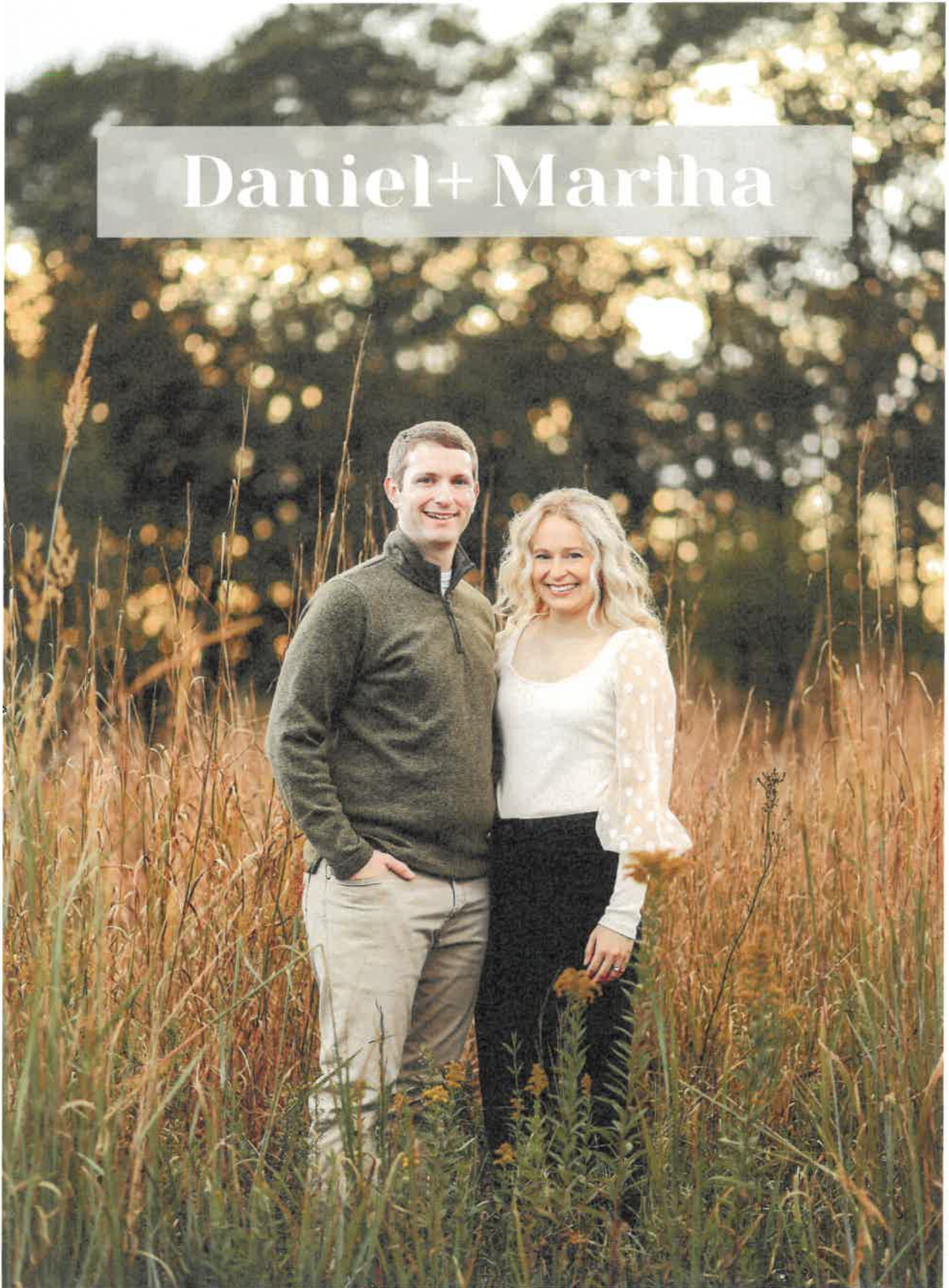


# Daniel+Martha









Hello





OUR NOTE

# To You

We don't know the exact circumstances that have led you here, but we want you to know that we recognize how difficult this decision must be for you. **We admire and respect your strength and courage, and we want you to know that we are praying for you and your child as you decide what is best for you both.** We want to thank you for taking the time to consider us as the adoptive parents of your child. Should you choose us as adoptive parents, your child will be cherished and loved by us, our families, and our community. We are committed to providing your child with a safe and loving home. Our greatest hope for your child is that he or she knows that God loves them infinitely.

