

# Crystal & Sherwin





It's so nice to  
meet you!



# Hello!

## WE ARE CRYSTAL & SHERWIN!

As we write this letter to you we want you to know that you are BRAVE, you are STRONG, you are COURAGEOUS! We cannot imagine the overwhelming emotions you might be feeling as you consider adoption for your baby. Our hope is that as you read our profile it will give you a small glimpse into who we are as a couple, as parents and some of our fun family traditions we have started along the way.

We welcomed our first son Liam into our home through adoption in January of 2015 and our second son Theo in March of 2020 through adoption as well. It is very important to us that our kiddos know who they are and where they came from and that their birthparents love them unconditionally. Liam's birthmom enjoys pictures and letters to keep up with how he is doing and Theo's birthdad and grandmother enjoy monthly updates and 1 visit per year.

**Depending on your level of comfort, we envision getting to know you while you are pregnant through weekly texts or emails. once your baby has arrived we will continue weekly updates for the first 3 months then monthly after that. we are open to 3 in person visits the first year and then one visit per year thereafter (as well as 1 to 2 virtual visits)**

Our family is beyond excited for the possibility of adding another sweet baby into our home to love on and care for. What a great honor it is that you are even considering us as potential parents for your child and we look forward to the possibility of embarking on this journey with you.



# OUR story

Sherwin and I have known each other since we were young kids, we attended the same church as well as the same school. It wasn't until high school that we started to take an interest in each other. He would pick me up on his motorcycle and we would go to the local coffee shop and get lost in conversation for hours. We enjoyed going rollerblading, biking, miniature golfing, bowling and just about any adventure that we could do together.



We dated 3 years before tying the knot on April 30th, 2005.

We had a chilly late April wedding with all of our closest family and friends by our sides to love and celebrate with us. We went to Cancun, Mexico for one week to celebrate our honeymoon.





## WHAT LEAD US TO adoption?

As a couple we have always enjoyed kids and knew one day we wanted to have a family of our own. Little did we know that God had different plans for us and having biological children was not one of them. After 7 years of infertility, we finally gave ourselves a break from all the doctoring. Several months later and with lots of prayer we both felt God leading us towards adoption. In 2015, we started our adoption journey and today we have 2 handsome little boys that we cannot imagine life without. We have learned so much along the way on how to love and support our boys and we are prepared and ready to add to our family again!

In 2022 we started the adoption process for our 3rd child. While waiting, Sherwin began to have some medical issues so we chose to step back for a bit. He has recovered and is doing amazing, and so we are once again excited and ready to move forward with adding to our family!



“Crystal is loving, kind, compassionate, hard working and supports me in my decisions.”



# Meet Crystal!

I grew up in northern Indiana on a large farm and so from a young age my parents instilled in me the quality of hard work, this is a trait I hope to pass on to our kids. Soon after we were married I went to college and got my cosmetology degree. I have been doing hair for 15 years, when we built our home we designed a salon so that I could still do what I love but also be a stay at home mom. In my free time I enjoyed baking, being in my garden, playing with our dogs, going for walks, being with friends and spending quality time with my family.

In Sherwin's words:

What I admire most about Crystal is the way she handles the curveballs life has thrown her way. She has had many reasons to be frustrated but watching her lean into her faith to get through it is truly inspiring. The way she drops everything to take our boys to soccer practice, T-ball practice or school events, or just a fun visit to the local parks, her natural motherly instincts are very evident and I enjoy spending my days with her.



# Meet Sherwin!

I grew up in northern Indiana and I am the oldest of 3 siblings. I grew up helping my dad with his furniture business during my high school career. Through the years I developed a love for mechanics, I took a college course and got my degree in mechanics along with several other certifications as well. With lots of studying and hard work I am now the owner of my own shop which is located at our home. In my free time I enjoy playing video games with my boys, having a good meal, being with friends and relaxing at home with my family.

In Crystal's words:

What I admire most about Sherwin is his servant's heart! He loves to be able to lend a helping hand. I love watching him play with our boys even when the day has been long and there doesn't seem to be enough hours in a day. The patience and love he shows to them is so evident and it fills my heart with so much joy and I wouldn't want to do life's journey with anyone else.

“Sherwin is kind, caring, loves life and truly is a joy to spend time with.”



# Meet our boys!



**Liam** is a typical 8 year old boy. He loves all things sports, getting dirty, having friends over, pool parties and pulling pranks. School is not his favorite but he is very smart. Liam has a love for all things history, especially when it comes to the Titanic. You can ask him almost any question about the historical event and he will most likely have the answer for you. Liam is so excited to be a big brother again and add another sibling to our fun loving tribe.

**Theo** is our energetic 3 year old who loves life to the fullest and doesn't miss a beat. He is a natural born leader but when it comes to his older brother he wants to be just like him. Theo loves to play in the kitchen, be outside, play with his friends and do crafts. I love his imagination and all the fun places it takes him. We know Theo is going to be an amazing big brother! He loves snuggling babies and giving them a bottle. He prays every night that Jesus will bring him a baby brother or sister.











