

# Marie and Andy

Hi,

We are Marie and Andy, and we'd like to share our story with you today. We love being parents and we hope to grow our family through adoption again! We've been blessed with an abundance of family, friends, and experiences and adoption is a great blessing in our lives. Our son John joined our family through adoption in October of 2015.

We hope to share our gifts and our lives with children through adoption. We will encourage them to be adventuresome and to, with our help, explore a variety of cultures and the world in which we live.

We have been praying for you and will continue to pray for you throughout your journey. We hope you enjoy getting to know us and we look forward to getting to know you more.

Thank You,

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# Family Life

We are excited to start new family traditions!

We were both raised by strong, nurturing families and we plan to encourage similar development with our children. We expect them to learn the value of hard work, discipline, and respect as our parents taught us.



Our families embrace adoption as a great way to grow a family. They babysit John often and are very involved in his life. They are very supportive of the adoption process and will love every child we adopt.



We hope to raise fun loving and adventuresome children who have the courage to try all the great opportunities available in our city and the world. They will feel fully loved and supported to be strong and independent throughout their lives. Learning about and enjoying other cultures is important to us. We will support our children in developing their own sense of identity with their culture and heritage.

# Views on Parenting

We are willing to discuss all levels of openness with you and we are flexible to what fits our relationship best. We are interested, and we would love to meet you and get to know you. We are open to pictures, letters and visits. We want to be there for you and do what is best of for our relationship. We will share with our children about your sacrifice and your love for them.



We love children of any race and are committed to raising them in a diverse community so they can better come to know and be proud of their race. Through research and discussion with other adoptive families, we have learned about the importance of considering race when choosing schools, friends and peer networks for our children.

Our home will include toys and books of various races and our children will be aware of their cultures. We will travel to experience different cultures and education ourselves and our families on what it means to be a multiracial family.

We have been reading various resources on adoption and will continue to seek our community support groups to continue our education.

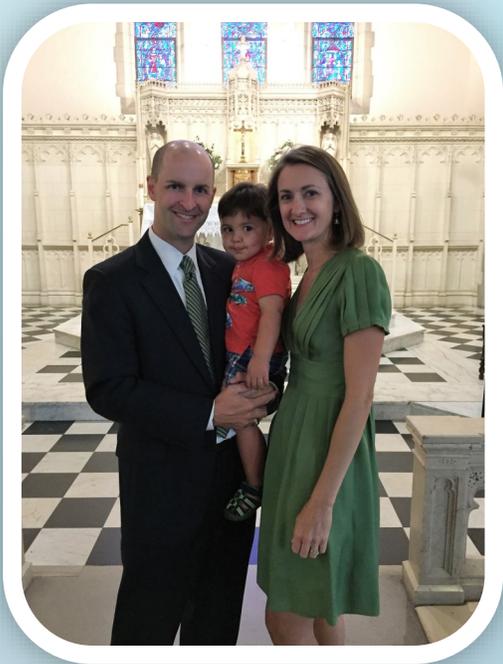
# About us and our Home

We married in October of 2007 after meeting at Saint Louis University. Andy is a high school teacher and Marie is an Occupational Therapist. We enjoy spending time outside and being with friends and family.



Andy is fun-loving, kind and friendly. He loves to cook, run and woodwork. He enjoys teaching John to play baseball, sail and swim.

Marie is caring, thoughtful and generous. She loves to travel, cook and run. She enjoys gardening, exploring nature and picnics with John.



We live in a beautiful home with three bedrooms in Missouri. We are close to many schools, parks with splash pads for children, hiking and biking trails, and a community pool (with kiddie pool and a large lake in a park).

We often have picnics with friends in our large fenced backyard. If it is a sunny day we'll be outside playing with the baseball bat, water table or toy trucks.

