



Adam *and* Amanda



A little note from us...

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile.

We will try to be as clear as possible about who we are in the following pages. Our hope is that this book can help you feel like you know us. We recognize that you are facing a difficult decision. Our prayer for you as you look over these pages is that you find clarity and peace for the decision you will make regarding your baby. Even considering adoption as a route for your baby proves that you are a humble and loving mama who wants to put her child first.

We can't imagine how you are feeling right now. We hope that these pages will give you an idea of who we are and what life with us would look like for your baby.

We also hope that you can envision how you, as your child's first mom, would be an important member of our family as well. Whatever you decide, we know you are doing what is best for you and your baby.

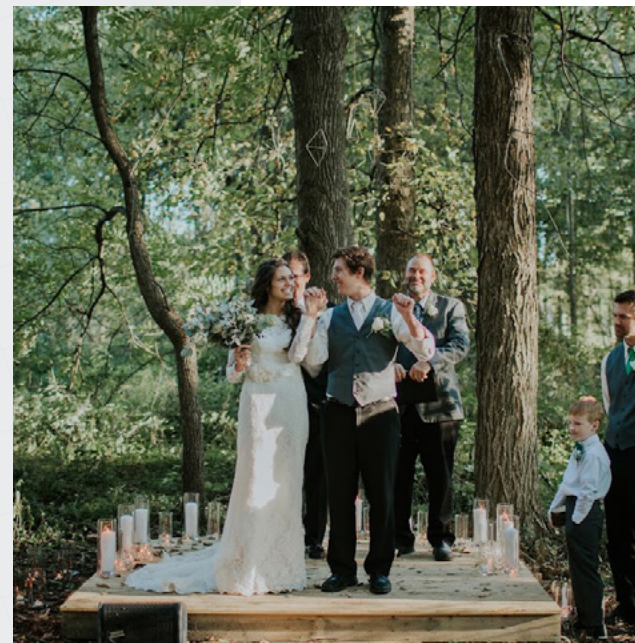
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our story

We met in college. We like to joke that I met Adam about a year before he met me.

We had a class together in which Adam knew my lab partner and frequently spoke to her during the lab. I'm sure that we said "hi" a few times, but he doesn't remember meeting me. The next school year, we were in a leadership position together and the two of us hit it off over lunch one day before classes started. We understood each other's humor and thinking very quickly. We had an easy banter and laughed a lot together.

Our first date was a motorcycle ride through country roads, during which we hit a bat (what?! yes.) that Adam had to pull out of the handle bars, and we had to work together to haul the bike out of a ditch after a failed u-turn. We were both nervous but the time flew by.



After that first memorable date, we were pretty inseparable and soon met each other's families and began seriously dating. We got engaged on Valentine's Day a year later and married in the woods at his parents' house in October of 2016.



Adoption runs deep in our family and is something we have always considered a beautiful way to grow our family!

What lead us to adoption?

Adopting was something we have always considered. Adam has multiple adopted cousins, and we have four adopted nieces and nephews now. Our community has been very adoption-positive. When we talked about having kids, we always considered having a few children biologically and then adopting a few. When we were unable to have biological children, we quickly moved on to focusing on adoption.

We adopted our son Mateo in 2022 and didn't hesitate to pursue adoption again to grow our family.

"Amanda is a loyal and trustworthy friend to those she loves!"

She doesn't know how to give up on people that she loves. She had a very stable and loving home environment growing up, and she has done a great job of cultivating that in her home as well. I have seen her flourish being a mother, and am excited to watch her grow with our family. - Adam



Hi, I'm Amanda! I grew up in a small town in northern Michigan. I am the youngest of three and the only girl. My parents raised me to be hard-working, and confident that I could do anything I put my mind to. My friends would describe me as very steady and loyal. I am very observant and usually take some time to open up, but once I decide that someone is in my circle, they are stuck with me. ;) Since the birth of our son, I have had the privilege of staying home with him.

