



**Mike** *and* **Beth**

# HELLO!

**We are so honored you are taking the time to get to know our little family!**

You are a strong and brave woman, and we can't begin to understand how tough this decision must be. Your deep and unconditional love for your child is incredible, and we are honored that you are here. We pray that you see our heart and love throughout these pages.

As you continue on this journey, we pray that you are met with peace and strength as you decide what is best for both you and your child.

With Love,

*Mike and Beth*







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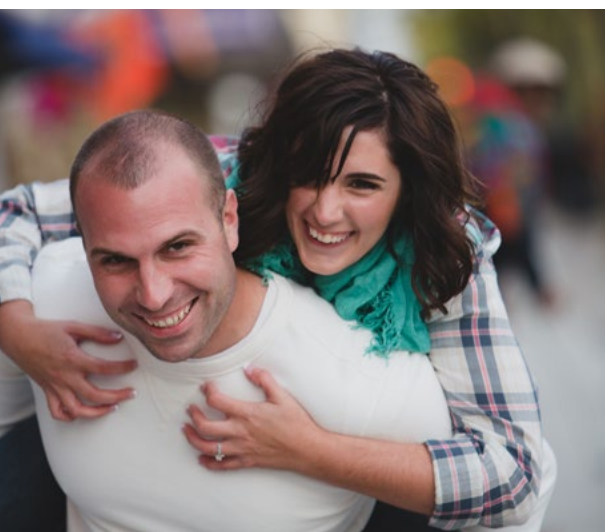


# OUR story

## **We met online in early 2012.**

After our first date, we knew that we had something special and made our relationship official on Valentine's Day. *This day holds a special place in our hearts because this is also the day that our son Asher was born and joined our family through adoption.*

We dated for a little over two years before getting engaged in May of 2014. Mike proposed while we were on a picnic at one of our local parks. We were married a year later with all of our friends and family by our side. Since then, we have been adventuring and loving life together. Any struggles that come our way, we face together with our faith as the foundation and amazing support from close family and friends.





## **Adoption is not our second choice, it is our first choice.**

Long before we were married, Mike and I talked a lot about one day getting to adopt. We just knew that the Lord had adoption in store for us, and we wanted to pursue loving a child that would need a forever home. We hoped that through adoption, we could build a family and honor the beautiful families our children would come from. Adoption is also part of our extended family. Beth's cousin was adopted at birth.

*Adopting Asher and expanding our family to include his biological mother has been an honor and a privilege. We know we have the love and capacity to further grow our family, and we are excited for Asher to grow up with a sibling.*







# MEET Beth

*Written by Mike*

**Beth is loving, caring,  
and giving.**

Beth is always thinking of other's needs, how she can impact other people's lives for the better, and going above and beyond to make people feel special. She jumps at any opportunity to cook meals for those who are in need. Beth is constantly helping and providing families with all her abilities and talents.

Beth has a huge heart for children. Her face lights up with kids around, and her attention is focused on playing and nurturing them in every situation.

All of these actions are due to Beth centering her life on Jesus and her dedication to Him. I can see Jesus in Beth every day.



**OCCUPATION:** Academic Support Specialist and part-time instructor at a local Christian college



# MEET Mike

*Written by Beth*

## **Mike is one of a kind.**

He is the most selfless and servant-hearted man you will ever meet. He is a man of faith and puts his trust and commitment to God above all else. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends or a complete stranger.

He is a strong leader and loves adventure. He puts our family first and does everything he can to be present when he is home. He loves Asher so well and will be a great father to another child.

He loves all things outdoors. He truly is most himself when he is surrounded by nature and able to be outside. Asher and I are so blessed to have such an intentional and godly man leading our family!

**OCCUPATION:** Pre-Construction Coordinator for a family-owned general contracting company







## OUR SON

**Asher is a funny, loving, creative, adventurous and active four-year-old.**

He loves to play outside and explore.

He loves spending time with his cousins and friends at daycare. He is great with his younger cousins and the babies at daycare. He is very attentive and comforting.

*We are confident that he will be a great big brother.*







# OUR home



**Mike and his dad built our home  
in 2021 in a small rural subdivision  
close to family and friends.**

Our desire for building this home was to create a safe place where we could be ourselves and friends and family felt loved and accepted.

