



Jon & Kristen

Dear Birthmother,

We are so happy that you are considering us to be adoptive parents for your child. After two years of hoping for a child and facing infertility, to suddenly being surrounded by others who have adopted recently in our church, we both felt God calling us to begin our family through adoption. We believe that we were "meant" to adopt all along and we couldn't be more excited about it!



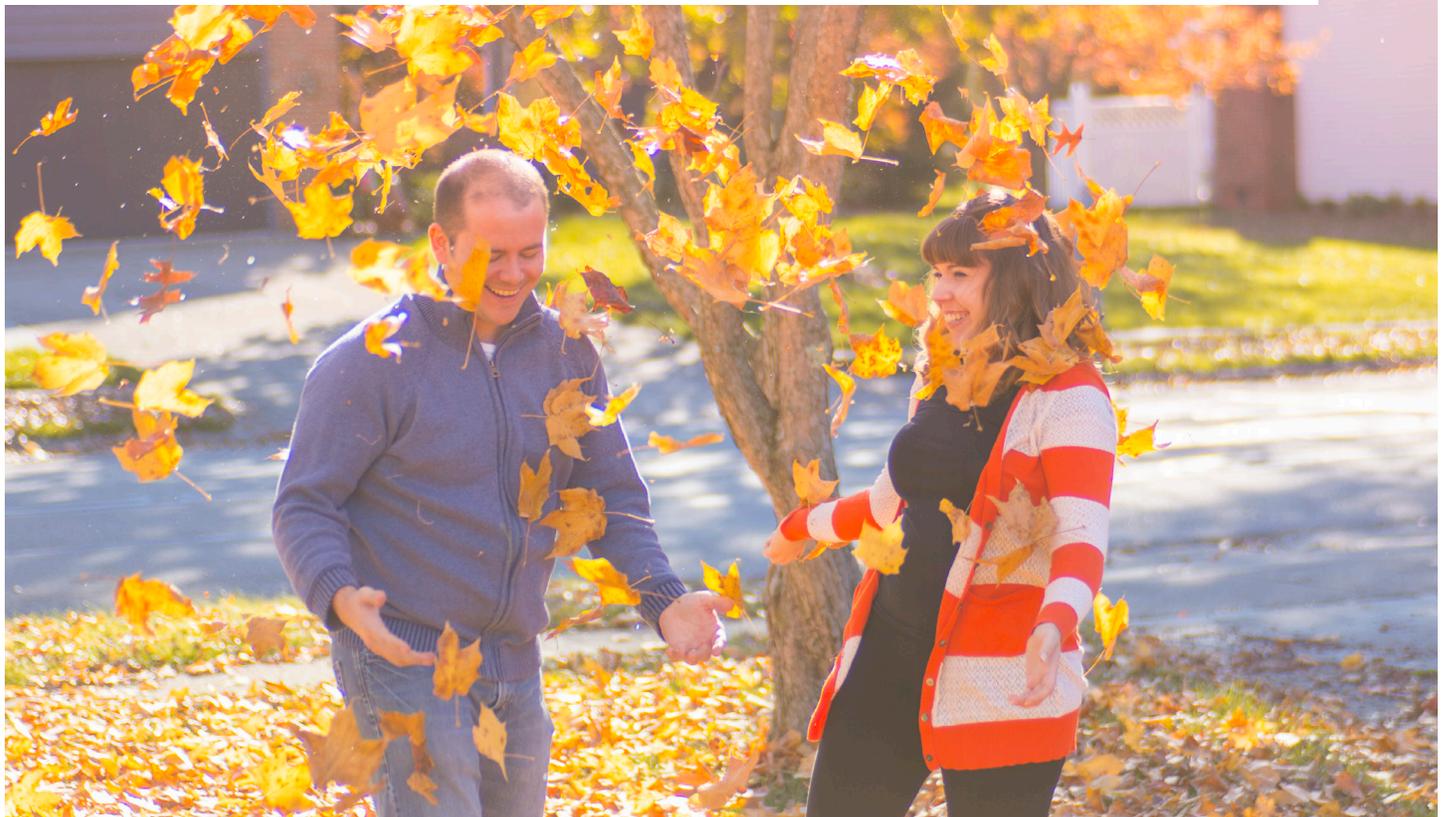
Our Story

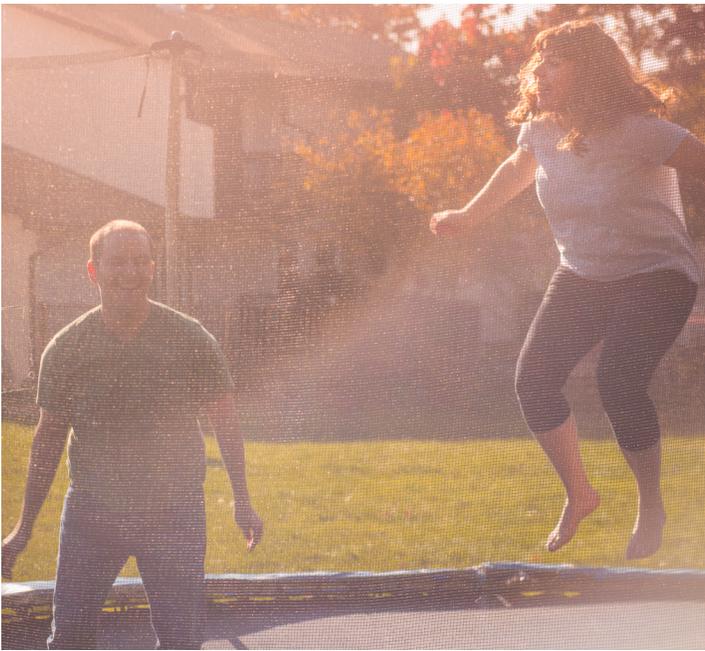
It was an unexpected case of love at first sight: we met during a job interview in which Jon was the interviewer. Needless to say, Kristen got the job and a husband!

We've been married now for five years, and our favorite thing in life is traveling and experiencing other cultures through their art, food, and historical sites. Together and separately (on business) we've been to Ireland, England, France, Italy, Germany, Scotland, China, Japan, Russia, South Africa, India, and Malaysia. We'd love to someday bring our (future) children on these adventures.

Even though we like to travel, most of our time is spent at our beautiful home in Ohio. On a busy weekend, we might go to a special event (like an art festival or a movie in the park!), see a play at the theatre, walk around a local farmer's market, or our new favorite: attend a hockey game!

On a quiet weekend, we enjoy spending time together at home watching a movie, riding our bikes, or reading a book next to the fireplace.





Our neighbors have a trampoline that we love to jump on in the summer! We spend so much time outside when the weather is warm.



Almost every year, we go to either Disney Land or Disney World and get to feel like a kid again.



On one of our favorite vacations, we went to Dublin, London, and Paris. In this picture, we are outside the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris.



Kristen was in a bowling league for several years as a kid! We like to go bowling often.



We love to escape the winter by heading someplace warm for a week or two. Last year, we went to the Bahamas!



About Kristen

Kristen is going to be the best mom in the world. She's super caring, thoughtful, funny, and organized. When Kristen isn't working on her latest big project, she's usually trying to find ways to help others. This past year she completed her Masters degree, volunteered to tutor kids after school, babysat our friends' children, painted several rooms in our house, helped two people get jobs, and watched at least 2 entire run-throughs of the Harry Potter movies.

I have seen that Kristen can accomplish anything she puts her mind to, and she wants more than anything to be a great mom. I'm lucky to be married to her!

Kristen enjoys making other people feel comfortable by being her goofy self!



Kristen believes that it's important to keep your body healthy with exercise and eating healthy foods. She can't wait to make fresh baby food and play outside with a little one!



Kristen gets to design fun online courses (sometimes with superheroes!) that help people learn how to do their jobs better.

