

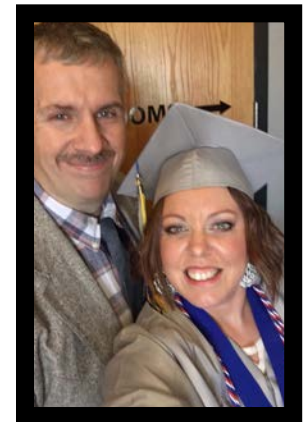
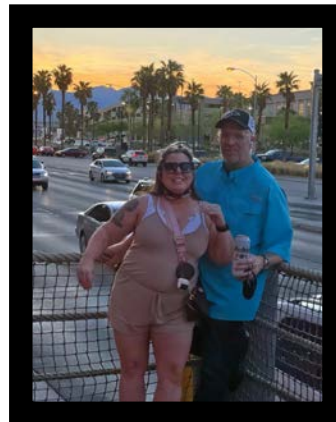
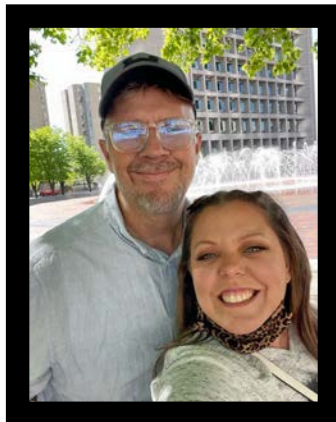
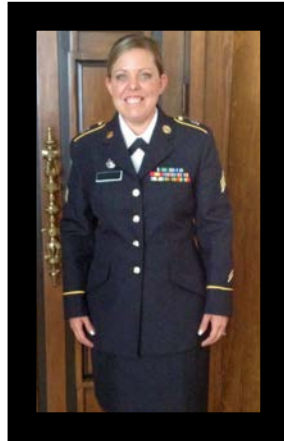
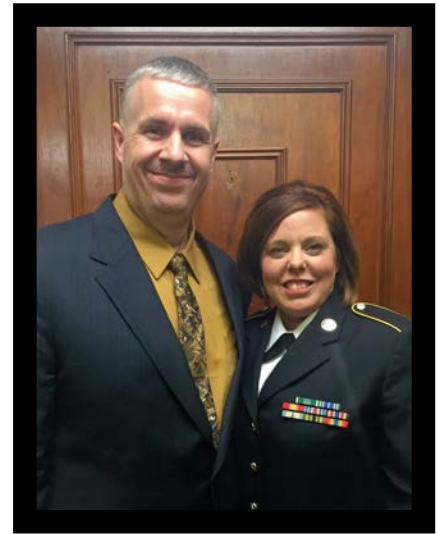
**CHARLES AND GINA**

ADOPTION PROFILE BOOK



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT,

ello, we are Charles and Gina and we want to thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and our family. Thank you for considering your choices. We are so excited to be adopting again and expanding our family! We hope our story will give you comfort in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you, your family and your child all the best. We are praying for you and your child as you go through this journey. We hope this book gives you a glimpse into our family. We look forward to meeting you.



# HOW WE MET



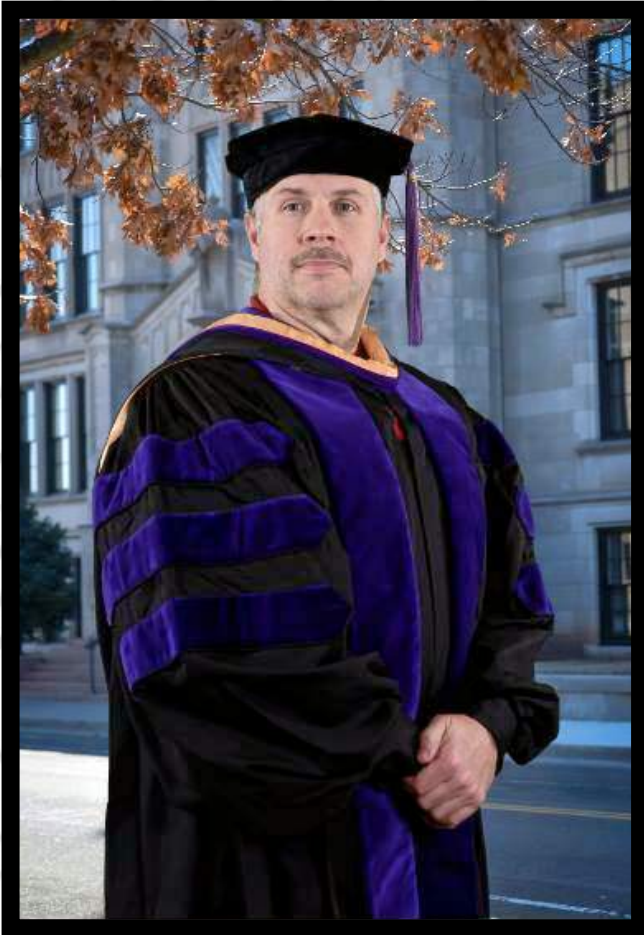
We Charles and Gina met in a small diner. Gina was the waitress/hostess and Charles was the patron. Through several months of joking, flirting, and spending time over Gina serving Charles drinks and meals Gina finally asked Charles out. It was a late February day. It rained that morning, but the sun came out and it was a beautiful sunny day. We began to date even though we were from very different backgrounds. Gina was younger and still in college, and Charles was taking a job in Texas.

