



**LUCAS** *and* **MARY**





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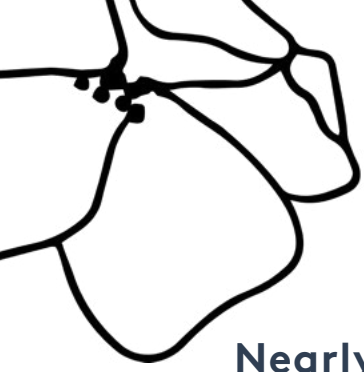
**It's so nice to "meet" you.**

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through our profile and learn about our family. We are so excited to share more about who we are with you. Although this book is just a glimpse into our lives, we hope that it conveys we are a happy couple who values family and God above all else. There is nothing more important to us than family and we are hoping and praying to be blessed with another child.

We cannot begin to understand what you are feeling as you read our book, but we are so appreciative you have taken the time to be here. We understand how much you love your baby and hope we can provide you with encouragement and love throughout this process.

***Please know that whatever decision you make, we support you wholeheartedly and hope to make this as easy as possible. You are covered in prayer and love by our family no matter what decision you make.***

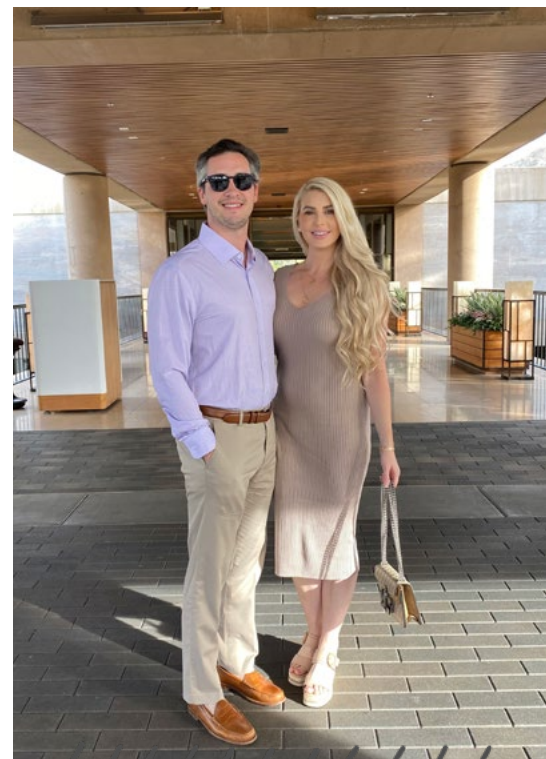
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# our story

