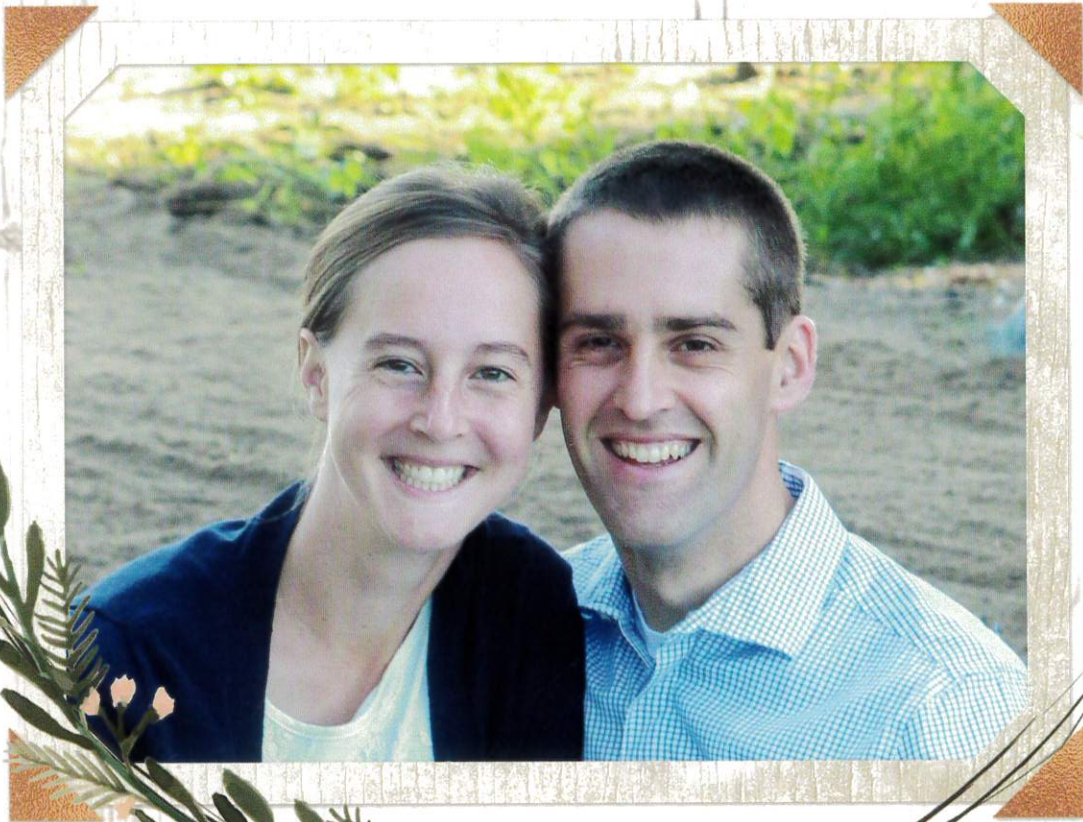
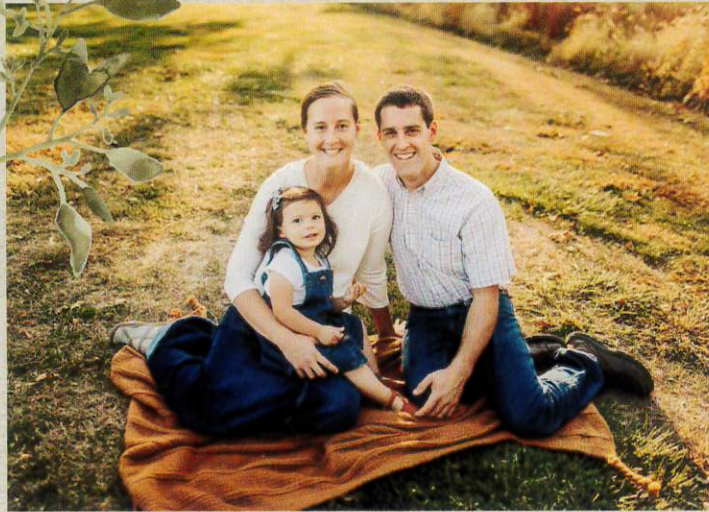


Michael & Jodi





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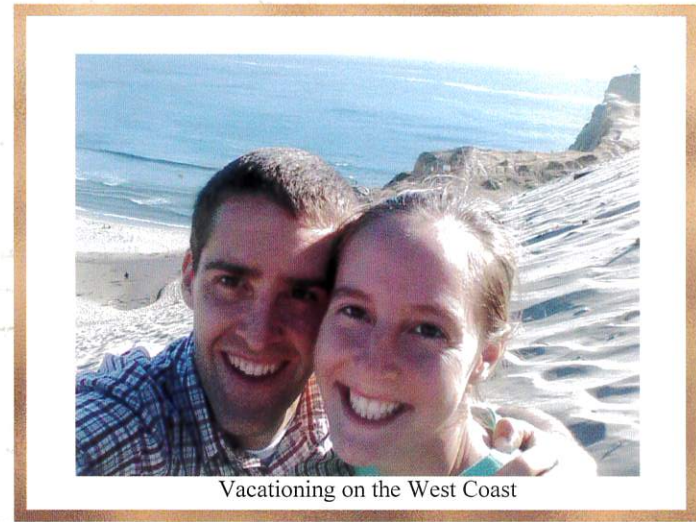
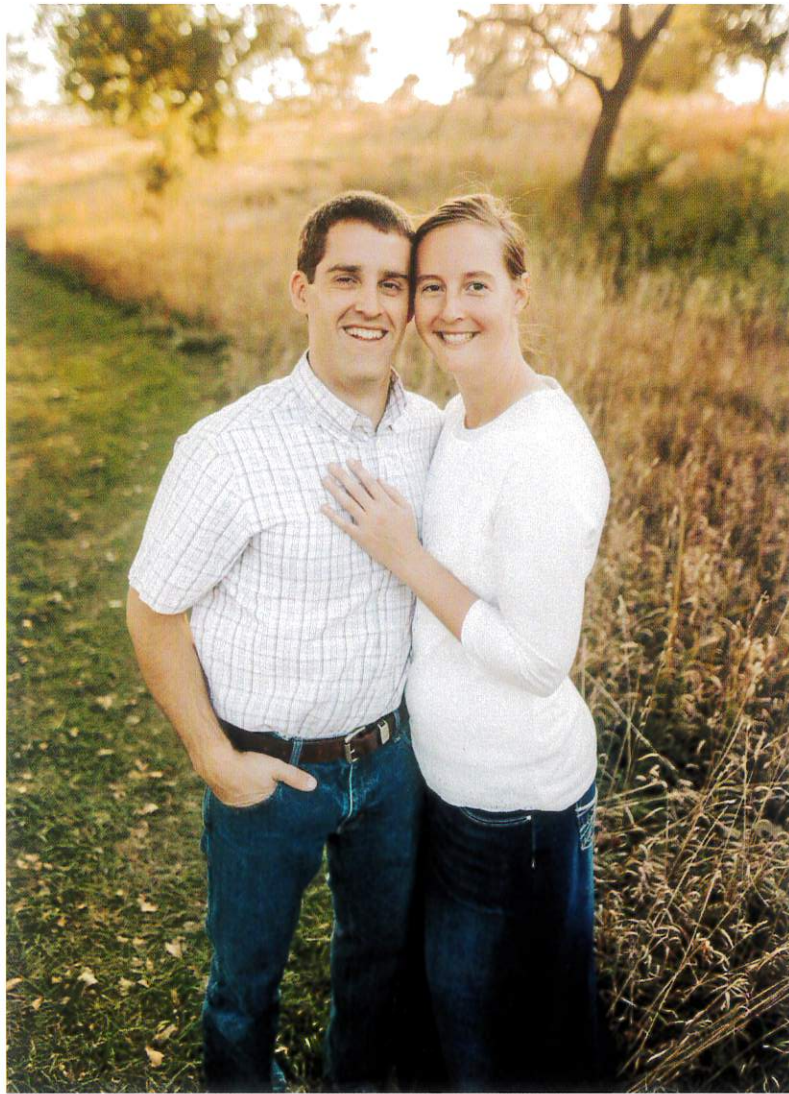
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Our Life Together

