



ORLANDO & ANDREA

Hello! We are Orlando and Andrea. Thank you for showing interest in our story and learning more about us as prospective parents.

We met in 2009 when Andrea went to Nicaragua as a missionary. Orlando was a youth leader at the church Andrea worked with, and we quickly became best friends! After two years of friendship and then dating, we married in 2011. After living in Nicaragua for five years, we moved to the US in 2014 to live close to Andrea's family.



We talked about wanting adoption to be a part of our family while we were still dating. After a diagnosis of male infertility, we felt confirmation to grow our family through adoption. We were blessed to be chosen as the adoptive parents of our son, Zacai, in 2019. It has been the biggest blessing and adventure! We are excited and eager to continue to grow our family through adoption.

Our STORY

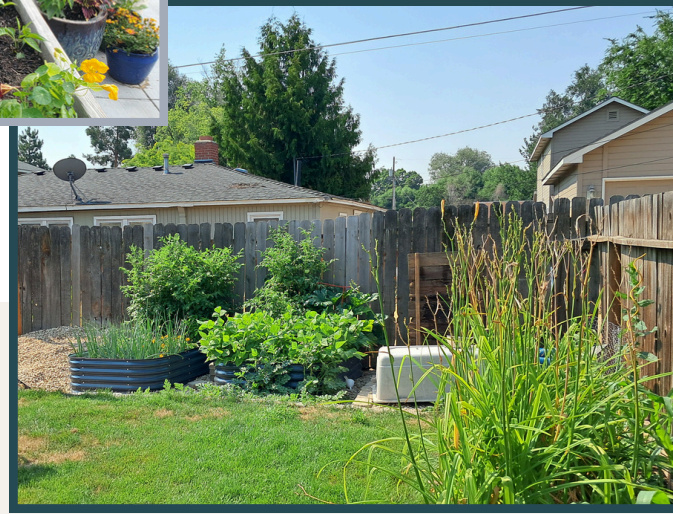


Wedding, December 20, 2011

We can often be found
in our backyard
snacking on the many
fruits and vegetables
that grow in our garden.



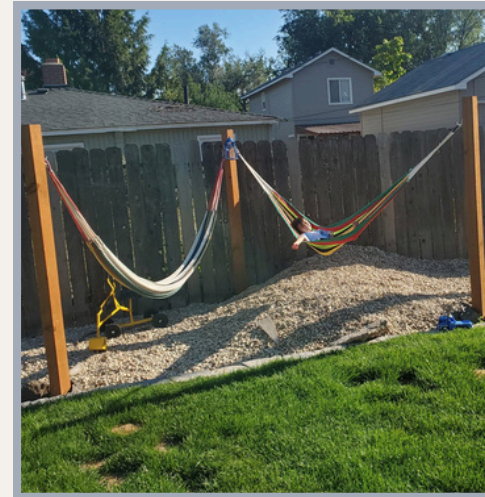
Our HOME



We love spending time in our modest
home, which we have slowly been
remodeling and adding on to, making it
our own.



We live in a quiet neighborhood just behind an
elementary school. We love to take walks to the park
just a few blocks away, where Zacai loves the
playground, and our dog, Niko, can run and play with
other dogs.



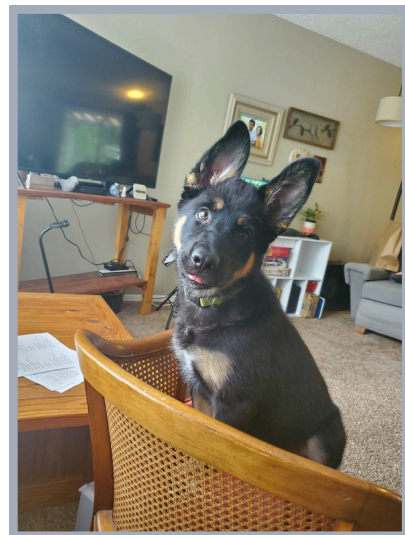
*We love taking Zacai to
trampoline parks, discovering
new city parks, and riding
bikes along the river.*



NIKO

Our Pup

Niko is our 5 year old German Shepherd-Husky. He is very playful and energetic, but also very sweet and cuddly. He loves walks and playing with other dogs.



Good Puppy Graduation!



Niko and Zacai are best buddies! They have grown up together and are so sweet with each other.



Meet ORLANDO

I consider myself very simple, and I enjoy making others happy. As a production lead, I love providing maintenance and troubleshooting to guide my team and help them find the path to success. My coworkers look to me for compassion and level-headed guidance.