Our lives were in pre-Jesus Christ following mode, and it was far from a fairy tale. We had to work through the differences and a long distance relationship. However at the end of each day, we knew we wanted to be together. After Gina finished the spring semester in [redacted], she moved to Texas to be with Charles. That December [redacted]th, only nine short months after meeting, dating, and living together again pre Christ following [redacted], we were married. We soon learned God's plans are bigger than ours. So here we are with one adoption under our belts. That began us on the journey of parenting for [redacted] years, several surgeries, deployments from Gina's military career, and both of us finally surrendering to God, three rounds of in vitro fertilization, and [redacted] years of marriage, as of December [redacted]. We are still working out life's obstacles, but now with Christ at the head of our daily lives.



*a little about*

## CHARLES



Charles grew up in a moderate size suburb of a large metropolitan area. He has one brother and two sisters. Charles' father passed away in [redacted] but his mom lives nearby.

He is now an uncle to two nephews, eight nieces, two great nieces, and five great nephews.

Charles' father taught the importance of working hard, providing for the family, and education. He always said, "They can take your house, your job, your car, but they cannot take your knowledge." Charles took this advice to heart and received his first associate degree in [redacted].

[redacted] master's degree in business

[redacted] law degree in

Tax [redacted] from Boston University School of Law

Charles loves to serve his friends and family

His favorite foods are Mexican food or lei oada Brazilian bean, meat, and rice dish

He loves to travel to places like Brazil, Turks and Caicos, China and anywhere we have hosted exchange students from

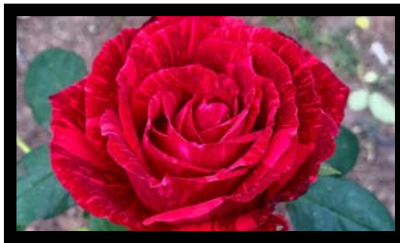
Charles loves golf, scuba diving, trains, bridges, old trucks, and watching movies

Charles' favorite book in the Bible is James, while his favorite character is Daniel, and favorite story is that of Joseph.



riends are our chosen family. So here are some pictures of our family and our family.





Gina grew up in a small city just outside an air force base. She has three brothers, one of which died when Gina was a preteen.

Her father recently passed away in [redacted] but left a legacy of loyalty by working [redacted] years as a civilian employee for the government,

Gina's mom, recently widowed in July [redacted], lives nearby. Her mother occasionally spends nights with us,

Gina has four nephews, two nieces, and three great nephews. Family has always been very important to her,

• Her favorite time of year is spring because everything comes to life,

• She loves the outdoors, green is her favorite color, and she believes God painted it all those different shades of green just for her,

• Her favorite foods include ice cream, Mexican, tacos specifically, Asian inspired foods and wine,

• Gina graduated high school in [redacted],

• After high school she found her ambition in nursing, however with military life, she received her first degree in [redacted] in Health, Physical Fitness, Education, and Rehabilitation,

• Second degree in paralegal studies, now working with her husband Charles in their law office,

• Gina served [redacted] years in the United States Army Reserves,

• Charles and Gina attempted invitro fertilization three times ending in miscarriage or nonviable pregnancies,

Gina is a thinker and a dreamer, she loves cooking and entertaining friends and family,

Gina's favorite stories in the Bible are Sara and Abraham, Jacob and Rachel, Ruth and Boaz, the kinsman redeemer.

