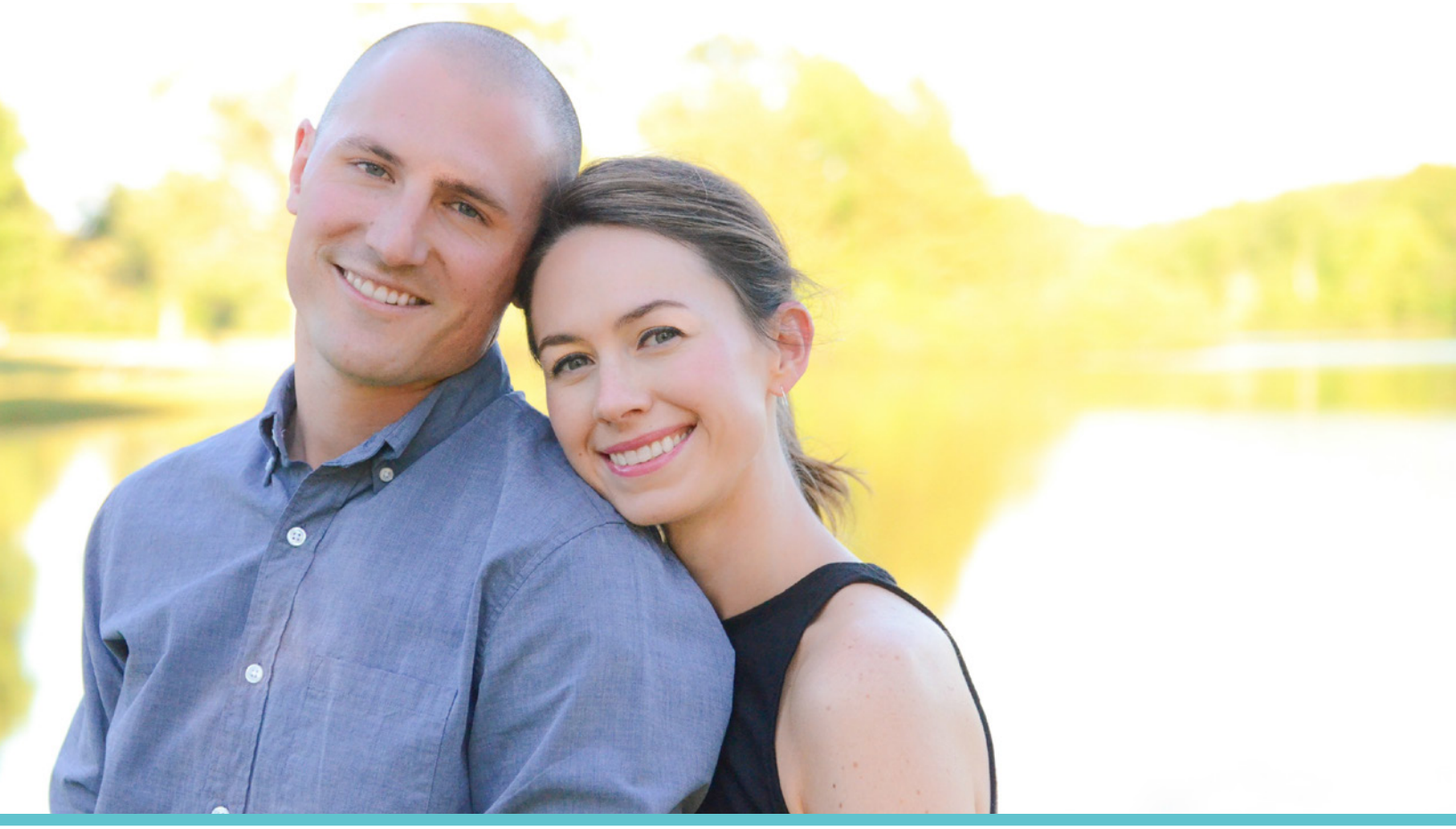


Eric and Kristen

Hello!

Hello! We're Eric and Kristen. Thanks for taking the time to look through our book. We are grateful to be included as you think about your future plans. Your journey leading to this decision has likely not been easy. Know that above all, we pray for the very best for you and your baby and hope you feel our support and love no matter where you are in this decision.

At our core, we're just a couple of lighthearted best friends who decided we simply had to do life together. Ten years of marriage and two kids later, our little family is very excited to grow through adoption. Even before starting a family, we knew we wanted to adopt. God laid it on our hearts long ago, showing us through our church community and close family and friends how incredible adoption can be in creating a family. After finding out we couldn't have any more biological children we knew it was the perfect time to begin our adoption journey.