We are best friends and companions. Where Jodi is spontaneous, Michael is methodical. When one is down the other one remains strong. We complete each other. Believing that God brought us together through His perfect plan, we feel so blessed to be in each other's lives. After several years of infertility heartache, we pondered what our future held. Believing through faith, in 2019, the door to adoption opened and we welcomed our precious daughter Adelyn Marie into our hearts. Because of a desire to grow our family, our loving hearts, and God's love we would be forever grateful to have your precious baby join our family. We want to thank you for taking the time to catch a glimpse of our life. We are filled with admiration & thankfulness to you for this priceless, selfless gift of adoption and for the small precious footprints that will walk in our hearts forever! Our love, prayers, & support are with you.

Lovingly, Michael & Jodi

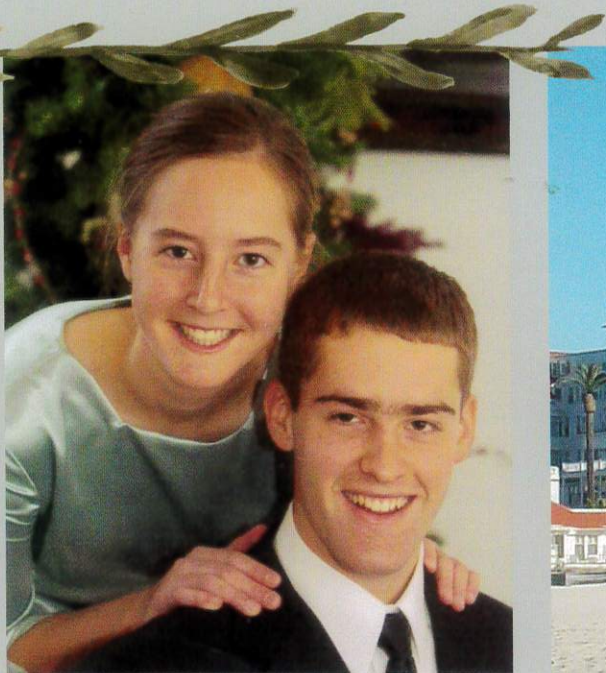




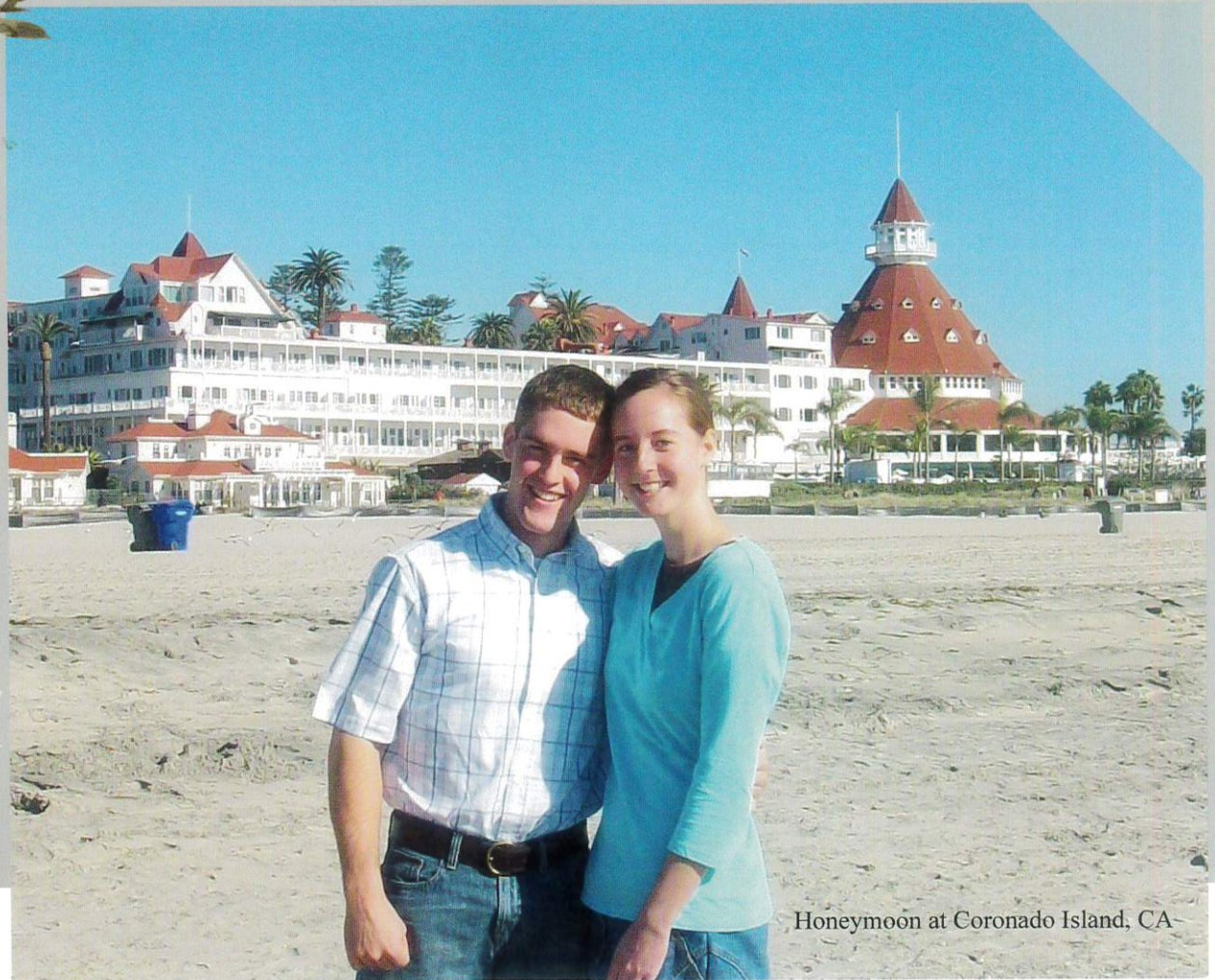
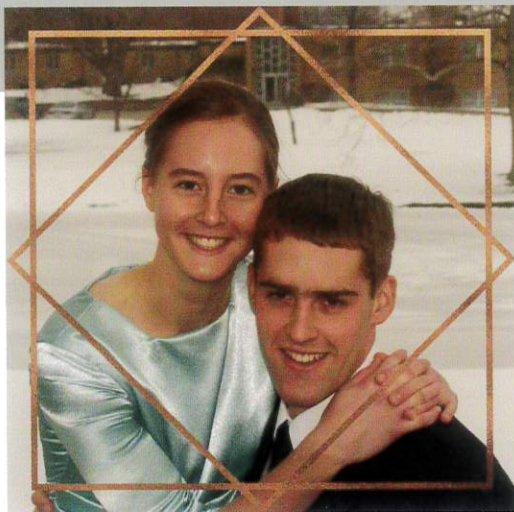
Vacationing on the West Coast

Together

Our love story together begins over ten years ago. We both shared adventurous, easy going personalities, and a love for the outdoors. Falling in love came naturally, with our engagement filled with flower gifts & lots of late night talking! Being committed to each other & God, helps continue to keep our marriage strong. We have found that being open and honest at all times is essential to a happy marriage. We still spend many late hours talking about how our day went, our dreams, & hopes. Others say we are helpful, cheerful, and we love family time! We love to vacation all across the U.S., from Minnesota lakes to Texas's sunsets. We love chatting with friends, hiking, camping, fishing, beaches, & relaxing!



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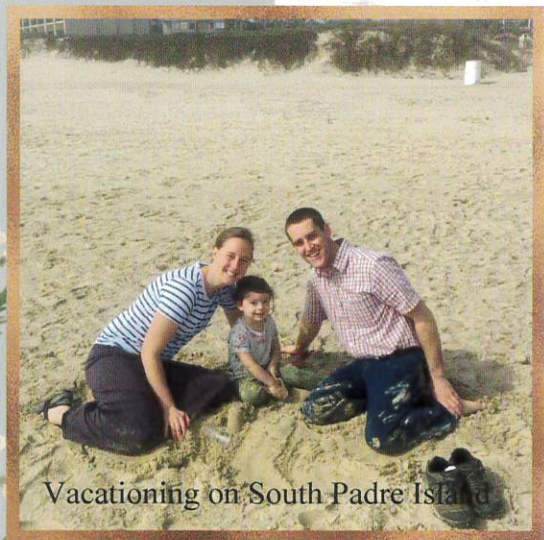


Honeymoon at Coronado Island, CA

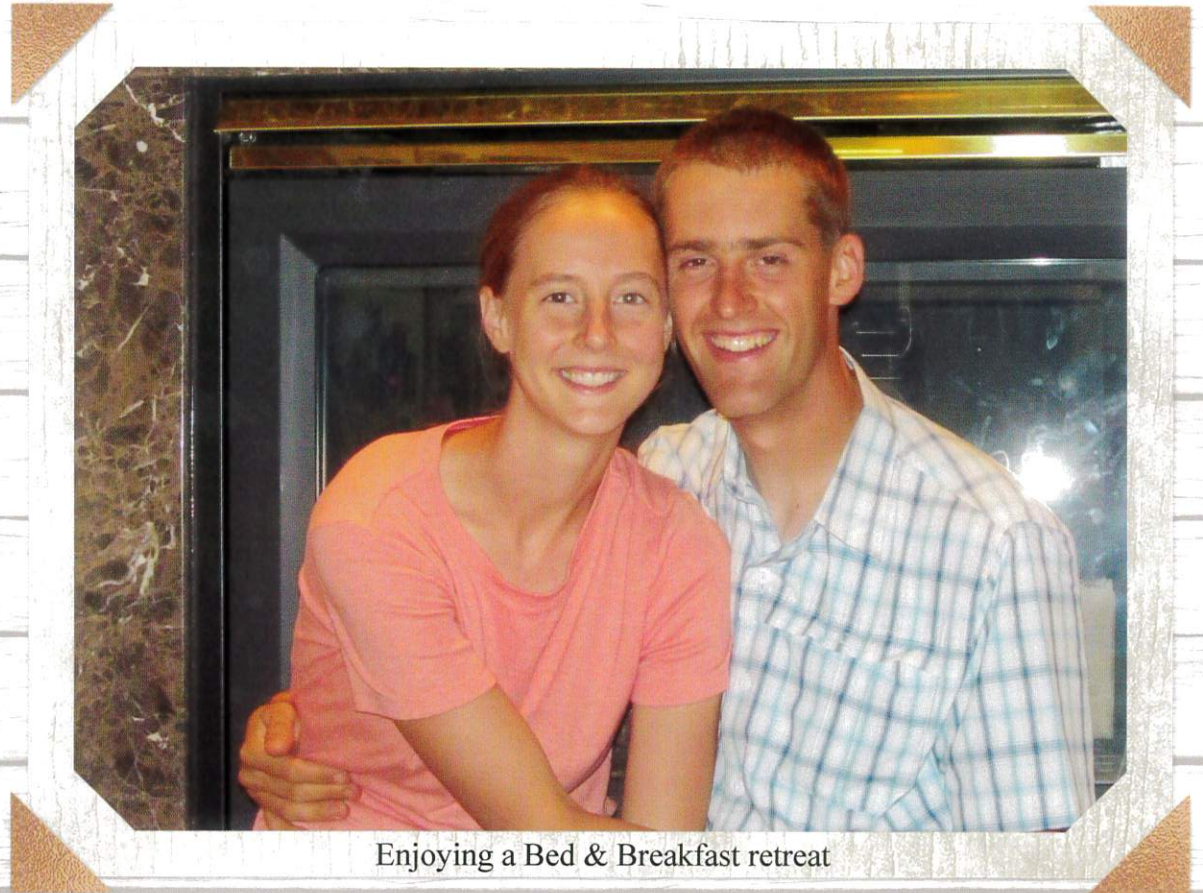
From the moment we met in our childhood we had a lifetime spark of admiration for each other. Although from different states, we would occasionally see each other through church activities. After graduating high school and attending college, we felt God's leading & with a new spark of love we became engaged. Engaged for about three months we set a December wedding date! Our wedding was five days before Christmas on a beautiful snowy day! It was truly the best Christmas gift ever! To make our love story even more special Michael got his car stuck in the snow on his way to pick me up for our special day! Our colors were aqua blue & taupe which made a beautiful accent to the white snow! Our buffet reception was filled with white flowers, roses, soft piano playing, & lots of family & friends. After the reception, we flew out to sunny California for a week long honeymoon at the beach.



Anniversary flowers!



