



MICHAEL, ALEXA & HUXLEY

*Introducing*

# Hello

We want to thank you for taking a moment to learn about our family, we welcome you with open arms as you make the difficult decision of who will parent your child. We hope this book allows you to see the love we have for each other, our family, and our future child.

When we were pregnant with our daughter, we came upon the Joshua 1:9 Bible verse. "Go be great. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord will be with you wherever you go." We had some struggles before her. So, it quickly became our mantra: to not be afraid or discouraged and to trust God throughout that pregnancy. We loved the verse so much that we had it made into a sign and put above our daughter's crib and will continue to do so for all our children. We always want her, and any children we are able to parent, to know they are capable of accomplishing great things. That we believe in them and will always love and support them. To be strong and courageous and to stick up for others. And we always want them to know that God is there for them on all of their journeys, no matter what.

This verse has also been at the forefront of our minds in walking through the adoption process. We have loved the ups and downs of raising our daughter and know we are capable of accomplishing great things in raising her and any children we adopt. We have known that we wanted to add to our family through adoption since we were dating. (Alexa has actually known since she was in high school.) Our families have impacted our lives tremendously and instilled positive values in us, showing us the way to love, support, and provide for each other and others. Through their teachings, we feel like we have big, welcoming hearts and we would love to share that with an adopted child. We truly believe God is calling us to go through the adoption process now and are trusting Him through the process.

We know that you too are capable of accomplishing great things and that considering making an adoption plan for your baby is such a strong and courageous act. We are sure this is a worrisome process. But we truly believe that God is with you no matter what you choose. Please know that we are continually praying for you and your sweet baby.





## *Our Home*

Our house has truly been a labor of love. We have spent countless hours updating it and making it our own. It is two stories and has 4 bedrooms and a large fenced in back yard.

Our neighborhood is full of kids who are always outside playing and adults that are always willing to lend a helping hand. We live in a rural town that has several nice parks and even a free zoo within walking distance. Our town also puts on a week long festival every year that we partake in: going to and participating in parades, riding carnival rides, eating at food trucks, etc. We live in Michael's home town and have many friends and family members in town.



*We always try to sit down and have supper as a family.*



*Watching a movie on the outside projector.*

### *Our Playroom/Family Room*



### *Our Backyard*

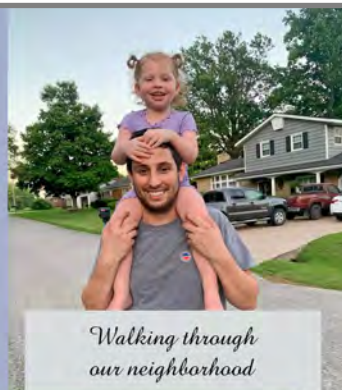




*Riding the train at the park.  
Huxley's favorite!  
"All aboard!"*



*Swinging with Mom  
at the park*



*Walking through  
our neighborhood*



*Riding the carousel  
at the park*



*More park fun!*



*Participating in one  
of the parades*



## My Wife

Alexa has been around kids her whole life, making her a natural mother and loving wife. She is family oriented and into family traditions, new and old. Anyone that knows her knows she will be the most loyal and genuine friend you have. She is a hard worker and very helpful. One of my favorite qualities about Alexa is how she makes people more faith based. Going to a Catholic grade school and college, Alexa has a deeper understanding on religion and loves Jesus and His teachings. It is important for her to teach our children about Him. Also, finding faith based toys and books to have them play with.



*First mother/ daughter  
pedicure*



*Always trying out  
activities with Huxley*

Favorites:  
Color-Green  
Movie-How The Grinch Stole  
Christmas (Year Round), Pitch  
Perfect, Hocus Pocus  
Music-Luke Combs, Matt Maher  
Books-Anything by Mary Higgins  
Clark, Books about & during WW2  
Activities-Reading, Coming up with  
remodeling ideas, Going for walks  
especially on the gravel roads by  
her parents house, Organizing,  
Spending time with her family

Fun Fact-Alexa Studied in Italy for  
a Semester in College



*Walking with our  
daughter, niece and Norm*



*Helping remodel our house*



*Reading to Huxley*





## My Husband

Michael is an accountant by day, family man by night. He is one of the most laid back, easy-going people. He is usually happy and jolly and cracking dad jokes. Michael is hard working and a man of many talents which has been a great benefit in remodeling our house. One of my favorite things about him is how willing he is to help others out no matter who they are. He loves fiercely and is always inclusive. I truly could not have chosen a better father to my children. He is there every step of the way, loving and caring for our daughter, and is always willing to do fun activities with her. Michael's family always sat down and had supper together and it is very important to him for us to eat as a family every evening as well.



Playing soccer with our daughter and niece



Always up for fun adventures/activities



These two love swimming at Michael's parents pool! Added bonus it is close to our house!



SO many talents, SO many projects



Star of the dance floor!