We promise to always speak of you with gratitude and love to your child. **Your child will always know how important you are to their life's story.** Should you choose us, we are open to staying connected in a way that feels comfortable and right for you. Above all, we want you to feel peace with whatever choice you make.

*Love,*  
*Daniel + Martha*





OUR HEARTS FOR

# Adoption

**We have experienced four years of unexplained infertility. We have spent a long time carefully thinking and praying about adoption to grow our family. We feel so much peace and clarity about our decision. We grew up with children who were adopted and have worked with parents who have adopted and are thankful to have witnessed these loving relationships. The more openly we have discussed adoption with others, the more we have learned of beautiful connections to adoption amongst our friends and community.**







THIS IS OUR

# Love Story

## FIRST MET

We met while in marching band in high school. Daniel played the saxophone and Martha danced and spun flags in the color guard. We got to know each other at lunchtimes during band camp!

## DATING

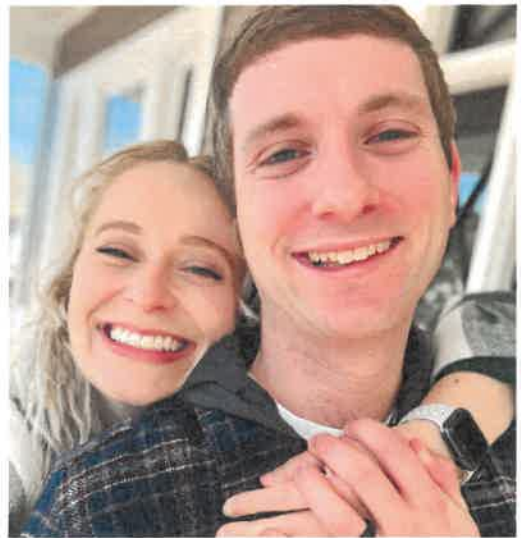
Our first date was to the state fair, and the rest is history. We went to two high school proms together and dated all throughout our college years. We dated for six years before getting married fresh out of college. We both love each other's sense of humor and love of life.

## ENGAGEMENT

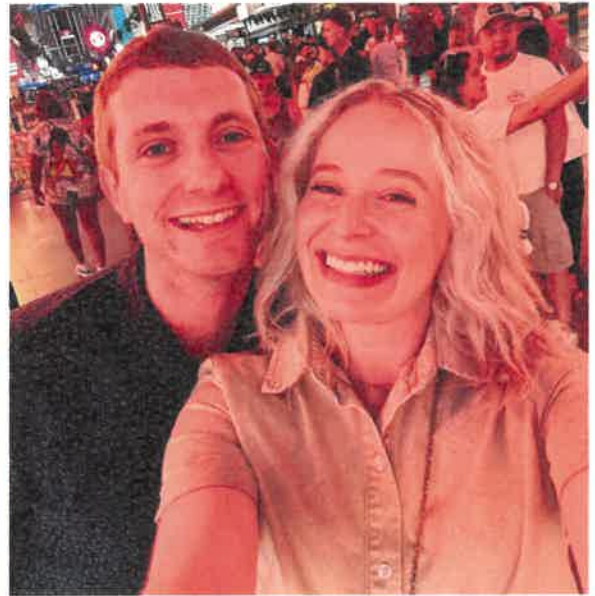
In September 2015, Daniel took Martha on a date to a nice restaurant and asked her to marry him at sunset in a nearby park after the meal. We loved telling each of our family members the wonderful news that we were going to get married.

## WEDDING

We got married in 2016 at the beautiful church that Martha grew up in, which was extra special. It was right before Christmas so everything in the church was decorated extra beautifully!







We have been married for eight years, and we have been together a total of fourteen years! We have gotten the chance to watch each other grow up from our teenage years to adulthood, and spending this time growing together has deepened our marriage and our friendship.

We really enjoy taking walks around our neighborhood together. It's a good time for us to just talk, catch up, and share anything that's on our minds. We also enjoy trying different restaurants. We enjoy watching new TV programs at night while winding down for bedtime. When we can, we enjoy traveling. We've been able to go to some cool places, and those times spent together are some of our most cherished memories. We also love going to football and basketball games!



Easy-going

Friendly

Funny

Steady

MY HUSBAND

# Daniel

Daniel is steady and strong. He's always there for me and is such a calming presence in my life. He's the funniest person I know! Seriously, nobody can make me laugh like he can! He is so clever and always finds a way to make me laugh. Daniel is adaptable and is very good at reacting to changed plans on a moment's notice. He's a very comforting person. He is always there to make me feel safe, loved, and appreciated. He truly lives out sacrificial love, and I love him so much!

I absolutely love watching Daniel interact with children. When he was a teenager, he spent time as a camp counselor at summer camp. Not too long after we got married, I distinctly remember being at a church small group meeting, and some of the children were getting a little wild, so Daniel started a game of "Red Light, Green Light" with them to keep them entertained. They LOVED it and there was so much laughter! That is such a fun memory to me. We also have a niece, and Daniel is so sweet with her! I know he's looking forward to holding our child for the first time, teaching them games and sports as they get older, and just being a really present dad. He will be an amazing father!





## WORK + HOBBIES

I work as a buyer and production planner in a manufacturing facility. My job is flexible and the company I work for is family-friendly. The company will allow for parental leave for adoption for up to eight weeks of paid time off.

In my free time, I enjoy watching sports like football and basketball, particularly my favorite team, the Clemson Tigers! I also enjoy reading a lot of different types of books. I love reading books about history, science fiction, and thrillers. I have come to enjoy exercising, particularly running, because I love to challenge myself. Martha and I enjoy spending a lot of our free time together. We simply enjoy each other's company and do not have to be doing anything special to be happy spending time together.



## FATHERHOOD

I look forward to holding our child for the first time. I know that I will do whatever it takes to best provide a loving home for our family. I look forward to coming home from work and hugging our child and spending time with him or her. My greatest prayer for our child is that they will believe and rest in the promises of Jesus Christ.

My parents raised me very well and I had a great childhood. I look back on my childhood fondly and with appreciation for my parents. My parents provided a loving, safe, and stable home in which to grow up. My parents were very involved in my education and created an environment to allow me to do well in school. Into my teenage years, they made sure I understood boundaries and discipline which helped me become a better student through perseverance. I will do everything to make sure that my child is provided for in a safe, loving, and stable home. I also hope to create a similar environment for my child that will allow them to achieve and thrive according to their potential.



Loyal

Encouraging

Supportive

Funny

MY WIFE

# Martha

Martha is loving, kind, gentle, and funny. She is fiercely loyal and an encouraging wife who always helps me even when I am not feeling my best. One of Martha's greatest strengths is her empathy. She always listens to me and helps me work through any difficult situations. Martha is my biggest supporter. In the past, when I expressed desire for a career change, she not only supported me, she actively helped me find a new job. I can also see all of these traits in her career as a fitness instructor. I see her actively encouraging her clients to reach the potential that is within them.

Martha is very good with kids. We have several friends with young children and she is gentle and kind to them. Martha will play with them with their toys, read books with them, and she always makes them feel special! The school-aged children in particular always want to be around her and get her attention and she definitely has a lot of fun with them! She has always been very gentle and sweet with babies and toddlers. I believe that she will be a great mom because she is a very loving person with a big heart. She will be patient with our child and will always love and encourage him or her.





## WORK + HOBBIES

I own a fitness business and instruct group fitness classes. My work is very flexible as I can make my own schedule and do most of my work from home when I'm not teaching a fitness class. I love motivating my clients and encouraging them that they are stronger than they think. Being given the opportunity to have an impact on people, even if it's just a small one, is very rewarding to me. After the baby arrives, I will be the primary caregiver at home.

I enjoy dancing, cooking, and listening to music! I have a wide variety of musical tastes, but my favorite genres include alternative rock and musical theatre! I love trying to make different recipes and cuisines. I can also play a little bit of guitar, and I occasionally enjoy practicing chords and trying to learn some of my favorite songs! But you won't find me playing for a crowd any time soon!



## MOTHERHOOD

I look forward to holding our child and experiencing all their milestones. I really look forward to watching Daniel be a father because I know he will make an amazing one. I've always imagined making our child laugh. There's no better feeling than when a child laughs at your jokes or funny faces! My biggest prayer for our child is that he or she knows Jesus – who He is and what He's done for us. I pray that our child knows that God loves and knows them fully and completely. I pray that they know that we would go to the ends of the Earth for them.

I really appreciated the way my parents parented my brother and me. They looked at us as children with unique personalities, and their parenting of each of us reflected that. What may have worked with my brother might not have worked with me and vice versa. As an adult, I really appreciate the specialized and individualized attention, and I know that will impact how I parent. I have very cherished childhood memories of a loving home that I'm excited to create for our child – fun holiday memories, family trips, and lots of laughs.



## DANIEL'S FAVORITES

### Book

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

### Movie

Spiderman: No Way Home

### Vacation

Our honeymoon trip to San Francisco

### Food

I've always had a sweet tooth,  
so I'll go with ice cream!

### Holiday

I love Christmas and all of the  
family time that brings!

### TV Show

The Office

## MARTHA'S FAVORITES

### Book

Passport to Heaven by Micah Wilder

### Movie

The Sound of Music

### Vacation

Our honeymoon trip to San Francisco

### Food

Greek food of any type!

### Holiday

Christmas

### TV Shows

The Office and Gilmore Girls





## WE VALUE FAITH, FAMILY, HUMOR, AND FORGIVENESS

We value our Christian faith and how Jesus compels us to act and live. We value family and love spending time with each other and our extended families. We believe humor is one of the best forms of medicine and try to use it often! We value forgiveness because Christ first forgave us and we want to extend the same love and grace to others.



## OUR FAITH KEEPS OUR MARRIAGE STRONG

Honesty and trust are so important to us; we love how we can trust each other and can tell each other anything without judgment. When we argue, we're quick to forgive each other by calmly talking through what caused the argument. We both feel we can be open and honest with each other which helps us resolve conflict. We love how much fun we have together and how much we can make each other laugh!

## PASSING ON OUR FAITH

We plan to raise our child by teaching them about Jesus through children's Bibles and talking about Jesus frequently. We absolutely love our church community! We plan to have our child take part in the children's ministry. We hope to help them foster friendships with other children at our church.





## THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION

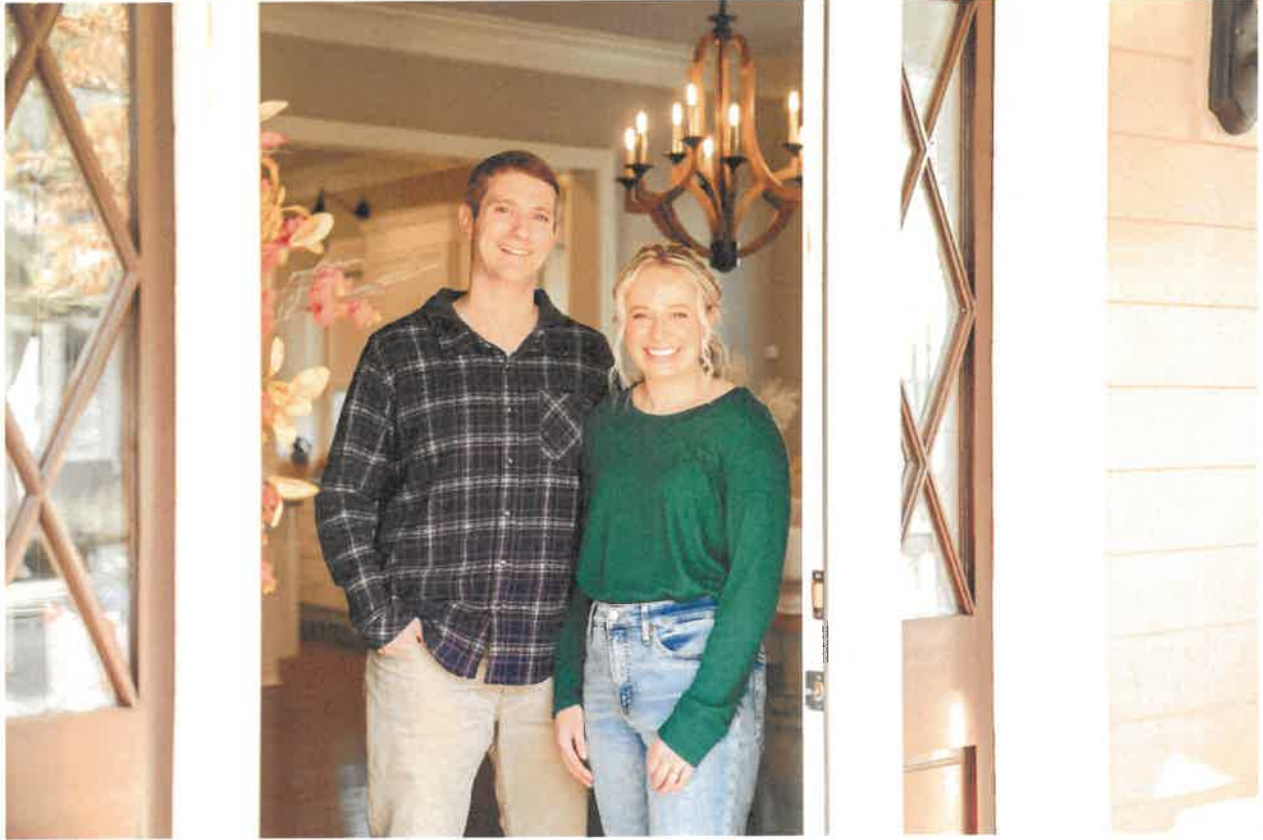
When we think about schooling for our children, we are keeping public or private school as options. The public schools in our area are exceptional so we would feel very comfortable sending our children to them. We also know of some great private Christian schools in our area that we would like to explore and keep on the table as options.

We want our child to know that we love them regardless of what their future entails. Of course, we will support them if they want to go to college, but we also know that they may want to pursue other dreams or career paths that don't include college, and we will be here to support and guide them!









WELCOME TO

# Our Home

We love our home and community! We live in a newer house with four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms. We have a nicely sized, fenced yard in a friendly neighborhood. Our neighborhood is safe and has nice sidewalks for walking. We enjoy being together in our home whether it is just hanging out just the two of us or with friends or family. We enjoy cooking in our kitchen and making our home smell yummy with whatever we're cooking! We especially enjoy decorating our home for the holidays. Christmas lights are our favorite! We are so excited to raise our family in this home. We are close to family and have a wonderful community around us.