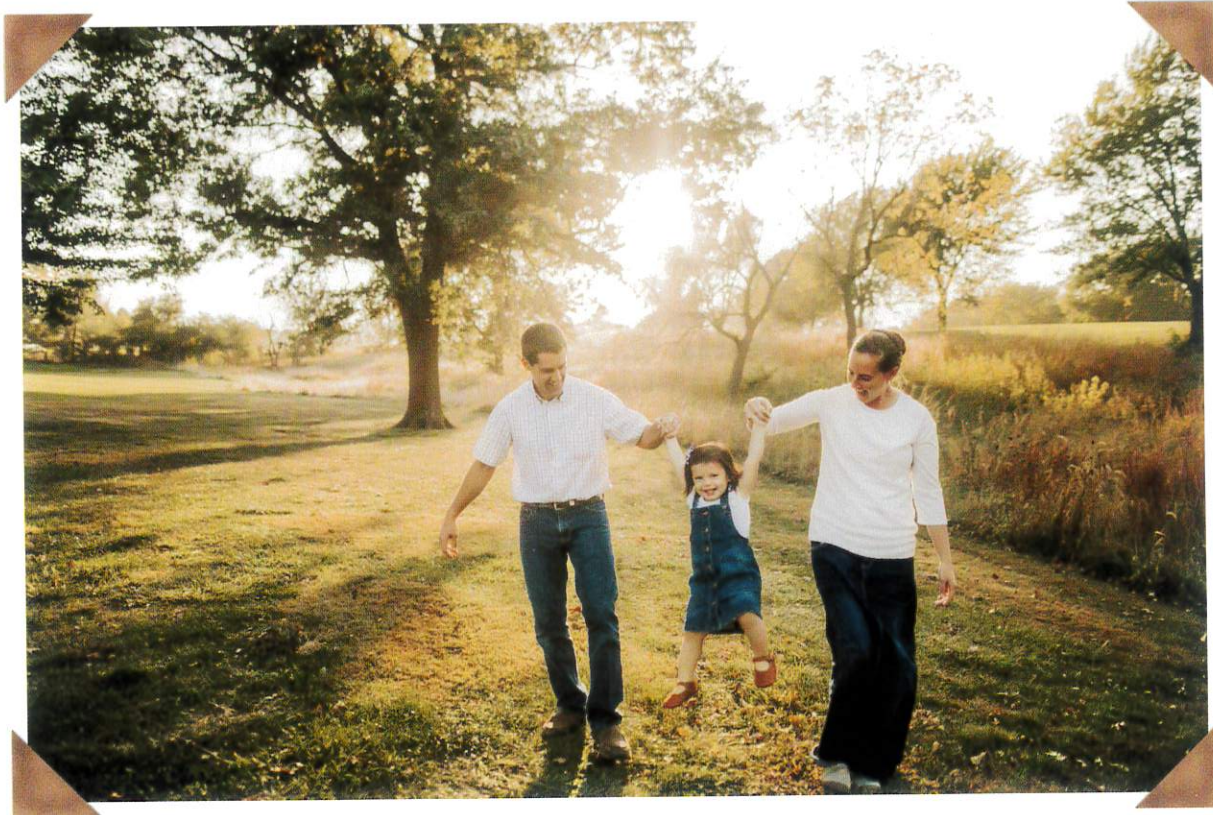
Vacationing on South Padre Island

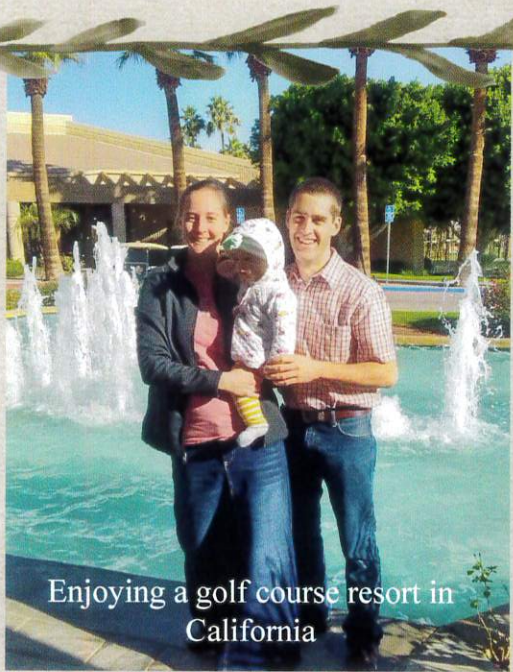


Enjoying a Bed & Breakfast retreat

Spending time together keeps us connected & our marriage strong. We love the outdoors, eating out, DQ cookie dough blizzards (Jodi's favorite), & apple crisp dessert (Michael's favorite)! Cheeseburger pizza from our local coffee shop is a frequent hit! Some of our favorite pastimes are: enjoying activities with our daughter, spending time with friends and family on the lake, grilling & campfires on our large backyard patio. In the summer we enjoy landscaping, gardening, & going for walks. We have traveled to many different states across the USA with Florida as our favorite spot! On our vacations, Jodi enjoys relaxing on the beach, while Michael likes to check out the scenery and find things to do and see! We built a new home in 2022 and are enjoying our lake view and country acreage. We have a mini horse and hope to get sheep and a puppy soon to add to our barnyard! Its rewarding to see the excitement little "pets" can bring to children!

Always fun together





Enjoying a golf course resort in California



Vacationing at the Grand Canyon, Arizona



We love hosting slumber parties, back patio camp-outs and picnics! Reading books by the fire, laughing with family or eating a late night smoothie makes these all very memorable! When the skies are sunny and the weather warm we enjoy riding our four wheeler around our country acreage. We all enjoy singing & Michael enjoys playing the guitar & trumpet. The Christmas season is our favorite holiday as we enjoy shopping & finding that perfect gift! We usually celebrate with a meal together & then open our gifts around our fireplace. Fall is our favorite weather season as we enjoy biking in town, helping with harvest, & the rich smell of fresh pumpkin pie!

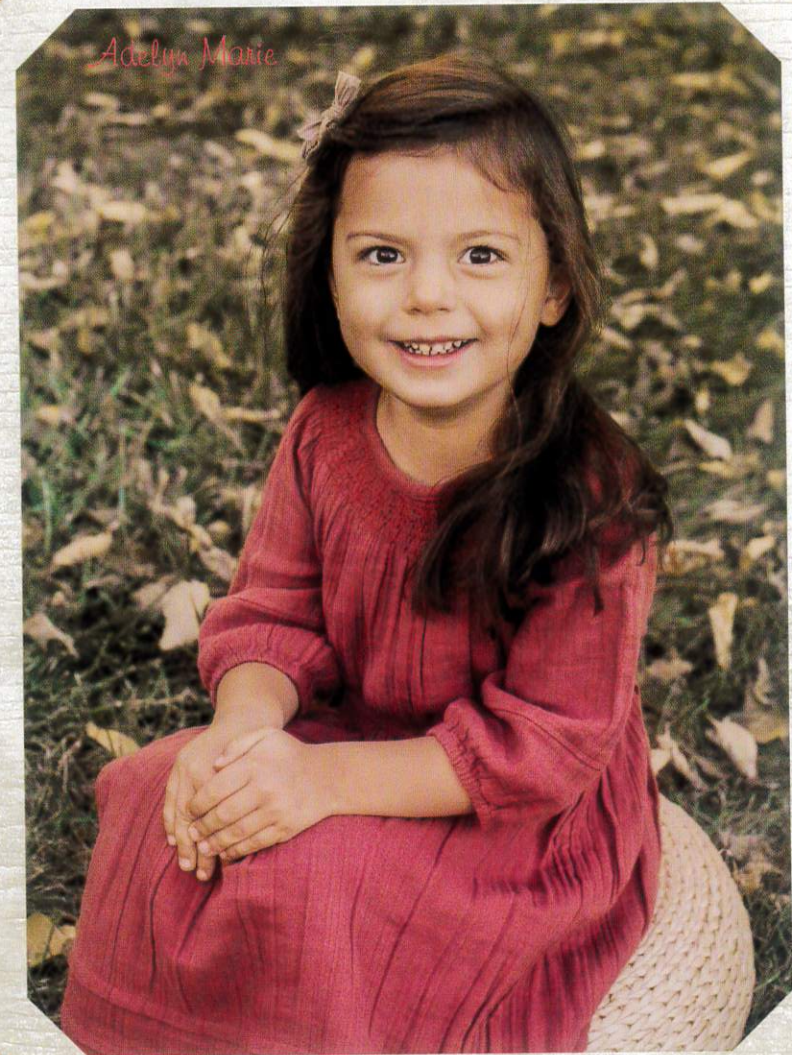
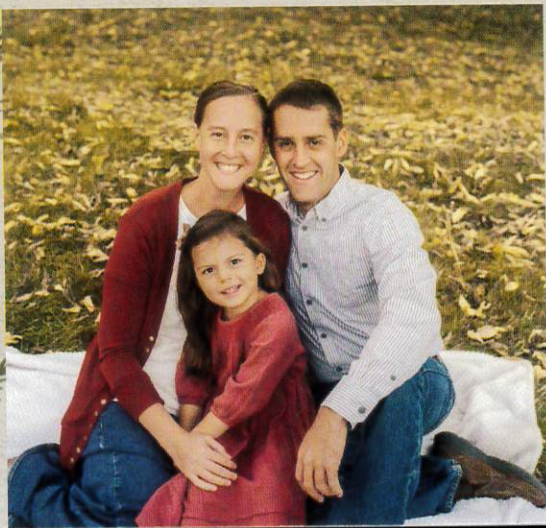




Patio breakfast at Isle Grand Resort,
Texas



Tent-camping in
Branson Missouri



Adelyn Marie

Adelyn Marie, joined our family circle by adoption in February of 2019. Her happy out-going personality is a joy to everyone! She loves reading books, art and crafts, singing, the outdoors, swimming, and dolls! We enjoy her energetic & cheerful nature and know that she will love being a big sister!