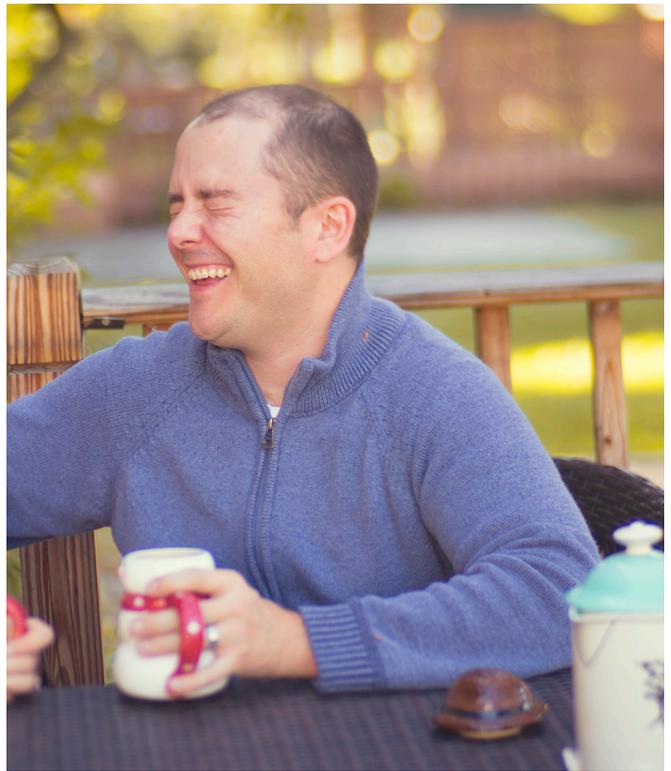
Kristen Loves..

- Learning new things
- Reading
- Taking long warm baths
- Walking in the sunshine
- Meeting new people
- Helping others
- Ice Skating
- Bowling
- Exercising
- Big bowls of ice cream
- Dressing up for Halloween
- Going to the movie theater
- Visiting family and friends
- Walking around food markets
- Pumpkin Butter
- Watching The Bachelor
- Decorating the house
- Writing stories

About Jon

I'm convinced that if Jon were a dog, he would be a golden retriever—cheerful, loyal, and energetic. His favorite thing in the entire world is to laugh, and if he can help make other people laugh, he beams from ear to ear for the rest of the day. Sometimes I catch him practicing comedy routines in the bathroom mirror and singing goofy songs in the shower!

He loves to cook and build things (like our dining room table!), and watching him play with our friends' children confirms my suspicion that he will be a very hands-on, loving father.



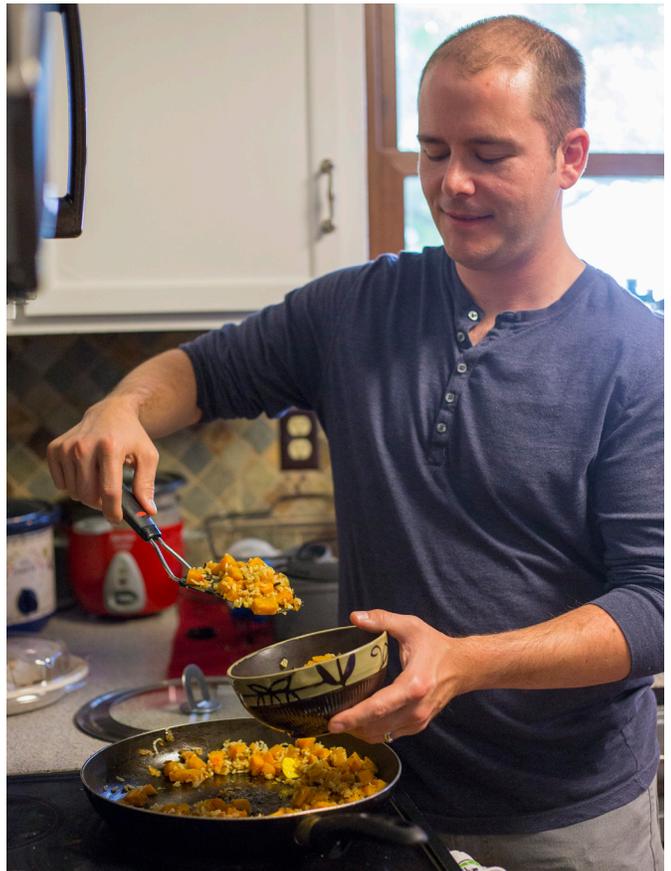
Catching Jon laughing is a common occurrence! He will do everything he can to make sure that our children laugh every single day.



