Michael + Emily

— About Us —

After years of having trouble finding the right person, it was actually our doctor who set us up on a blind date! It went well and we fell in love over the next year. We were then engaged and married six months later. We have been happily married for 12 years since then and we are grateful that God has joined us together for the rest of our lives.

Mike is an IT Manager and has been with the same company for 18 years and loves his job. Emily works from home a couple hours a day while Elianna is at school. We both had stay-at-home moms and it is important to us that our children do as well.

We love to travel and explore. We have visited many places across the United States, and we look forward to continuing to explore with our children to show them the variety of life and culture within the United States and the world.

— Our Home —

We live in a friendly old-fashioned small town. It is in a great school district with a large park and regular community events for families. Our home is a brick house built in 1927 that we moved into eight years ago. Outside, our property is 1.5 acres surrounded by pine trees, making it feel like our own private park. When the weather is nice, we spend a lot of time outside in our yard playing or working in the gardens. We also have an inground swimming pool that gets plenty of use in the summer and we can't wait until our future child and their friends can enjoy it as well.

Our family also owns a house on a private lake in the upper peninsula of Michigan where we spend most of our summer vacations. We love going out on the boat to search for turtles, do some fishing, or just cruise around the lake. There are some nearby attractions like waterfalls, a bear ranch, and locks you can watch ships pass through. But the main attraction is the time spent relaxing with family and enjoying nature.

About Emily — *by Mike*

Emily is a loving and caring woman I am honored to have fallen in love with. She lifts me up when I am down and is great at keeping me motivated. She loves her family deeply and always goes out of her way to make sure they are taken care of. Her example always pushes me to be a better person; It's these qualities and many more that make her a great wife and prove to me every day what a great mother she is.

It's been amazing to see her with Elianna every day and to see what an amazing teacher and mother she can be. From playing with Elianna in the yard to taking her shopping and helping her play in her play kitchen, she is always helping her to grow.

She also loves working in her gardens, bird watching, photography, and solving puzzles. Her loving and understanding nature, dedication, and love of adventure is what made me fall in love with her, and I know our future child will love her too.

Occupation: Stay-At-Home Mom / Part-Time IT Developer

Education: Bachelors Degree in Mathematics / Computer Science

Hobbies: Gardening, Photography, Bird Watching, Puzzles

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite tv/movie: Star Trek

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite vacation: Southern California

Favorite animal: Hippopotamus

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite memory from childhood: Spending holidays with my family

About Mike — *by Emily*

Mike is an amazing man that I am blessed to have as a husband and best friend. He is selfless, patient, kind, and always willing to help others. Since we adopted our daughter, I have seen him become an amazing father. Our daughter loves spending time with him playing with toys, spinning her around as fast as they can go, or cooking together. I am amazed at how well he can calm Elianna down when she is upset, and he makes her laugh all the time.

Mike's light-hearted, fun personality makes him a favorite of our niece and nephew and an amazing father. Not only does he act like one of the kids at times, but he also has an assertive side and will always stand up for what he believes in. His playfulness keeps me from becoming too serious and his integrity makes me strive to be a better person.

Occupation: IT Manager

Education: Associates Degree in Computer Networking

Hobbies: Reading, Video Games, Hunting, Making things in my workshop

Favorite color: Green

Favorite tv/movie: Seinfeld/ Lord of the Rings

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite vacation: Bermuda

Favorite animal: Dog

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite memory from childhood: Working on projects with my dad

— About Elianna —

We adopted Elianna six years ago and we are incredibly blessed to have her in our lives. She is a silly, smart, outgoing girl who loves playing games, exploring the world, going to karate class, and spending time with our family. It's been amazing seeing her learn and grow every day and we know she'll be a great big sister.

— Our Family —

Our extended family is extremely important to us and we are very close to them, we have weekly dinners and attend church with family, and visit them all on holidays and birthdays. We were both born and raised near our home and most of our immediate and extended family lives nearby. Three sets of grandparents/ aunts/uncles will be there for support, babysitting, and to spoil our future child (in a good way). They are all very supportive and excited about our future family.

Spending time with the family at the lake house is something we look forward to each summer

Ellie loves going on the boat with her grandpa

Christmas Dinner with Emily's family

Easter lunch with Mike's family

Thanksgiving with Mike's brothers

A fairy tale birthday party held for our niece

Waiting for fireworks to start with our nephew

Mike after completing a 5K mud run with his friends

Ellie has several cousins that she hangs out with on holidays

Ellie dressed as a rock star for Halloween

Hanging out with Papa (Mike's dad)

Visiting the Grand Canyon with Mike's aunts

— Our Pets —

Willow is a loving, energetic and playful boxer / bulldog mix with a slightly crooked tail. She had been living as a stray before she was taken to a shelter where we rescued her. She loves to play with all her toys and with us, especially with Elianna. We also have two guinea pigs that Elianna loves to play with and hold.

Dear Birth Mother,

Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We are a family-oriented Christian couple looking forward to expanding our family once more. Mike is a fun-loving, playful, creative, thoughtful man who has a strong sense of honor and morality and will always stand up for what he believes in. Emily is a nurturing, caring, organized, empathetic person who always makes sure her family is taken care of. We believe we complement each other well as a family and will provide a caring, positive, and structured environment with plenty of fun and goofy humor thrown in.

You should know that we will do everything in our power to give the child we adopt a fun, fulfilling, and happy life. We will love, encourage, and support them no matter what happens. Our extended family has always played a big part in our lives and the child will have a large loving family to count on and create memories with.

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us better. We pray God gives you peace and guidance in choosing a family and we would be honored if you chose us to raise your child. We hope to meet with you soon!

With Love,

Mike and Emily

— Why Adoption —

We are not able to have biological children for medical reasons, which led us to adopt our daughter six years ago. She was truly a gift from God and has brought so much happiness to our family. We can't imagine our lives without her! We feel led by God to adopt another child to love and cherish, as well as to give our daughter a sibling to grow up with. We are financially stable with good jobs, great extended family, and an amazing home that we would love to share with another child. We can't wait to have another little bundle of joy in our lives!