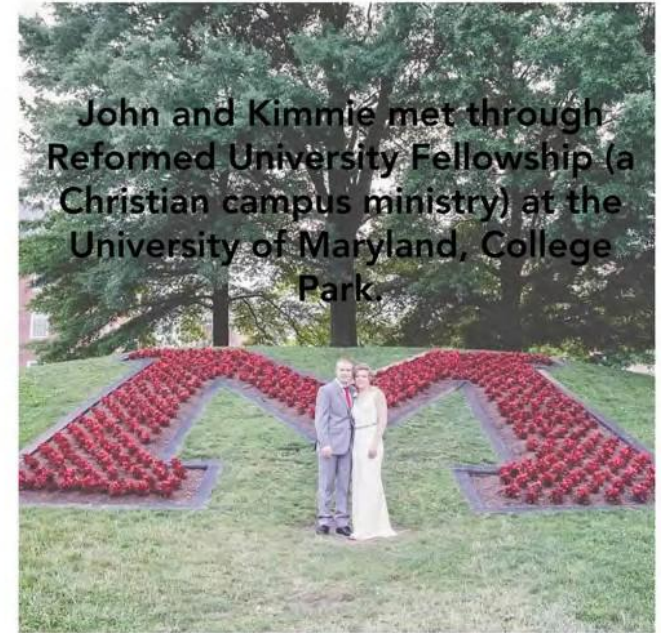


John & Kimmie's
adoption book



John and Kimmie met through Reformed University Fellowship (a Christian campus ministry) at the University of Maryland, College Park.



After dating for 3 years, John and Kimmie tied the knot in May 2017.



KIMMIE'S FAMILY HISTORY

Kimmmie grew up in Potomac, Maryland. Her parents are still married and living in her childhood home. She has two brothers who are married and live within 20 minutes of her parents.

Growing up, Kimmmie enjoyed attending church youth group, reading, writing, and playing sports (soccer, track & field, basketball, and swimming). She became a big fan of D.C. United soccer and Washington Commanders.

Kimmmie's maternal grandparents (bottom picture) and extended family live in Portland, Oregon. She visited them every few years. During the other summers, Kimmmie's family visited her paternal grandparents in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Nowadays, Kimmmie stays in touch with her family via text, phone call, and social media. She also tries to visit her family every year.



JOHN'S FAMILY HISTORY

John was born in Houston, Texas. He attended elementary school in Sugar Land before moving to Annapolis, Maryland. His brother (Paul) and sister (Caroline) were born shortly after the move. His parents are still married; the family has since moved back to Texas.

Growing up, John enjoyed attending Civil Air Patrol (CAP), reading, watching Star Wars, participating in musicals, and playing sports (lacrosse and soccer). He became a big fan of Houston Astros and Houston Texans.

John's paternal grandparents (bottom picture) live in Maryland. John's maternal grandfather lives in Sugar Land, Texas. Growing up, he visited both sets of grandparents every year.

Nowadays, John stays in touch with his family via text, phone calls, and video calls. He also tries to visit his family every year.





**EDUCATION
AND WORK
HISTORY**



Before the wedding, Kimmie graduated from University of Maryland with her M.Ed. in Special Education. John also finished boot camp and technical training school with the United States Air Force. We moved in together at our first duty station in Fairborn, Ohio.



In Ohio, John worked at the National Air & Space Intelligence Center; he earned Airman of the Year for his local Air Force Base. Kimmie worked as an Intervention Specialist at a Fairborn High School; she earned Teacher of the Quarter.





In May of 2019, we moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kimmie worked as a special education teacher in a transition classroom. John became an officer and started working as an engineer in the USAF.



(left page) In New Mexico, we were active in our local church. Kimmie participated in the Women's Ministry and volunteered as a Youth Group Leader. (right page). John started an MBA Program through Indiana University. He volunteered as a youth mentor with Civil Air Patrol. Kimmie volunteered with Kirtland Spouses' Club.





In May 2022, we moved to Las Vegas. Kimmie worked as a Disability Specialist at UNLV. John works at Nellis AFB as a test engineer for the F-15 fighter aircraft. In May 2023, he received a promotion to Captain and graduated from Indiana University with his MBA.







We are members of a church and host a bible study in our home. John plays piano for the Sunday services, and Kimmie volunteers with the youth group.

In April 2023, we began fostering with Clark County Department of Family Services. Kimmie transitioned to a stay at home mom role; she has also found time to continue her passion for writing and selling educational materials.



HOBBIES & FREE TIME



When we ¹re not working or volunteering, we have plenty of hobbies that keep us busy! We enjoy going to the movies.



We enjoy visiting local museums, attending musicals and the symphony, and playing board games.





We love supporting our local sports teams. Our favorite sports are baseball and soccer, but no team is off limits!

We like to stay active, even in our recreation.

Some leisure activities we have enjoyed include mini golf, hiking, bowling, and ice skating.



Fitness is a major priority for both of us. John prefers strength training and Kimmie enjoys completing road races. We also love ¹¹ playing tourist ¹¹ in our current town.





Wherever we go,
community and family is
very important to us.



We have great
relationships with both of
our families, and they
have have been very
supportive of our
adoption journey. We
look forward to growing
our little family!

