KYLE AND MAKAYLA

HELLO,

Thank you so much for taking the time to pick up this book to learn more about our family. We are so grateful for the love you have already shown for your unborn child as you create an adoption plan for him or her. We understand the deep and sacrificial love that comes with being a parent. We are here to support and encourage you in that journey.

Since we were first married ten years ago, we planned to pursue adoption to grow our family. We had no idea how difficult a journey that would actually be. We are so grateful and blessed by the life of our six-year-old daughter. However, through several years of infertility and loss, we still feel a void and yearn for our family to be complete.

We have high hopes and are so thankful for this opportunity to pursue adoption. We know this process does not come without sacrifice and heartache, and we do not take any of those emotions lightly. Our desire is to walk hand in hand in this journey with you and this precious child.

Our prayer is that as you create the adoption plan for this child you will be filled with peace every step of the way. Our family is grateful for you and your child's life.

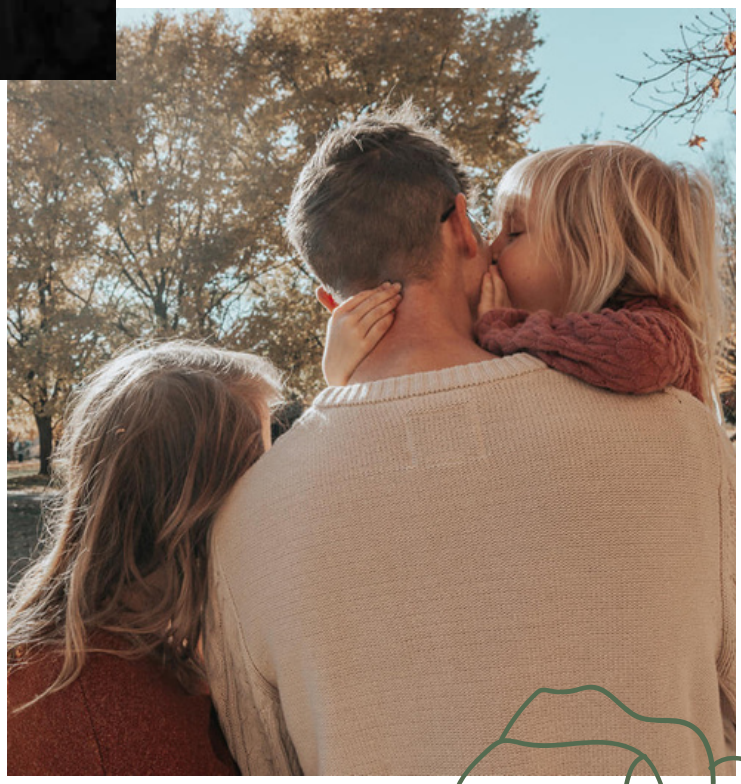
With Love,

Makayla, Kyle and Everly

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

It all began when we met at a youth church camp in 2008. After dating for a few years, we got married in the summer of 2012. We were truly best friends all along the way. This friendship has been the foundation of our relationship and it has kept us strong in our now 10 years of marriage.

Our Story Continues...



A few years into our marriage we were surprised with the news of our daughter on the way. We feel so blessed to be her parents.

In the following years we desired to continue growing our family. We struggled with infertility for four years and experienced four miscarriages. It is by God's grace that we have walked through this hard season and have found healing.

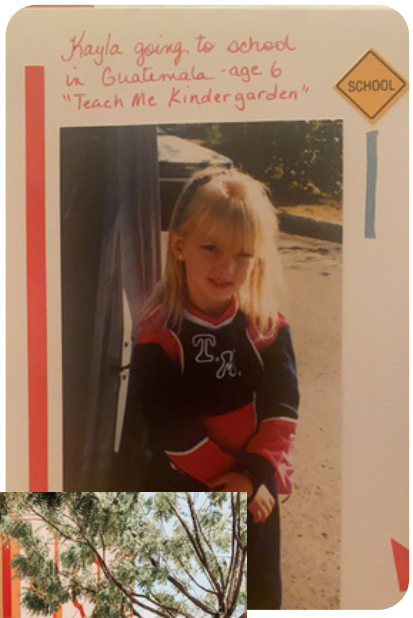
Even through all the ups and downs, we have learned to find joy and love through it all. We continue to pray and wait for our family to be complete.

