



*Ian & Jessica*

*Dear Birthmom and friend,*

*Thank you so much for considering adoption for your baby. We realize that we will likely never know what you've been through to get to this point and what it's really like to come to this decision. We can only say that we understand how difficult it must be and the great amount of courage it takes. We'd like you to know that you and your baby girl have been in our hearts and thoughts throughout this process. We believe that God will bless you immensely for your decision.*

*We know that your child deserves a home full of love, laughter, and joy. We are excited to provide this for her and to include you in this process in a way that encourages you and makes you feel comfortable. You'll always be highly regarded and prayed for in our family.*

*Adoption has been on our hearts since we met 18 years ago! We started the process before our boys were born and have always felt that God has called us to expand our family in this way. We are beyond grateful that you have taken the time to consider our family.*

*With Love,*

*Ian and Jesse*

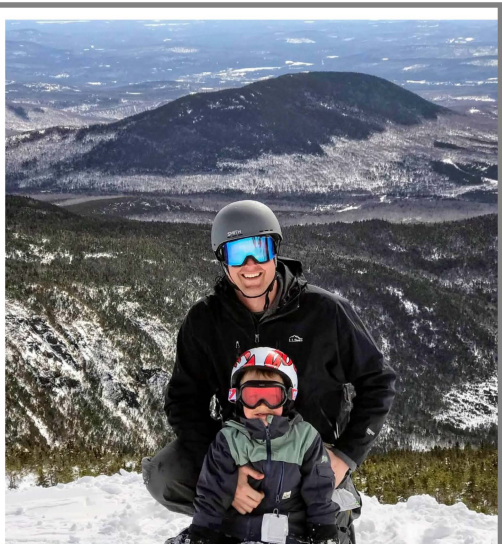
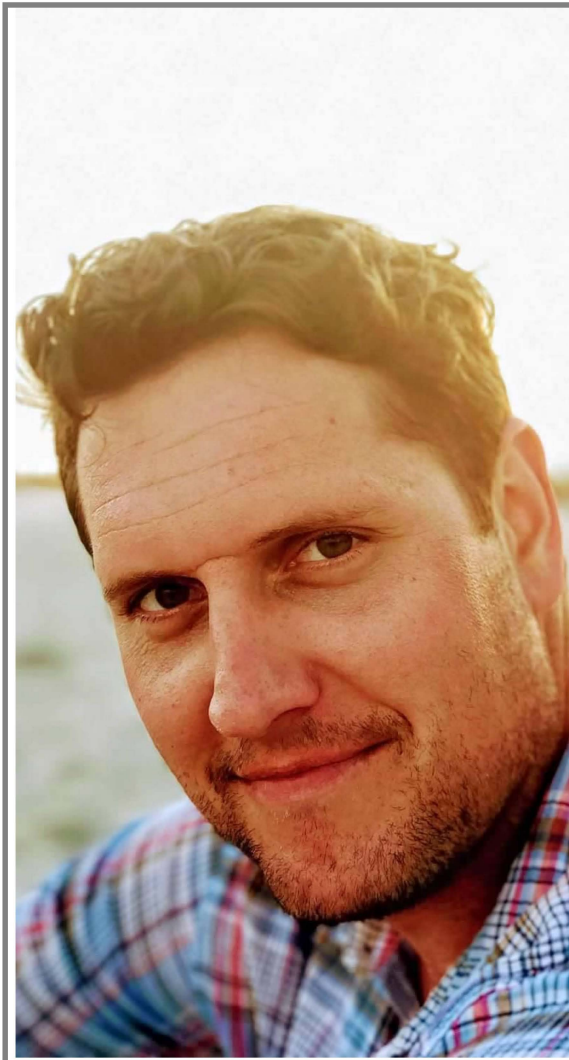




#### WHO ARE WE?

We are Ian and Jesse and are so grateful to be given the chance to tell you about ourselves. We are a young at heart couple who strives to put God and family first, while enjoying the ride along the way. We met in high school and are now adventuring together in our twelfth year of marriage. Exploring our beautiful country with family and friends through outdoor activities is a way we love to spend our free time. Most importantly, we love sharing good food with the special people in our lives.

