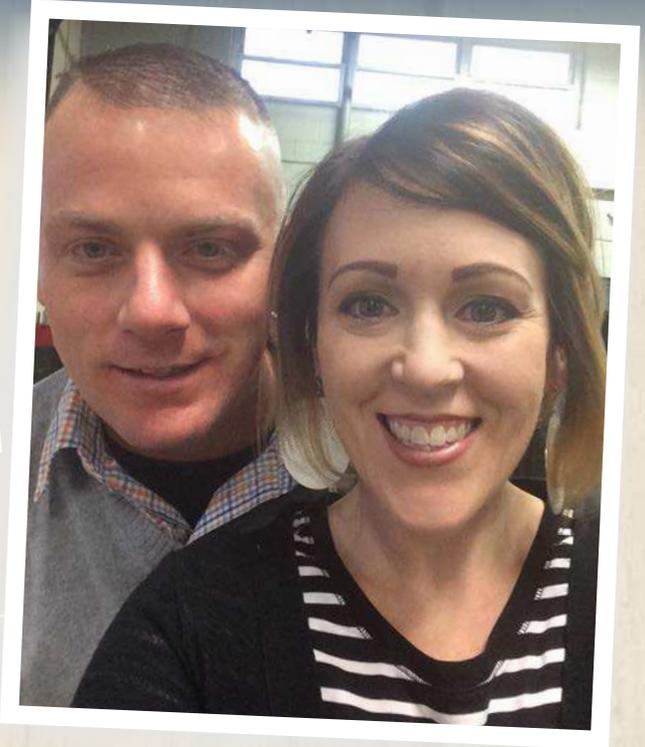




*Travis
&
April*



Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to read our story and introduce you to our family. This profile is a small snapshot into our lives but we hope that you learn enough to want to know more.

We are Travis and April. We have been married for 13 years and have 2 children (born 2007 and 2011). Travis is a firefighter/paramedic and works 10 (24-hr) shifts per month. April works out of a home office as a marketing manager. That flexibility in our work schedules allow for us to BOTH be actively involved in our children's lives at school, during holiday and summer breaks, as well as the weekly church events, swimming lessons/seasonal sporting teams, and trips to the library.

Outside of work and school, we are an energetic, outgoing Christian family who loves the outdoors and spending time together. Our home is filled with laughter and joy. It is our desire to provide a loving and supportive atmosphere for children to thrive and achieve whatever God has in store for them. We value a faith-based education and want to provide the opportunity for each of our children to discover their God-given talents. With hopes of expanding our family again, this time through adoption, we look forward with eager anticipation to a time when we can meet you and learn about your story. We pray you find peace of mind and comfort as you make your choices, and thank you again for letting us introduce ourselves.

Warmest Regards,

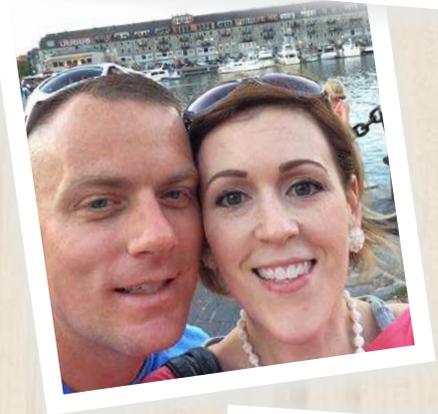
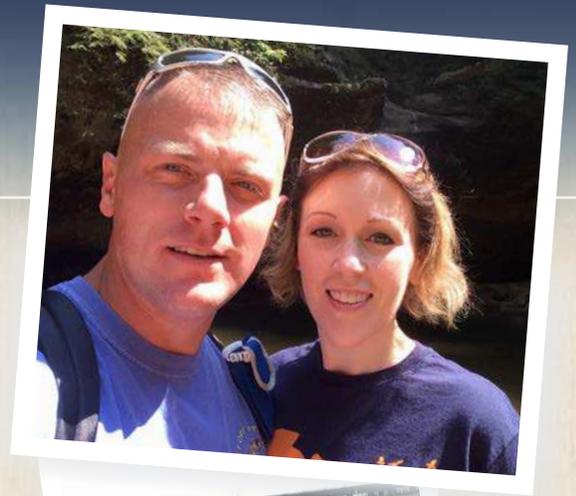
Travis and April



The Story of Us

Our lives crossed paths in March, 2003 through mutual friends and by December, we were married! Crazy we know but we knew within a few months that this was the plan God had for us. Our 13-year marriage is fulfilling because we have learned to appreciate each other's uniqueness and have learned each other's love language. For us, marriage and parenting is about sharing life together. Our relationship has been strengthened as we walked through struggles together, learning to support one another unconditionally. We have regular date nights to ensure that our marriage remains strong and a firm foundation for our family.

Our children have been the greatest blessings so far. We love being parents and doing things as a family. We enjoy the simple things in life like riding bike together or spending the afternoon swimming in the pool. It's these small things that lead to a life fully alive. Adoption is nothing new to our family as April's brother Chris, her Aunt Sharon, and her 1st cousin Kevin are all adopted. We've wanted to add another child and God put adoption on our hearts to fulfill our family.



About Travis by April



Age: 39

Degree: AS in Fire Science and Medical Science

Occupation: Firefighter/Paramedic

Favorite Travel Destination: Anywhere with water/beach

Travis is a firefighter and I could not pick a better role for him because this provides him the opportunity to care for others, show courage, and act under pressure... all things at which he is phenomenal. He portrays these qualities with our kids too, by being a devoted father that puts his kids first. He is funny and can be found at any given moment in a 2-to-1 wrestling match with the kids. He is a HUGE Michigan football fan (which I try not to hold against him). Travis can be quiet at first, but once you find something in common, he can talk your ear off. He is faithful, devoted friend who will drop anything if someone needs him. He is hard-working and I'm blessed to have a role model for my children in him.

