

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Michael and Ricardo



Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are extremely pleased you are considering us and welcome you into this new and exciting chapter of our lives. We are grateful you love your unborn child so much you are considering an adoption plan for him or her. If you choose us, please know you will always be a welcome part of this child's life. We believe children cannot have too many people in their life who love them. Our vision is an open adoption and a situation where everyone feels comfortable.

We both have experiences working with children. Michael was an educator for 15 years and has worked with students of all ages. Michael was adopted as a child and is the oldest of five. His is an open adoption as well and he would visit his birth mother and half-siblings on the weekends. Ricardo, being the oldest of three, helped raise his siblings who are eight and ten years younger. In addition, Ricardo's mother is a Montessori preschool teacher. Over the years, he has been an assistant in her classroom, working one-on-one with various students. Family is very important to us, and we host monthly get-togethers. We love to spend time outdoors and enjoy tending to our flower and vegetable gardens, as well as spending the evening around the fire pit.

It is our promise to provide our children with unconditional love, a safe and stable environment, and a good education. We want to foster a love of learning, a respect of other cultures, and an appreciation for diversity. We cannot thank you enough for the journey you are embarking on and look forward to meeting you.

About Michael

- **Age:** 44 years old
- **Work:** Banking Analyst
- **Favorite Food:** Biscuits and gravy
- **Favorite Movie Genre:** RomComs and tearjerkers
- **Favorite Song:** Hymn of the Big Wheel
- **Favorite Book:** Gone with the Wind
- **Dream Vacation:** African Safari
- **Favorite Leisure Activities:** playing pool, crafting, bowling, dancing, attending concerts
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Visiting my extended family in Tennessee. I enjoyed hiking, feeding the livestock, and eating my great-grandmother's home cooking.
- **Fun Fact About Michael:** I love to entertain! Whenever I throw a party, there is always a theme for the event!

About Ricardo

- **Age:** 42 years old
- **Work:** Flight Attendant
- **Favorite Food:** Rice and beans
- **Favorite Movie Genre:** