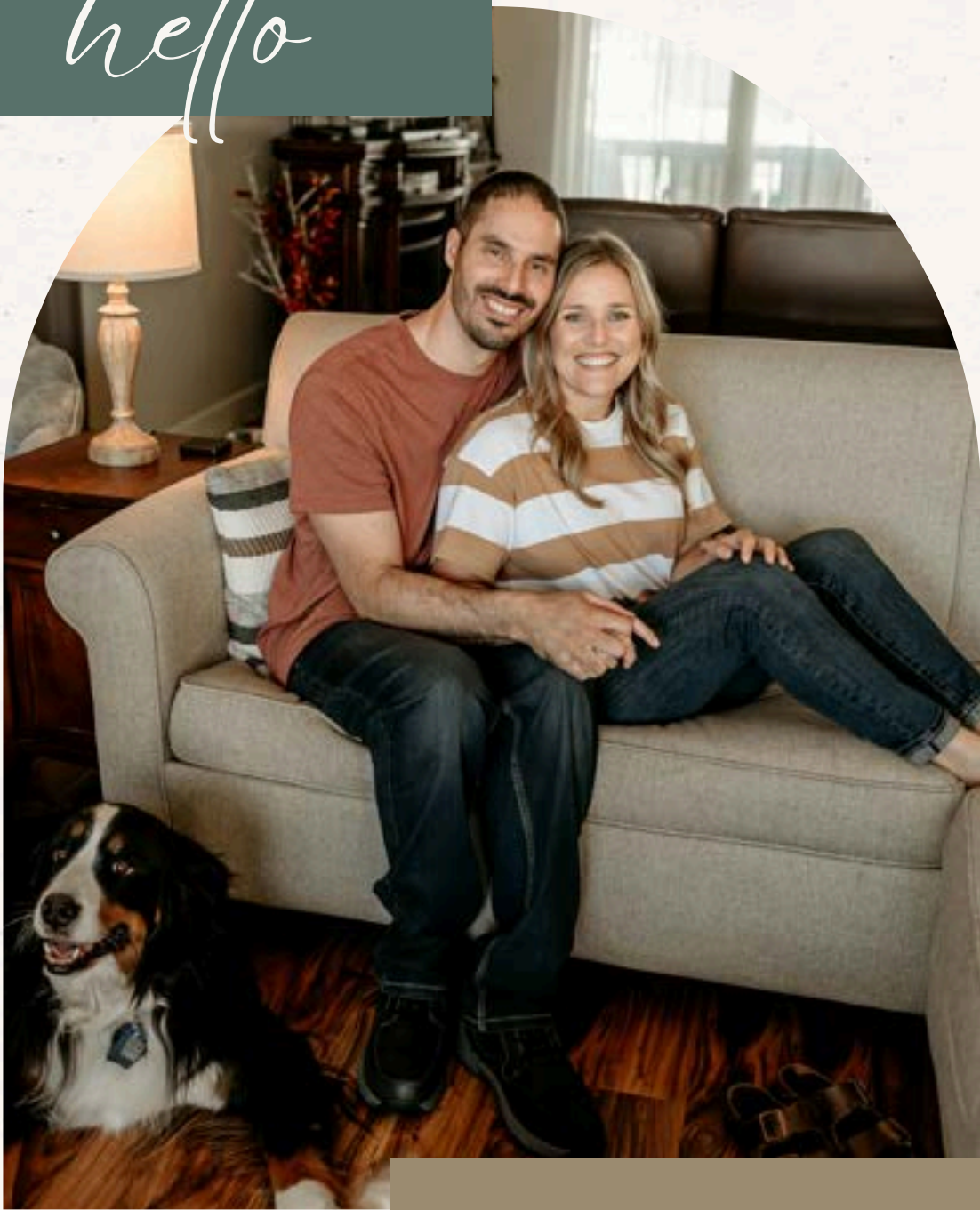




*Marc & Christy*

A LITTLE ABOUT US

hello



## IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

We want to extend our deepest heartfelt thank you for considering adoption. We recognize this is an incredibly difficult decision and it takes tremendous strength to selflessly consider what is best for both you and your baby. **Your strength and love will not go unnoticed as your child grows, no matter what you decide.** Without knowing you yet, we know you must be incredibly brave.

We have tried to conceive for nearly eight years. Despite our struggles to conceive, our marriage has grown even stronger. After numerous doctor visits, prayer, and fertility treatments, we were at a crossroads regarding which treatment we wanted to try next.

Throughout the years, we have always had adoption somewhere in the back of our minds. We have always wanted a family and are thrilled to be on this journey now to adoption!

**We dream of having children who we can love deeply, play, explore, and laugh with.** We have an incredibly loving family and close friend group that would also cherish your child alongside us and shower them with love and encouragement as they grow. If you choose us, we plan to raise your child to know who they are in Christ and who they are created to be. **We would love to surround your child with love and we hope our relationship with you continues to flourish.**

 Marc & Christy





OUR

# love story

## HOW WE MET

We met on an online dating site in the Fall of 2014. We lived several hours away from each other and after several weeks of emails and phone calls, we met in person at a halfway point at a cute restaurant in a nearby college town. **It didn't take long for each of us to know we had found something special and we easily fell in love.** We dated for the next year, enjoying alternating weekend visits watching movies or TV, frequenting our favorite eateries, going on walks and fun drives to new places, and hanging out with friends. Our favorite standing date was going to a 50's style diner to grab some old-fashioned milkshakes and go for a walk, enjoying each other's company and conversation.

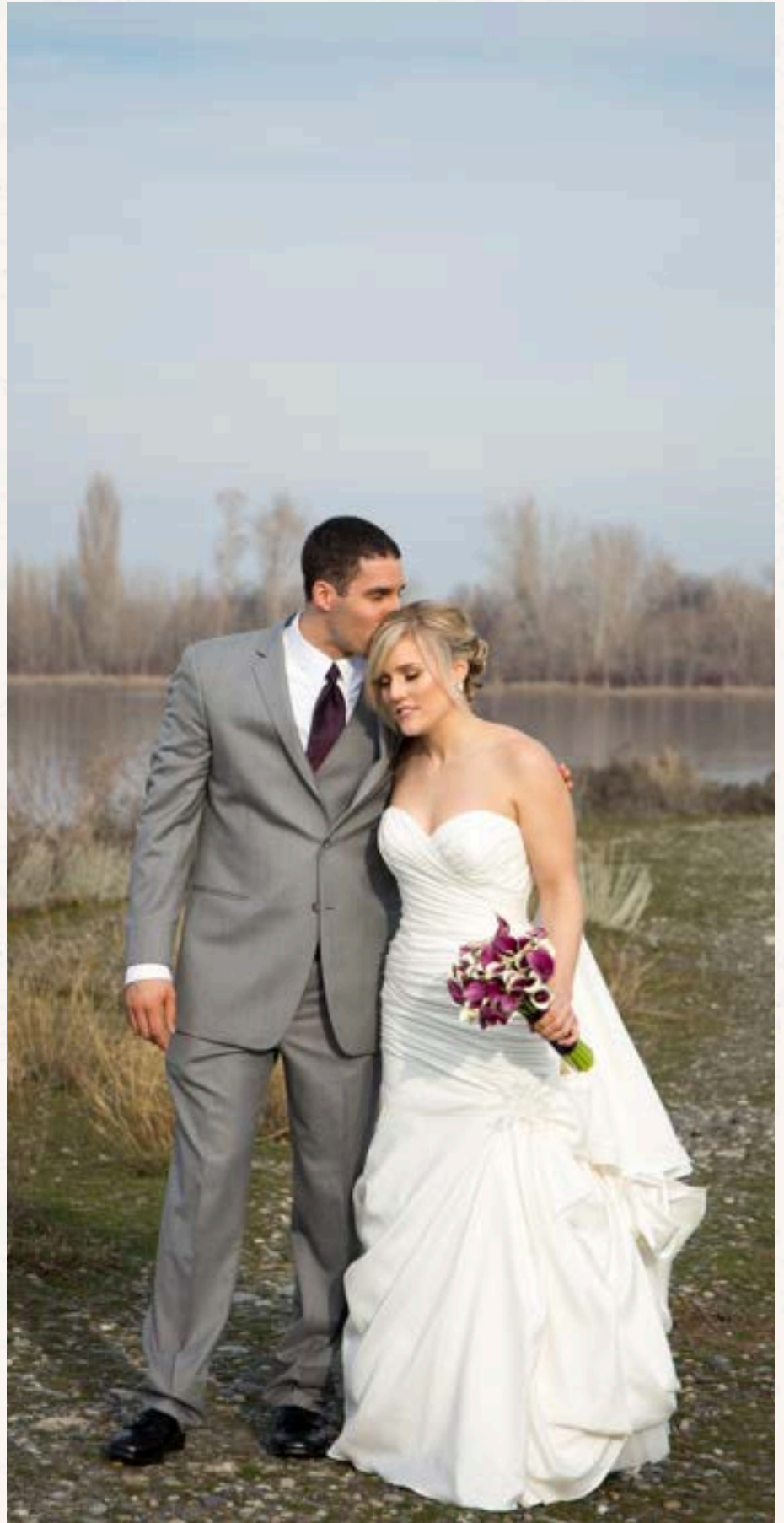
## HOW HE ASKED

We were engaged almost a year to the day when we first met. We took a walk in the woods where Marc got on one knee and proposed. On our way home,

fireworks lit up the night sky - we had no idea where they came from but it was the perfect end to the evening. We got married three months later at our local community center in a room with a wall of windows overlooking a beautiful river at sunset. Everyone had fun. There were tears, smiles, laughter, and some bad dancing from everyone in attendance.