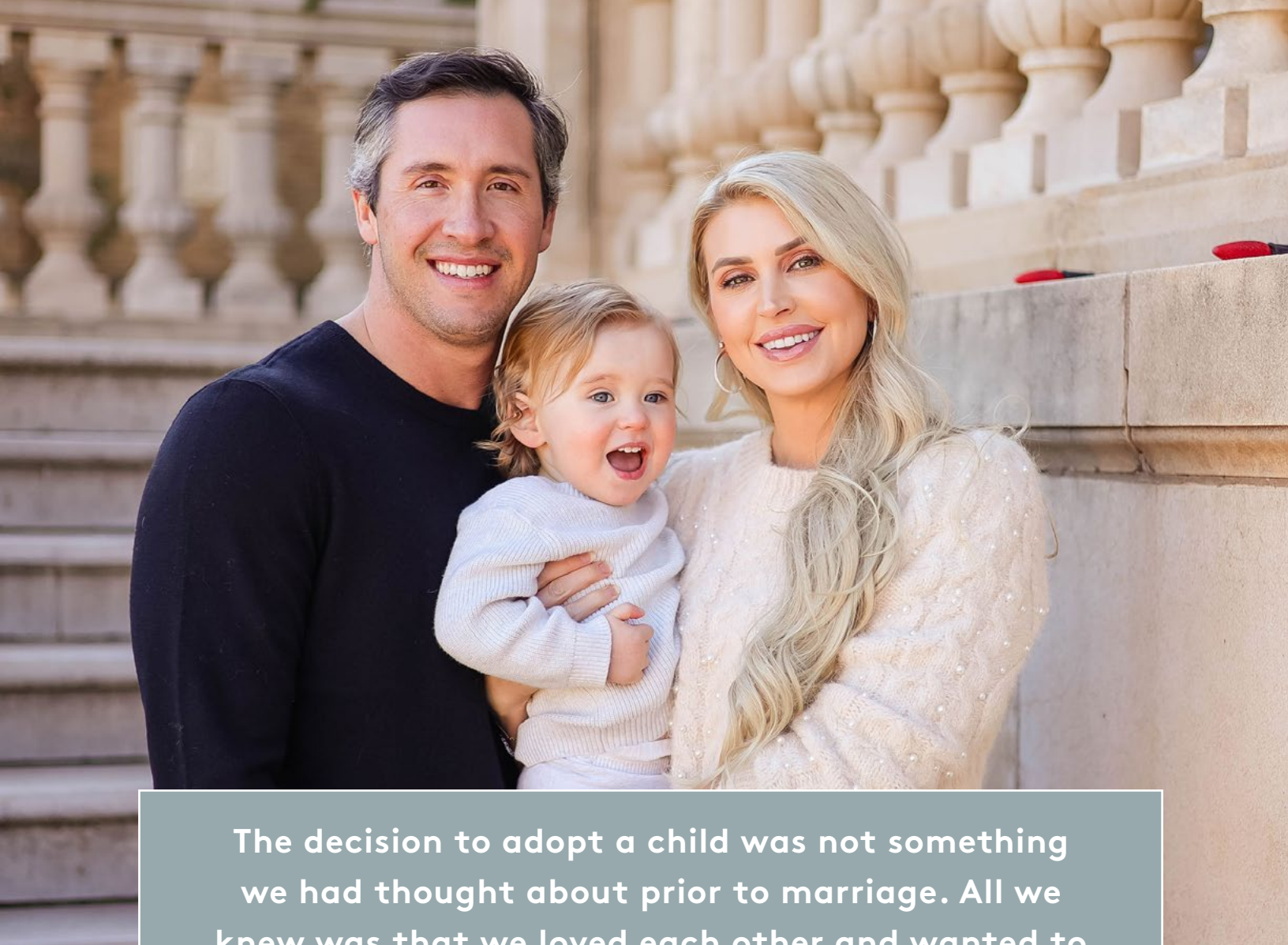
**Nearly a decade ago we met through mutual friends  
and our lives were forever changed.**

We had no idea that a chance meeting would lead to a bond being created that would lead to our marriage. After a courtship of three years, we celebrated our love with a big wedding that included all our immediate and extended family, some even traveling to Texas from overseas, as well as a multitude of friends.



The love that we felt for each other when we spoke our vows is a feeling we still share today. We appreciate and value the integrity of one another as well as our adventurous nature, love for travel, and family-first mindset.

***We have had many great experiences together traveling the world  
and are so excited to be embarking on the most exciting adventure yet:  
our adoption journey.***



The decision to adopt a child was not something we had thought about prior to marriage. All we knew was that we loved each other and wanted to have a family more than anything.

## why adoption?

We were blessed with our son Jude, who has been the best thing that has happened in our lives. Our love for Jude naturally made us want more children; however, that has not happened yet. After much prayer and reflection, our hearts have been opened to the idea of adoption and the hope to add another precious baby to our family. We believe God has led us to adoption and, specifically, to you.

***There is no act more driven by love and selflessness than what you are considering through adoption. We are thankful you are here and we hope we can be a part of your story.***



# meet *Mary* as told by Lucas

**Ever since meeting Mary, my life hasn't been the same.**

She has enriched my world in ways I did not know were possible. Mary is extremely intelligent and diligent in her duties as a healthcare compliance specialist. However, her most important job as a mother to our son is where she excels the most. Mary thinks of Jude and his needs before anything else, and I would not have it any other way. Mary is one of the most organized, considerate, and selfless people I know. She loves making other people feel special and appreciated, especially on birthdays and holidays. Her love for God and her family is apparent in everything she does.

***I truly see Mary as Supermom because I do not know how she does everything she does for our family, always with a positive attitude and a smile on her face, ready for the next adventure. She is the rock that keeps us together, and I will always love her.***



# meet *Lucas* *as told by Mary*

## **Lucas was the first man I could imagine myself marrying.**

I knew the qualities I was looking for in a husband and would not settle for a man without integrity and humility. The more time I spent with Lucas, the more I fell in love with each new part of him I discovered. I adored how funny he was, how much importance he placed on family, and his adventurous spirit and just knew he was the one I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. Now, having been married for almost six years, I see even more his love for family and desire to create a lasting legacy for his children. Everything Lucas does in his Real Estate work and daily life is aimed at bettering our family. He truly works as hard as he does, so his family has everything we need and more. Lucas values education and wants the best for his family.