My favorite things are playing guitar and ukulele, playing soccer with my friends, and (a newly found interest) solving Rubik's cubes. I enjoy showing Zacai new things, experiences, and ways to play. We like playing in the park or the front yard with our dog, Niko.





Being a father to our son, Zacai, has been a great adventure full of joy.



A few things Andrea loves about Orlando:

- He is a fantastic dad! He is admittedly the "fun parent", but is also very attentive to Zacai's needs and takes his role seriously. Zacai wants to do everything his papa does.
- His laughter is contagious, and he finds joy in everything.
- I was first attracted to Orlando by his humble spirit and service to others. He has a simple and open perspective and is a natural leader. He goes above and beyond for others.



Meet ANDREA

I love being outside in nature and am always up for an adventure. The mountains are my happy place, and I look forward to camping and exploring with our children as they grow.



I am blessed to be able to work from home with a flexible schedule. This has allowed us to be able to start homeschooling Zacai. We love this extra time with him, while learning together and growing as a family.



A few things Orlando loves about Andrea:

- She is very talented and detail-oriented. She is always coming up with new activities and researching the next family experience.
- Andrea is a natural mom, and Zacai loves how she cares for him.
- She has an adaptable and open heart for different cultures and compassion for humanity.



I have always wanted to be a mother. I have loved every minute of living that dream with Zacai.





Zacai was born in 2019, and our lives were wonderfully turned upside down. We adopted him at birth and have always shared his adoption story with him and how much his birth mom loves him.

Meet ZACAI



Zacai is a very happy boy. His smile lights up a room, and he is a friend to everyone. He speaks both English and Spanish. He is constantly exploring and loves to be outside.

A few things we love about Zacai:

- He is the most genuine helper, always asking how he can help.
- Zacai LOVES music. He is often found singing, and loves to perform for us with his electric guitar and microphone.
- He is so sweet and caring. If someone is sad or hurt, he always checks to make sure they are okay.

Zacai is so excited to be a big brother!



Meet OUR FAMILY

Family is so important to us. We are fortunate to live close to Andrea's family and Orlando's brother. Orlando's mom and sister recently lived with us for a brief 8 months and it was the biggest blessing; they are now back home in Nicaragua.



Andrea with her sisters



Zacai with cousins on Andrea's side



Andrea with her parents & sisters

Our families cannot wait to welcome another beautiful child into the family.



Camping with Andrea's sister's family



Orlando's Mom & sister



Orlando's brother

Our TRADITIONS

Our family has unique traditions as we have blended Andrea's North American culture and Orlando's Nicaraguan culture. We enjoy making typical foods from Nicaragua and spending time in the mountains.



Summer

We love to spend the long summer days outside enjoying the sun with friends and family. This often includes kayaking and barbeques. We also take a week-long vacation for the Fourth of July and love seeing new places together as a family. Camping is a highlight of the season.



Fall

Crisp fall air is perfect for canning and preserving our bountiful harvest from the garden! We always look forward to hot chocolate and donuts while we watch the local hot air balloon festival.



Birthdays

For birthdays, you get to choose your birthday meal - homemade or eating out - and your dessert of choice. We love to decorate and celebrate!



Winter

We love sledding and playing in the snow! We gather at Andrea's parent's house for homemade Clam Chowder on Christmas Eve. For New Year's, we make nacatamales, a Nicaraguan tamale. We make a big batch to share with friends and family; many of them look forward to it all year!



Spring

Once the weather starts warming up, we can't wait to get outside. Park visits become more frequent, we start planting our garden, and the days seem brighter. Frosting sugar cookies for Easter is a special activity for Zacai and Andrea.



Our COMMUNITY



Orlando with the worship team at church



Andrea with the women's ministry at church



Surrounded by family & friends for Zacai's adoption finalization



Andrea visiting a close friend.



Friends we've experienced almost 20 years with!



Thank you for not only looking through our book but for who you are. Without yet meeting you, we already know you are a unique, strong, and brave individual. We admire your decision to consider an adoption plan for this baby, as it has to be one of the most selfless acts of love we can think of.

If chosen as adoptive parents, we promise to show and teach your baby the importance of love, compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, peace, and gratitude. We hope that someday we will be able to meet and stay in contact throughout the child's life.

Regardless of the level of openness you prefer, we will always remind the child of the loving choice their mother made for them so that they could be a part of our family. We are praying for you as you make this life changing decision. May the Lord lead you to the best family for you and your child.