More about Kyle

I was born and raised in Southern Indiana and spent a lot of my childhood involved in sports and outdoor activities. I have fond memories growing up with my brother and parents that revolved around sports. I hope to continue being involved in sports with our children as they grow up. I am a Consumer-Lending Training Specialist at a credit union. I enjoy my job because I spend a lot of time teaching and training, which I am passionate about. My favorite job is being a husband and Dad!

Kyle's Favorites

One of my most favorite things to do is to spend time with my family. I especially love the tradition of having a weekly movie night together. I also enjoy making coffee for my wife and people who come to our home. One of my hobbies is to do woodworking with my Dad. We have built tables, desks, cutting boards, and all sorts of other projects together. My most favorite project we built together was our dining room table. In my free time I really like to read as well; I especially enjoy reading C.S. Lewis. My favorite sports to watch are baseball and football. I also love traveling with my family and discovering new coffee shops anywhere we go.



More about Makayla

I was born in Guatemala and spent a lot of time moving around Latin America with my family until I was in high school. I am fluent in Spanish and have a deep love and connection with Latin American culture as it was my home for many years. I have always loved traveling. I work as a part-time communication assistant for a non-profit ministry, and I am also a photographer part-time! love capturing the beauty of life and people around me.

Makayla's Favorites

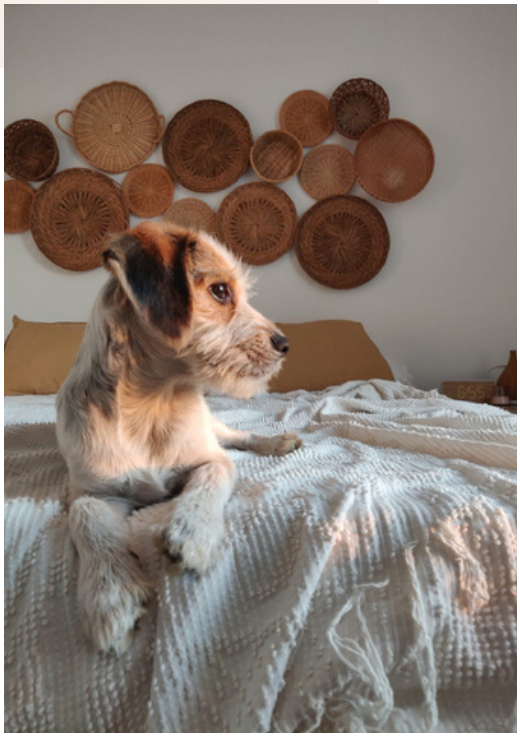
A few of my favorite things include spending time with my family, hiking, writing, going to the beach, thrifting, and trying new food! I very much enjoy baking and cooking and hosting friends for dinner. I also really enjoy decorating and making our home a place that is cozy and welcoming. I love reading a good book while I am at the beach and my favorite book series by far has been the Hunger Games series. I also have a love for art and enjoy photographing new places and people wherever we go.

More about Everly

Everly was born in Southern Indiana, but she also loves traveling and meeting new people! Her favorite place to travel to is the beach. She is a social butterfly and loves school and sports. Her favorite subject in school is math, and she currently loves to swim and play soccer. She also enjoys taking hikes and playing with friends and her cousins. She prays every day that she will one day have a baby brother or baby sister to love! She is very excited about becoming a Big Sister and can't wait to help!

Our Pup, Teddy

We love our Teddy! He is a great pup who loves kids and has been a great companion for our family!

