

Kim & Jason



We love the water!

We are so thankful to you for your bravery in considering adoption. It must take great courage and grace to make this decision. We believe that this is a huge sacrifice and we have great respect for that. The love you display by doing this selfless act will be shared with your child always. We wish you courage and strength throughout this process.



About Us

We are adventurous and spontaneous. One of our favorite memories from a trip to Texas. While driving around the city, we noticed some cars parked and people walking onto a trail. We decided to join the hike to see where everyone was going and were surprised to see one of the most beautiful hidden swimming holes in the country. Your child will always be encouraged to embrace any adventures that come their way.



Any excuse for a celebration. There is nothing too small or too large to celebrate and we look for every excuse to do so. One of the best times we had doing this was a night when we were going to a family friend's house for a cookout. It just so happens that on that night various family members asked us what we were doing and, with our friend's permission, we kept inviting them along. Our small cookout turned into a celebration of life!

We couldn't write about us without writing about Ice Cream. Jason has always been a very big fan of ice cream and will even spend extra time working out just to make up for the calories. There is a local Italian Ice shop less than a mile away from our house. Almost every night in the summer after our walk on the bike trail, we go and get our "ice". We are there so much we have even made friends with the owners Victoria and Dean and they know exactly what we want before we even get there. Kim loves the peanut butter and chocolate, and Jason loves the cotton candy flavor.



Meet Kim

(by Jason)



Kim loves cheese! When we were on a trip out west she saw the Tillamook Cheese Company and, of course, we had to stop and take a tour. I remember how excited Kim got that we were going to be able to taste the varieties of cheese. I thought I was never going to get her out of the tasting room! I think she single-handedly held up the entire line.

Kim tries so hard to cook but she really isn't great at it. She can however bake pretty well and loves to do it. I remember one Easter she tried so hard to make a cake she had seen in a magazine and after putting a lot of time into it, she dropped the entire cake on the floor. She didn't get upset though, She laughed so hard and then said, "let's just make cupcakes." That's the thing about Kim, she has this amazing way of finding the good in every situation.



Kim has an amazing sense of adventure that drives her to try new things. I remember she told me one time that she wanted to fly a plane. I surprised her with a flight lesson for her birthday that year. She will try anything at least once and you never know where you will find her. Your child will be encouraged to indulge their own sense of adventure as well.



Meet Jason

(by Kim)

Jason calls his mother every day to check in. When we were friends and dating, he did the same thing for me; he would call me daily just to make sure that I was ok. It always showed me how much he put everyone else before himself. I know without a doubt that he would put your child's needs above his own to make sure that he or she always had anything they needed.



Jason loves boating, He is the captain of our boat and also the captain of entertainment. It made me smile this summer on our lake trip, when the kids would convince him to take them tubing. They thought they were being sneaky but all the adults knew what was going on. Jason just wanted to be on the boat too and make sure the kids were having fun.

Jason has an amazing child-like quality that comes out when he is thinking of fun things to do with our nieces and nephews. I remember once when we were babysitting, I looked out to see not just the kids on the trampoline but Jason right there in the middle of the fun. Whenever we are with kids, you will always find him in the middle of the action.



How Two Became One

We met at work through Kim's best friend Missy. **For about ten years we were just friends.** As friends, we would always try and find fun things to do. One of the first times we went out together without other people was when Jason took Kim to the "whippy dip". Kim had no idea what a "whippy dip" was and had to ask her mom, but found out very quickly it was ice cream, Jason's favorite thing.



Over the first ten years as friends, we built a bond that is unbreakable. We spent a lot of our relationship traveling together, which requires the ability to compromise, protect, trust, and support each other. One time we were talking on the phone and Jason said to Kim "I hope you're off this weekend. We are traveling". Kim thought Jason was joking, until about five minutes later, when an email confirmation from Delta showed up in Kim's inbox for a trip to Paris!

We have been married now for five years, After two years of marriage we decided we wanted to share our love with a child. After years of infertility, we were still unable to successfully conceive. We are now so **excited to become adoptive parents** and share the journey with you.



Fun Times

We love sharing time with family and friends during our **weekend days on the lake**. Most weekends you can find our boat tied up to Kim's brother's boat with our giant island float on the back and a grill full of hotdogs and hamburgers just soaking up the sun while our nieces and nephews are tubing. Your child will grow up getting to spend time on the lake with their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.



When our nieces and nephew were little, we started a tradition of having surprise outings. One of our favorite ones was **water balloon fight night**. We had found a pack of quick fill up water balloons and a sling shot at the store and when we took them over to the kids it ended up as an all out water balloon fight, no sling shot required! The entire neighborhood joined in.