Jodi & Adelyn enjoying the beach in Texas



Jodi is my best friend, my companion. She is a great listener, energetic, well organized, and out going. She is a happy, affectionate person, with hugs for all! She'll frequently take cookies or a fresh loaf of bread to our neighbors and enjoys making homemade donuts! Jodi comes from a large family and has a great relationship with them. Most of her family lives within 10 miles of us as we frequently get together for picnics, campfires, birthdays, walks & family time! Her oldest brother and his family live in IL and her sister is a teacher in Washington. Jodi loves being a mother and spending time doing activities with Adelyn. She always finds a way to incorporate fun whether its with baking in the kitchen, making play-dough balls, "hide & seek" games, treasure hunts, or crafts and stickers. Jodi is the Coordinator for our local Library Preschool Story Hour Program. Jodi enjoys baking in her kitchen & experimenting with new recipes! She keeps busy at home with Adelyn and book-keeping for our Ag Repair Shop. She also enjoys helping at community events. She helps with the City Blood Drive and volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program. Once a month she organizes Play Group for area mothers at the local nursing home. Adelyn also enjoys these outings and her cheerful smile helps brighten everyone's day! Jodi loves home improvement ideas & has painted an assortment of projects! Jodi is a compassionate mother, a loyal friend, and her cheerful nature is a joy to be around. Jodi plans to continue to stay-at-home and enjoy these precious years with her children.

About Jodi: what Michael says



Enjoying a few rounds in the truck before story-time!

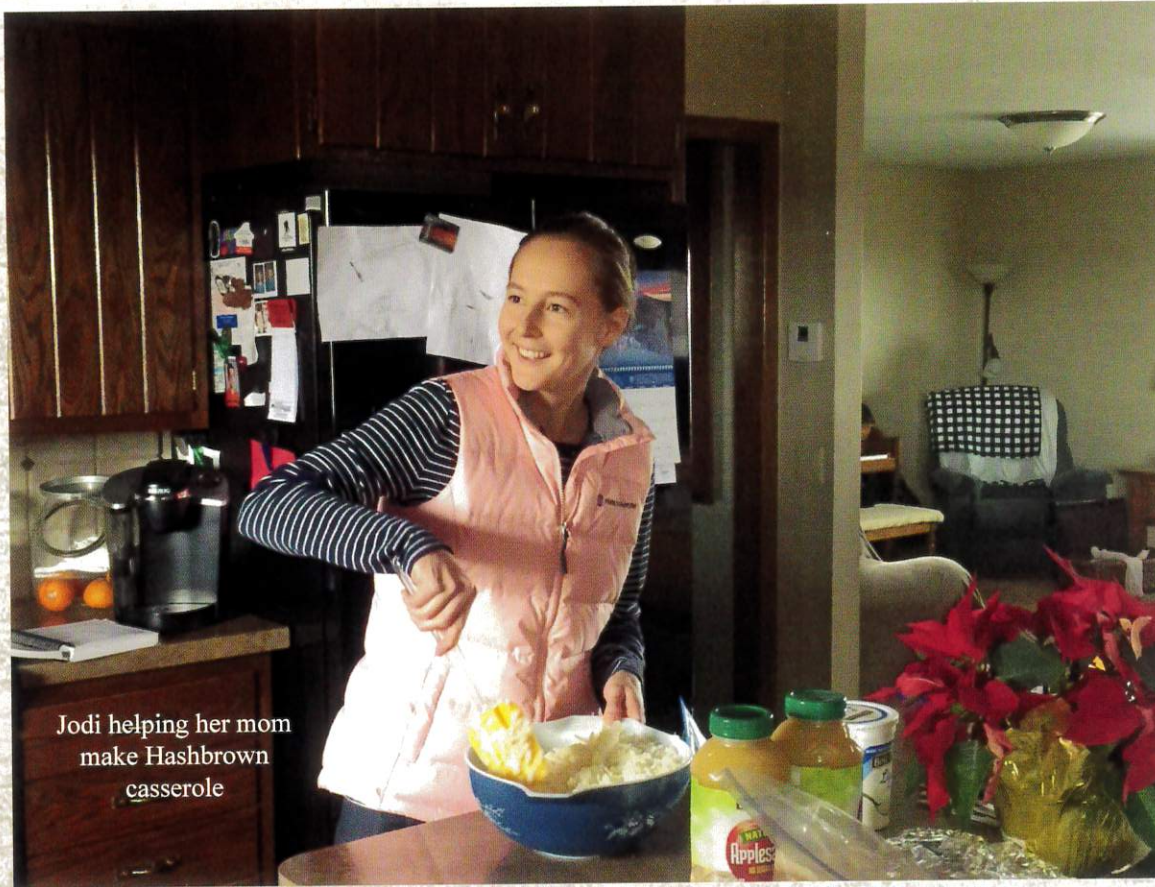


Above: One of our favorite things to do is shop and then eat out together!



Upper left: Jodi celebrating a birthday with sisters & a shopping trip!
Middle: Special time with Adelyn & Jodi
Bottom left: Niece Sophie takes private sewing lessons from Jodi

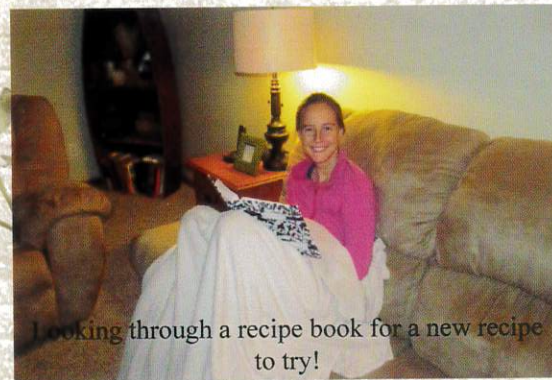




Jodi helping her mom
make Hashbrown
casserole



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Looking through a recipe book for a new recipe
to try!