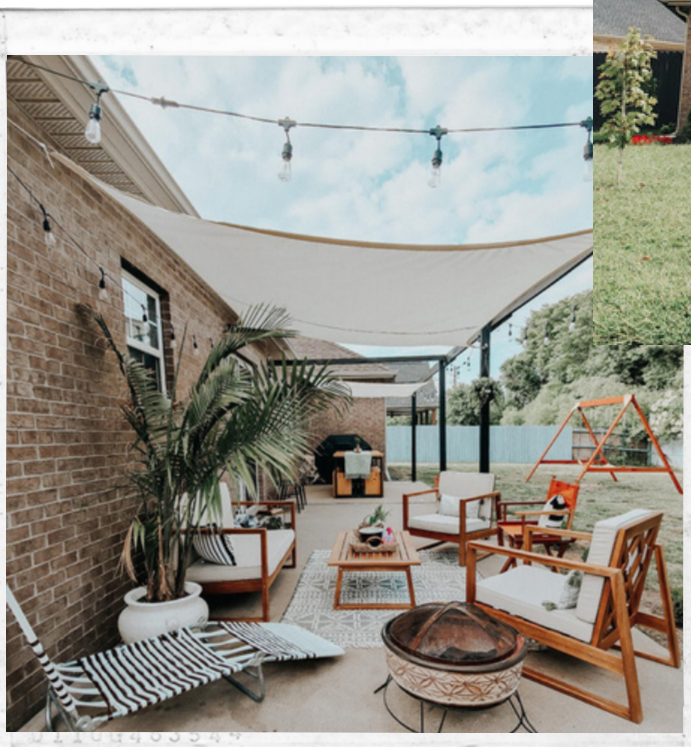


Our journey to adoption...

Early in our marriage we had an opportunity to take a mission trip to Myanmar. This little boy stole our hearts while we were there. We have been able to sponsor and support him for many years and write to him often. During our time with him God began to put adoption on our hearts.

Following many years of infertility and loss as well, we began to seriously pray and consider adoption as a way to grow our family.

where we live!



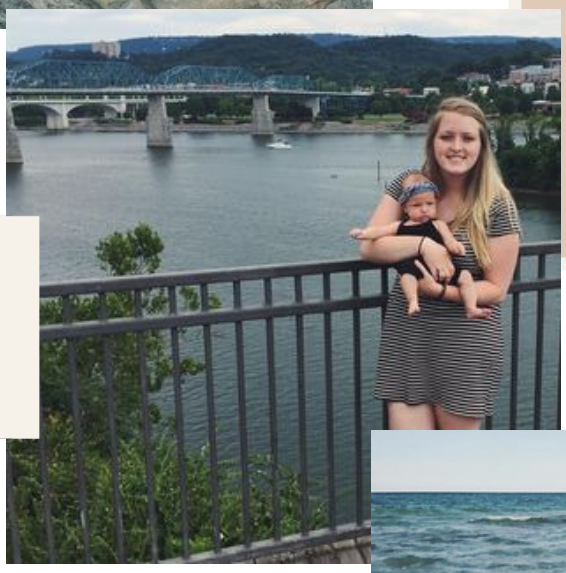
Our Backyard!

The park by our house!

WE LOVE SPENDING TIME TOGETHER IN OUR FAMILY ROOM AND AROUND THE DINNER TABLE!

We are enjoying planning and prepping a sweet little space for a baby!

One of our favorite things to do together as a family is to travel! We love discovering and learning about new places, foods, cultures, and experiences!



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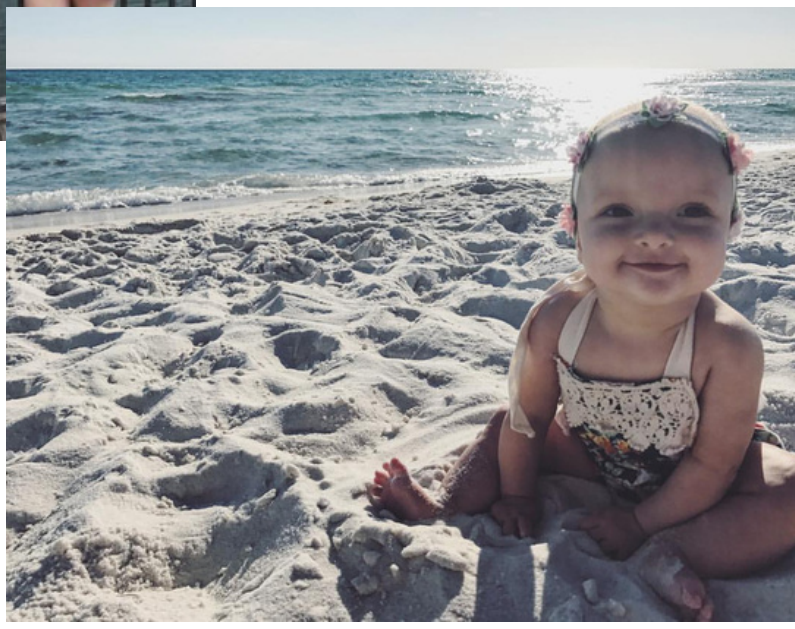