About April by Travis



Age: 36

Degree: B.A. Middle Childhood Education in Science, Reading and English

Occupation: Global Marketing Manager

Favorite Travel Destination: Exploring Historical Sites (Jamestown)

April is a wonderful mother. She has a very generous spirit and pours her energy into raising our children. Though she does work a full time marketing job, she is able to work from home and has enjoyed taking advantage of her flexible schedule to make time to have lunch with the kids or they sit in her office to chat with mom. I love that April has so much love for our children. I love April's creativity, each day is an adventure with her and whatever DIY project or crazy scheme her and the kids are doing. She has a great sense of humor and knows how to bring laughter into our lives. She is compassionate, loving, authentic, and forgiving. The kids and I are better people because she is in our lives.

Our Home

We live in a friendly, family oriented subdivision that is a block from a park, 10 minutes from school and grandparents, and 5 minutes from the grocery store. We live in a Cape Cod style home with 4 bedrooms and a finished basement that we use as a playroom/Travis's firefighter man cave. Our backyard is the hub of all activities with the swing set, above ground swimming pool, and fire pit area for fires and s'mores. The kids attend a K-12 Christian school. Our community is very adoption-friendly with several families in the school and church having built their families through both domestic and internal adoption.



Our home



Swingset and pergola area for fires



Swimming in the pool

The Kids

We hope that through adoption to build our family and provide the opportunity for all of our children to have the unique relationships that only siblings can create...



About Her

Born: 2007 | **Grade:** 3rd | **Favorite Food:** Mac & Cheese
Our daughter is the first born and fits the roll to a "T". She's fearless, natural leader, and has a MASSIVE competitive spirit. She gets that from her father! She is also the first to offer assistance when you need help or take our neighbors left over veggies from the garden.



About Him

Born: 2011 | **Grade:** K4 | **Favorite Food:** Pizza
Our son is the friendliest kid you will ever meet. God had blessed our little man with the spirit of spreading joy. He knows no stranger and warms the hearts of those who he comes in contact with. He is an avid LEGO builder, which we superglue his creations. He also loves dinosaurs, snakes, and of course, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.



About Rocky

Born: 2012 | **Favorite Food:** Only dog food
Rocky is our 4-year old golden retriever. He has the gentlest spirit and loves to just be wherever his "people" are. He also enjoys long walks and spending time out at Grandpa and Grandma's pond/farm.

Things we teach our kids

- To love God and love others
- To have faith and relationship with Jesus
- The value of education
- To build a strong work ethic
- To treat people with kindness and goodness
- Building patience and self-control



Going fishing



4-wheeling at Grandpa and Gramma's house

Fun Facts About Us

His
"Manly" Realty TV
Michigan Football
Fishing
Mexican Food

Ours
Traveling
Snow Skiing
Hiking
Swimming in the pool
Wearing out the kids!

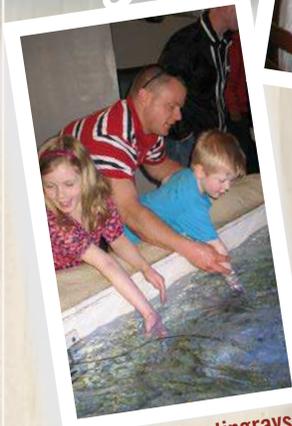
Hers
DIY Projects
Fixer Upper/HGTV
Reading Young Adult Books
Pizza



Our Family

Well, our household is NEVER quiet, that's for sure. The kids are always singing, yelling, or playing loudly with neighborhood kids, though homework and AWANA (their church program) comes first. There is usually a grandparent, cousin, niece/nephew, around adding to the commotion too. Most of April's family live within a 10 minute drive and Travis's live just a little over an hour drive. We gather for every birthday and holiday for sure but also have impromptu gatherings of family and friends when the mood strikes us. We also have amazing support from our small group family from church that over the years has grown to from mere acquaintances to a band of young(er) families that help each other live out our faith, strengthen our marriages, and survive our kids! We both have coached youth soccer as well as volunteer once a month at the church's elementary program.

We love to travel and have amazing adventures (some not so fun) but we are into making memories. We take 2-3 vacations per year, one being a winter ski trip to Michigan and one typically to a beach (Virginia and Carolina's) or historical location (Boston and Maryland). We also vacation with grandparents, cousins, or niece/nephew. Our joy comes from spending time with those we love.



Feeding baby stingrays



Seafood Boil on Jersey Shore with Travis's brother and sister-in-law



Kids gone WILD in Boston! :) J/K!



Checking out the ships at Jamestown



April's parents, siblings, and their kids



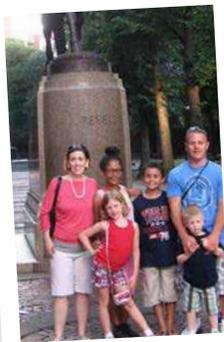
Rock the Lake 2016 - Christian Concert



Skiing selfie



2 mile hike with the kids!



Family vacation to Boston with niece and nephew



Crab fishing in Virginia

Family vacation to the Liberty Bell



Our Sincere Thanks

Above all, we'd like to thank you for letting us share our story with you. Please know that we would devote our lives to raising a new baby, as well as our other children, with love, laughter, and faith. We hope to share our blessings by expanding our family and our kids can't wait to be a big brother/sister again and teach him or her a life of fun & love.

God bless you and our thoughts are with you.

Travis and April