**Favorites:**  
Color-Blue  
Movie-Vegas Vacation  
Music-Christian Radio and the Piano Guys  
Activities-Swimming, Playing sports (especially soccer and golf) and watching sports, Doing woodworking projects, Dancing like no one is watching, Cooking and eating new foods

**Fun Fact-**Michael's Birthday is Flag Day



## Our Daughter

Huxley is such a jokester and loves to make others laugh. She loves playing outside, especially swinging, playing in her playhouse and going swimming. She is currently very into doing puzzles and playing matching games. She enjoys animals and is particularly fond of our dog, Norman. She loves her family fiercely and is always asking about them. We always say she is the perfect mix of girly and tomboy. She likes having her nails painted and wearing jewelry; but she also has to be in the middle of everything Michael is doing helping him out. She is into excavators and has to point out every one she sees. She loves playing with her baby dolls and her cousins. She likes to talk and is very inquisitive.



*Swinging and her blue shirt, happy girl!*



*Helping mom put sprinkles on cookies*



*Always asking to go swimming*



*Ready to work with her safety glasses & tool belt*



*Michael loves having a helper*



*Loves dolls and babies especially her cousin*



## *Our Dog*

Our golden doodle, Norman, was born on 2-2-22. He and Huxley are the best of buds! Norm enjoys going on walks and playing in water. He loves getting treats from his big sister who asks daily about giving him one.





## Our Lives Together

Michael and I met in January 2013 when I drove to his hometown to visit one of my college friends that moved there after graduation. We ended up hanging out with a couple of Michael's friends that he was driving home that evening. So, at the end of the night we all ended up together. A couple of months later, we saw each other again. We really hit it off that evening, started texting a few months later and the rest is history. Michael and I dated for 2 years before getting engaged on January 29, 2016. We were engaged for a little over 9 months before getting married November 12, 2016 in my home town parish. After our honeymoon, we moved into our house and have done countless remodeling projects over the years. Michael works in accounting and I work in customer service. After a couple of losses, we welcomed our sweet Huxley Lynn into our lives on November 14, 2019. Norman joined our family on April 16, 2022.

Fun Fact: We got engaged on Kansas Day



*Our first picture together*



*Vacation to Alaska*



*The day Michael proposed*







*Couples that remodel together  
stay together*



*37 weeks pregnant with  
Huxley*

*Huxley's birth day*



*Huxley's baptism*



## Interests

- Spending time with extended family
- Going for walks
- Visiting various parks and zoos
- Visiting the library
- Having stay at home movie nights
- Coming up with remodeling projects
- Doing projects and activities with our daughter

## Traditions

We attend mass as a family every week. Last year we had a Christmas Eve box made for our kids to open every year, the weekend before Christmas we go to Alexa's parents and decorate cookies for Santa and his elves and every Christmas Eve we go to mass then drive around looking at Christmas lights. Alexa's family likes to make family recipes: the chip bars her paternal great grandmother made and popcorn balls her maternal grandmother made. In the summer, we enjoy visiting Michael's uncle and aunt's lake house.



## MICHAEL'S FAMILY

Michael's parents have been married 40 years and live in the town he grew up in and the town we live in. He has one older brother, Matt, who lives in town as well with his wife and their son.



MICHAEL'S DAD HAS PASSED ON A GREAT DEAL OF HELPFUL REPAIR/REMODEL KNOWLEDGE.





MICHAEL'S DAD COMES FROM A  
LARGE HISPANIC FAMILY THAT GETS  
TOGETHER SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR.



TEE TIME



COUSIN TIME IS THE  
BEST TIME!



WE ALWAYS ENJOY WHEN  
MICHAEL'S COUSINS VISIT.



## ALEXA'S FAMILY

My parents have been married 35 years and still live in the house I grew up in. I have an older brother, Kyle, who lives in Alaska with his wife and their two sons and a younger sister, Sydney, who lives in my hometown with her husband, daughter and son. My parents live on a farm and their grandkids love checking out their animals and helping take care of them.





MY MOM'S SIDE: MY SIBLINGS,  
COUSINS AND OUR KIDS



WE GET TOGETHER EVERY YEAR  
WITH MY DAD'S SIDE. LAST YEAR  
WE HAD A NERF GUN FIGHT!



MY MATERNAL GRANDFATHER STARTED A DIRT  
WORK BUSINESS IN 1950. THE KIDS LOVE  
WHEN THEY GET TO GO FOR RIDES WITH MY  
UNCLE OR DAD IN THE EQUIPMENT.



CHECKING COWS  
WITH GRANDPA



ONE OF OUR FAVORITE  
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



*We are Michael, Alexa  
and Huxley*

Thank you will never be enough for considering us to raise your child. We know we are not perfect. We get dirty, make mistakes and do not always follow a schedule. But we love each other, try hard, are loyal and compassionate. Please know that any child that joins our family will also be cherished, loved and supported unconditionally. We will give them every opportunity to grow into the best person they can: to be great, strong and courageous, not afraid or discouraged and they will always know that God will be with them wherever they go. And we will especially always remind them of where they came from and how very loved they are.

