



LUKE  
AND  
KAYLA





# HI THERE!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through our profile and get to know our family. We know it's hard to sum up a family in just a few pages, but we hope this offers you a glimpse into our lives and home. We are so very excited about adding to our family - even our kids are excited!

We can't pretend to know how you are feeling right now in this moment, but we just want to say thank you for being here. We are a family that focuses on loving each other well, and we hope we can extend that love and support to you to make this process as smooth as possible for you and your baby.

ALL OUR LOVE,

LUKE *and* KAYLA





# our STORY

OUR FAMILIES HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE!

Luke's family were missionaries that lived in Belize, C.A. , and when they moved there, my family rented their house. Fast forward many years, Luke came back to the states to go back to college. He became the worship leader for our church youth group, and I was assigned to be his assistant. After a year of being good friends, we knew there was more there, so we started to pursue each other.

In early 2003 we got engaged and were married on June 14th, 2003. We were married at the church we had been members at our whole lives, surrounded by many family and friends. It was a day we won't forget. After almost 20 years together and we are more in love now than we were then!







## WHAT LED US TO *adoption?*

LUKE AND I BOTH GREW UP IN HOMES  
THAT WERE TOUCHED BY ADOPTION.

My (Kayla's) older brother was adopted, and Luke's two sister's were both adopted. Adoption was something we talked about even when dating. We have seen what a blessing adoption can be and we knew it was something we wanted to pursue for our family. We both love our adopted siblings and can't imagine them not being a part of our families. We love being parents – each of our kids bring us so much joy. We know this is the next step for our family and can't wait to see how God weaves our stories together.





# meet KAYLA

KAYLA IS A DEDICATED MOTHER WHO PUTS OUR FAMILY FIRST EVERY DAY.



Kayla grew up in South Georgia with her parents, older brother and sister. From an early age, she knew that she wanted to be a mom and to adopt. She loved riding her horse, Red, and hanging out with her friends. Kayla loves to cook and especially bake which brings joy to everyone who gets to eat what she makes. Her specialties are chocolate chip cookies and pound cake!

Now that she is a mom of five, she couldn't be happier. She knows that the Lord still has adoption in our future. She is a dedicated mother who truly puts our family first every day. She is very good at creating opportunities to love on her kids. She has always been a safe place for me to talk to as well. ***She balances me out perfectly. We've been married for over 19 years, but it feels like just yesterday we were walking down the aisle. I'm so lucky to have her.***





## meet LUKE

LUKE IS QUICK TO FORGIVE, QUICK TO APOLOGIZE,  
AND HAS A HEART FOR SERVING OUR FAMILY.

Luke was born in the States, the third of four sons. His family moved to Belize when he was eight. While in Belize, his family adopted his two younger sisters. His childhood is filled with wonderful memories of growing up playing in the jungle, swimming in rivers, and going in caves. He lived in Belize until he came back to the States for college.

Luke is an amazing Father. He loves creating opportunities to have fun and get involved with the kids. Whether it's a walk around the neighborhood, a camping trip, throwing a ball in the backyard, playing games, or simply a movie night on the couch, the kids love being with him. Our kids know that he is always willing to play, snuggle, and listen to their feelings. He is quick to forgive, quick to apologize, and has a heart for serving me and his family. ***I am so incredibly thankful for all the little things Luke does for our family. I could not have asked for a better partner in life.***

# OUR *crew*

**OLIVIA (17)** Olivia is a force to be reckoned with in all the best ways. She is strong, confident and is not afraid to be herself. She laughs easily, is always up for a board game and loves to read. She excels at anything she sets her mind to. She currently works for a little ice cream shop. Little kids are drawn to her and she enjoys babysitting and pet sitting.



**NOAH (15)** Noah is sensitive and sweet. He is the first to offer help around the house. He enjoys playing with his siblings, and has a love of legos and video games. He's an amazing friend and is a great role model for his younger siblings. He does well in class and the marching band at school. Noah is already an amazing brother and is excited about adding to our family.