To raise money for our friends' adoption, Jon performed a song by Shakira in a "lip sync" battle. The crowd went wild!

Jon Loves...

- Cooking
- Reading
- Watching cooking shows
- Going to new places
- Trying new things
- Helping others
- Playing video games
- Performing
- Making other people laugh
- Eating Mexican food
- Baking yummy desserts
- Planning vacations
- Finding good deals
- Going on adventures
- Building furniture
- Playing boardgames
- Watching comedy central
- Fixing up houses



Cooking, cleaning, laundry - Jon helps with it all, in addition to working and supporting our family! He's been told that he is a "gourmet chef" and is going to LOVE making our kids their favorite meals!



Our Traditions

We value traditions because we believe they create lasting, wonderful memories. In the summer, we get season passes to the Zoo and the water park and spend much of our time floating on the lazy river.

In the fall, we love to visit the local pumpkin and apple farms and attend special Halloween events (like the "Sleepy Hollow" storytelling bonfire).

In the winter, we visit the Christmas village, see *The Nutcracker* at the theater, and watch all of our favorite Christmas movies.

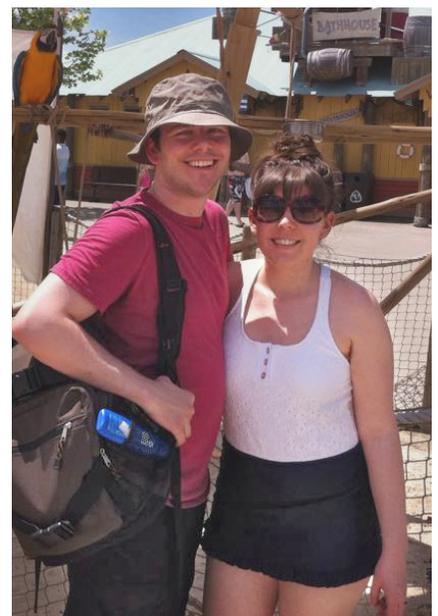
It is very important to both of us to spend lots of time with our friends and family. We love to host our friends (and their children!) from near and far at our home to share in a delicious meal and good conversation.



Getting ready to see the Nutcracker!



Spending the 4th of July downtown playing card games with Jon's brother and sister-in-law. We waited all day to see the fireworks.



Having fun at the water park in the summertime!

Our Family

Kristen comes from a large, loud, and talkative Italian family who enjoys getting together and eating good food. Kristen's parents, sister, brother, niece, etc. live in California and we visit them once a year, usually over the holidays (it's a good excuse to go to Disneyland!).

Jon's parents were missionaries for several years in southern Texas and **cannot wait** to be first time grandparents! His parents, brother, and sister-in-law live nearby.



Kristen's Family: sister, mom, niece, and dad.



Jon's Family: brother, sister-in-law, dad, and mom.



Our Faith

We are actively involved in our inner city, multi-cultural Christian church. Jon is part of the finance team while Kristen helps with the Children's ministry. We believe that a part of living out our faith means serving others who may be homeless, refugees, or individuals needing special care and attention. Additionally, we are part of a community group at church where two other families have adopted children.



Our Home in Ohio

Our house is on a quiet, tree-lined street where the backyards are big and the atmosphere is peaceful. The four bedrooms are spacious, and we have a finished basement that we hope to turn into a playroom. We have already started decorating the nursery in a Peter Pan theme (which we think is great for a boy or a girl!). Our next-door neighbors (and their four young children) are our very good friends from church. Our favorite room is the fireplace room that we've filled with books and comfy reading chairs.