## EIGHT YEARS AND COUNTING

Our marriage is stronger than ever after over eight years. **We grow more in love with each other every day and prioritize love, respect, unity, and honor, and always try to put each other first.** We are considerate of the other's feelings, desires, and aspirations, but also know how to gracefully disagree without caring about who's right and course correct with respect and dignity. We still have our moments, but we try our best to look out for the other and demonstrate grace. We like to keep our marriage fun, exciting, supportive, respectful, and pure, and above all, we keep our faith at the forefront and center of our marriage.







## meet Marc

**MARC IS AN AMAZING MAN. HE IS THE BEST LISTENER AND HE IS SO ENCOURAGING.**

When things are tough or I am feeling down he is right there to listen and he knows just what to say to help me process and see the truth in a situation all while being so gentle. **I could not have found a better man. We laugh a lot together**, especially when Marc tells the most amazing puns and dad jokes. Marc is also a very talented drummer, I love listening to him drum when we are on the worship team at church. He is also very creative and good at organizing. He looks at situations or problems differently than I do, but as a result, his

solutions/ideas are better than I could come up with. **Marc is so kind and thoughtful** and he will go out of his way to do something for me just because he loves me. He is so good at talking things out when we have a disagreement or a breakdown in communication. He is also quick to recognize when he is doing or thinking something that is not right and quick to apologize and fix it. I learn so much from him every day, just because of who he is and how he interacts makes me want to be better in lots of areas of my life.

# TRUSTWORTHY, DEPENDABLE, RELIABLE, LOVING



**Marc is so good with kids.** One of my best friends has a 4-year-old daughter and he will just sit and play and listen to her. Just the other day they were acting out a Bluey episode and running around outside. Later she was telling Marc that she had so much fun playing that game and wanted to do it again and again. Marc is amazing at giving all his attention to who he is with and it is no different when he is around kids. **Marc is looking forward to playing with his own children, loving them, and teaching them how to love and treat others with respect.** He will be the first to get down on the floor with them and play or go outside and explore things. He will be amazing at having boundaries, showing love, and giving all his attention to his children.

