

Luke and Marti



Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us as you consider an adoption plan. We can't pretend to imagine how difficult your journey might be, but we can pray for you during this time.

We hope through reading our book you can see and feel the love we have for each other, our families, our children, and our future children. We are super excited to become parents again and cannot wait to welcome another child into our hearts and home. We are open to any ethnicity, race, or gender. As much as we would love to be chosen to be your child's family, we first and foremost pray that you find what is best for you and your child.

With love,

Marti and Luke



Our Story.

- Luke and I met, in 2012
- Engaged 2014
- We got married in 2015
- We have grown in our relationship year after year
- As parents, we are eager to teach, grow, and love on our Children.



We considered adoption at the very beginning stage of our marriage, but we decided the timing wasn't right. Marti then became pregnant with our first born, Oliver. He was born in 2017. In the winter of 2020 we had our first daughter, Harper. We then were considering having our next child be adopted. We were praying about it and were very nervous to start our adoption journey because we knew nothing about the process. Then... Marti became pregnant in the fall of 2021. So we thought God had other plans for us. A few months later the doctor told us that our little baby had passed and Marti had a miscarriage. We were heart broken and grieved for a while. We then felt God calling us to take a leap of faith and begin our adoption journey in January 2022. We were matched with our sweet little girl, Tatum. She was born in the spring of 2024. She has been an absolute blessing to our family and caused us to fall in love with adoption even more.

So here we are ANXIOUS and EXCITED to greet our new little bundle to our family!!

-by Marti



Why we choose Adoption?

- We always had a heart for adoption
- We adopted our youngest, Tatum. She fits right in with our family and has caused us to fall in love with adoption even more.
- We love diversity and are eager to welcome a child of any ethnicity, race and gender.
- Becoming pregnant has always been harder for us and we had a miscarriage so that pushed us towards adoption.
- Love isn't limited by biology.



Traditions.....

We have several traditions we do yearly such as:

- Going to the lake and watching fireworks on July 4th
- After Thanksgiving go to a tree farm and cutting down the “perfect” Christmas tree for our living room. Then we decorate the tree (of course we have to play Christmas music) and have toasted cheese and hot chocolate after.
- We sleep around the Christmas tree on Christmas eve, and the children get gifts on Christmas day when we wake up.
- We gather with our extended family on Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- We also try to make a habit of doing an evening devotional/story time before bed.
- We enjoy go on vacation to Florida for a few weeks during the winter months.
- Family Easter gatherings and Easter egg hunt.

Luke

Luke was born and raised in northern Indiana. He grew up in the country on a horse farm, this is where his love for animals began. He is always up for a good conversation, whether with a stranger or friend. He is kind and has a lively, fun personality. He currently is a production manager where he works. He loves spending time with our family. He is an intentional father and husband.



Luke likes....

- Golfing
- Being outdoors
- Playing and watching sports
- Camping
- Going to the lake
- Making memories

Marti

Marti likes....

- Coffee
- plants
- Puzzles
- Watching sports
- Camping
- Going to the lake
- Baking Sourdough bread
- Cooking and house keeping



Marti was born and raised in northern Indiana. She grew up learning how to cook and take care of a home from her mother. She is a stay-at-home mom. She absolutely loves babies and can't wait for our fourth child to join our family. She is a top tier mother to our children and is super intentional about spending time with our family and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Our home and community.



We live in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house quietly situated in the woods on a peaceful back-country road. We cherish how calm and private it is and the wonderful front yard where the kids can play. We have trails throughout our 9 plus acres of woods we enjoy strolling through and riding our ATVs through. We are remodeling our home this summer to add bedrooms and more space for our growing family.



Our community offers:

- Splash pad
- Pool
- Library
- Play grounds
- Festivals



In our home, our children will....

- Eat healthy meals daily as a family
- Have their own bedroom
- Be able to grow their imagination and creativity
- Play in our front yard exploring nature, playing, and being curious about the world.
- Have their own birthday parties
- Spend time in the living room relaxing, talking, watching family movies, and lots of cuddles
- Dress neatly
- Be deeply loved and reminded every day how special they are.
- Grow up knowing their story and how loved they are by their birth family.
- Feel safe, secure, and supported no matter what.
- Learn kindness, gratitude, and respect for others.
- Always have someone cheering them on at school events, sports games, or performances.
- Know they can talk to us about anything.