We can't wait to use the nursery we've prepared!



We love our huge backyard and our nice big deck.



We have two cats, Henry (pictured) and Lucy.

Our Promise

We promise to **adore** your child and give them every opportunity to **explore** their interests.

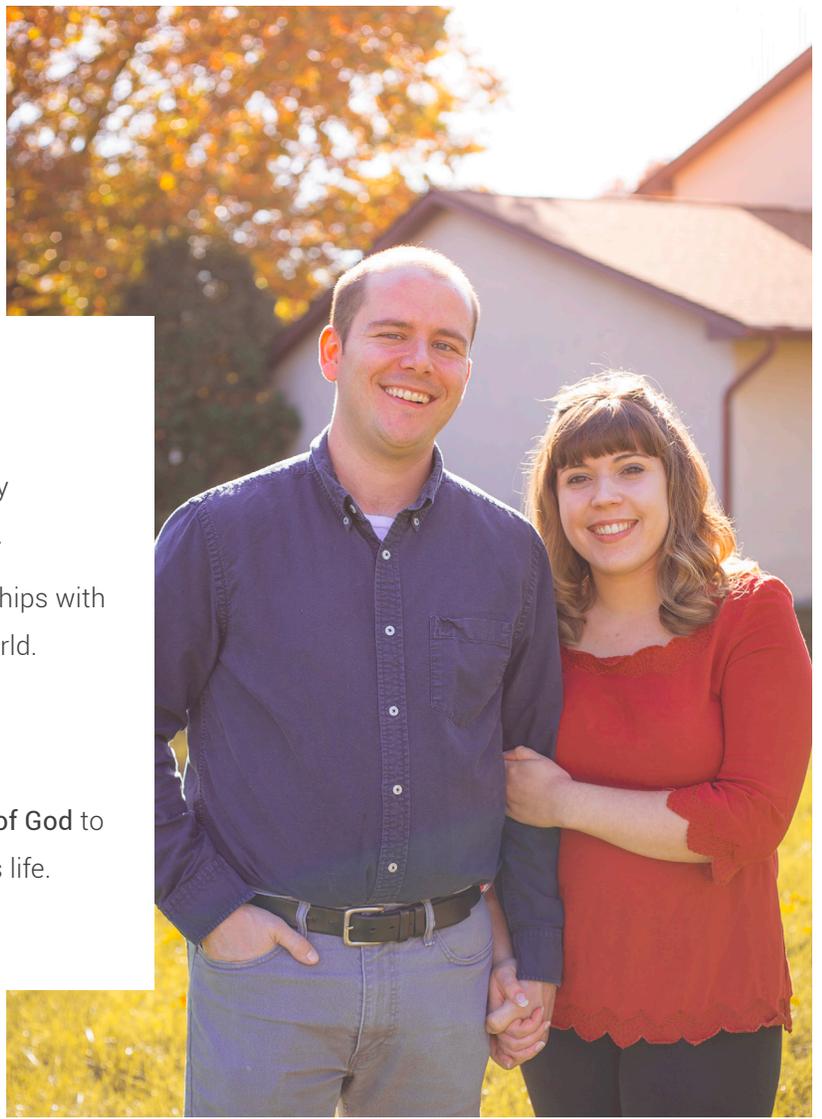
We promise to **help them excel** in school so that they can have a **bright future** and their choice of colleges.

We promise to **teach** them to treasure their relationships with family and friends more than anything else in the world.

We promise to **promote** an environment of creativity, where your child can let their **imagination soar**.

We promise to **demonstrate** the **unconditional love of God** to your child, so that His will can be done in your child's life.

We are open to sharing letters, photos and visits.



Dear Birth Mother,

I met Jon and Kristen when they started attending our church and small group. We were fast friends. They are very easy to talk to and get to know! A few months after they started attending our church, they bought the house next door to us.

