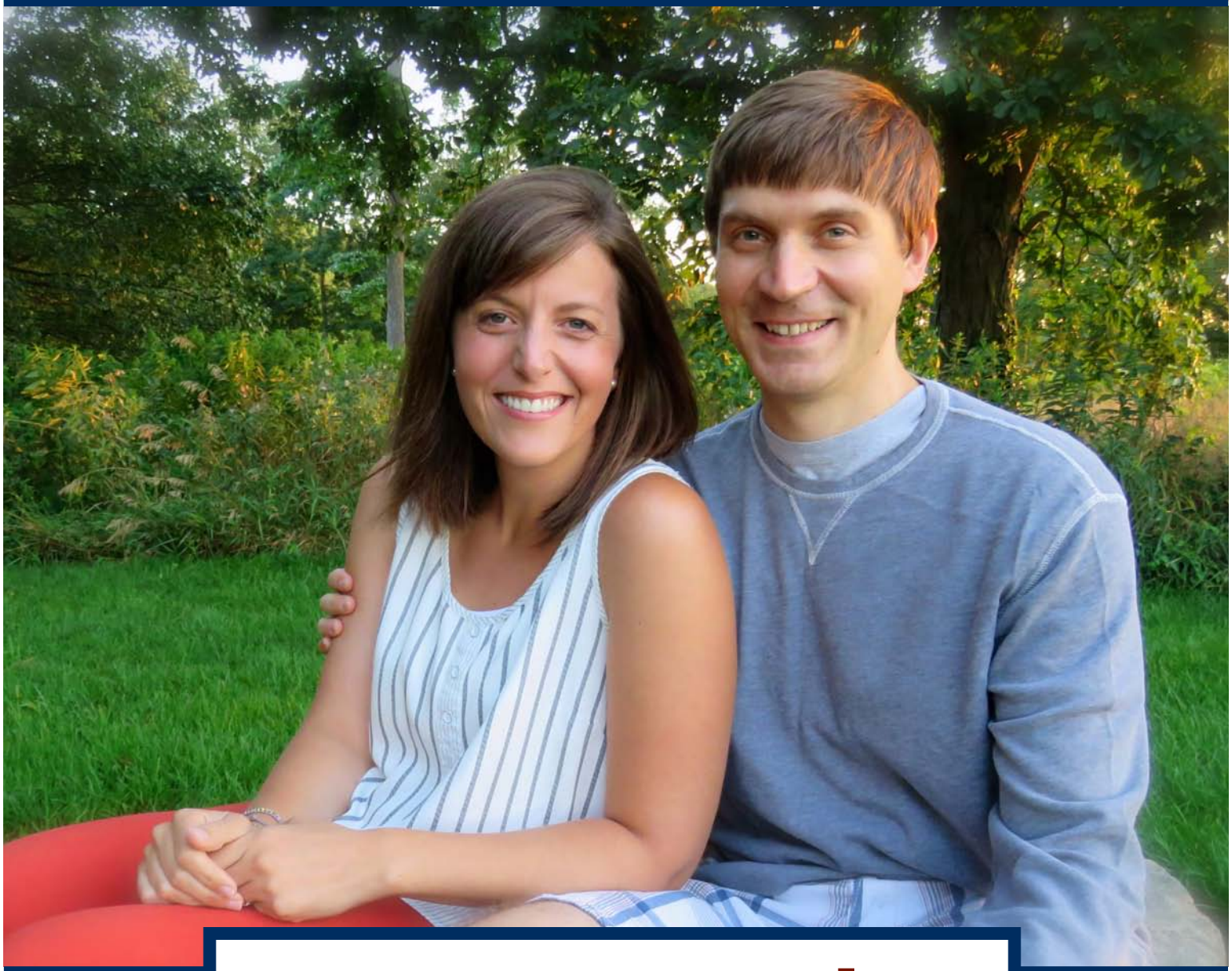

Brett & Angela

Our Story

We met at a small, Christian college in Northern Indiana. After 2 years of friendship/dating, we decided to get married and begin our next adventure together. We have been married for 12 years and within that time we have completed graduate school, lived in 4 different cities, had 2 beautiful babies, worked at jobs we love, and bought a house. A family friend wrote a song when Claire was born and one verse speaks to our hopes and dreams for our children: Oh Baby Claire, I do declare, this world has many problems of which you are unaware. Oh Baby Claire, Oh Baby Claire, grow up, learn to be wise and fair, and live a life of care.

Brett: As a parent I want my children to succeed in their passions and interests while learning to be a good friend, a good student, and always remembering to laugh a little.

Occupation: Physician
Education: Doctorate in Medicine
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite TV/Movie: Star Wars
Favorite Food: Homemade Pizza
Favorite Vacation: Germany
Favorite Memory From Childhood: camping
Hobbies: reading, gardening, exercising
Angela's Favorite Thing About Brett: He is very present in ALL aspests of our life...washes dishes, plays tag with our girls, takes Dixie for morning walks, and listens when I need to vent!