Hi, I'm Adam!

Growing up in Mexico, I have always had a large Latin influence both in my personal life and in my family culture. Extended family has always been important, and close friends are counted as part of the family! There has always been room for more and for everyone to join in. My parents raised us to love God, and love others; I try to take that attitude with me wherever I go. Spanish and Mexican culture are still a huge part of my life, and I hope to give my kids a passion for other cultures as well.



"Adam is the life and success of our family!"

Everyone who meets Adam is drawn to him. He has a comfortable, outgoing way about him that makes people want to be his friend. He asks questions and loves to learn. He challenges and pushes others to grow. It has been so fun to see him channel his personality and gifting into parenthood. He pushes our son to try new things, to be brave and adventurous, but he is also so caring and attentive. I am very thankful that Adam prioritizes spending time with our family, and rushes home from work as soon as he can to be with us. - Amanda

Meet our son!



Mateo is our brave and adventurous toddler. He is so curious about the world around him and seems to have no fear. He loves to climb as high as he can and to be thrown around. He knows his papa will always catch him. He is very smart and has been learning baby sign language as well as trying new words.

Mateo loves to be outside at the park or in our yard. Since he figured out walking, he has been unstoppable. He is well-loved in our church and has many additional “aunts,” “uncles,” and “grandparents.”





*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28*





Our home is a 2 story farmhouse that was built in 1918.

our home

We have 4 bedrooms and use one of them for a playroom until we need space for more kids. Our house sits on 10 acres, 2 of which we call our field, that is cleared and big enough for soccer games and chasing the dogs around. The rest of our property is wooded and great for stomping through the woods and exploring. Our outdoor playing space is well protected from the road and very safe. We have a barn and a chicken coop (full of chickens). We dream of building a treehouse outside and maybe some climbing gym in the barn as our kids age.

We want our home to be a warm, inviting space for friends and family to drop by whenever. We open our home now to the teenagers in youth group and hope that when our kids are older, our house will be the one all their friends want to visit.





Meet the pups!

Avery is 10 and has lived with Amanda since before we got married. He is very loyal and devoted. In his old age, he spends most of his time sleeping in a sunny spot. He is our protector; Amanda never worries about Adam being gone because Avery will make sure we are safe. He loves babies and gets so excited when he sees a car seat. Harris is 7 and is our fun, playful dog. He is a herding breed so he loves to be outside and play fetch. He is the one who keeps track of Mateo while we are playing outside, and we know when Mateo is older, Harris will be the buddy who plays outside with him and keeps him safe. Hazel is 3 and is so sweet. She seems to be a forever puppy. She is very energetic and playful but also very sensitive to emotions and loves to comfort. She is the most laid-back with Mateo.



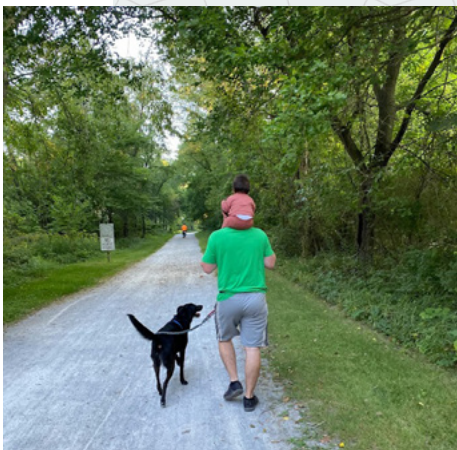
Things we love



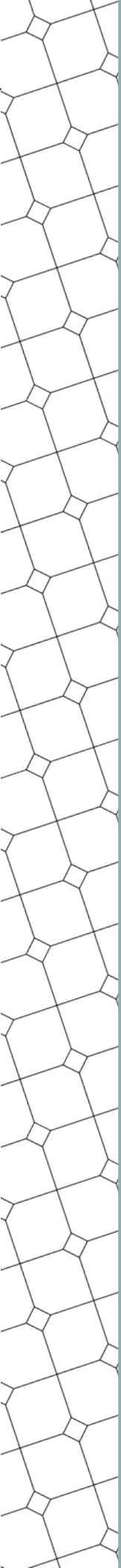
Mateo loves: Being outside • Fruit • Being with people • Climbing and exploring • Learning new things