Ian is upbeat, always positive, patient and someone everyone loves to be around. Oh, he has the best belly laugh and is always looking for a way to make someone smile. Jesse has a way of connecting with people from all walks of life. She has an amazing ability to make them feel at ease, welcomed and loved. She makes it a priority to keep in touch with friends and family. Children (and teenagers) tend to gravitate towards her due to her kindness and universal ability to relate to others..





## *All about Ian: by Jesse*

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Jesse calls Ian her Renaissance Man. He is talented in so many ways and enjoys such a variety of activities. He likes to stay active and healthy by riding his bike as often as possible, many times with groceries and children on board too! He's a true handy man who is able to fix anything and everything at our home. Growing vegetables and working with little ones in our garden is something he enjoys doing on a warm New England day. After picking berries at one of our favorite local spots, Ian bakes the most delicious and perfect pies. Many friends and family have enjoyed these so much they have requested them on their wedding day.

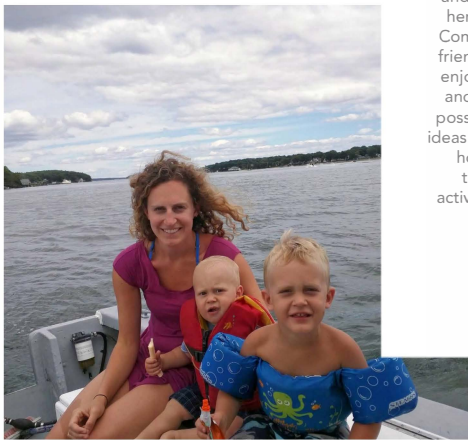




## *All about Jesse:* *By Ian*

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Jesse is a fun loving wife, mother and friend to many. She is the one constantly inviting friends and family over to our home to enjoy some of her warm hospitality and incredible cooking. Coming from a large Italian family, good food, friends and family are a big priority to her. She enjoys yoga, crafting, book clubs with friends, and making our home as cozy and inviting as possible. She is constantly coming up with new ideas of how to better organize and decorate our home. Our boys stay busy on a daily basis through her wide assortment of outdoor activities, creative projects and gatherings with others.









Our neighborhood and school system is known for its diversity. This is our favorite part about where we live! As we expand and become a multi-racial family, we know that we couldn't possibly live in a better place.

We feel blessed to live in an area of our country that is so diverse and as a result we are excited with the opportunity to honor our child's heritage in a meaningful way. We are committed to raising her with role models of similar backgrounds that can help guide and build her up.





#### Where We Live

We live in a quaint city neighborhood close to the water. We own and live in a three family unit apartment building, renting out two apartments above ours. Our home is a three bedroom two bath townhouse with high ceilings and an abundance of historical charm. We spend a lot of time on our patio and working in our city gardens. There are several parks within close walking distance, including a community elementary school/playground which we sometimes call our backyard as it is only one block away.





WHAT DO WE LOOK LIKE?

Ian is a 35-year-old Caucasian American, 6'7" tall, weighs 260 pounds, has medium skin, brown hair and brown eyes. Jesse is a 35-year-old Caucasian American, 5'9" tall, weighs 130 pounds and has brown hair and blue eyes. Yes, we both played basketball in high school!!!!





Dusty (5) and Jax (3)



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We love sharing food (from around the world) with loved ones!



Family Adventuring!











## Nursery



## WHY ADOPT?

When God brought us together in high school we both agreed and prayed hard that we would be in a position together someday where we could adopt a child. Our love for children, faith, experiences with mission work and knowing we have so much love to give a child, made this a top priority in our life. That being said, we began an international adoption journey seven years ago, before having our own biological children. As we anxiously awaited our child for years and got closer to meeting them, Ethiopia decided to close all of their international adoptions. We were devastated at first, especially with how long we had been waiting but now know that God's plan is for us to adopt a child domestically and we are thrilled.

We believe that one of the greatest testimonies to how committed we are to adopt and grow our family through this process, is that we have always known it is what we wanted to do first!