Jen & Mike

Who We Are

Hello and warm wishes!

Our names are Jen and Mike, and we first want to thank YOU for your consideration. As with you, we want only the very best for this child. In preparation of doing so, we'd like to first introduce ourselves, our values, and opportunities we'll provide your child.

We've been married for 3 years and from day one have wanted a child to shower love, nurture, and guide. We both have big hearts, value family, and love to make an impact.

Our story starts at work where we met only two doors down from one another! After dating, becoming best friends, and getting engaged, Mike left to start his own company.

We are both engineers, which has granted us financial stability and the opportunity to travel. For example, we've rode a raft through the Grand Canyon, hiked an active Hawaiian volcano, and witnessed hundreds of hot air balloons take off in the desert. We want to share the opportunity of travel with your child.

We love being active. We've ran 26.2 miles side-by-side and trained for a 100 mile bike race together.

We love outdoors. We enjoy hikes and taking walks, often visiting a nearby park

We love to work with our hands. Mike is very talented in renovating houses. Jen enjoys crafts and shop work, including making Mike's wedding band.

We value exposure to different extracurriculars and career paths and will support them in all they'd like to pursue. They'll be encouraged to Dream Big!

We share Christian values and believe in teaching the golden rule to treat others as you'd like to be treated.

Aloha from Hawaii!

Balloon Fiesta

26.2 miles complete!

Mike enjoys:

FLYING – he has his pilot's license

GAMES – his favorite being cards and darts

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES – fishing and golf take the cake

CRACKING JOKES – someone is always laughing, even if it's only him!

CAREER – Operates his own engineering company, which employs seven others and continues to grow!

Jen enjoys:

GARDENING – there's nothing like eating fresh produce!

COOKING – who doesn't love food?!

READING – great to do on the patio swing (which often leads to napping!)

GIVING BACK – she's the happiest when others close to her are happy

CAREER – Engineering Manager of Research & Development

meet jen by mike

Jen has a HUGE HEART, IS HARD-WORKING, AND DEEPLY CARES FOR FAMILY. She is known for being adventurous and is always looking to try new things, be that food, destinations, or cultural experiences.

As a whole Jen loves to give back to the community both near and far. For example, she has volunteered at a Dominican Republic mission trip for many years. Locally she judges science fair projects and helps with after school programs.

High-fives for all!

meet mike by jen

Mike is A LOVING MAN WHO IS FUNNY, ACTIVE, AND INTELLIGENT. In the evenings Mike can be found hanging out with his wife and puppy at local parks, their patio, or living room where he loves to say he is "holding down the couch." Mike knows how to work hard yet have fun. He grew up on a family farm where he helped raise cattle, pork, and crops. His family is large and the nieces and nephews commonly refer to him as their favorite uncle.

All smiles with our nephew

Our Home

We were very picky in selecting our home and had children in mind from day one! Our home is located in a great school district, safe neighborhood, and away from busy traffic. It's a two-storied home nested in a close knit suburb neighborhood. It has two empty bedrooms and an extra bathroom ready for the newest family member to join. The backyard patio has a bench swing for unwinding in the evenings and a garden filled with fresh produce. This year the vegetables extend into the landscaping – we are growing corn in the suburbs!

Within a 5 minute walk we have a park and playground, which we frequently visit. After a good rain we have discovered the park also offers great puddles that our puppy absolutely adores splashing in.

Every Sunday we play a card game called pinochle (a tradition in Mike's family) with two of our closest friends. We rotate who hosts, and we all contribute to a potluck dinner.

MEET OUR FOUR-LEGGED HOUND, PIPER!
She is a 1 year old border collie mutt who loves to eat and eat some more. She's eager to please and quick to learn tricks in hopes of earning food. She has had plenty of exposure to young children in Mike's family. Piper also stays overnight with a family of three young kids when Mike and Jen are out of town.

MEET JEN'S FAMILY!
She has two younger brothers and parents that she would not trade in for the world. Every week the family Skypes to stay in touch while in different parts of the country. Her family is very excited to welcome a new addition.

Our Family

MEET MIKE'S FAMILY! He has a much larger family with 7 siblings and 16 nieces and nephews. His family earned a living farming and they know the power of working together. All members of his family eagerly await another little one to join.

Our friends who might as well be family.
The pinochle crew who we have potlucks with weekly (far left)
Mike's "big brother" & very close friend (right)

Our Letter to You

From the very bottom of our hearts, thank you for considering us as adoptive parents. We promise to give our absolute best for this child.

We would be honored and blessed to meet you in person if you'd like and/or continue directly into the matching phase.

Warmest regards,

Mike and Jen

Why Adoption?

We have longed to expand our family for several years now but have learned we are unable to have children. Through the journey of infertility we have discovered our true calling: to adopt. We are considering all races and welcome incorporating aspects of your child's culture into his or her upbringing. Should you select us, please know this child will know you for your loving, courageous, & selfless decision of adoption.