*Lucas is wonderful with our son, and Jude adores his father. I can't wait to see his love multiply when we welcome a new little one into the family.*



# meet Jude



**Jude is our thriving, joy filled little boy who just celebrated his second birthday in July.**

Jude excels in his school, where he has captured the hearts of his teachers and made many friends with whom he enjoys playing. He is extremely charming and curious, always ready to explore a new museum or try playing a new game. Everyone who meets Jude first notices how adorable he is, then remarks on what a sweetheart he is and how he is the first to share a toy or a smile.

Jude and our pug Lucy love and play like brother and sister and it is clear that Jude is eagerly awaiting a sibling to play with!

**We know that Jude will make an excellent big brother from the way he is so caring towards us, and even at this tender age, we see how full his heart is and how much love he has to give.**







# things we love

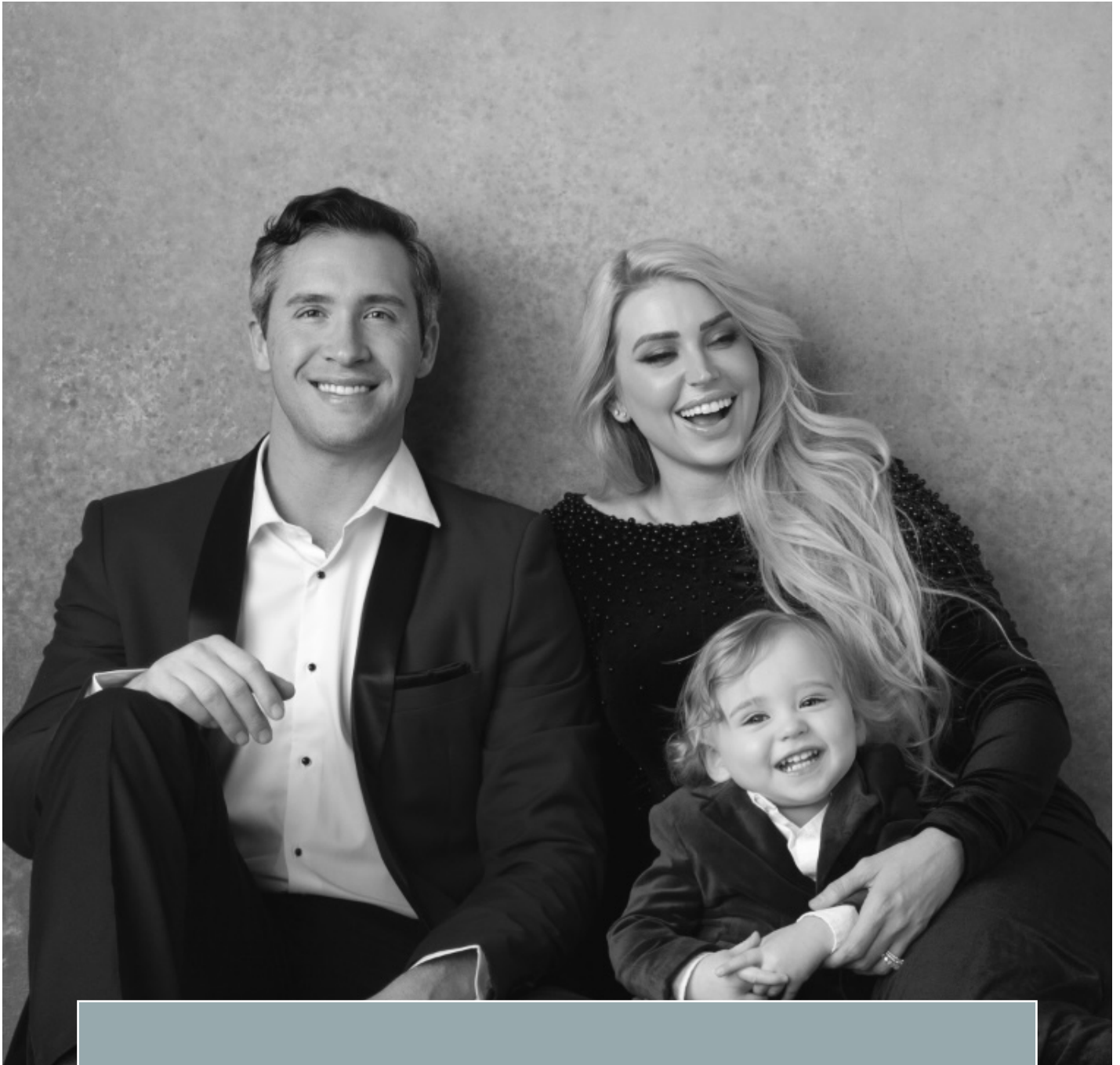


**Lucas Loves:** Physical fitness • Asian cuisine with my brothers & cousins • monthly Italian brunches with my extended family • new restaurants & coffee shops • fishing • activities with my father-in-law • Planning trips • Volunteering for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – going on 15 years!