Oliver

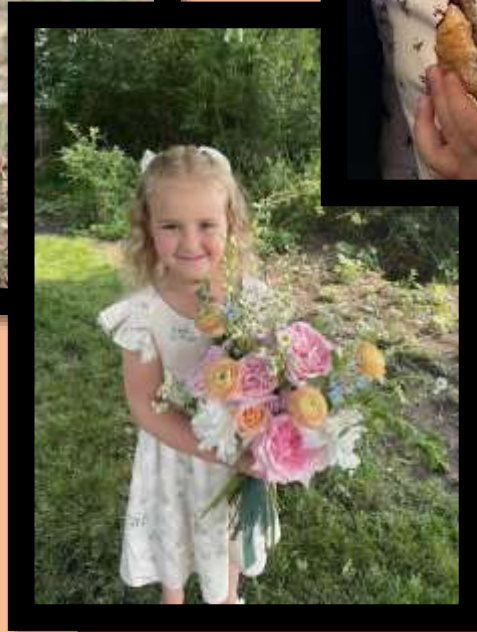
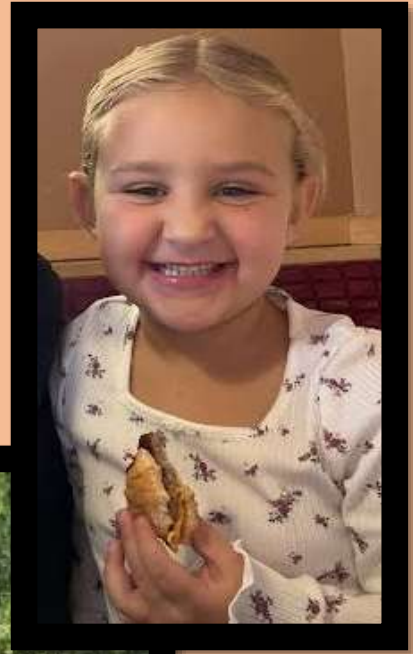
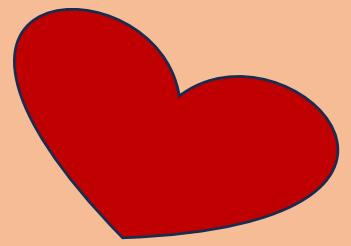


Oliver is our oldest child. He is very organized and very responsible for his age. He loves riding his four wheeler and loves sports and he loves animals. He is in 3rd grade and loves seeing his friends at school. He jumped for joy when he heard we are adopting. He is super excited to be a big brother to another sibling.

Some of his highlights from last year are:

- going to the lake
- going to an IU basketball game
- going to a ND football game





Harper

Harper is our second child. She is a little goof ball and very expressive and confident and can't wait to meet her new sibling.

She likes.....

- her siblings
- music
- coloring
- playing outside
- playing doll



Tatum



Tatum is our youngest daughter, and our first adopted child. She is our little goober. She loves to play outside with her siblings. She has plenty of attitude to go around and we love it. We truly couldn't imagine life without her. She fits in so well with our family and is the center of attention where ever she goes.



Values and Culture

- We are believers in Jesus and try our best to live out the example He left us.
- We want our home to be a safe place for not only our immediate family but for extended family and friends and community.
- We feel like God has blessed us so we want to bless others.
- We, as parents, aren't perfect and want to set examples to our children when we make mistakes we admit it and ask for forgiveness.
- We feel its important for our children to learn a good work ethic through their growing up years.
- We want to be a family who is willing to help each in everyday duties/chores. To lighten the load for everyone.



We can't wait to welcome another child into our life.....

- County Fair
- Camping
- Fishing
- Zoo
- Sports games
- ATV trail riding
- Ice cream
- Swimming
- Play Ground
- Sledding





Marti's Family



Grandma Mary



Uncle Mike and his family



Aunt Monica and family



Uncle Joe and wife



Uncle Nate and girlfriend

Luke's Family



We are both so lucky to have family and friends who are supportive and can't wait to call our new child:

- grandchild
- cousin
- niece/nephew
- friend
- brother/sister



Our Promise...

- **To be the best parents we can be.**
- **We will constantly pray for the knowledge and wisdom to teach, train, and guide our children through life.**
- **We promise to cherish and love our children unconditionally and be present physically, mentally, and spiritually.**
- **We will provide a financially stable home and a safe and healthy environment.**
- **We promise to develop and nourish your child's talents and interests**
- **surround your child with loving family and friends. Thank you again for looking through our book.**

We pray your heart finds peace on your journey.

-Marti and Luke

A letter to you...

We have started this letter so many times, unsure how to fully express what is in our hearts. "Thank you" feels too small, but it is where we want to begin. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your love. Thank you for choosing life and for considering a path that requires such strength and selflessness. I cannot pretend to understand all the emotions you have carried, but I want you to know that I see the bravery in you.

Please know this: your child will always know about you. They will know that they were deeply loved by you. They will know that their story began with a woman who made a decision out of care and hope for their future. We will speak of you with honor and respect. You are not being replaced. You are part of their story forever.

We promise to love your child with everything we have. We promise to protect them, guide them, and create a home filled with stability, laughter, and encouragement. We promise to nurture their gifts, comfort them when they struggle, and remind them every day that they are cherished.

If you ever wonder what kind of life your child will have, We want you to picture warmth, patience, bedtime stories, family dinners, and parents who prayed for them long before they knew their name.

Thank you for considering us with something so precious. If you choose us to be your child's forever family we will carry that responsibility with deep humility.

With love,

Marti and Luke