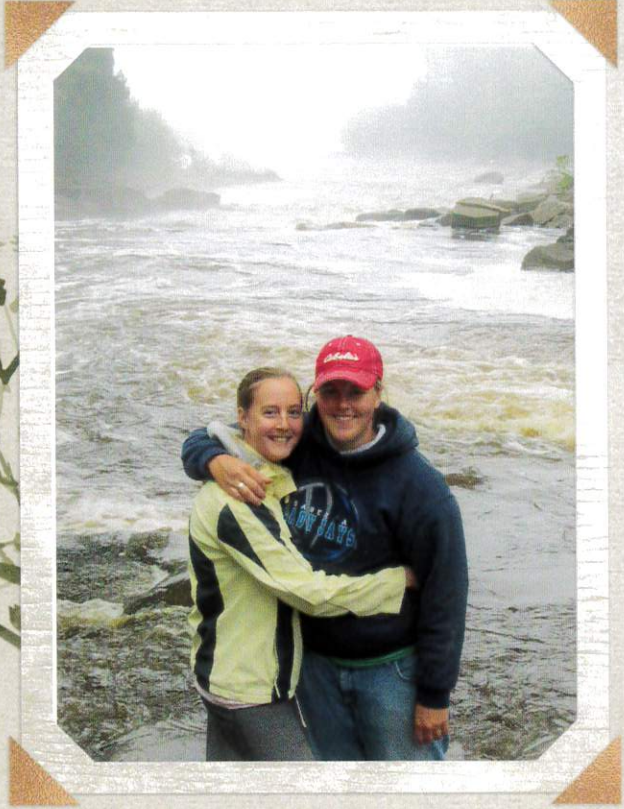
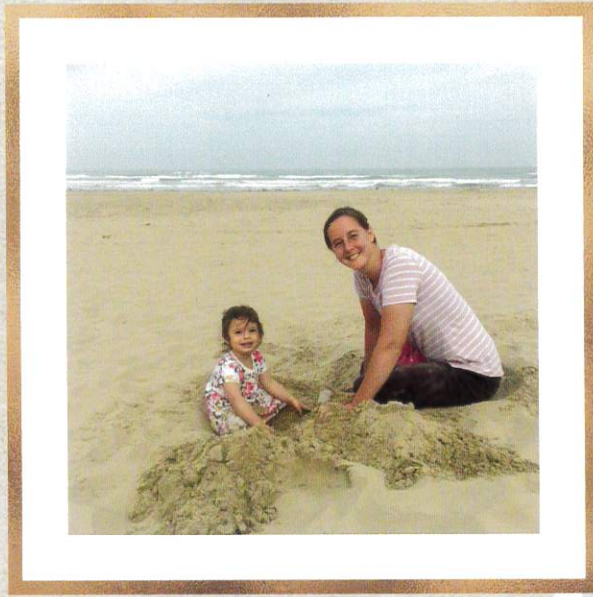
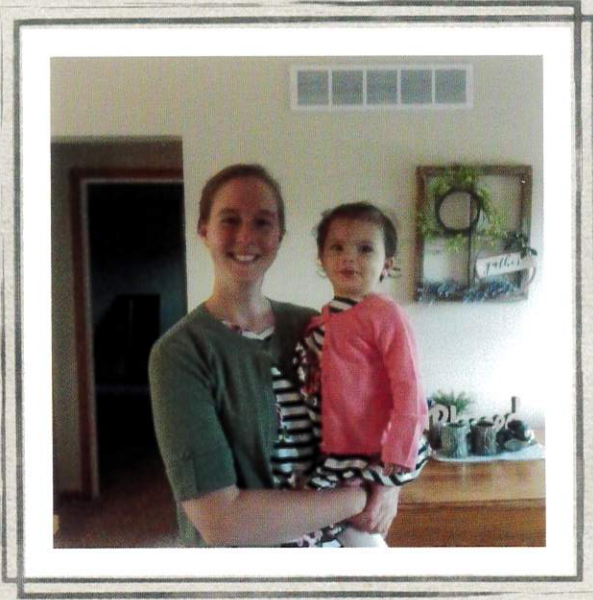
Enjoying the
sunny skies of
California with
Adelyn



Enjoying hot dogs and marshmallows on a camping trip with Jodi's sister Julie



Roasting marshmallows with Daddy!



BE IN LOVE WITH EVERY
MINUTE OF LIFE

- Top Left: Jodi sewed matching mother-daughter shirts
- Top Right: Jodi and Adelyn building sand castles
- Left: Hiking near Duluth Minnesota with sister Julie
- Right Top: Enjoying a four wheeler ride together
- Right Middle: More special time with Adelyn & mommy
- Right Bottom: Jodi & sister-in-law Lena enjoying San Antonio, Texas



About Michael: what Jodi says



Enjoying a relaxing
afternoon out on the lake



Michael holding newborn
daughter Adelyn

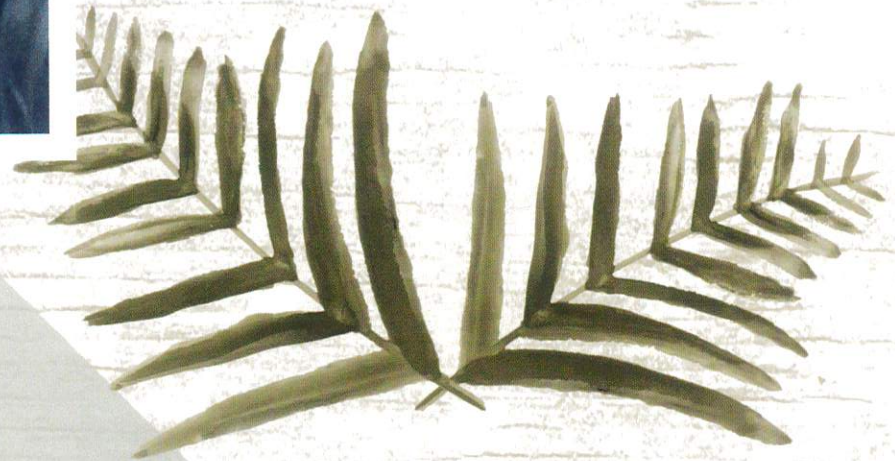
When I think of Michael the words "easy going" and "loving" come to mind. He faces life's adventures with a calm reassuring nature. Michael values deep family connections & adores his daughter Adelyn. With his nurturing personality & warm smile, he is a wonderful role model for children. Michael enjoys singing, music, and playing the guitar, harmonica, & trumpet. The outdoors, hunting, camping, and mechanics are a few of his favorite pastimes. Often Adelyn wants to be trailing close behind! He is a very positive person and is always there for me! Michael thinks the best of everyone and truly cares about each person he meets. He is gentle, considerate, and protective. Most of his large extended family is from Minnesota, except two sisters and a brother from Illinois. Michael is a Certified Mechanic and owns & operates an agriculture repair shop near our home. He also has farmland that he enjoys taking care of. His agriculture repair business is family-friendly as Adelyn and Jodi are frequent guests. He has very flexible hours and can come & go as needed. His quick smile and cheerful willingness to help others makes him a wonderful dad, husband, & friend.

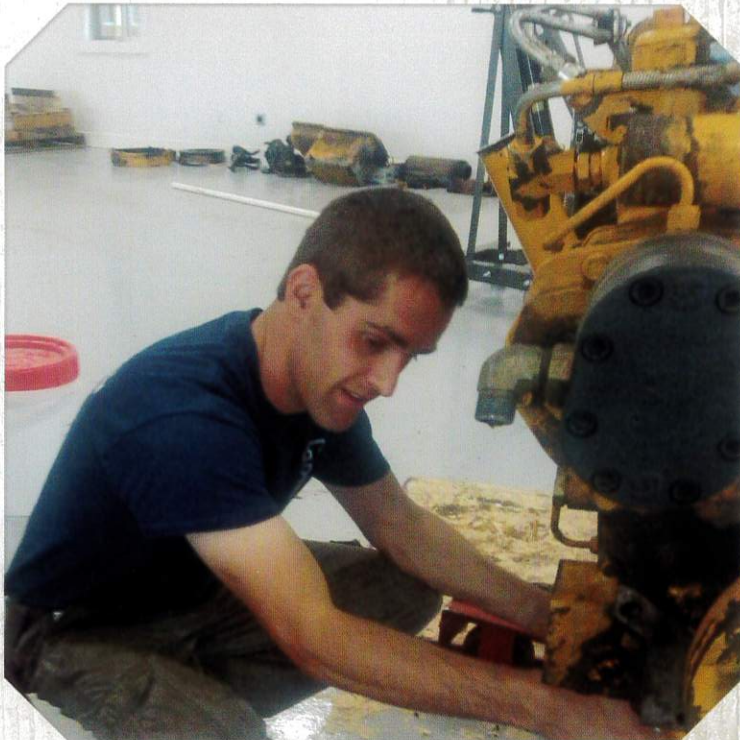


Roasting hot dogs while tent camping with family

the **LOVE** *of a* **FAMILY**
IS ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST BLESSINGS

LAUGH OFTEN
—❤—
LOVE ALWAYS





Left: Overhauling an engine for a customer
Right: Michael & Adelyn reading books together!