Angela: As a parent I hope to nurture and help my children grow into kind, empathetic, and responsible people.

Occupation: Stay at Home Mom/ Part-time Pediatric Speech Therapist **Education:** Master's in Speech Language Pathology
Favorite Color: yellow and teal
Favorite TV/Movie: Pride and Prejudice
Favorite Food: Indian/Thai food
Favorite Vacation: Dominican Republic
Favorite Memory From Childhood: playing with neighborhood friends
Hobbies: Baking, playing piano, running, reading
Brett's Favorite Thing About Angela: "She is most happy when creating an art project with the kids or making music. She loves to laugh and values building strong friendships within our community.

Our Children

Claire: Claire is our oldest daughter. She is a very active 7 year old who loves to sing, color, read books, write stories, do gymnastics, and be outside. Claire has the gift of making strong emotional bonds with her family and friends and showing concern for the needs of those around her.

Emily: Emily is our youngest daughter. She is a very independent 4 year old who loves to read books, play with baby dolls, and be outside. Emily is our friendly, little comedian who is good at spreading joy to the people around her.

Our Family

Grandparents

Grandma Judy works part-time as a nurse and spends the rest of her time volunteering at the church, working on craft projects (quilting, sewing), and babysitting her grandchildren when needed. Grandpa Glenn is a retired nurse. He has several hobbies including woodworking, singing in the church choir, and flying his plane.

Grandma Lois is a retired, elementary school teacher who loves traveling from Kansas to Texas to Ohio to spend time with her grandchildren. Grandpa Lynn is an environmental chemist who loves flying airplanes, riding motorcycles, and boating with his family.

Aunts & Uncles

Aunt Jenna and Uncle Reuben are both nurses who work and live in Seattle. They are an adventurous pair who enjoy sailing on their boat, biking, and running. They have a passion for environmental conservation.

Uncle Brian and his family live in Texas. They are an adventurous family that travels all over the United States and outside of the country as well.

Uncle Mike and his family live in Kansas. They are an active family with the kids involved in baseball, soccer, and basketball programs.

Uncle Jon and his family live in Kansas. They are an outdoorsy family who enjoy boating at the lake and riding go-carts on their land.

As A Family, We Enjoy...

Traveling Many of our trips are to visit family in Kansas, Texas, Washington, and Arizona. We also like to relax on the beautiful beaches in Florida, Mexico, and Dominican Republic. When we are feeling the need for snow, we enjoy downhill skiing in the mountains of West Virginia and Colorado. When our children are older, we hope to participate as a family in Medical Mission trips like the one Brett went on to Jamaica.

Cooking Our family enjoys baking and cooking together! Our favorite foods to make are pizza, bread, Indian/Thai cuisine, and homemade ice cream.

Music We love music and the joy it brings to our family! Angela enjoys singing and playing piano and guitar. Brett has been playing violin since a child and also enjoys singing. Our girls love to sing songs that they learn at church or ones they make up!

Being With Friends We have a close group of friends that consist of around 10 other families. When we gather at each other's homes for cookouts and yard games we have close to 20 kids!

Outdoors Several outdoor activities that we enjoy are gardening, playing tennis, going to the park, biking, hiking, and sledding and playing in the snow.

Angela tubing with her nieces

Skiing in WV with friends

Bike ride with friends

Celebrating Father's Day with matching Star Wars pjs

Angela relaxing with some music time

Brett on a medical missions trip to Jamaica

Our Home and Community

Our home is a 4 bedroom, ranch style home on 2 wooded acres. We live just minutes outside of a small town and 30 minutes away from a large city that offers shopping, professional sporting events, movie theaters, parks, and biking/hiking trails. The school district we reside in is highly supported by the community and places importance on reaching high academic standards. Students are also encouraged to participate in extracurricular programs (sports and music/theater).

Claire with her 7 foot sunflowers

Claire and Emily enjoying our tree swing

Dixie is our newest member of the family. She loves playing fetch and just being a part of the family!

Emily and Claire hiding in our neighbor's hammock

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us as you consider creating an adoption plan. We are Brett and Angela and we have two young daughters, Claire and Emily. As we raise our children, we want to instill several values that have been important to us thus far in our lives and marriage. These include finding a faithful and loving Christian community, the importance of family, and creating meaningful friendships. We are very settled in our community and in our careers and feel like our hearts are ready to welcome another child.

Why Adoption?

While I (Angela) feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to carry and give birth to two healthy babies, we have always known we want to expand our family through adoption. We have lived and traveled in different communities within the US and outside the country. We value diversity and would welcome a child of any race or ethnicity into our family.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. Good luck in your journey and we look forward to meeting you!

Brett and Angela