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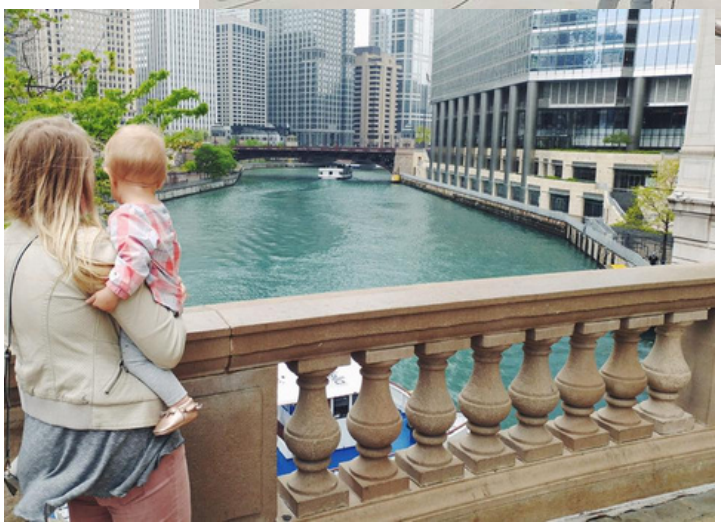

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BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS

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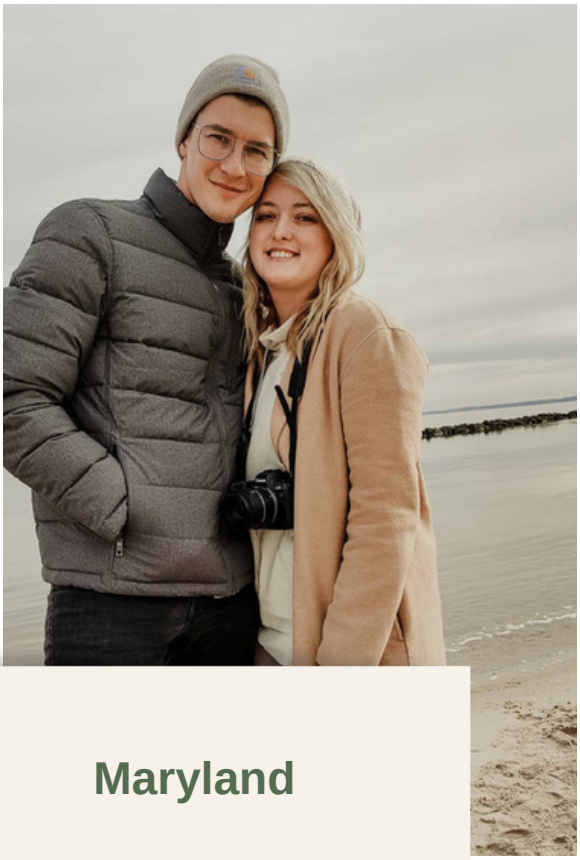

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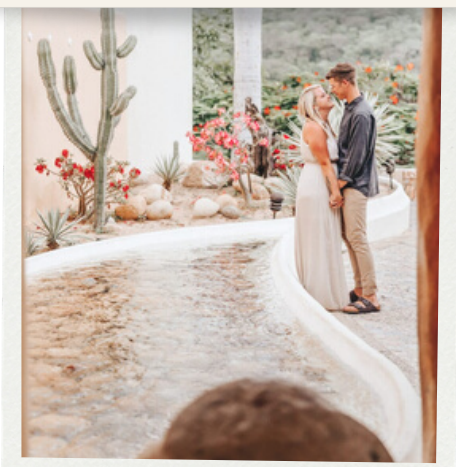
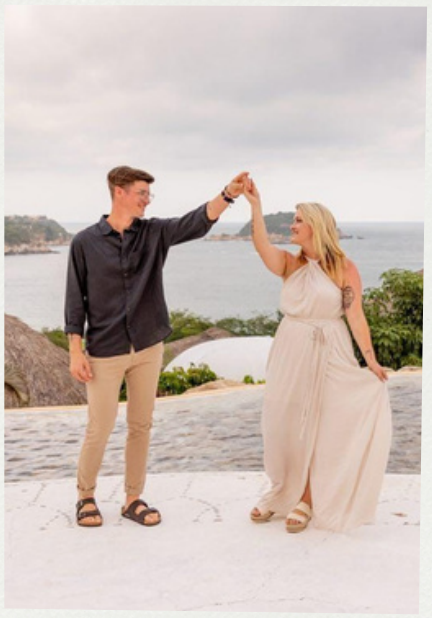