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## CHARLES HIN S GINA

There is really no good way for me to describe Gina. She is compassionate, devoted, loving, hard working, supporting in my endeavors, and fun loving. She is very passionate when it comes to the family and how we function as a unit, and she does a great job keeping us all moving toward the same direction. I am not saying we always agree in the route we take, but we usually always do end up with the same end goal. She is a loyal partner and wonderful mother. While she was deprived of the first six months of our daughter's life with us due to her deployment in \_\_\_\_\_, she has never wavered in the role of being our daughter's mother. It is partly her vision in why I started a law firm, because we wanted to be a voice and advocate for the children, as well as help others with their adoption journey. She pushes me to be a better man of God, a better husband, and a better father. I am truly blessed by having her as my life partner.



## G H I N S H A R L E S

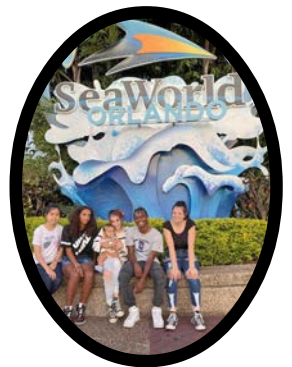
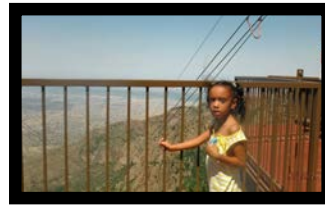
Charles is a wonderful hard working human, husband, partner, father, and friend. We work together in our small family law firm, we cook together often, we play hard whether it's ziplining, showing off his shoes for me when I am doing a comical voice or hiking with our friends around nearby nature sites. We laugh a lot. Charles did not get the nickname oker by not telling jokes. We cry sometimes and we do have our own intense moments, but Charles is a rock, witty, smart, charming, compassionate yet strong. He is loyal and not easily wavered by the storm. He is honest and sincere. He already makes a wonderful father to our year old daughter. He is so accepting of our exchange daughters yearly. He strives to cultivate a fatherly roll. All the kids call him papa. Even my nieces calls him uncle papa Charles. There is no doubt in my soul that Charles will make another child or children an awesome dad. His heart is bigger than life. For our daughter/exchange children ever doubt ourselves, get discouraged or just feel rotten he is there with aid, wit, smart brains, loving hands, eyes, and ears every step of the way. We strive to fulfill each other's needs and support each other's endeavors. I love this man and cannot imagine this entrusted life without him. The life bond we share together is truly a gift from God.



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ur year old adopted daughter was born the end of anuary on a military base while Gina was briefly home during her deployment. She is our first and only child and is always asking us for a little brother, sister or twins. er name means anointed helper and she fills that role very much as she loves helping with any infant, toddler, or child that comes into our home and church. She loves to spend her time volunteering in the infant and toddler area of our church home.

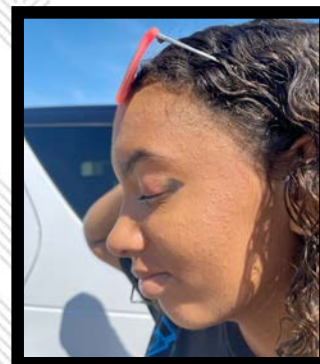
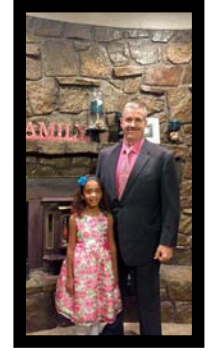
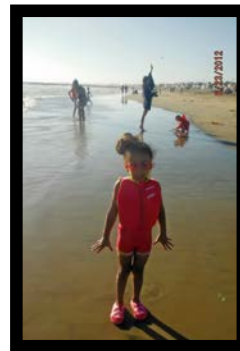
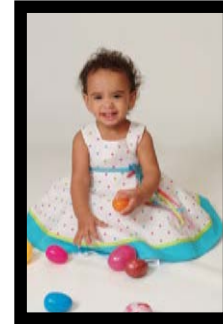




Kiersten's "First" mother and her husband had to make a hard decision. Financially, emotionally, and physically along with the five children they already had, they knew they could not support another child the way God intended. We can never thank them enough for the blessing they entrusted us with. Their selfless sacrifice, decision, and entrusting us with God's gift is more than we deserve.