We live in a very safe town with excellent schools. Our neighborhood has a playground and two pools. Our city has several community events yearly including a Christmas parade, community trick-or-treating at Halloween, an international festival, and more! We also live close to a larger city with lots of activities for families like parks, festivals, and museums. Our town has lots of families and is a great place to raise a child.







# Our Family

## MARTHA'S FAMILY

My extended family includes my dad and mom, Keith and Jennie, and my brother and his wife, Thomas and Taylor. Thomas and Taylor have a goldendoodle named Coolidge, and we love it when he comes to visit! I have two living (paternal) grandparents, Jim and Juanita. We are so thankful to live close to them! We also live down the street from my parents, so we are thankful we get to see them weekly.

## DANIEL'S FAMILY

My family includes my dad and mom, Ed and Suzann. My parents live a little further away but we still get to see them several times per year. I have three siblings named Matt, Tyler, and Kaitlyn. Matt is married to Danielle, and they have a sweet daughter named Millie who is two years old! Kaitlyn is engaged to her fiancé, Andrew, and we are excited for him to officially be a part of our family soon! Two of my three siblings live far away, so we don't get to see them as much as we'd like, but we always try to get together once a year. For holidays that we are not together, we like to arrange family FaceTime calls! I also have two living grandparents – my paternal grandmother, Dorothy, and my maternal grandfather, Bob.





When we are with our families, we just enjoy being together whether we're just hanging out or doing a fun activity. We love to sit around the dinner table and share stories of what has happened in our lives recently. Usually, someone has a funny story to share, and we enjoy laughing together! Daniel's mom really enjoys board games so we usually end up playing a fun game after enjoying a meal together! Everyone in our family is so supportive of our decision to adopt and cannot wait to meet our precious child.



A FEW OF OUR

# Holiday Traditions



We spend holidays, particularly Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, with our families. For Thanksgiving, Martha's mom makes sure to make sweet potato pie because Daniel loves it so much! We also enjoy Daniel's mom's special pear pie on Christmas...she makes it every year! One other Christmas tradition we have started in our adult years is popping "Christmas Crackers" on Christmas Eve! It's a British tradition and the only reason we know about it is from watching a British TV show! We thought it looked fun, so we decided to try it for ourselves. You pull apart the ends of the cracker so that it makes a little popping noise, and on the inside, you'll find a paper crown, a small toy, and a piece of paper with a joke on it. Then we go around the table and read the jokes out loud! For birthdays, Martha has gotten into the tradition of making Daniel a sprinkle cake with chocolate cream cheese frosting. She tries a new recipe every year, but the last one she made was the best one so far! In the future, we really look forward to being able to create the magic of Santa Claus for our child. We also look forward to taking pictures at holidays with our child to be able to look back and see how they have grown!







THESE ARE OUR

# Promises To You

+ We promise that our child will always know their adoption story. We plan to use books about adoption that are age-appropriate to help them understand their story. We promise to speak openly about their adoption and how important you are to their story throughout their lives.

+ We would love to be able to show our child photos of you as much as you are comfortable with sharing.

+ We promise to raise our child to know Jesus. We want them to know how much God loves them and that nothing can separate them from His love. We promise to raise our child with love and empathy and in a community that will love and support them.

+ We promise to help nurture their God-given talents and skills - whatever those may be.

+ We want our child's life to be filled with fun and laughter! We plan to enjoy family outings to the zoo, children's museum, and sporting events! We want them to have the chance to experience new things! Overall, we promise our child's life will be filled with love, support, and laughter.





WE WANT TO SAY

# Thank You

We want to reiterate how much we value you, admire you, and pray you feel peace with whatever decision you make. We want you to know how much God loves you and your child and that absolutely nothing can separate you from His love. Should you choose us as the adoptive parents of your child, we will speak of you in our home with the utmost respect and love. Your child will always know of your important role in their life. And again, we want you to know that we are open to continuing a relationship in a way that is comfortable for you after placement.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile! We would love to answer any questions you may have and would also love to get to know you more!

*Love,*

*Daniel + Martha*