**Mary Loves:** Dogs (even volunteered with K-9 Angels Rescue) • Pilates • Hiking • Celebrating birthdays • Spending quality time with friends & family • Decorating for the holidays; especially Halloween & Christmas • Attending concerts with Lucas • Going to museums & art exhibits





**"FOR THIS CHILD**  
*we have prayed."*

1 SAMUEL 1:27

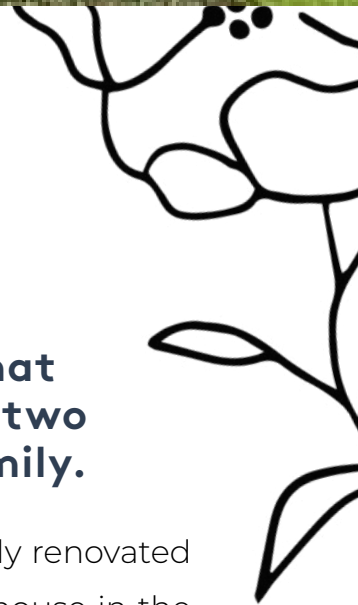




# welcome to our *home*

**We are so happy in our colonial-style home that includes four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and two living areas with ample room for a growing family.**

Originally built in the late '70s, our home and backyard have been fully renovated and remodeled to create a cozy and child-friendly layout. The guest house in the back is perfect for our regularly visiting friends and relatives. We have carefully designed our home for a curious and energetic two-year-old and are more than ready to add more children to the mix. **We have put our hearts into this house to make it our family home.**

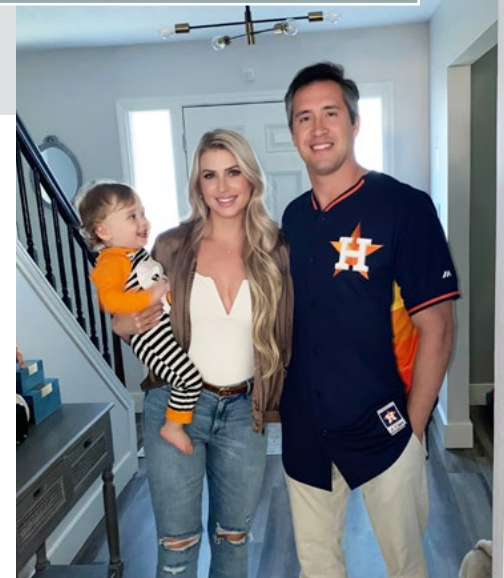
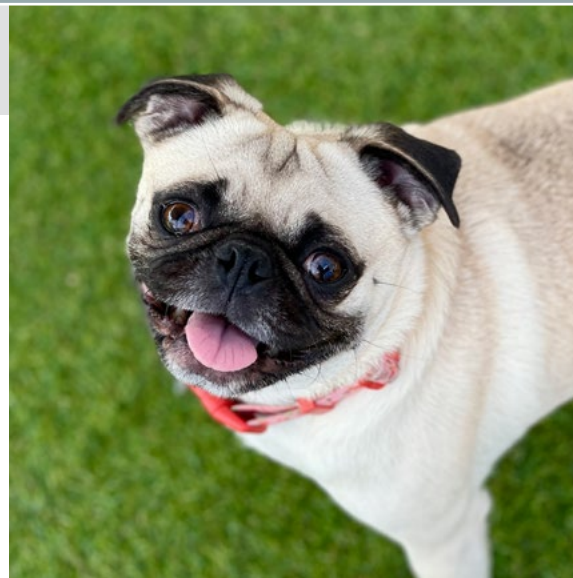