Family + Community

One thing we are so grateful for as a family is the support and love we receive from our family and church family. We have been blessed with a wonderful and helpful community!

We are so thankful for the involvement and support of Parents and Grandparents!

It takes a village!

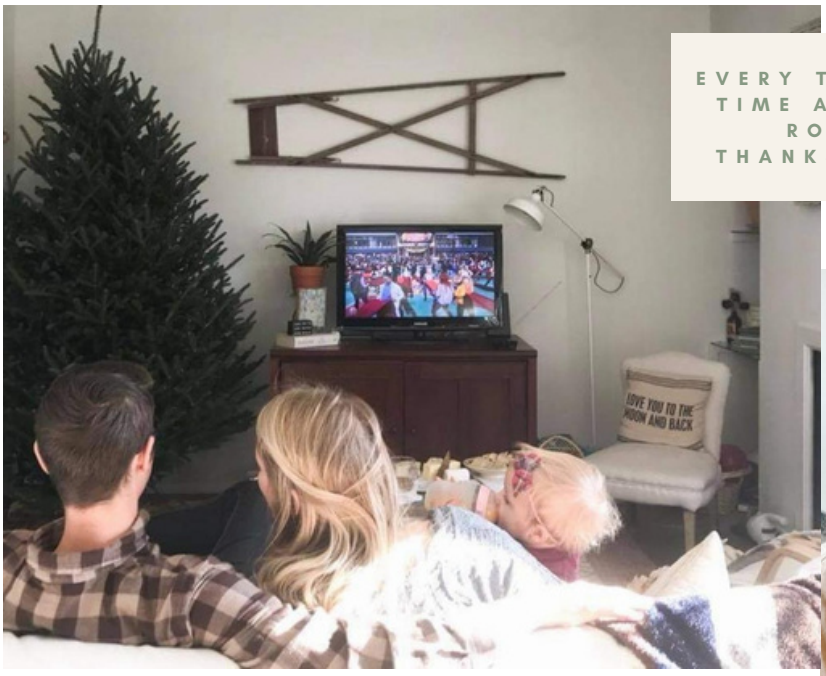
We are blessed with many aunts, uncles, and cousins!

Community

Friendship is incredibly important to us. We are so thankful for sweet and intentional friendships!

Holidays and Traditions

AS A FAMILY WE LOVE CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS TOGETHER!
HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES...



EVERY THANKSGIVING MORNING, WE TAKE TIME AS A FAMILY TO MAKE CINNAMON ROLLS AND WATCH THE MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE TOGETHER.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE BEFORE WE GO AND JOIN ALL OUR EXTENDED FAMILY FESTIVITIES, WE TAKE SOME TIME AS A FAMILY TO GET OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE DONUTS TOGETHER!

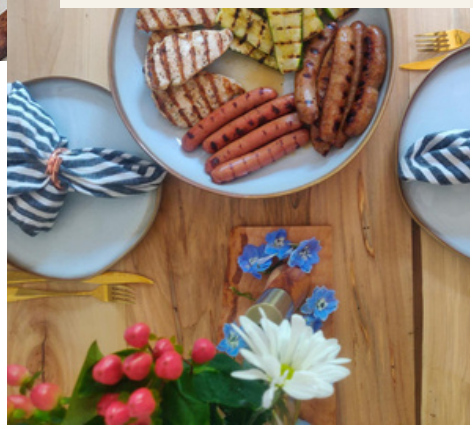
ONE OF OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS IS GOING OUT TO GET HOT CHOCLATE AND THEN PICKING OUT A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING! AFTER WE PICK ONE OUT, WE GO HOME AND DECORATE IT TOGETHER WHILE WATCHING A CHRISTMAS MOVIE.