We are not ones to stay at home, but prefer spontaneous outings to advanced planning. We love to just make it up as we go. A little while back Kim worked for an airline and Jason worked for a hotel chain, so we would get free standby flights and cheap hotel stays. We would fly to Chicago or New York to have lunch and then fly back. One time we missed our flight back because we were enjoying the day so much. We decided to make the best of the situation. We rented a car and drove the six hours home. It was really fun to play road trip games all the way home.



Our Family Unit

If you choose us, your baby will have a lot of love! He / She will have 1 Mimi, 1 Papa, 5 aunts, 4 uncles, and **dozens of cousins** ranging in age to run around and play together with.



We can be competitive! When the family gets together we like to play board games, especially the game Rummikub. The more we play it the more we start to challenge each other. During our trip to the lake last year, we played until almost midnight because everyone in the family wanted to be the person with them most wins. Not many family gatherings happen without someone making a challenge to someone else.

Sadly both of Kim's parents passed away several years ago, but Kim's family is very proud of the **strong Christian and family values** that were instilled in them from their parents. This is what leads to the strong family bonds that they share. This year we all went on vacation with Kim's siblings for the first time since her parents passed away. We went to Disney world because that was where the family went as kids. They still act like children and even participated in the Frozen sing-a-long.



Our Family Unit



One of our favorite family traditions happens at Christmas Eve when all the adults and children search for a pickle that was hidden by Grandpa. One year we searched and searched for what seemed like forever with no luck, until Jason finally found it. The pickle was part of a pair of earrings found in his mom's ears! The winner gets an extra gift.

Our family is flexible and spontaneous! Once we were having a large outdoor pig roast at our house but the weather wasn't cooperating. Our brother-in-law Marcus recommended we move it to the garage, so we could still be outside, but not get wet. It was not an ideal situation, but we took his advice and ended up having a garage party! We played games and ate until late into the evening.



Eating together is a big part of our family events. **Every member of the family likes to cook** and is good at it in some way. The kids even get involved. Our niece Camryn likes to put on her apron and pretend she is doing a cooking show. One time while she was putting on a performance for us, she gave everybody a job to do in the kitchen. And of course, we all participated and took on our assigned roles.

Our Neighborhood



We live about twenty five miles from a big city but in no means in the county. In the back of the house there is yard, trees, and in the far back a creek. When we picked the lot the kids in the neighborhood were a little upset because they loved to play in the woods and had even named it "unicorn valley". This will be a great yard for your child to be free to imagine their next adventure in.

Our neighborhood is an active subdivision and has a playground and **community pool** which is **next door** to our house. We eat out on the deck whenever possible. It's like being at a pool party all the time because you can always hear laughter and kids playing games such as Marco Polo.



Our neighborhood has fun activities throughout the year. **The Easter Egg hunt** is one that always brings out a crowd. This is the event where we met our neighbors Maria and Steve when their son Conner wandered into our yard looking for eggs. The event is a good kickoff to the spring and a good way for neighbors to connect.

Around Town



Around the corner from our house is a **bike trail**. You could find us there on most weekends, walking or jogging. Kim's brother is an avid bike rider and one day he wanted to take all of us out. He had us riding for eight miles! The trail was put in place of the old train tracks to encourage fitness in the town. There are so many families that walk or ride together on the trail.

We enjoy going to watch our **local Minor League baseball team that feeds players into the MLB**. We appreciate that big time baseball game feel but with small town values. Everyone in the stands knows everyone, and they have the best events for the kids. We laugh so hard when they do the dizzy baseball bat run. The kids have to circle the bat 10 times then run the bases. It is so much fun to watch.



Just around the corner is an **amusement park** which boasts "the world's best kids area". Our nieces and nephew are always up for a fun day with us there. One time we took our niece Chloe on a small roller coaster. She was a little nervous, but Jason convinced her to try it just one time. We ended up riding it three times! We also enjoy our other favorite family tradition which is to end the night with a big delicious Funnel Cake that we all share.



Weekdays

Kim works for a cable company where she manages the local market. She has **flexibility in her schedule and work location** so she'll be able to attend to your child's appointments and activities and even be able to volunteer in the classroom.



Jason works for a financial company in Human Resources. He works very close to home and ends his workday at 5:00PM. Therefore, he will be able to spend **lots of time** with your child in the evenings doing fun activities such as going to the neighborhood play ground.



We live with a **"leave work at work"** philosophy and spend all of our time outside work enjoying life. With our flexible schedules and work locations, we are able to enjoy evenings either together or with our family.

We have so much love to share with a child and we are excited to have the opportunity to expand our family through adoption. If we are given this privilege to adopt your baby, always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and they will forever know the sacrifices you have made out of love.



Thank you once again for taking the time to read our story. We wish you all the best in everything you do, especially in the coming months when you will be faced with some tough decisions. We respect your decision to follow your heart and pray that God will give you strength and courage along the way. We hope to have a level of openness that you are comfortable with. We hope to speak to you soon!

Thank you