# HOME SWEET home



We built our house in 2008 in a quiet country setting. We designed a two-story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath craftsman style home nestled back in the woods. Our home sits on a 3 acre lot, so we have lots of space to play and explore! We have a spacious living room and kitchen area. The boys bedrooms are upstairs along with the play area. Crystal is a cosmetologist, so we have an in-home salon. The porch in the front of our home is one of our favorite places to relax on a warm summer evening watching our kids play basketball.

With living close to Crystal's family and the added bonus of having amazing neighbors we are extremely blessed to live in such a safe and friendly area. We have a large backyard with a swing set that the kids can run and play in as well as our pets. We have 4-wheeler trails going through our woods that lead to Crystal's sister's house and you can also get to her parents house as well through the fields without having to cross any streets. ***It's such a wonderful childhood opportunity for them to have family so close!***





We make the  
most of every  
day life!



Friday nights are known as "Pizza Friday." Our boys get so excited because they get to choose what kind of pizza we order, what they get to drink, what movie we will watch and how late they stay up (within reason!) On Saturdays, we sleep in and have a relaxing morning, depending on the season we will go out and do some yard work and we follow it up with an intense game of basketball or soccer. If it's cold outside we stay in and do our daily house cleaning and get back on track with organizing all the things that didn't happen during the summer months. On Sundays, we all go to church and have a family lunch. Later in the evening, we either go to Crystal's parents' house or Sherwin's parents' house and then it's off to start another week.





"Joy is a decision,  
a really brave one, about how you're  
going to respond to life." -Wess Stafford



# OUR friends

We have been beyond blessed with an amazing support system of friends and community. We enjoy going out on double dates, doing crazy dress up Christmas traditions and enjoying each others company at one of our homes. Within our group of friends, we have another couple who has 2 adopted children as well one a transracial adoptee and one a biracial adoptee. This makes our relationship even stronger because we have lifelong support of each other to help our kids thrive. We also attend a large community church that has accepted us as well as our kids with a warm smile, open arms and are excited for us to add another child to our family and the best part is it is very diverse in age and racial backgrounds.







# MEET OUR furbaby family



**Belle** is one of our oldest girls, she just turned 6 and she is one of the biggest reasons we fell in love with Golden Retrievers. She is super sweet and thinks she is a lap dog.

**Oakley** is our dark red beauty and always wants to please. She is super gentle and loving especially when it comes to kids.



**Pippa** is our younger doggie we have, she is 1 ½ and loves to play and chase balls around the yard.

**Gracie** is our small lap dog, she is almost 7 and loves our boys, loves to please and will do anything for a treat.



Golden retrievers are amazing family dogs, they have a very gentle spirit which is great especially if you have kids. Our boys love to help us take care of them and spend lots of time playing with and loving on them.





# OUR TRAVELS

Our favorite trip to date as a family has been our 2 week stay at a cabin in Tennessee. We had a hot tub on our deck that overlooked the mountains and it was absolutely beautiful. We went to Dollywood and the Titanic Museum (of course!) and we ate lots of amazing food along the way. We also enjoy going to Crystal's parents' vacation home in florida which is a much more laid back type of fun. We look forward to traveling with a new little one in the near future!







## MEET OUR EXTENDED family!

**Crystal's Family** | I am the youngest of 6 siblings. I have 2 older sisters and 3 older brothers. All of my siblings live within 5 miles of us, except my oldest sister who lives 20 min away. My family has the tradition of getting together every Sunday evening for fun, games and food. This is always a crazy loud fun time together. I have 14 nieces and nephews, 4 of whom are adopted (biracial) so we have lots of cousin time.



**Sherwin's Family |** My younger sister and her family live in Delaware. She is a RN and her husband is a CRNA. They have 3 kids; 2 girls and a boy. My youngest brother and his family live within 30 min of us. He helps run his wife's family business. They have 3 kids; 2 boys and a girl. Whether they travel our direction or we travel out to them we always try to get together for all the big holidays Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. Every July 4th week is another time that we spend lots of time together doing fun outdoor activities. The kids always look forward to the day that we rent a huge water slide and a bounce house. We all gather at our place and have a day of fun, laughter, food and just being silly.









# our promises

We promise to love and support your child unconditionally.

We promise to help your child achieve their dreams.

We promise to speak highly of you.

We promise to teach them to lean on God for help in the  
good times and bad.

Most of all we promise to provide a loving and safe home for your child. We promise a home where they can feel comfortable enough to come to us with all their highs, all their lows, all their questions, all their fears and just all the things that life throws their way. We promise to raise them in a way that they become successful adults and with your help we can get there because we are a TEAM!

**CRYSTAL, SHERWIN,  
LIAM AND THEO**





# Adoption



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