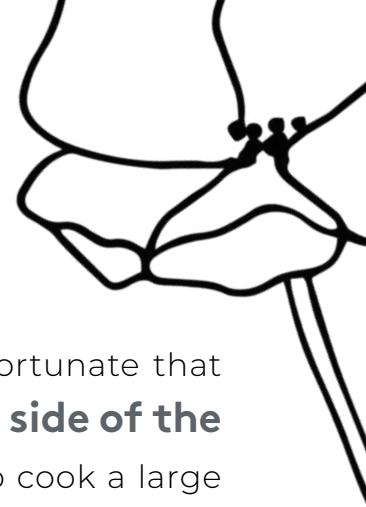
*We love our neighborhood!*

We are a short walk down the street from a family social club with swimming pools, tennis courts, indoor soccer field, and animals for the members to visit. Our neighborhood is safe, fun, and family-friendly. We have special events at the clubhouse during the holidays, and even Santa joins in on the fun as well as artificial snow. We cruise the sidewalks almost every evening on our trips to the clubhouse, pool, or playground.

**Our beloved pug Lucy loves our son – and all other children – and is eagerly awaiting a new brother or sister to love. Our 10 year old chihuahua, Pippin, recently went to live with Mary's parents. He's sweet and very happy to live with 2 retired adults!**



# our families



We are blessed to come from very close-knit families, and we're fortunate that both of our families live near us in Texas. Our tradition **with Lucas' side of the family** is to gather at least once a month, usually on a Sunday, to cook a large Italian feast. We invite immediate family, extended family, and even close friends, as we love having a good crowd.





**Mary's side of the family lives about 8 hours away** but regularly visits the Houston area, and we make the trip up north to keep Jude well acquainted with his grandparents and aunt who adore our little boy. When we are with our parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, and aunts and uncles, the laughter is contagious. It is not unusual for our families to be having so much fun, laughing so loudly that others stop and stare at us having such a good time.



These special photos are in honor of Lucas's father, grandfather, and Mary's grandmother. Though they are gone, they had such big impacts on our lives, and we know today they would be wholeheartedly supporting our decision to expand our family through adoption.

# our friends

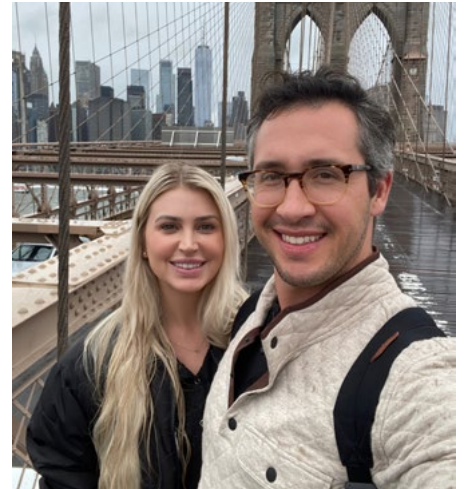
We love each other's kids as our own and support and encourage each other. We know that if we ever need anything, no matter how small or big, our village will always be there. From casual park play dates to holiday fun, we always have a great time together.





# our adventures

We have been very fortunate to travel the world together, and it is one of our favorite activities as a family.



One reason we love traveling is that it takes us out of our comfort zones and allows us to see new places, taste unique foods, experience different cultures, and try new things. Traveling inspires personal growth, and we believe it is important to evolve in our lives. Jude has already been to Mexico and Palm Springs, where his love for the beach and having fun in the sun was apparent. **We absolutely intend to continue traveling with the addition of more children and look forward to sharing the diverse beauty of the world with them. We know the family trips we take will be lifelong, cherished memories we can all share.**



# our promises



**We hope you have felt a connection with our family, and want to leave you with a few final promises before we go...**

**We promise to answer** any questions you may have and provide an honest picture of who we are.

**We promise to stay in contact** throughout the initial process, and if you choose to place your child with our family, we promise to share milestones, achievements, and daily life with you as well as visits each year.

**We promise to raise your child** in a loving home where they will always be supported, encouraged, and nurtured so they have everything they need to grow up happy and lead a successful and fulfilling life.

**We promise to share** our love for God with your child so they know they were created in His image and can do all things through Him.

**We promise we will love your baby** with all our hearts and give them everything they need to succeed in life.

**We promise we will never take for granted** this amazing gift and live each day in a way that honors you and the sacrifice you have made.

**We promise to pray for you** as you navigate this process and keep you close to our hearts.

**all our love,**

*Lucas, Mary and Jude*

