Michael & Argie

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Who would have known… that two complete strangers, living thousands of miles away, were meant for each other. It might have been luck or even fate. Whatever it was, it has brought us together to share a life. We have created a home full of love, laughter and warmth. Now we pray to be blessed with a child, with whom we can share our love and our lives.

We are both teachers, surrounded by children from all over the world, opening our minds and our hearts. We are like aunt and uncle to a wide bunch of nieces and nephews. Through the years, we have shared so much love with our families and friends, who are also thrilled to welcome a new member with open arms, lots of kisses, hugs and squeezes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We can only hope that you will find in us the loving home that you want for your child. We send out to you our warmest wishes and prayers. Our hearts are open to you and will always be grateful to you for the most precious gift of all.our hearts.

favorites...

Michael

Occupation: Spanish Teacher
Education: Master's Degree
Favorite Color: Earth Tones
Favorite TV: Modern Family
Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Favorite Food: Sea food
Favorite Vacation: Spain
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite cartoon: Daffy Duck
Favorite Memory from Childhood: Family Reunions and playing with kids in the neighborhood.
Hobbies: Travelling overseas, guitar, and cooking.

Fun Fact:

Born in Louisiana, at an air force base. Traveled around the world withhis parents. Studied psychology and Spanish. Was raised by two loving parents, a mom from Spain and a dad from Kentucky

Argie

Occupation: Special Ed. Teacher
Education: Master's Degree
Favorite Color: Light Green
Favorite TV: Friends
Movie: "The Sound of Music"
Favorite Food: Fish Soup
Favorite Vacation: Icaria, Greece
Favorite Holiday: Easter
Favorite Cartoon: Pink Panther
Favorite Memory from Childhood: Every Summer I would travel with my grandmother to my mother's birthplace, an Island in the Aegean Sea. This memory always makes me smile.
Hobbies: Travelling, movies, reading, eating.

Fun Fact:

Born in Athens, Greece. Grew up with three dreams, work with children, travel around the world and marry a kind man from Spain. Always had a feeling that life would lead her to the States. Little did she know….

More about us...

This is Michael through my eyes by Argie

My Michael is a romantic dreamer, with an inquisitive mind who has great love for books and knowledge. His tender heart makes everyone around him love him. Michael is a caring, sensitive and giving person. His sense of humor along with his warm smile makes me love him more every day. If anyone ever needs him, Michael is there to help..

Argie through my eyes by Michael

My wife is smart, funny, and the most beautiful woman I know. She is a very caring person who goes way out of her way for her friends and family. If there is someone that needs her help, she will try and find a way to do so. She volunteers her time at her Church to teach children. Although all of her experience and education is related to childhood education and psychology, this is not what makes her good with children, it is the other way around, she is cares deeply about children and this is what makes her good at her job. She will make a wonderful adoptive mother to the baby we would be lucky to adopt. She has a real caring spirit and genuine affection without pretense. For my part, my life has become full since we met and each day I love her more and more.

Our Life Together

Whenever we get the chance, we make short trips to the place that brought us together, our college. We have several friends from those years that we keep contact with and visit regularly. Every weekend, we begin our day with the Bacon and Eggs Breakfast Tradition in our pajamas. Then we talk with family who live abroad and make plans for the rest of the day. Eating tasty meals is what has brought us together to begin with! Working in the garden is another activity that gives us pleasure and makes us get into clothes other than pajamas. Argie plants the flowers and Michael the tomatoes and the peppers. This year Michael has planted corn, cucumbers and pumpkins. No vegetables taste better that home grown.

Argie's most favorite place- An island in the Aegean Sea that filled her summers as a child with excitement and happiness.

Travel and Adventure is part of who we are. We love visiting friends and family every year. Almost every summer we take a trip to Greece to visit Argie's family and make short trips to the islands and enjoy the scenery and the sun as much as we can. Next year we hope to make it to Seville Spain as well, to visit Michael's side of the family. Last Christmas, we visited family in Norway and had a wonderful time. We missed out, but they say that the king of Norway often comes out and talks with visitors and tourists.

Whenever Michael brags about his Spanish background and history, Argie always shows him the picture on the left, one of many summers in Greece in front of the Parthenon. Athens is always beautiful at this time of the year. Being teachers allows us to take summers off for long vacations with our loved ones, enjoying the clear water of the Mediterranean Sea and the beautiful sightseeing.

Visit at the Renaissance Festival. We both enjoy fairy tails and history.

Our Family

Family picture with Argie's sister.

Despite the distance we still make an effort to keep contact and see each other as often as possible. "My sister's life's work has been strongly related to children as well. For several years we worked together, shared ideas and knowledge. No matter how much older and wiser she becomes she will always be my baby sister".