It has been so fun to be neighbors with people that you know and like so much. They are always willing to lend a hand and let us borrow anything we need!! We have 4 kids and they all love Jon and Kristen. The younger 2 are always asking to run over to their house. Jon is always ready to give them piggy back rides and Kristen is always happy to see them and chat with them!

Jon and Kristen are going to be great parents. Their faith in God and their love of children shows in their lives. We are so excited to share in this adoption with Jon and Kristen. Our family has also adopted a child and have been so blessed by the experience.

Next door neighbor and friend,

Megan



Dear Birth Mother,

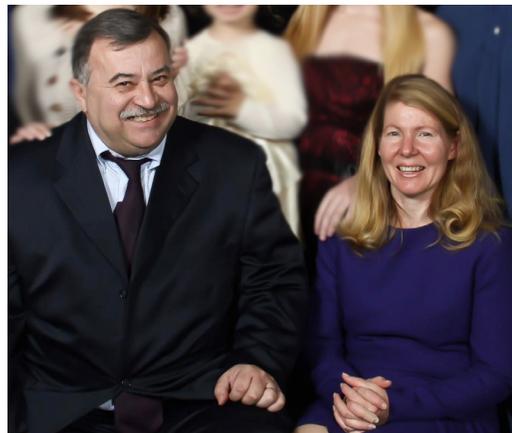
I am Kristen's mother, which means I know so much about the person she was, is, and will be in the future. As a little girl growing up, she was full of compassion for others. She would always try to help her friends in every way that she could to make things better for them.

She always wanted to learn and put everything she had into getting ahead in school, and then later on she carried this over to giving her best as an employee. She is intelligent, bright, highly motivated, compassionate, and has a beautiful heart. She will be a wonderful mother, and that child will be truly blessed!

I've known my son-in-law, Jon, for six years now, and he is a blessing to our family. He too is educated, witty, intelligent, funny, and playful with kids. Both Kristen's father and I couldn't be more excited to be grandparents to the child that God brings into Jon and Kristen's care.

Kristen's Mom,

Kathy



Dear Birth Mother,

I met Jon and Kristen at the same time they met each other. I remember pushing Jon to ask Kristen out – he was so nervous. I remember hearing about the first date – both so excited. I remember the proposal, that came at the end of a whirlwind scavenger hunt. And their wedding fit them perfectly – simple, beautiful, and spiritual. You can use the same three words to describe them as a couple and as individuals.

They are the kind of friends that only come along once in a lifetime. The friends that are there for you through everything! The good, the funny, the totally embarrassing, the bad, the ugly, and the really ugly. The ones you text before anyone else. They are the friends that you can't imagine life without.

I adore them, but mostly importantly, my kids adore them. Seeing them interact with my kids over the last 6 years has shown me what amazing adoptive parents they will be. I love taking all the kids to visit because I know they are sooo excited to see them, and talk to them, and hold them, and hug them. They have always been 'Uncle Jon and Aunt Kristen'. They are loving, giving, funny, educated, and love to travel. One of the many things I love about them, is their ability to care. They care deeply about their family, their relationship with God, their marriage, and their friends...especially the little ones.

Former coworker and friend,

Dominique



Dear Birth Mother,

I am happy to recommend Jon and Kristen to you. Jon and Kristen are a loving, kind couple. They are both fun people who enjoy a variety of activities, such as travel, times with friends, and just staying home to read a good book. Jon has become a great cook! Kristen has made their home a beautiful, peaceful place.

Both Jon and Kristen enjoy an active membership in their church. They have shown a good work ethic, maintaining employment in steady jobs. We enjoy being with Jon and Kristen because they are interesting, energetic people. They love each other and would make wonderful parents. Jon's father and I cannot wait to have our first grandchild through adoption!

Jon's Mom,

Penny





Contact Us

If you are interested in speaking with us,
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1.800.923.6784

You can view our video at:

<http://bit.ly/JonathanKristenAdopt>

*We would love to learn more about you and tell you more about us!
We can't wait to have the opportunity to be parents and give all
our love, energy, and support to a little one or two!*

Our preferences are very open and so are our hearts.