# Ryan & Molly

# About Us

We have known each other since very early in our lives as we attended the same school and had the same circle of friends. We never dated in school but decided it was the right time in 2001 and have been together ever since. We have been happily married for 12 years and love each other more each year that go by. We are each other's best friend and we hope our son can see and feel the love we have for each other. We love spending time with family and friends and love to plan family activities and taking family trips.

Our son is the greatest addition to our family. He was adopted in 2013 from Ethiopia and this was the best experience ever. He is loved by us and our families so much. It was a very long process to bring him home and once home he fit into our family and lives perfectly. If chosen as adoptive parents we will love, cherish and protect this child as we have done with our son. We will always have the child's best interest in mind in any decision we make. We know adoption is what God has chosen for us and our son is so excited for the new addition and to be a big brother.

## About Girum our son

Our son Girum brings so much joy to us daily. He is the highlight of our day and night. He is so funny and cracks us up on a daily basis. He is very well liked at school and enjoys all of his friendships he has developed there. He loves to cuddle at night and read a book or his bible before bed. He also cannot get enough of Molly talking to him in her Mickey Mouse voice. Mickey is one of his favorite characters and really enjoyed our trip to Disney World where we got to meet him. He cannot wait to go again once his sibling is here. He will be an excellent big brother and it will be great to see the love he will have for them. He has been such a great addition to our family and I can't wait to add another child.

## About Molly (written by Ryan)

Molly is an amazing wife and mother. She is truly my best friend and I couldn't imagine my life without her. She is very loyal and supportive in everything I do and I am so lucky to have her as my best friend. She is a very intelligent, hardworking mother who manages to have a career and care for her family at the same time. She also has a great passion for animals and has taken in and rescued many. Animals seem to find their way to our house to be under her care. From the moment we picked up our son I watched Molly develop a connection with him and it has been great to watch the love they have for each other. Molly enjoys spending time outside on motorcycle rides, caring for her horses and relaxing in our pool. It is also very important to her to spend time with family and friends.

## About Ryan (written by Molly)

Ryan is a hardworking, patient and loving husband and father. He is very handy and can do just about anything he puts his mind to. He typically excels in everything he does while being very organized and paying attention to detail. He enjoys watching sports, riding his motorcycle, hunting and doing anything outdoors. I am so lucky to have him as a husband, best friend and father to our son. It has been wonderful to see him become a father and take on that role. Our son loves spending time with him and he gets so excited when he gets home from work. We both love him so much and are so lucky to have him as the rock to our family.

# Our Family & Friends

Ryan's parents are a mile up the road and we see almost on a daily basis. He has a brother who is still attending college and we see as much as possible. Ryan's parents have been married for 38 years and grew up in a very loving, active, supportive family. They have proved to be great grandparents as well to our son.

Molly's parents reside in town fifteen minutes away and are a great part of our lives. Molly also has two sisters and a niece. Molly's youngest sister also lives fifteen minutes away and her middle sister and niece are 1 ½ hours away and see as regular as possible. Molly grew up in a happy, joking, fun loving home. Molly's middle sister was also adopted from Korea as an infant so her family shares this great love for adoption as well. Both families are so excited of the possibility of extending our family once again through adoption. We are so lucky our son is now able to experience and be a part of such great families.

We also have several friends residing close by and with children. We love getting together with them and letting our children play while we catch up. We are so lucky to have stayed close to our childhood friends and love that our children get to grow up close friends like we did. We feel so lucky to have such wonderful family and friends and know we always have a great support system behind us.

Family pic with our dogs

Trip with friends to Mexico

Molly with sisters at sisters bridal shower

Ryan's mom and dad

Molly's family at thaksgiving

Smores with Molly's family

Molly with her mom

Candle making family fun

Molly's mom and dad

Family picture with Ryan's Family

# Our Home

We live in the country on three acres that joins our family farms with hundreds of acres. There we love to sled ride on the large rolling hills, ride ATV's, horseback ride and explore in the woods in all the changing seasons. We reside in a great school system where we both also attended so we are still very close to the community we grew up in. We have several friends close by with children of their own. We are just fifteen minutes away from shopping and restaurants.

Our house is a two story log home with three bedrooms and 2 ½ baths along with a finished basement that was constructed by Ryan and their family business. We just put in a swimming pool and this proves to be one of our son's favorite activities on a hot summer day. It's a great place to gather and relax. We love entertaining and have friends and family over for cookouts. It's a great place for our family to grow and very similar to how both of us grew up as well.

Ryan and Molly at Zoo

Family with Swagger Cleveland Browns mascot

Molly and Girum riding a camel at Zoo

Ryan and Molly enjoying a football game

# Favorites

| Ryan | | | | Molly |
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| Black | ◀ | Color | ▶ | Pink |
| Lasagna | ◀ | Food | ▶ | Pizza |
| Christmas | ◀ | Holiday | ▶ | Christmas |
| Basketball | ◀ | Sport to Watch | ▶ | Basketball |
| Mint Chocolate Chip | ◀ | Ice Cream | ▶ | Black Cherry |
| Any Sports Game | ◀ | TV Show | ▶ | Greys Anatomy |
| Communications | ◀ | Occupation | ▶ | Insurance Claims |
| Cancun | ◀ | Vacation | ▶ | Cancun |
| Family Trips (Colorado) | ◀ | Childhood memory | ▶ | Summers in the pool |

# Dear Birth Parent:

We would like to thank for you taking the time to allow us to share a little about our lives with you. We are very honored that you may consider us as an adoptive family for your child. We hope you can see we have a huge heart for adoption and that it has touched our lives in many ways.

We hope that this has given you a chance to get to know us a little better. We will do everything in our power to provide for this child and help them pursue all their dreams. We want nothing more than to grow our family again through adoption and know this is the right time in our lives. We know our son will be a great big brother and cannot wait to see his face light up when he gets to see his sibling that he has been praying about for the first time.

Our son loves to share his adoption story and about where he came from and are so grateful for this choice his birthmother made for him. We could not be more blessed to have him in our lives. We understand what a difficult decision this is that you have ahead of you but just know that we have nothing but the upmost love and respect for you. We send you the warmest wishes and prayers!

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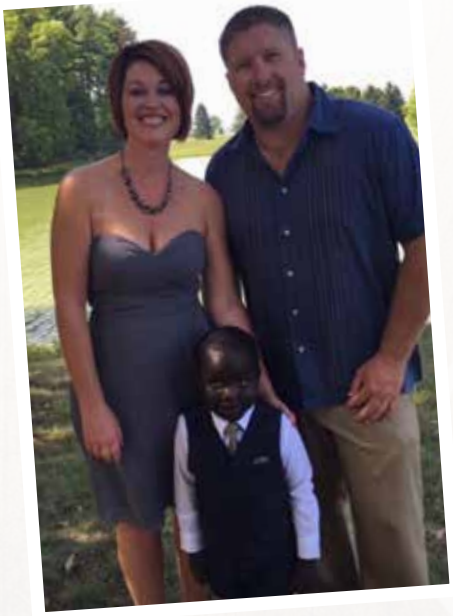

## Why Adoption?

We have both been blessed to have adoption all throughout our families. Molly has a sister that was adopted as a young child from Korea and hoped that this would be a journey she would travel some day with building a family of her own. We struggled with infertility for years which is what led us to our adoption of our son from Ethiopia. We had such a wonderful experience with his adoption that we couldn't wait to start the process again. We have seen so many times how adoption can grow and build families and are so blessed that we have been able to be a part of such a wonderful experience.