Enjoying water-table playtime
with Adelyn on our patio



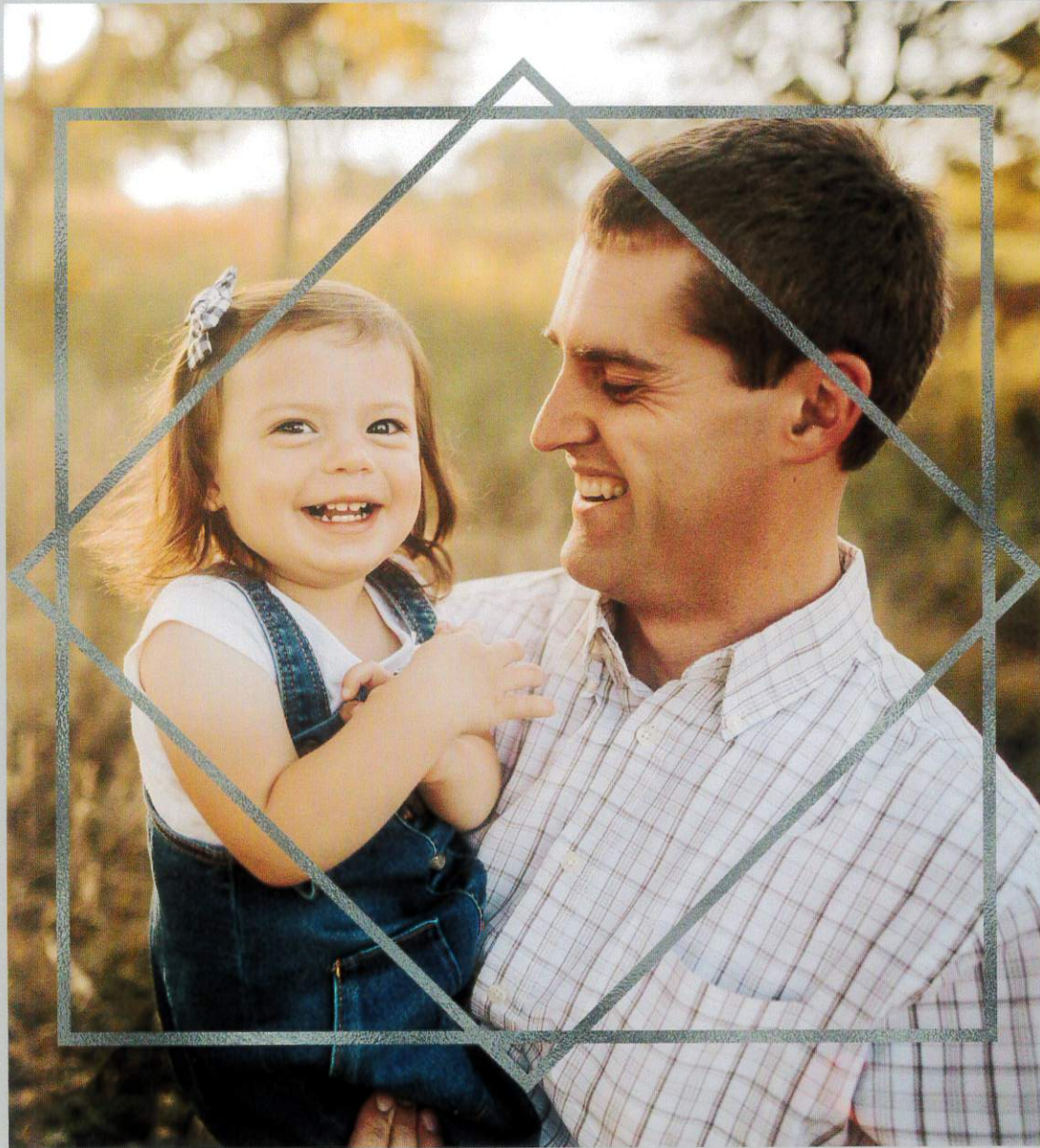
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Working in his shop... Adelyn loves "helping" her daddy!



Adelyn and Michael spending a relaxing afternoon together.



Left: Special time with Michael & Adelyn
Top: Making a delicious waffle breakfast.
Michael enjoys his time spent in the kitchen
helping prepare meals, grilling, smoking meat,
& sampling cookies!





1. Getting ready to make fresh apple cider!

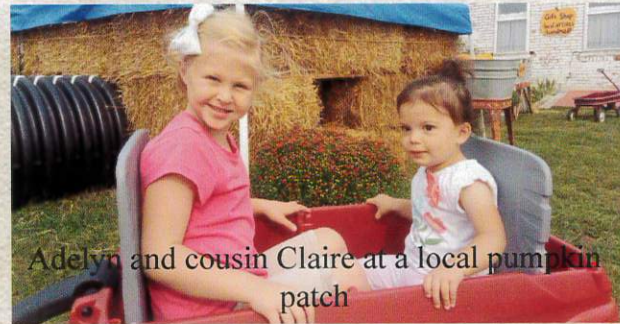
2. Michael & nephew Dustin, out on a snowmobile ride! We gets lots of requests for rides like this!

3. Adelyn taking mini horse lessons. We have a Miniature Horse named Patty that she loves riding around our pasture!





Playing Red Rover on family vacation



Adelyn and cousin Claire at a local pumpkin patch



Eating out with Grandpa!

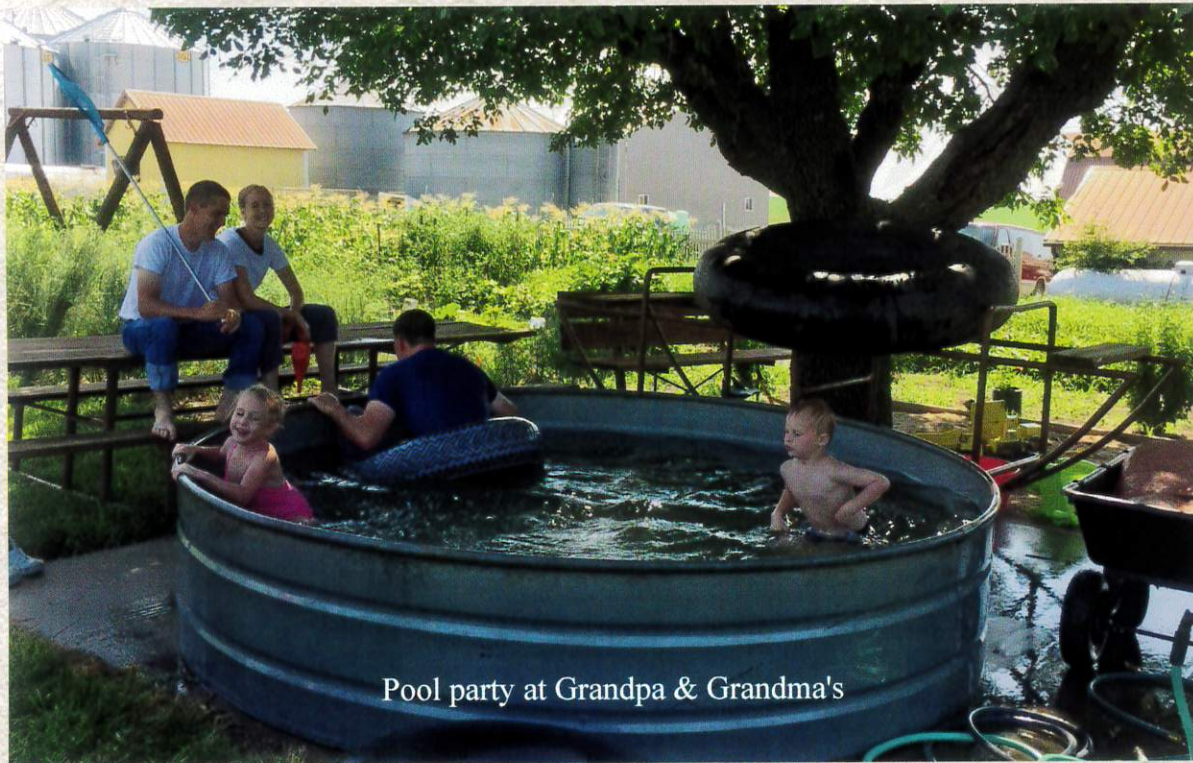


Family vacation in Iowa

To us, a support network must include family & friends that care and love you unconditionally. Both of us grew up in stable two-parent homes and are in constant contact with our families. Our support comes from Jodi's family (most live within a few miles of us), Michael's family (from MN & IL), numerous friends, and our church family. We enjoy spending Sundays with our church family. Friends & family are always checking up on each other and bringing meals to each other. Your child will enjoy these precious blessings as we have a close family bond and many close uncles, aunts, cousins, & friends. Our desire would be that through our strong support system your child may feel secure, treasured, and most of all loved by many!