Our home is a three-bedroom farmhouse-style ranch situated on almost half an acre of land. Our subdivision is located close to the city but still has the feel of being out in the country. We are able to see our neighbors' horses and sheep from our house and Asher loves to visit them!





## OUR *neighborhood*

**We have amazing neighbors who feel like family to us.**

Everyone in the neighborhood is friendly and always says hello or waves when we are walking or playing outside. We love our subdivision because of all of the sidewalks for Asher to bike and walk on. We live close to a nature park, a bike path, and a number of fun parks.

*Our community is close-knit, and always takes care of each other.*





# extended FAMILY

**We are blessed with incredible extended families.**

They have known each other for over a decade and feel part of each other's families. Both of our families love to gather together for birthdays and holidays. Both families are within 30 minutes of us, and we see them on a regular basis.





*My (Beth) mom passed away in 2012 from cancer. My dad married Dana in 2016, and we are so blessed to have her in the family. She was the one who introduced my brother to his wife. Our family would not look the way it does without her. We have a family farm that my dad and brother operate. Asher loves to ride in the tractor and combine. We are looking forward to our next child doing the same.*







**For the Lord, your God  
is with you  
WHEREVER YOU GO.**



# THINGS WE LOVE...



**Asher loves:**

**biking • visiting the park • Paw Patrol • Spidey & Friends  
• working on projects around the house with us**



**Mike loves:**

**hiking • biking • photography • burgers • cars**



**Beth loves:**

**coffee shops • running • hallmark movies • visiting friends  
in beautiful Kenya • Notre Dame football • reading • baking**



# **ten fun** FACTS

**Mike has backpacked in Kentucky, Tennessee and Wyoming.**

**Beth's favorite holiday is Christmas and fills our home with decorations.**

**Mike built a sports car!**

**We have traveled to 8 different countries.**

**Mike designed our house and built it with his dad.**

**Beth has run a half marathon and over six 5k's.**

**We desire to be a bilingual family! We are working on finding a Spanish tutor and excited to get started!**

**We completed a 50-mile bike ride.**

**Beth's favorite season is fall.**

**Mike loves cows and dreams of having some in the future.**







# our family VALUES



**Weekly Gatherings:** We have a very close-knit family and a group of friends we hang out with regularly. We have a small group that gets together every other Sunday night and a foster and adoption support group on Wednesday nights. Mike is part of a men's group on Tuesdays, and Beth in a women's book club that meets every other month.



**Meaningful Travel:** Mexico is our favorite. We have some very dear friends who serve as missionaries in Mexico, and we have been down to their homes about 4 times. We love hiking and exploring. Tennessee, Wyoming and Arizona are some of our favorite places to visit.



**Traditions:** We try to reserve Friday nights for time at home. We will make popcorn and watch a movie together. On Sundays, we love to make pizzas as a family. We go blueberry picking in the summer, apple picking in the fall and Christmas light tours in the winter.







# OUR promises

**If you feel a connection with us and decide that our family is the one for your baby, we want you to know...**

**We promise to love your child** unconditionally and nurture him or her to grow up to be the best person he or she can be.

**We promise to provide a home** where God is at the center, and values such as generosity, kindness, justice, and respect for others are taught daily.

**We promise to cultivate a home** environment where your child will always feel safe and secure.

**We promise to encourage your child's** hopes and dreams and to provide the best education possible.

**We promise to embrace your child's past and culture.** We will provide an open dialogue about you and about their adoption story.

**We promise to cultivate a relationship with you.**

If you're open to it, we'd love to get together 3-4 times per year! If you live in the Northern part of the state, we'd be able to come to you regularly. If you live south of Indianapolis, we'd likely be able to drive to you two times per year and would then invite you to travel up to us or we meet in the middle for additional get-togethers. We hope to exchange numbers with you and stay connected between visits through calls and text messages. We'd also like to set up a private social media page where we could post pictures regularly for you! And, of course, we'd love to learn about your hopes and wishes for a lifelong relationship with us and your child, hoping we can work together to create a plan that works for all of us!

*Mike, Beth and Asher*







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