MARC IS GOING TO BE  
A PRESENT FATHER  
AND EAGER TO HELP  
OUT IN ANY WAY WHEN  
THEY ARE INFANTS  
AND THEN BE MORE  
ACTIVE WITH THEM  
WHEN THEY GET  
OLDER.







## meet Christy

**CHRISTY IS SO KIND, SWEET, AND GENTLE,  
AND IS AN AUTHENTIC AND GENUINE PERSON.**

She is a woman of strong faith and continuously strives to be the best version of herself. **Christy is the most caring, family-oriented person I have ever met.** She is always there to offer people around her support, is a **great listener**, and is an amazing communicator. Christy loves to bake, cook, and ensure that people are well cared for. Her baking

and cooking skills are out of this world. She makes amazing cinnamon rolls, for example, that I can immediately eat two of in record time. She is also known for her cookies and cream cookies and chocolate donuts! Christy is also an amazing singer for our church worship team. **She loves to sing** at church, but when at home, she'll hum and sing doing everyday stuff, filling our home with music.



## GOOD FRIEND, FUNNY, LOYAL, FUN, SILLY



Kids just LOVE Christy. It's really sweet, even in the grocery store kids in carts will often watch, smile, and wave at her as she walks by. When Christy plays with kids, she gets on the floor and is in the moment with them. As an example, Christy and I have a weekly standing appointment to hang out with our best friends and their kids. Their four-year-old daughter gets so excited whenever "Kiki" comes over or when they come to our house. It's so heartwarming to hear her yell Christy's name, run and jump into her arms, or whisk her away to go play with her as soon as we get into the house. Christy has an uncanny ability to provide structure and calm, correcting negative behavior in a way that is full of love and respect and protects the child's dignity so they still feel loved, wanted, and safe.

**WHEN IT COMES TO  
KIDS, CHRISTY IS A  
KID MAGNET!**





## MORE ABOUT

Christy

I work as a **Speech Language Pathologist** in a local school district at an Early Learning Center with 3-5 year olds. I love spending time with the kids and listening to their ideas and I adore hearing the answers to some of their questions. I also love when we start to see progress toward their goals - I think I get more excited than the kids! Working in the schools lends itself to being family-friendly and flexible. I will have three months off when we adopt and then when I do go back to work, we have family and close friends who will help with childcare when needed. My dream is to be able to work part-time or stay at home to be with our kids in the future!

Some of my hobbies include **baking, sewing, picking fruit** (nectarines, peaches, apples) at a local "u-pick" orchard, **spending time outside** either going on a walk or sitting on the deck with our dogs, or going on a bike ride around our neighborhood. I also love to **paddle board** in the summer on a nearby river. Sometimes I will spend time with my two best friends for a "Girls Day." We are often found doing our nails together, watching a movie or just talking while we sip some coffee or tea and enjoy snacks. **I also love to make homemade jam.** Every summer my best friend and I go to the Friday Farmers market to get fresh berries and have a "Jam Day" (Marc calls this our "Jam Sessions") where we make jam and then have everyone over for fresh jam and scones/biscuits.

MY PRAYER FOR MY CHILDREN IS THAT THEY WOULD TRULY KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY WERE CREATED TO BE, LEARN HOW TO HAVE HEALTHY BOUNDARIES, LEARN HOW TO RESPECT OTHERS AND HOW TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS, AND LEARN HOW TO PROBLEM-SOLVE WHEN THINGS ARE NOT GOING THEIR WAY.



## MORE ABOUT

Marc



After **servicing in the United States Air Force** for nine years, I earned a **degree in Cyber Security**. As I'm looking for the right job, I'm enjoying taking care of our home and volunteering at our church. In the meantime, we're thankfully financially stable.

