Luke and Maria

A Note From Us

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you very much for being willing to learn more about us! We are so honored that you would consider us as a potential adoptive family for your child. You have been in our prayers since the moment we began the adoption process and will continue to be in our prayers.

As we give you a glimpse into our lives, we are nothing but excited to build our family through adoption. We are both followers of Jesus Christ and we are daily trying to become more like him. We've known each other for the past 12 years and are now approaching our 9th year of marriage. Time really does fly when you're having fun. We have certainly encountered different trials that have not only strengthened our faith in Jesus but also deepened our relationship with each other. Weathering these storms together has created stability in our marriage and deepened our love for one another. We balance each other well. Our personal weaknesses are the others strengths. We share many of the same interests and tend to have a good time together no matter what we're doing! We both enjoy running, spending time outdoors or just kicking back on the couch for some relaxation with our dog Charlie.

Luke works as a buyer for a manufacturing company and recently received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Maria is a Customer Service Representative for a manufacturing company where she has been employed for the past seven years.. Both companies are owned by family oriented employers which will allow us to have great flexibility with schedules to accommodate a growing family, but also excellent benefits too.

We are very family oriented, sometimes it seems like we have a family get together once a week. We are both blessed to be best friends with our younger siblings and spend time with them regularly. We also have many aunts, uncles and cousins that live no more than 15 minutes away, so needless to say, we'll have lots of built in babysitters.

We know there is so much more to our lives than what we can convey in this profile, but our hope is you can see the love we have to offer a child. We know God has a perfect plan for us and we're beyond ready to love the child he has in store for us. We are open to any gender, race, and ethnicity and think that cultural diversity is something to be celebrated.

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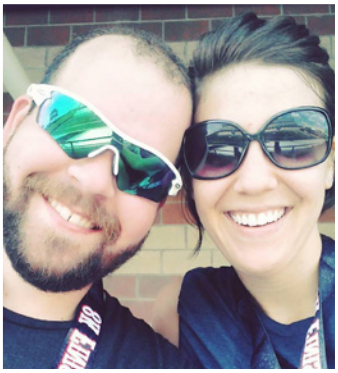


Us after we ran an 8K - we we're happy to do done!

Enjoying a nice fall day on our porch

Caught kissing during our family picture session

Us along with our dogs Charlie and Caly before Caly passed away.

About Us

We met 12 years ago in history class at our high school.Maria will never forget the goofy kid sitting in front of her who never had a pencil and would always take hers, and was always cracking jokes. We dated for a few years and decided to tie the knot in 2008. We were blessed, in that, during the time when we were growing up, we always grew up together and in the same direction. What makes our marriage great is that we're always laughing! No matter what happens, we're always able to put a positive outlook on it and tackle the challenge together.

After graduating high school and getting married, Maria went on to achieve a certificate in Medical Transcription but decided to take her bubbly positive personality into the customer service realm. She has worked for a manufacturing company for the last seven years handling their customer service. She enjoys conversing with customers and loves her family and faith oriented employers. Due to the grace of her employers, and the fact that we live 5 minutes from the plant, she will be able to adjust her schedule to stay home part time with our children. Luke has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and works as a Buyer for a mid-size family owned company. He enjoys the everyday challenges purchasing for a manufacturing company can bring. He is a hardworking man with much integrity who is committed to do his best in all he does.

We enjoy running, spending time with friends and doing anything outdoors! Maria enjoys crafts and scrapbooking and is a Pinterest master, making many decorations for the house and gifts for family and friends. Luke enjoys playing any and all sports. Whether it is a church softball league, a pickup game of basketball or just watching football on Sunday afternoon – he's there! We also like to travel. We recently took a trip to Boston where we went whale watching and caught a game at Fenway. We also enjoy day trips, whether it is checking out the local hamburger or spending the day at a fall fest we have a great time. We love to take trips like this and cannot wait to share these experiences with our child.

About Maria

written by Luke

Maria is a very loving person and has always shown compassion toward people. This is what made me love her from the moment that we met as I was a person in need of that love and compassion. She is also a very hard worker and a strong leader which is shown in the efforts she has put toward building her own essential oils business while working a full time job. I know that she will make a great mother because it is what she desires most. She wants nothing more than to love and nurture a child day in and day out. I see the way that she loves our niece and nephew as well as the response of love that she gets in return and I cannot imagine the outpour of love that she will have for our own child.

About Luke

written by Maria

Luke is truly my best friend and a wonderful husband. One of the things that first attracted me to him was his great sense of humor. He's always making me laugh! Even during the stressful times in life, Luke can always lighten the mood with a joke. He strives to be a strong leader in our family and always wants the best for me. He treats me as an equal and is a dedicated husband.

I know that Luke is going to be an amazing father. He loves children and is really great with them. He's not afraid to get down on the ground and play. I know without a doubt he's going to be a great father after seeing him interact with our nephew. They absolutely adore each other! I look forward to the day when our children will call him Daddy. I am so excited to watch him lead us as a family as we join the journey of parenthood.