**KATE (13)** Kate has more personality than most people I know. She is sassy, silly and girly. A trip to Target is right up her alley. She makes friends easily, loves talking to you about your day and always wants to play a game. Her fun loving spirit keeps us on our toes and laughing as a family. She is an animal lover and hasn't met a pet she doesn't like or want yet.







**MICAH (10)** Micah is basically a comedian. His comedic timing is amazing and he enjoys making the family laugh. Much like his older brother, he loves Legos and video games. He is very outgoing, athletic and enjoys playing outside more than in. He is very smart. He talks often of adding to our family and we know he is super excited about getting a new sibling.

**SALEM (2)** Salem brings us so much joy. His name means peaceful laughter and that is what he has been to us. He loves puzzles and playing outside. He loves his family. He lights up every time he gets to play a game with his siblings and always runs to the door whenever Luke comes home from work. He loves babies, and he will absolutely love having a sibling closer to his age.





# welcome to our HOME



WE LIVE IN A TWO STORY HOME  
WITH FOUR BEDROOMS AND THREE BATHS.



We live in a diverse, safe, and family-friendly neighborhood where people are usually found walking, playing in driveways, or at the neighborhood pool. We have a big kitchen that sees a lot of cooking and baking, and a large living room where we enjoy having friends over for games, or a movie. We have a fenced in back yard that we love playing in.



# home is our happy place

We have a play ground, and a nice pool in the neighborhood that we go to as often as possible during the summer. Some of our best friends live super close and we enjoy hanging out with them and their kids as much as we can. We have ample room in our home and we are currently setting up a space for a baby, and getting excited about welcoming a new member.



## MEET OUR PUP.

This is Pepper. You will often find her curled up at the feet of one of her family members – snoozing away! She loves all kids and is very well behaved. She is one of the most tolerant dogs you will ever met.





# our FAMILY



**LUKE'S FAMILY** My family is a blast to be with! My dad is one of six kids and my mom is one of five. So, our extended family is large! Every year we have a family reunion at the beach and it makes for some of the best memories. I am one of six kids myself and most of my siblings are married with kids of their own. There are 13 grandkids on my side of the family. We live a couple of hours away from most of them, but we make lots of effort to still see them often. There is always lots of good food, games, conversations, and kids playing when we are all together! It is a great gift to have the whole family get along so well and enjoy each other.







ALL AROUND WE COULD NOT ASK FOR BETTER FAMILIES, THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE, KIND, AND ALWAYS UP FOR HELPING IF WE SHOULD NEED IT.

**KAYLA'S FAMILY** I am the youngest of my siblings. I have an older brother and an older sister. My sister and brother-in-law have four kids, and my brother and his wife have one. The cousins all love spending time together. My sister, Erin, is my best friend and we are always looking for opportunities to be together. My brother, Matt, recently retired from the Army and lives a little further away. My grandparents live just a couple hours away and we enjoy going to visit them when we can. My parents are awesome grandparents and our kiddos sure love their Nana and PopPop.





# ten fun facts

**ONE** We re-watch episodes of *The Office* and *Parks and Recreation* often. They never get old!

**TWO** Luke has been to ten countries around the world.

**THREE** We have perfected the chocolate chip cookie. Soft, warm, and ooey gooey!

**FOUR** Our dog Pepper was rescued five years ago. She's a mutt, but she's the best dog ever!

**FIVE** We love body surfing at the beach. We often aren't good at it, but we try!

**SIX** Kayla does birth photography, and was a birth support person many years ago. Her mom is a midwife, so she loves all things birth and babies.