One of my favorite things to do in my free time is **play drums**. It's a passion of mine and I especially love playing drums at church. I also like to cook meals for Christy and **enjoy baking** - my favorite things to make are cookies and banana bread. I also enjoy unwinding with **video games and movies**; right now my favorite game to play is Lego Star Wars Skywalker Edition. For movies, I specifically like Godzilla, Transformers, Ninjago, Lord of the Rings, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

The number one thing I look forward to is spending time with my kids. I'm really excited about it and look forward to holding, playing, talking, and just engaging. **I'm a family man at heart** and it's one of my greatest desires to have a full family to connect with. I also get excited thinking about introducing our kids to our extended family because our family loves family. I love to encourage so I also look forward to encouraging our children to walk, try a difficult task again, and teach them that their failures don't define them.

MY DREAM FOR MY CHILD IS THAT THEY WOULD ALWAYS FEEL SAFE AND DEVELOP A STRONG AND PERSONAL FAITH. I WANT TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR MY KIDS TO EMULATE. SPECIFICALLY, I WANT TO BE A MAN AND A FATHER MY CHILDREN CAN TRUST AND CONFIDE IN AND CAN FIND PROTECTION IN.

MEET

*our pups*



*Bailee*

Bailee is our smallest and oldest dog. She is a Shiz Tzu Yorkie mix and is a ball of energy, even at 10 years old! She loves to play with her toys and really appreciates it when kids throw toys with her. Yummy treats, throwing toys, and sweet affection are how to speak Bailee's language.



*Guinness*

Gunny (Guinness) is our youngest, but largest dog. He is a Bernese Mountain Dog who is a gentle giant and he's very good with kids. He loves to lie down close to us while we sit on the couch or on the floor for family cuddle time.





*Isley*

Isley (Ireland) is our medium-sized and second-oldest dog. She is also a Bernese Mountain Dog, but very petite. She is one of the sweetest dogs we have ever known.







WE LOVE BEING

*Together*







## WE LOVE THE OUTDOORS

We love to go for walks together, with and without our dogs. We also love to spend time on the water either paddle boarding or kayaking, and enjoying the beauty of where we live.



## WE LOVE DOWNTIME

We love to spend some downtime on the couch in the evenings, if we don't have any church activities that night, watching a show or movie, reading, listening to music, or cuddling with our dogs on the floor. We also love to cook and bake together. We love to try new recipes and then make them our own or look for a copycat recipe of something we tried somewhere. Most recently we were looking for a copycat recipe of a cookie from our favorite local cookie shop; it turned out to be a huge hit!



## WE LOVE GOING OUT

We also enjoy frequenting our favorite local restaurants, going shopping, watching movies, cooking and baking together, reading our favorite books on the couch, or just sitting and talking about anything and everything. We also like to have what we call "slow mornings" on Saturday mornings where we enjoy some tea and sit on the deck or the couch and sometimes we make homemade pancakes or waffles.

## WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS

We love spending time with friends. We all love to have dinner together and talk, watch a movie, or sing karaoke which includes a lot of Disney songs to appease our friend's young children (and let's be real, we belt the songs too!). We also enjoy traveling occasionally. Most recently we went to a conference with some members of our church and then got to spend some time at the US Space and Rocket Center.



