Michael + Jillian

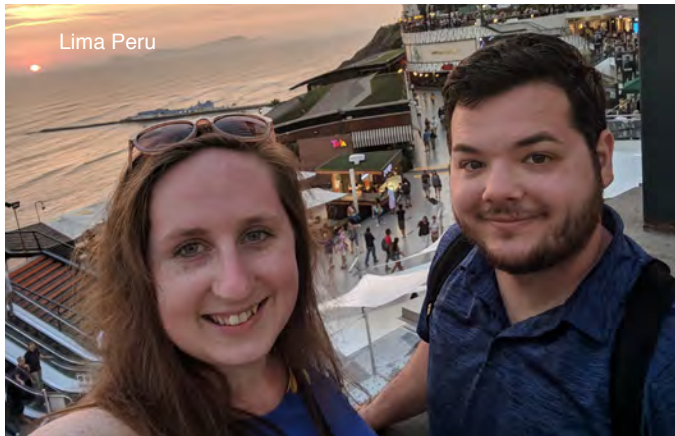
ABOUT US

We're a very active, on-the-go couple who love going new places and trying new things. If there's a fun event going on, we're there - anything from a popular concert or show to a food festival to a combine demolition derby. One of our first dates was a Cavs game and since then we go to a game every year.

During the week, we cook dinner together after work. On Saturdays, you'll find us walking in the MetroParks with our dog. Most weekends, we are out trying new restaurants or having friends and family over for dinner.

In the summer, we have a garden full of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. We do something special for every holiday: passing out candy on our block for Halloween, picking out a live Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving, a celebration dinner on New Years Eve, donuts on Fat Tuesday, and baking a traditional cake for Easter that Jillian's grandma used to make.

We love to travel and can't wait until we have kids old enough to pick places they want to go - like a waterpark or new city! We'd also love to explore their cultural heritage with them if they are interested.



Meet Mike *(written by Jillian)*

Mike is one of those personalities that everybody likes. Maybe it's his easygoing character or his sense of humor, but he just gets along with everyone. He's always building something to make our lives better, like the island for our kitchen or the automatic watering system for the garden. He talks about all the things he wants to teach future kids all the time and can't wait to be a dad. He's a hard worker who always puts his family first. Everywhere he goes he brings his sense of humor and is always cracking jokes and making sure everyone is having a good time. He's such an easy person to enjoy life with!

Meet Jillian *(written by Mike)*

Jillian is truly the love of my life. She is a strong, confident, caring person who makes we want to be a better man every day. She is very outgoing and always wants to try new things, see new places and make new friends. She values new experiences and always wants to include others in those experiences. Her sense of adventure is inspiring and she is always willing to try something new like a new recipe for dinner, learning a new language, or learning how to surf. Jillian truly has a love for cooking and is an amazing chef. Every day with Jillian is a new adventure and I can't wait to start sharing the next adventure of parenthood with her.

Meet Voltage

Our dog is a retired racing greyhound. His favorite thing to do is to go to the park with his family (us!). He's very well behaved, shy with new people, and is great with kids - he actually prefers people his own height over adults!

Facts And Favorites

	Mike	Jillian
Occupation:	Electrical Engineer	Health Promotion & Disease Prevention
Degree:	Bachelors of Electrical Engineering	Masters of Public Health
Favorite places to travel:	Milan, Italy and Buenos Aires, Argentina	The Carribean, Vietnam, and Peru
Food:	Anything with cheese	Raspberries, poblanos peppers or Thai food
Most read book genre:	Science Fiction	Non-fiction
Reason to get dressed up:	Date night	To be a guest at a wedding
Childhood memory:	Thursdays garage sale-ing with my family	Going to the wave pool with my grandma

How We Met

We were set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. We both declined that initial date but became friends and ended up figuring out we were right for each other. We've known each other for more than 12 years and got married in 2013.

Our Family

We are really close with Jillian' brother, his wife, and Jillian's dad – we talk to them nearly every day. Jillian's dad loved being a very involved parent and is looking forward to taking grandkids on bike rides and to children's museums.

Mike's family is big, fun, and loud. His parents have been married for 50 years. Mike has four older siblings, all of whom are married, plus 6 nieces and nephews. They all live nearby and we all get together regularly for birthdays and holidays.

Mike's family

Jillian's brother & sister-in-law

Jillian and her father

With Mike's parents

Jillian and her mother

and Friends

We have friends from all stages of our lives, from kindergarten to college to now. They are a great mix of personalities and interests, and add so much to our lives. Many of them have young children who we regularly spend time with.

Our Home & Neighborhood

We own a home in a diverse, walkable neighborhood full of families. We picked our house because it felt so welcoming and homey inside - perfect for having friends and family over! Everyone on our block knows each other and we regularly stop to catch up with them while walking our dog or when we are working in our garden. The elementary school and playground are right around the corner and the community pool is less than a mile from our house.

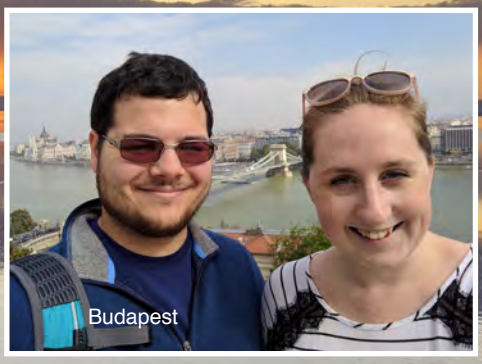
Our Travels

Bolivian salt flats

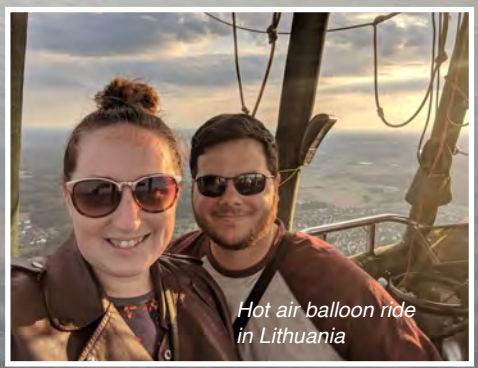
Pyramids of Giza, Egypt

London, England

Barcelona



Budapest



Hot air balloon ride in Lithuania

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We hope that you find the path that works best for you and your child and hope you can see how excited we are to become parents. Your child will always be told how much you love them and that you want the very best for them. We promise to love, support, and encourage this child in every way possible and to show them how much the world has to offer. We value the relationships we have with our friends and family over anything else in our lives and you will be included as an important member of our family. We'd welcome a child of any racial or ethnic background and will help them explore their heritage and cultural identity. We can't wait to explore all of their interests with them!

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WHY ADOPTION?

Early on in our relationship we discussed having children and knew we would love to have a large family. We both knew that we could not conceive naturally without fertility treatment, but always knew no matter what we both wanted to build our family through adoption. Both of us are extremely excited to become parents. We cannot wait to share our love of life and have the opportunity to teach and nurture our child, all while giving them our unconditional love.

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