Our Family and Friends

Our family and friends are a huge part of our lives. We were both blessed to be raised in close-knit, loving families and have many good friends. We love spending time with both sides of our families and many of our close friends. Whether it's attending bible study at Luke's parents house, having family pizza night at Maria's parents, or sitting around the campfire at a friends house we are so grateful to be surrounded by such amazing people. We are both the middle child of three and both have parents who model what it is to be a loving spouse and supportive parents. Collectively they have 66 years of marriage between them. They truly emulate how to raise a happy loving family and we're grateful for the example they've set for us.

Luke's parents, sister and our nephew live about 10 minutes away. They live right next door to each other, so we enjoy stopping by and seeing everyone and getting some play time with our nephew. Luke also has a brother who he spends a large amount of time with that just lives in the next town over. Even when Luke and his brother aren't together it seems like they're always talking on the phone with each other.

Maria's parents, brother, sister-in-law and niece live about 15 minutes away. We love to get together for a pizza night at Maria's parents and play with our niece in her new favorite place - the sandbox! Both sides of our families all go to the same church, so Sunday mornings are always a time to visit with everyone and catch up with what went on during the week. Maria also has a sister who is currently working as an au pair in the Netherlands until June of 2016, at that time she'll return home. We have weekly skype calls with her and are so excited she's getting to experience Europe for a year and love seeing her pictures and hearing about her adventures.

We have a close knit group of friends that we enjoy spending time with. We like to run 5K's together, have cookouts and recently we made our own 50 foot slip and slide and spent the day having fun with about 20 of our closest friends. We also recently completed a full marathon as a relay team with family and friends both helping us to the finish line. We have a dog named Charlie who is a seven year old boxer/beagle mix. He's a big baby who loves to play fetch and go on walks. He is an inside dog who is very good with children, gentle and affectionate. We enjoy taking him on walks or to the dog park to play.

Maria with her Mom, Dad and Niece after church

Posing for a picture after running the Color Run 5K

Luke with his parents

Family picture time with Maria's family

Celebrating Maria's Grandpa's 76th birthday

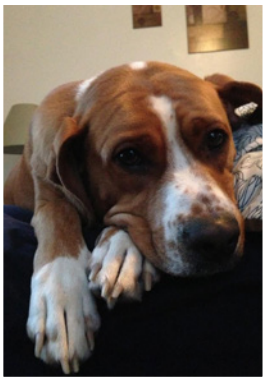
Luke's family in Grand Central Station on our trip to New York City

Celebrating Luke's mom's 50th birthday, we threw her a surprise party

Maria and her sister Diana at a baseball game

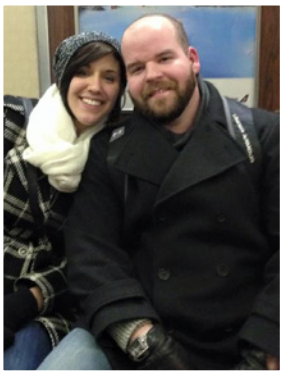
Our Home...

We've lived in our current home in a quiet neighborhood inside the city for the past seven years. We've had a blast remodeling and slowly making it our own by adding personal touches in every room. Luke has put his keen design eye to good use creating some great spaces in our home for us to enjoy such as the addition of a patio, a great pantry space and a complete remodel of our bedroom. We also enjoy living caddy corner to a church as well as within a few blocks of the local elementary school. It is also a huge blessing to live within a 10 mile radius of 90% of our family. We are surrounded with support and people we love. Our neighborhood is a mix of children, singles, young couples and elderly. We enjoy the closeness of local grocery stores, eateries and shopping malls, but someday long to live in the country where we were both raised.



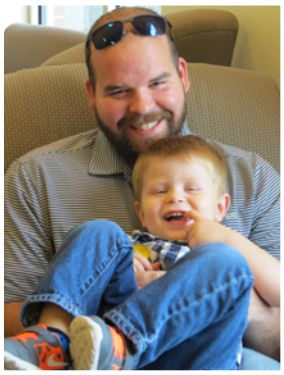
Charlie

Enjoying a beautiful day in the pumpkin patch



Riding the subway during our vacation to New York City

Luke and our nephew after we ran a 5K on Thanksgiving



Being silly with Uncle Luke after church on Sunday

Favorites Maria:

COLOR: Green

FOOD: Stir Fry

SEASON: Fall

HOLIDAY: Christmas

SPORT TO PLAY: Volleyball

ICE CREAM FLAVOR: Chocolate Peanut Butter

CHILDHOOD TV SHOW: Scooby Doo

FAVORITE ZOO ANIMAL: Elephant

Favorites Luke:

COLOR: Blue

FOOD: Lasagna

SEASON: Summer

HOLIDAY: Christmas

SPORT TO PLAY: Football

ICE CREAM FLAVOR: Butter Pecan

CHILDHOOD TV SHOW: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

FAVORITE ZOO ANIMAL: Lion