# Lucas & Jennifer



# Hello,

Thank you for choosing to meet our family. We have been praying that God would provide you with wisdom and strength as you move forward through this process.Throughout this book we hope you get to know us and can see the love our family shares.

We know that this decision is difficult but we pray that God will give you peace and courage through every step, knowing that your child will be loved and cared for and that their adoption story will have value.











We met in the summer of 2012 at a multicultural worship event. Lucas knew from first sight he would marry Jennifer. We have moved 5 times, lived in two states and driven countless miles with each other. We played soccer and sang in the choir in college, ran a karate school and pastored at small rural church. We love to play music, go hiking, spend time with friends and watch movies.







# Meet Lucas



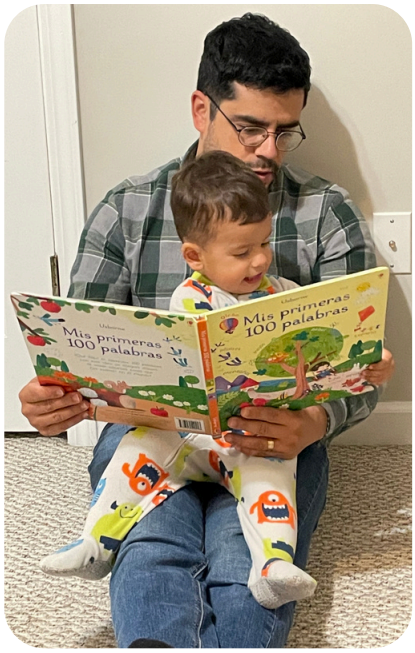






Lucas was born in Colombia and came to the US with his parents and two brothers when he was 9 years old. He overcame challenges as he learned a new language and culture, making many friends along the way, usually through a game of soccer. Lucas felt called to be a pastor when he was a teenager and after completing his undergraduate and masters programs he was ordained and placed as the lead pastor of our home church. Lucas loves to help people and is always a listening ear.








Lucas loves soccer, playing guitar, building model robots, golf, hosting gatherings with friends














Jennifer's favorite thing about Lucas is that he can figure out almost anything. Broken toilet, crooked door, dying plants in the garden? Lucas can do just a few minutes of research and have an answer. Santi's favorite thing is playing with his dad for hours and hours.

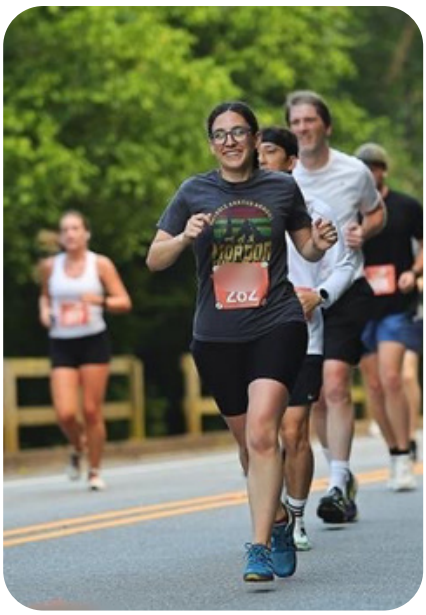




# Meet Jennifer







Jennifer is the second oldest of six siblings. She was homeschooled and able to take part in many extracurricular activities like soccer, theatre, piano lessons and karate (she has a 4th degree black belt). Jennifer loves teaching, and even went to college for it. She currently teaches high school math once a week at a hybrid school and leads the children's ministry at church. She finds great joy in helping others achieve goals and loves to encourage them along the way.








Jennifer loves running, adventure, karate, teaching, and reading














Lucas's favorite thing about Jennifer is that she is disciplined, she is great at setting a hard goal, making a plan and achieving it. Santi's favorite thing about his mom is reading lots of books.





# Meet Santiago







Santiago is an absolute joy to be around. He is curious and adventurous, often inspiring us as his parents. Santi can play for hours with his trucks and trains, often coming up with stories that he acts out and has us join in on. His imagination seems endless at times and we are always amazed by the things he creates.