Argie's parents can be the most unconventional people.

Argie's mother with our nephew

Argie's parents

Mom is the computer expert and dad knows everything about plants and wild life. They are both experts in demonstrating their love and indulging their children's and grandchildren's needs and wants.

Our families united for celebrations.

Argie's with her sister and nephew

Celebrations and gatherings have been part of our life's traditions.

Our sweet little nephew will be the best role model and big brother figure for his cusins. There was a recent addition to the family of a new baby boy a few months after this picture was taken. Having kids has always been a dream for both sisters. We can't wait to share our lives' experiences.

Argie's parents, siblings and cousins are dearly loved and we converse with at least once a week. Her parents own a house at her dad's village, with lots of cats, dogs and chickens. This is the place where we have fresh vegetables and fish. Argie's mom is an excellent cook! Celebrations and gatherings have been part of our life's traditions.

Get together with Michael's family

We have lot of get-togethers with Michael's family! Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, birthdays, we make a point of coming together and celebrating with good food, laughter, and maybe a board game or two, followed by the obligatory nap.
Somehow, Michael gets stuck with the job of carving the turkey every year. Perhaps it is because they know that Michael likes to cook and so he must know what he is doing. "I pretend that I do, then blame it on the knife when I mangle the whole thing and the bird looks like it was put in a blender."

MIchael carving the turkey

Argie's family

Our Friends

Visiting Michael's best friend Scott.

Michael's and his best friend Scott don't see each other very often since Scott moved to another State. However, they spend at least an hour on the phone giggling and talking about anything. Michael can be the biggest kid when surrounded by children. Scott's daughters love Michael dearly.

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When Argie and her girlfriends het together, thy enjoy spending quality time with each other, making memories. When the girls get together there can never be enough coffee or too much desert. When Greeks are not cooking they are dancing. 'If any of us is not dancing or serving food they are watching everyone else's kids". This is our extended family. They are so looking forward to our joyful moment of bringing a child into our life.

Argie's girlfrineds

The Hellas dance group where all Greeks perform once a year.

Our Life's work

Argie's Greek school students.

"Teaching my beloved students at the Greek school every Monday for the last four years has been so much fun! Working with children for the last twenty years has been more than a blessing. There is nothing else I would rather do in this life. All my students are my children and I am proud of them every day."

Argie's coworkers.

Being creative and occasionally silly makes learning so much better. At school we learn about the world, how to share our knowledge and how to take funny pictures.

Working with kids is a blessing. Working amongst wonderful people is a gift. Positive people create positive ideas. Positive ideas lead to success.

Chess Club Time!

Spanish Club

This year Michael has managed to create a Chess Club for his own high school students. "Of course there is always time to enjoy myself by competing with other teachers!"

Years earlier Michael started another club at his school with his favorite theme. He created the Spanish Club. Students learned how to cook Spanish dishes and how to savor them. Michael certainly did!

Our home

Our home! It is safe and comfortable. Some of our friends say that it looks like a doll house. It is situated in a wonderful neighborhood with great neighbors, several parks, great schools within easy walking distance and lots of children playing outside. There are four bedrooms and two full baths. The right amount of space has made our lives easier and our morning routines faster. It has a wide backyard where we are currently putting up a swing set and a large basement where we are planning to build a play room.

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share with you a little bit about ourselves, our lives together, and the kind of home and life a child might have with us. Working with children throughout our lives has been a blessing. We can only imagine how wonderful it would be to raise a child in our family. With your trust, we will ensure that your child will have a life filled with love, happiness, and adventure. We will do our best to provide a safe and nurturing environment, one that encourages him or her to pursue their dreams and strive to meet their potential.

Hopefully these pages have given you a small glimpse into our world. This world has been created based on our strong belief that anything can happen through perseverance and faith. With the same faith, we look forward to having the chance to parent the child who through God's grace you have been blessed to carry. Our hearts are open to you and will always be grateful for the most precious gift of all.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We can only hope that you will find in us what you have been looking for your baby. We send out to you our warmest wishes and prayers.

Forever Thankful!

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Why Adopt?

Although we had not known whether we would be able to have children from the beginning of our relationship, adoption has always been part of our plan. We both agree that no matter if we shared the same genes with a child or not, our love for all children that entered our lives through work or family has been undivided. Coming from diverse backgrounds and having been around the world studying and working with children from different ethnic backgrounds, we have come to realize that all people are fundamentally the same despite differences in culture or race. We both believe that every child deserves to be loved, protected and cared for. We already know that the more we love the more love grows in our hearts.