We would love the opportunity to get to know you. What a gift it would be, if you choose, to allow us to become a part of your family, sharing together in all the milestones and smiles that are to come. In our home, your child will know their treasured story, be abundantly loved, supported, and provided for.

Our hope for this profile is to help you picture what it would be like to place your child in our home. We aren't perfect, but we strive to love, forgive, hug, laugh, and enjoy each other. Through these pages, we invite you to know the love your child would have as part of our family.

Thank you for considering us.

Eric and Kristen

About us

We met on the first day of high school in biology class and it was love at first sight. Our first date was at the Sadie Hawkins dance where we ended up sitting at a table and talking the entire time, we enjoyed each others company so much. After that, we were totally inseparable. Dating through high school and college had its challenges, but we were committed to each other, and after seven years of dating we finally got married on August 19th, 2006!

Since that day, God has blessed us with over ten years of marriage and two little guys (Oscar, age 6, Emmett, age 5). We've had countless adventures together (some difficult, some wonderful) which have drawn us closer and grown our appreciation and love for one another. What a gift its been to be married to our best friend!

Eric written by Kristen

Eric is the most kind hearted guy I have every met. He's loyal and patient; I call him my rock! I love how he can put anyone immediately at ease with his fun sense of humor and laid back personality. Eric truly has a servant's heart; his love for the Lord shows through in the wonderful way he takes care of me and our family. I think he's an incredible dad and I can't wait to see him love a new little one with the same tenderness and dedication he has with the boys.

Kristen written by Eric

I immediately fell in love with Kristen's bright smile and green eyes. Her quick wit and knack for natural conversation are what really captivate me, though. She's also got the biggest heart; she can never turn away a stray animal and no matter how busy things are, she's always patient and kind. Her incredible faith challenges me to be the best husband I can. With Kristen by my side, I have a life far better than I could have imagined.

Our home

Our home is a spacious four bedroom, three full bath Colonial set on two acres. We have a bright and open family room where we can build marble sets and snuggle in for a good movie. Our kitchen is always open for baking "adventures" which usually end with flour everywhere and messy smiles. In the summer you can find us outside grilling on the back porch or eating blackberries and cherry tomatos that grew in our garden.

Annual Gingerbread House Building

Grandpa and his boys

There's always something to celebrate!

Exploring his inner Picasso

Spot the surfboard scooter

Higher!

Candy and cute kids? Sign me up!

On our many travels

Enjoying a ride around the neighborhood

Our town loves a good parade

Their love for all things engine has no bounds

Dining al fresco

Our family and friends

We couldn't have been blessed with a more thoughtful and tender-hearted "big" brother for our family. Oscar is an old soul who always has something surprising to say. He's empathetic, enthusiastic, and a true crack-up. When he's not building forts with Emmett, he can be found with his nose in a book or creating a new "headquarters" for his Lego's. Emmett is a big personality in a little body. He's lighthearted and fun and loves giving out hugs. A natural charmer, he can persuade anyone into helping him out with his latest building projects. Although he's energetic and full of questions, he's also very tender; he's the first to run and get a band-aid when someone gets hurt and makes sure they are okay.

I (Kristen) am extremely blessed I get to have such strong, kind women as my family. My mom loves her job as a librarian, but lives for her grandchildren. From hosting family nights (where we all go over to her place for dinner and a movie), to quilting each grandchild their own special blanket, "Mimi" says the more the merrier. She is tremendously supportive of adoption and is excited to have even more grandchildren to love. My sister, Laura, is a PICU nurse at our local children's hospital and my brother-in-law, Ryan, is a firefighter for their city. When they're not saving the world they're dedicated to raising their three little ones. Because everyone lives so close, we get to see each other at least once a week. It's a party every time we get together!

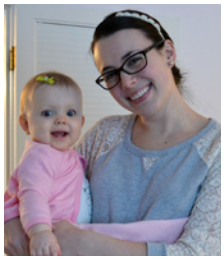
I (Eric) have a younger brother, and two great parents who have been married for 35 years! My brother, Alex, is an agriculture consultant who lives just a few hours away. When he's not traveling the state advising farmers, he likes to come home to go boating with friends or catch a Cavs game with me and my dad. He is close with both our boys, always making sure to bring a small gift home for them when he comes to visit. My parents live within walking distance of our house in the same neighborhood I grew up in. My dad is a production manager, and my mom is a phlebotomist at a Veterans Hospital. Mom and Dad are always making time to take the boys out on adventures. They love showing up with lunch at soccer games and making huge Sunday brunches even if it's just the six of us.

Eric's brother (left) in a friend's wedding

Running with mommy

Kristen and her sweet sister

Grandpa and Grandma (Eric's parents)



Love their smiles! Kristen's sister and niece

When everyone's family, you won't find a stranger in town

Nothing's better than a great group of friends

Mimi couldn't be happier