OUR *home*

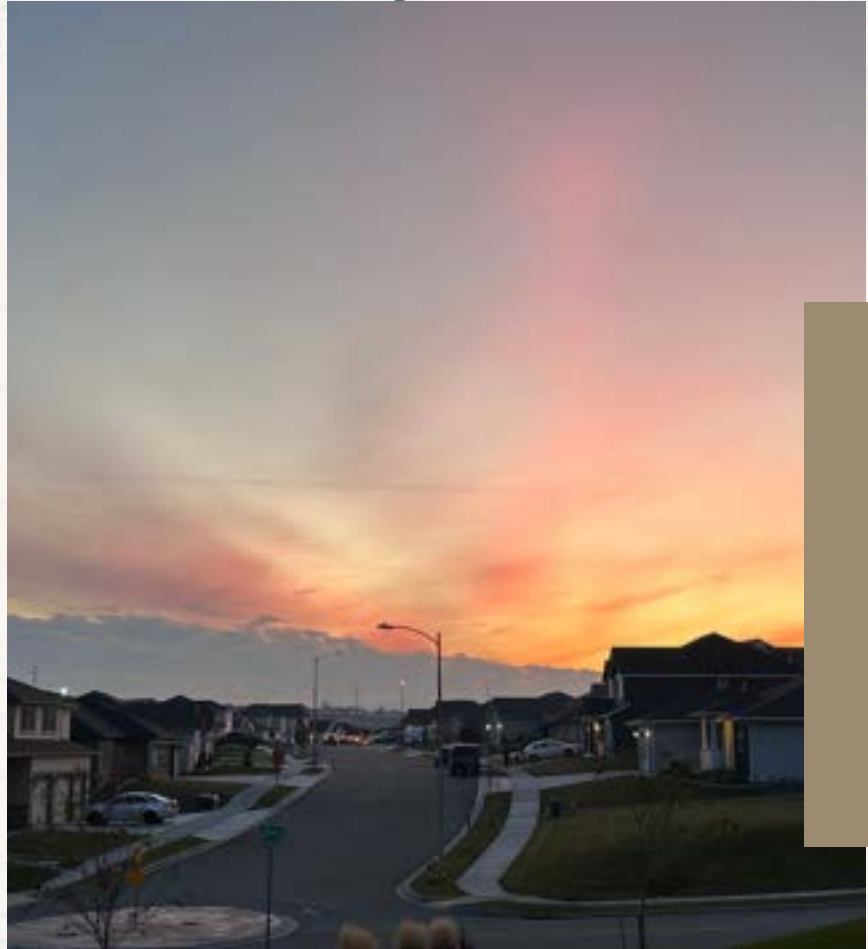


**We live in a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a big living room space.** We have a large dining room right next to the kitchen with a big table so we can have family over and everyone has a place to sit. We have a large fenced backyard with enough space for the dogs and kids to run back and forth. We love to have family and friends over to share a meal together, play games together, or watch movies. **Every Sunday evening we have pizza and ice cream night** with Autumn, Tyson, and their two kids, so we already have a hallway closet full of toys for them to play with when they come.

**WE LOVE OUR HOME IN THE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST!**



# AND *community*



We live in a unique area in the **Pacific Northwest**. It's a desert region that has been steadily growing over the last several years. We have excellent schools nearby and an indoor carousel close to our house that is adjacent to an event center which hosts a lot of local events for kids and families. We have great restaurants and stores and live near some **mountains** which we love to hike. There's a great **local family farm** that we like to visit in the fall, which has fun activities for families (like tractor rides through corn fields, pumpkin picking, and homemade apple cider and pumpkin donuts). They also have a strawberry festival in the early summer and then a sunflower festival in the late summer. We are about two hours away from a great **zoo** which we have done as a day trip with our friends before and we have lots of different parks just minutes from our house. One of the parks that we live very close to has a splash pad and an amazing outdoor toy with a canopy over the top to protect from the sun, since we have a lot of sun and warm summers.

IT TAKES A

*village*



We have close friends who are a part of our village and provide a lot of support to our family. We do a lot of life together: attend church, travel, go on fun day trips, and hang out together most weekends. Two of Christy's best friends, Keziah and Autumn are actually sisters! They have been friends for over fifteen years. Autumn is married to Tyson and they have two daughters: Reagan (4) and Jemma (1). Their family has become like our extended family as we're also close to their brothers, Andrew and Ian, and their parents, Pam and Steve.

Steve is actually the pastor of our church and they have become like another set of parents with wise counsel and unconditional support.

For the last five years, we get together every Sunday night for pizza and ice cream with Autumn and Tyson. We also will do dinner and hang outs with Keziah and we love to all have home cooked meals together either at Keziah's house or at their parents house which we lovingly call "The Farm" as they live on several acres and have a barn on their property. We often spend weekends and holidays together!