Here are some pictures of Kiersten growing up through the years, and some with her first mother and siblings whom we still keep in contact.



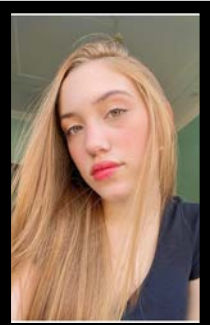
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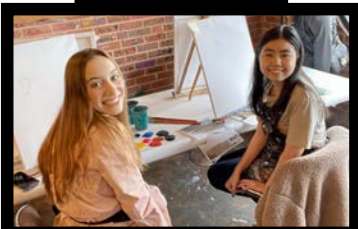
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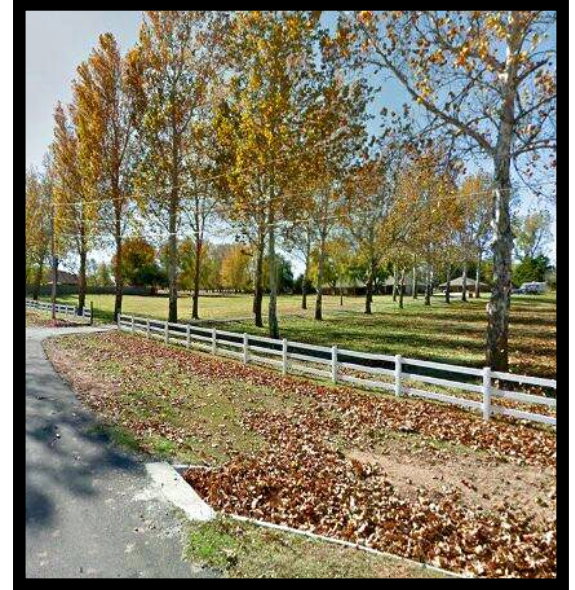


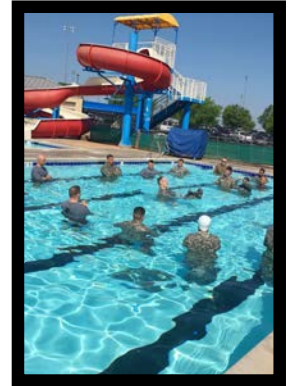
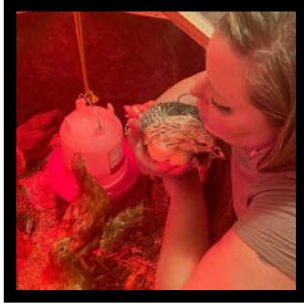
## Annual Exchange Student Program

Since Tiersten was six years old we have been hosting exchange students from around the world. Some years we have two, it's always bittersweet when they come because we know someday they will return home to their parents. However, we strive to flourish the relationship not only with the student, but with the family too. We make it a priority to keep in touch with each student and family.



OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD





We live in a family oriented neighborhood, with a large community center and park within a mile. We have been blessed and entrusted with a ranch style one story single family home. It has five big bedrooms, two living rooms and sits on six acres with two ponds and a swimming pool. We often see wild turkeys, rabbits, turtles, owls, and hawks. Our favorite place in our house is the kitchen because it is where we are able to come to the table and share meals with family, friends, and whoever else walks in our door.



I ❤️ MOM

GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS  
*is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

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THESE ARE OUR  
**FAMILY & FRIENDS**



C with his uncle Charles



our Brazilian family



our God daughter Leiona



our Israeli/ Moroccan family



Leiona, Tartasia and Iersten



Grandma Garvis, Aunt Deborah and Iersten



# Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and try to soak in as much as we can each year, whether it's around our home or a far off destination. As we host exchange students from different parts of the world, it has really expanded our travels. We have recently visited Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Turks and Caicos, and most of the states in the U.S. However, some of our best adventures have happened at our home.



ere are ust a few of our adventures around the nited States and the world. These includerazil, exico, issouri, ew exico, Texas, oston, ew ork, and Turks and Caicos.