Holidays and Traditions Continued...

EVERY YEAR WE HAVE AN ANNUAL ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY WITH CLOSE FRIENDS! WE WEAR GREEN, EAT IRISH FOOD, AND HAVE A DANCE PARTY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL MAYO FAMILY 4TH OF JULY PARTY WHERE WE GRILL OUT, SWIM, PLAY GAMES, AND DO FIREWORKS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

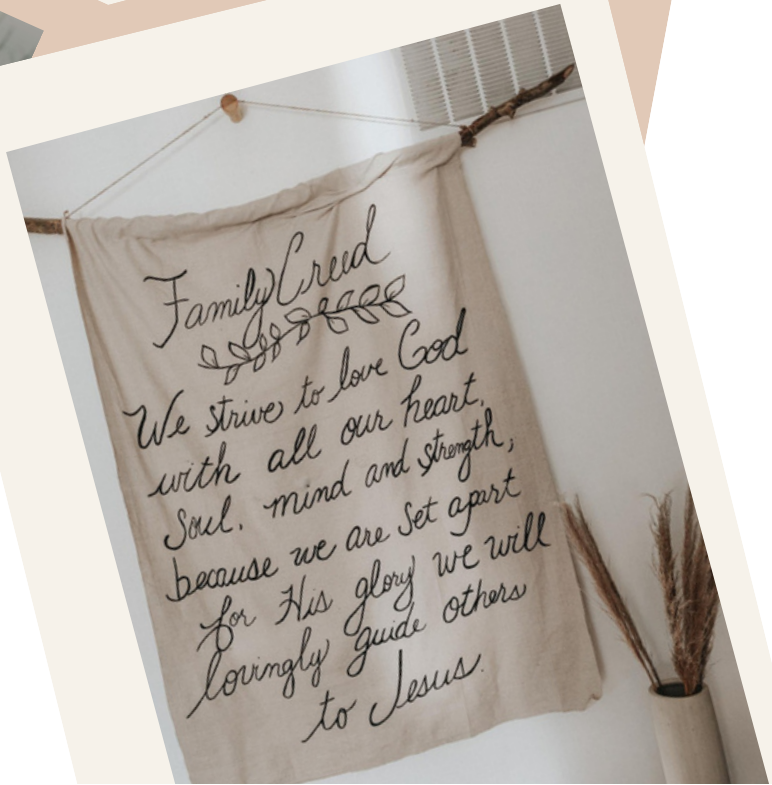
EVERLY LOVES DRESSING UP AND PASSING OUT CANDY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON HALLOWEEN!



ONE OF OUR FAVORITE WEEKLY TRADITIONS AS A FAMILY IS MOVIE NIGHT! WE PICK A NEW MOVIE TO WATCH TOGETHER AND ORDER IN FOOD AND KYLE MAKES HIS FAMOUS PARMESEAN GARLIC POPCORN!

EVERY YEAR WE LOVE GOING TO THE FALL FESTIVAL AS A FAMILY TO ENJOY FOOD, RIDES, AND GAMES!

AS A FAMILY WE LOVE CREATING NEW MEMORIES TOGETHER AND MOST OF ALL WE STRIVE TO MAKE OUR HOME A PLACE OF PEACE, LOVE, FUN, SAFETY, AND WELCOMING TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER.



Thank You...

...for taking time to look through this book about our family. We hope it has helped you understand a bit more about who we are and what we are about. We are not perfect by any means, but we do try to create an atmosphere of love, safety, and peace in our home. The child we hope to welcome in our home will be loved and cherished for his/her entire life.

We understand this journey of choosing an adoption plan can be confusing and difficult. No matter where you are in the journey, we want you to know how much we admire you for choosing to give your child life and considering adoption.

Our family will continue to pray for you and your child during this time. We pray that you feel loved and supported every step of the way and that no matter what decision you make you will be filled with peace. We specifically pray this verse over you, " The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing" (Zephaniah 3:17).

Please remember no matter what, you and your child are loved.

With Love,

Kyle, Makayla, and Everly