Top Left: Family trip to the zoo with cousins
Top Right: Play date with friends!



Pool party at Grandpa & Grandma's



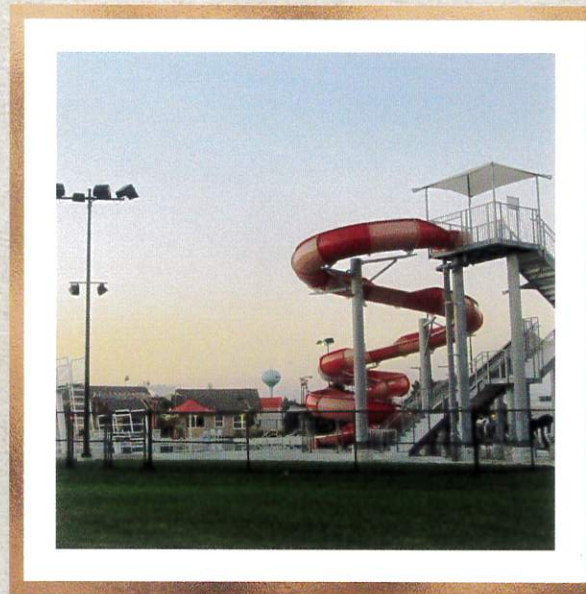
Christmas time with Jodi's family.



Getting ready with cousins for a day trip to the zoo!

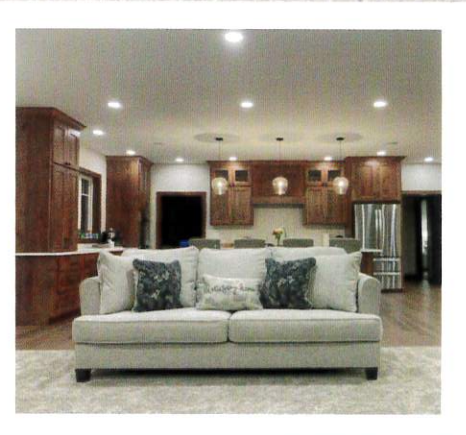
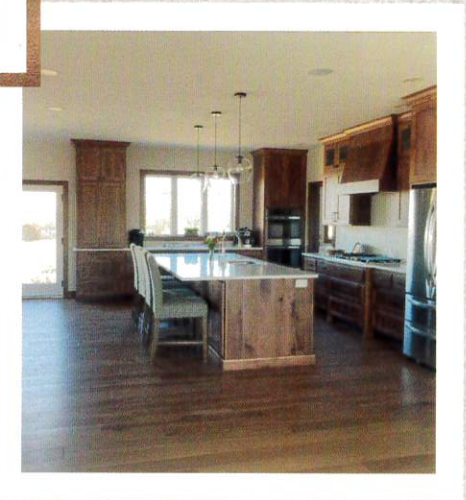


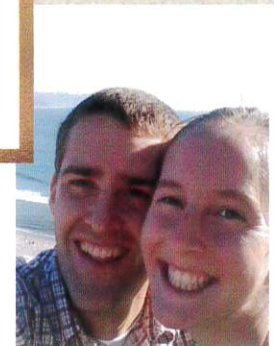
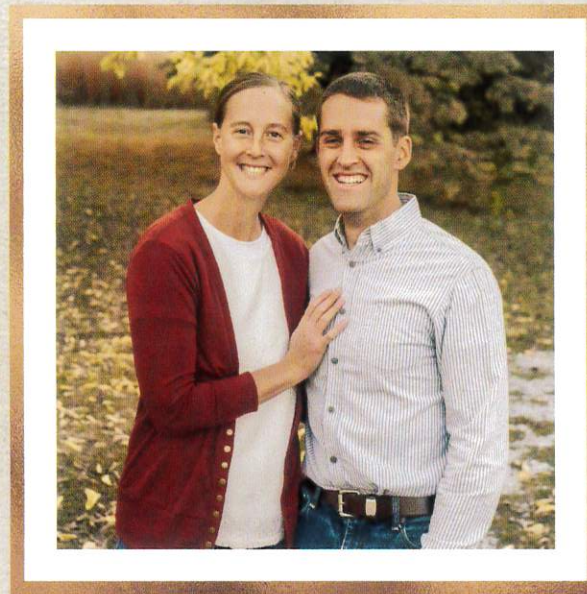
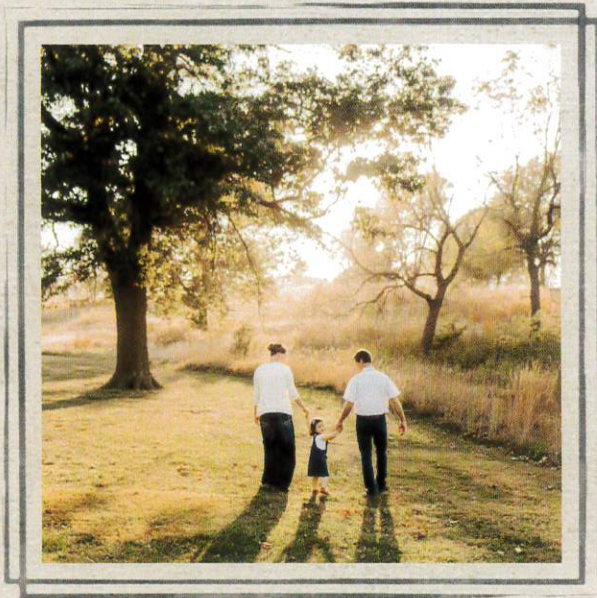
Grabbing pizza at the airport on our return flight home from Arizona!



Our Home & Community

We built our home in 2022, with 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and a full finished downstairs. One of our favorite rooms is the kitchen where we bake and eat our meals together! Our living room is another favorite where we enjoy our large fireplace, play games, and read books! Our large backyard has a swing set, garden & lots of room for kickball! We have a large pasture that is home to a mini horse and several chickens! Within a short distance are many friends and family with smiles, warm hospitality, and kind deeds. We live in a farming community and are close to a public K-12 school, playgrounds, splash park, aquatic center, & indoor wellness pool. We have several "Event" centers that frequently host community & family events.





Our Wish For Your Child

We enjoy and are grateful for the high calling of parenthood! As we hope & dream of the future, we plan to continue to travel & take vacations with our children. Our church family is part of our community support and we hope to teach our children basic values of faith, family, & friends. With our extended families we hope to give our children many fond memories of a happy, peaceful, secure, childhood. Our families adore Adelyn and are waiting with open arms to welcome another child we are fortunate to adopt. Parenting our children with consistent honesty, integrity, responsibility, and openness is important to us. We hope to guide & give them the independence to face life's challenges. Education is very important to us & if college is desired we would support that. We look forward to helping & support our children develop their own unique skills and interest. Our support can be in many ways: financially, listening, guiding, helping find resources, etc. We want to be a family that laughs together, cries together, prays together, and stays together! Truly, a happy family is one of a child's greatest support system! In closing, we want to say a heartfelt "thank you" for taking the time to catch a glimpse into our lives. We admire and love you and want you to know that you will be regarded with love and respect always in our home. Words cannot express our deep appreciation for you and for the little footprints that will walk in our hearts forever.

Lovingly, Michael & Jodi