Amanda loves: Crafting • DIY projects • Cooking new foods • Reading • Video games • Going for walks • Reality TV • Puzzles



Adam loves: Studying the Bible • Video games • Being outside in our woods • Board games • Spending time with people • Gardening • Fun hats





Amanda's family

My family now lives in the Indianapolis area, about 2-3 hours from us. I have 2 (soon to be 3) nieces between my 2 brothers. We don't get to see my family as often as we wish we could, but we make a point to travel to them for holidays and big events. The kids are all pretty close in age, and we are still growing, so it is so fun to see them play together

Adam's family

My family is abnormally close, especially my older brother and me. We grew up as best friends and have stayed very connected into adulthood. My immediate family has stayed in the same area and hopefully will remain close going forward. My sister and her family live in the same city as us. My brother, his family, and my parents live 30 minutes away. We have been very intentional about staying close as a family and getting together a couple of times a month. Mateo's abuela is his favorite babysitter, and he loves it when he gets to go to her house for the day.



10 fun facts

1. We are working on being a bilingual family (Adam speaks, and Amanda is learning), and we are teaching Mateo Spanish!

2. Amanda has chickens and sells eggs to Adam's coworkers.

3. We both serve as youth leaders in our church's youth group.

4. We try to make foods from all around the world. Brazilian feijoada, Mexican tinga de pollo, and Korean beef bulgogi are some of our faves!

5. We live in a city that has an over 50% Hispanic population.

6. We garden and make our own salsa from what we grow!

7. Adam has traveled to 11 countries, and Amanda to 6.

8. Amanda has had an Etsy store for 7 years where she sells handpainted wood signs!

9. We love to travel to Adam's parents vacation home in South Haven, MI.

10. We have been scuba diving and cenote jumping and are always ready for the next adventure!





Our friends and church community are very supportive of our journey to adopt. Many of our closest friends live far away, though we have stayed in frequent communication. We also have a community we have built within our church. We catch up with them every Sunday after service and have regular hangouts and game nights. We lead a small group in our home every other week. There are three other couples, with two babies, that come, and we share a meal together and play games, or do a Bible study, or just share in life together.



We are also very involved as leaders in our church youth group and spend a lot of time in the community with our students every Wednesday evening. There are also members of our church who are like extra grandparents for Mateo, who cheer his name when they see him on Sundays, and one of them watches Mateo every Wednesday while we are at youth group.

Before you go...

our promises

We promise to love your child unconditionally, to embrace their interests and passions, and to encourage them to be their best self.

We promise to create a home culture that has God at the center and that values being loving, adventurous, compassionate and supportive.

We promise to speak about you to your child frequently, with love and respect, to teach them about their adoption in a way that they embrace their history.

We promise to embrace your child's history and culture, teaching them to the best of our understanding and surrounding them with people who share their culture of origin

And finally, we promise to cultivate a relationship with you and between you and your child. We envision visits with you 3-4 times a year. If you live closer to us, in the northern part of the state, we could see more frequent visits and would be happy to travel to you for the majority of them. If you live in or south of Indianapolis, we would imagine traveling to you twice a year and having you come to our hometown or meet halfway for the other visits. We would see ourselves reaching out weekly with text updates about your child and how we are all doing weekly for the first 6 months and then every other week after that. We would love to send you photos and videos of your child with our text updates. In the future, as we build our relationship with you, we would love for it to grow into something more frequent. We would love for you to be able to come to birthday parties and sporting events, join us for a zoo day, etc. You are so important to us and to your child, and we want your child to know you.

all our love and support,

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