**SEVEN** We both have adopted siblings, which has helped us understand all that adoption entails.

**EIGHT** We have a deep love of Chick-fil-a.

**NINE** Kayla loves Broadway shows and music. You will often hear her belting out a tune.

**TEN** All of the kids are learning to play an instrument, except the youngest. Maybe eventually for him, too.









# Things we love



FAMILY DINNERS • BEACH, LAKE, RIVER, OR  
POOL • BOARD GAMES AND PUZZLES- WE PLAY ALL  
THE TIME! • TRYING NEW ETHNIC FOODS • ALL THINGS  
MARVEL • AS MUCH TIME WITH OUR FAMILIES AS  
POSSIBLE • EXPLORING THE WOODS AROUND US



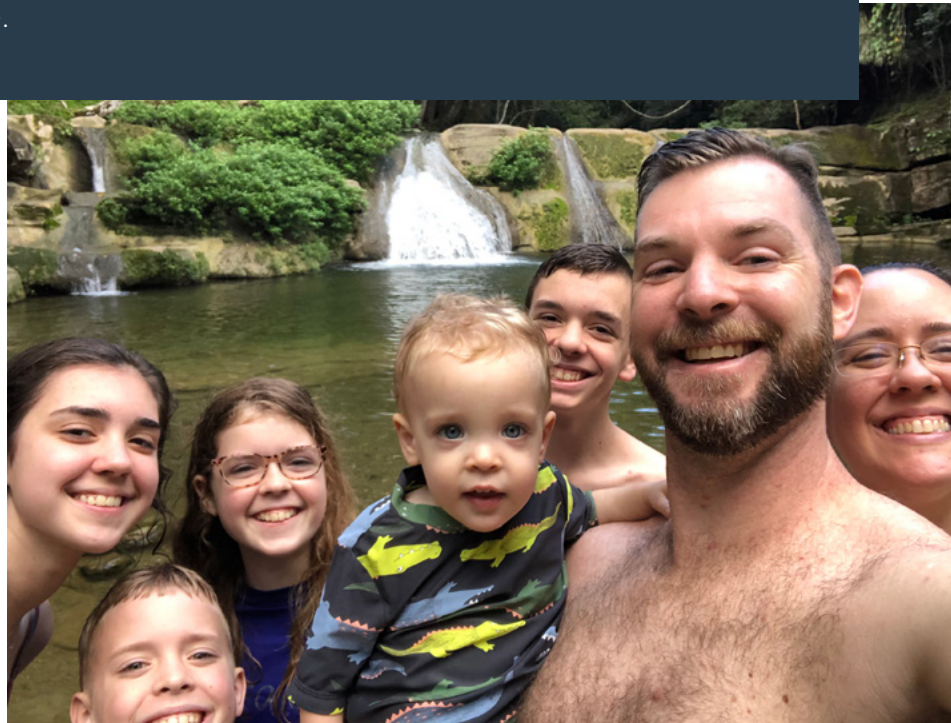
PLAYING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC • TALKING ABOUT  
THE LORD WITH OUR KIDS AND EACH OTHER •  
BAKING – NEW AND OLD RECIPES • HANGING WITH  
NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS • TRAVELING TO NEW  
PLACES • WALKS TO THE ICE CREAM PARLOR • ALL  
THINGS DISNEY



# our TRAVELS

WE LOVE TAKING ADVENTURES!

We have always enjoyed traveling and even more so now that we have kids. We enjoy getting to experience new places and different cultures. We recently took the family to Belize, where Luke grew up. It was the first time the kids traveled outside of the country. It was an awesome experience. We also love traveling to the beach, to a new state park to camp, or a trip to Disney. These experiences are such a big part of who we are, and we look forward to more in the future.











# OUR promises

IF YOU CHOOSE ADOPTION AND TRUST US  
TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILD, WE PROMISE  
YOU THESE THINGS...

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

**We promise to provide** an upbringing in which God is a central figure and promote values such as generosity, kindness and respect for others.

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

**We promise you will** always be a part of your child's life in whatever way you desire. He or she will have an understanding and appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice that you made out of love.

**We promise that your child** will always know where he or she came from and we will speak highly of you in our home.

*All our love,*

LUKE, KAYLA,  
OLIVIA, NOAH, KATE,  
MICAH *and* SALEM





THE MEMORIES WE MAKE  
WITH OUR FAMILY  
*are everything.*