**EVERYONE IS SO EAGER TO WELCOME A CHILD!**





## MARC'S FAMILY



Marc's parents, Ed and Anne live several hours away in Washington. His younger brother Ryan lives in California. We see Marc's family at least once a year and his parents are ecstatic to have grandbabies. Marc's parents are pretty laid back. They like to go see new sights, but also enjoy just relaxing at home. Their favorite pastime with us is to sit around and chat or watch a movie and eat homemade bread. We love to all be together when Ryan comes up here to visit Ed and Anne.

## CHRISTY'S FAMILY

Christy's parents, Philip and Bonnie, live just six minutes from us! Christy's siblings and their families, most with adult children, all live across the country. Her family loves to be together. When some family is in town we usually have a family gathering that will include a meal or snacks and possibly some games and tons of laughter. Our family laughs a lot! We don't see each other often as we're spread all over the country, but when someone comes into town to see her mom and dad, we get as many people together as we can and enjoy a meal together and everyone seems to pick up conversation with one another like no time has passed.



# OUR *values*

## RESPECT & HONOR

We work hard to honor others at all times and show them dignity and respect. This is one practical way to demonstrate God's love and our Christian faith.

## FUN & LAUGHTER

We LOVE to laugh, have fun, get silly, and try new things. Fun and laughter have been foundational since the beginning of our relationship and is just as important now as it was in the beginning.

## QUALITY TIME

This could be watching TV, reading books or Scripture together, cuddling with the puppies, going on walks, sitting outside, or sharing a meal. We sometimes make it a point to have technology-free time where we can just focus on each other and be in the moment.

## A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

This involves eating well, staying active, and knowing when to rest.







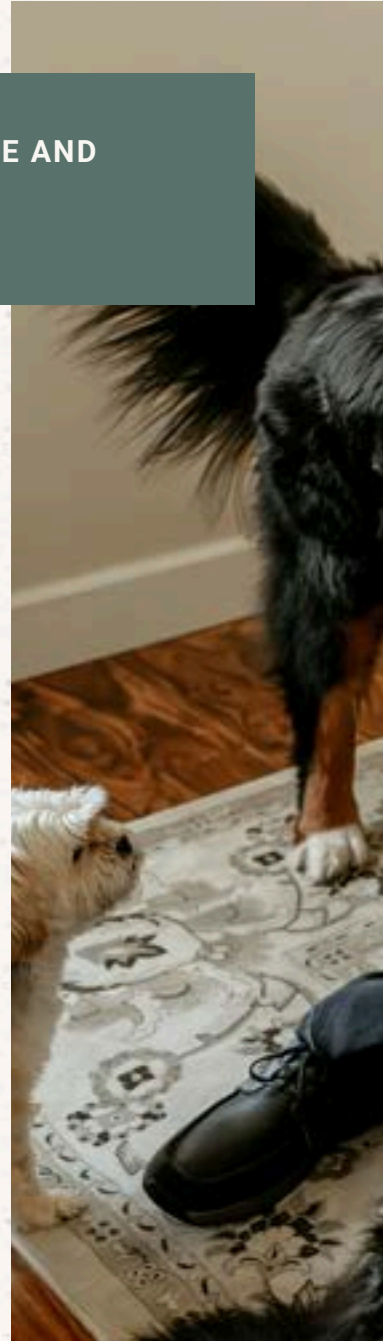
# Thank you

**WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH IN CONSIDERING ADOPTION.**

If chosen, we desire to raise this baby in the ways of God, demonstrating His love, and nurturing them in a safe, loving, and warm home. We will make it a habit to share how you so deeply love them. We desire to come alongside you in this difficult process as much or as little as you are comfortable with, to hopefully cultivate a relationship of love, trust, and openness. We are relationship-driven people, so it's our hope to get to know you and grow with you over the years. We also believe that milestones and other life events are meant to be shared, and we look forward to sharing those moments with you and are open to talk about what that could look like. We respect your decisions and thoughts and want to be sensitive to all that you are going through right now.

We know God has a plan and a purpose for your life, and we are praying blessings over you and the baby and want you to feel supported in this decision.

*with love ,  
Marc & Christy*









*we can't wait to meet you...*