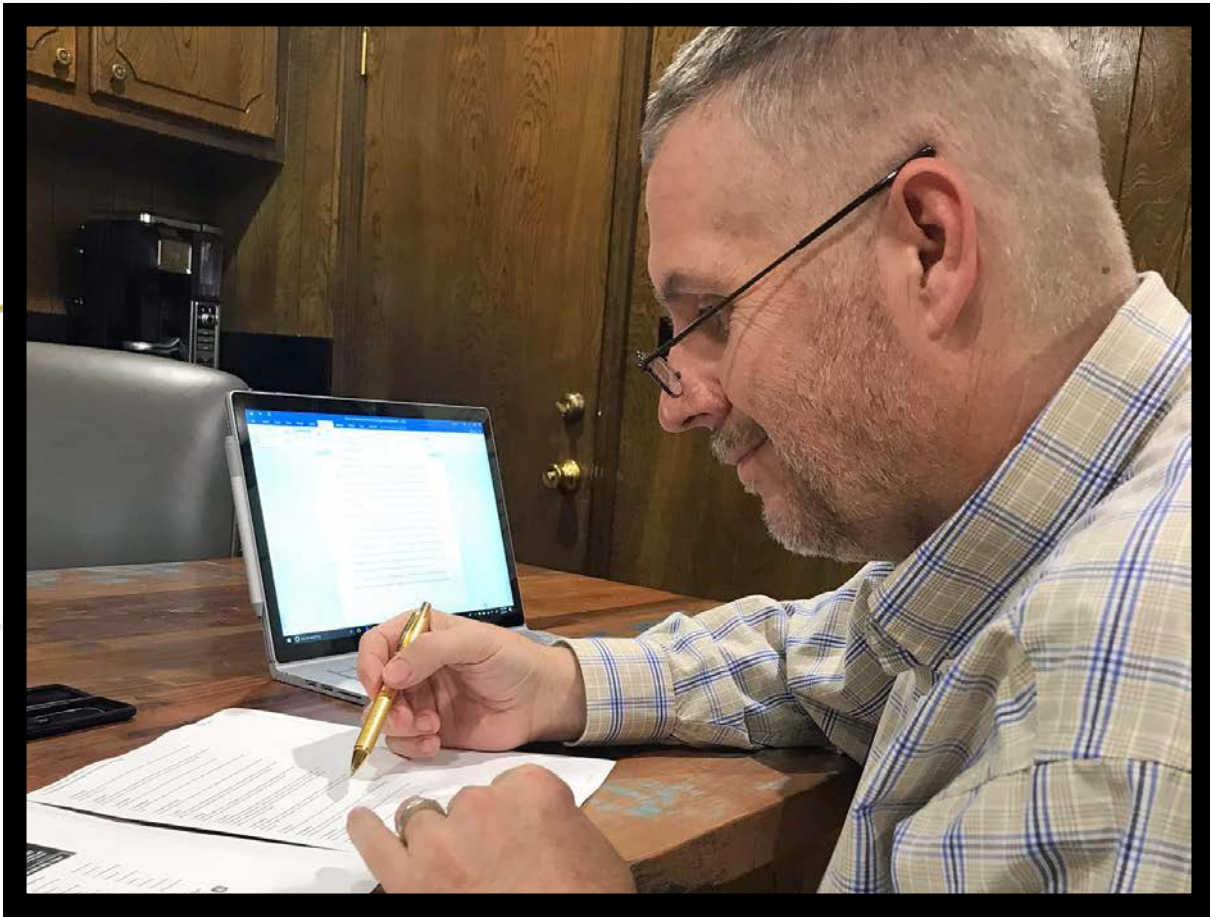


Charles' family is supportive and loving. every year they gather together for family Thanksgiving and Christmas. his mother is one of twelve and his father is one of nine, so he has a lot of cousins.



Gina's family is moderately small. Gina's mom is an only child, but her father has two sisters. Gina's father passed away in December and stepfather passed away July. In addition to Gina's brothers, nieces and nephews, she has one paternal aunt still living, step grandmother, and step aunt and cousins from her late stepfather, and host of long time family friends.





CHARLES GINA S CAREERS

# CAREERS

Charles grew up in a family construction company that he is currently retiring from. However, he has also started a small law firm focusing on family law, as well as serves the community as a deputy sheriff. Gina spent years serving our country in the military with a deployment in . Gina did skincare and makeup artistry for a few years. Currently, she is a paralegal for Charles in the law firm.