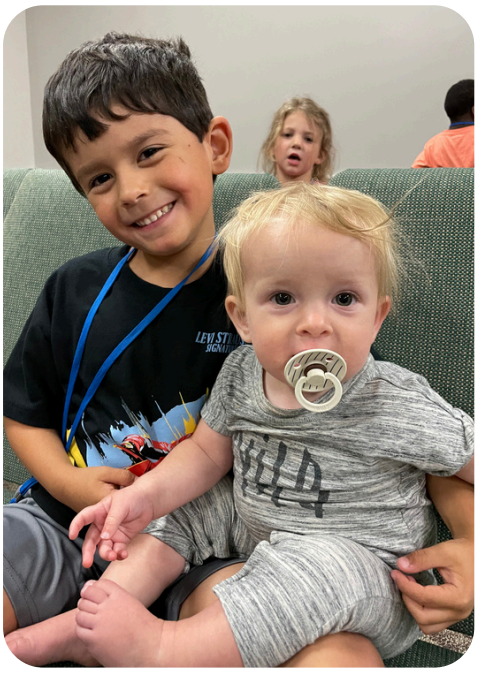




Santiago's favorite things are trucks, trains, Buc-ee's, dad, books.
Lucas's favorite thing about Santi is his energetic playfulness. He is so curious and imaginative, I love excited he gets about new things.

Jennifer's favorite things about Santi is his enthusiasm about life. He treats even the normal every day parts of life like a new adventure.





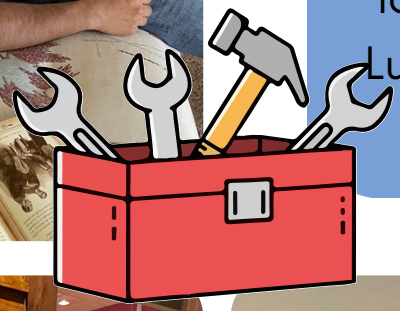




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Santi is Lucas's shadow, everywhere Lucas goes, Santi is close behind. From before Santi could speak he's been wanting to help with everything from house repairs to yard work to playing games. Lucas has taught Santi so many skills but most importantly has given him the confidence to try new things. Santi loves to be rough and tumble and Lucas has always been there ready to roll around with.











# Jennifer & Santiago



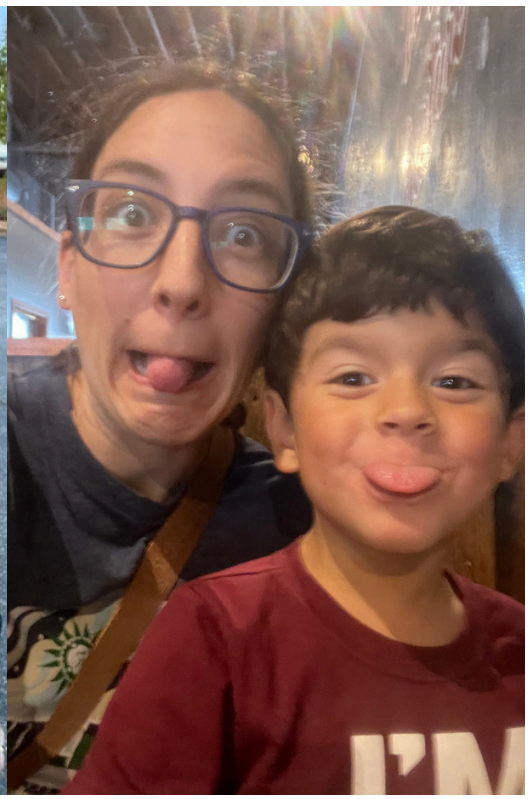




Jennifer and Santi are adventure buddies. We've been running races together since Santi was 3, climbing mountains, and exploring museums in every city we can. While we love adventure we always make time each day for a good book, or lots of books.







# Our family

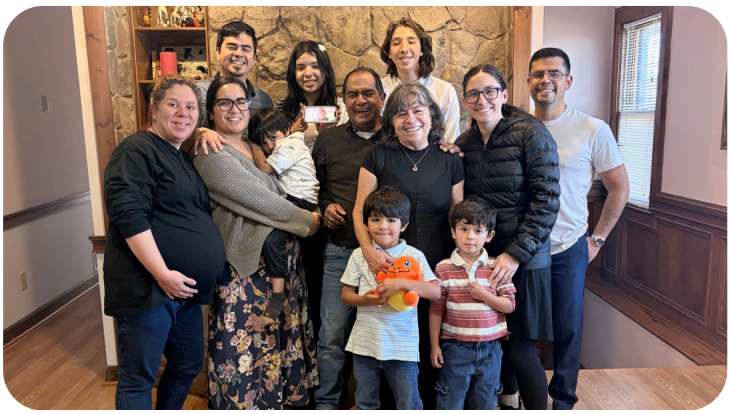
























# Meet the Cousin Crew





Every Thursday, Jennifer's mom takes all her grandkids on adventures! Sometimes the other set of cousins join too!



















Family and friends are so important to us. We make sure to support them in the theater performances, soccer games and celebrations. Every holiday is a chance to connect and enjoy time with each other.









# Thank you for reading about our family!