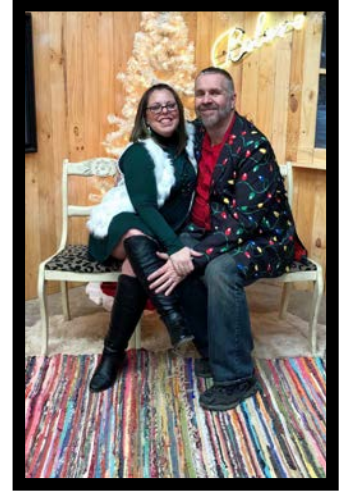


## FAMILY TRADITIONS



As a family we have many traditions. Church is not a tradition, but it is something that is an important weekly activity in our life. Our church is a huge part of our family traditions every holiday season and beyond to serve the body of Christ and those in need of care and support.

**Our  
Favorite  
Holidays  
are  
Christmas  
and 4th  
of July.**



**But, we also  
love Mother's  
Day,  
Valentine's  
Day, and  
Father's Day.**

**Halloween  
family  
dress up  
and of  
course  
BIRTHDAYS!**





# Our Interests

In our free time we like to camp, showing the kids appreciation for nature, and ride ATVs. We also like art, painting and traveling, hosting exchange students, and meeting their families in their home countries.







## So Much Fun at *Home*

We have a small homestead farm with chickens, dogs, and even wild turkeys.



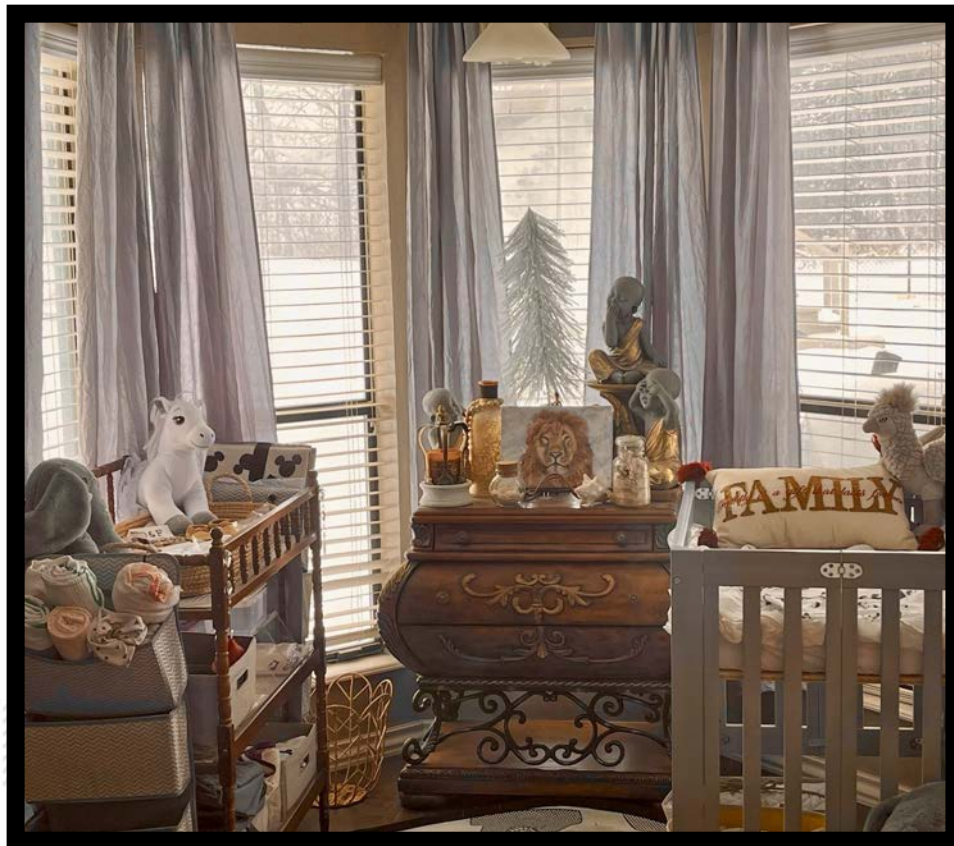


## *Our promise to you...*

We have always dreamed about expanding our cozy small yet crazy family, and having more children to raise up in the way they should go in a loving home! We are very excited to be adopting again and have so much love to share with your child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. We promise to always respect you as your child's first mother. We pray you come in alongside us whether it be an open or closed adoption. We hope this book gives you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Gina & Charles





*The Nursery*

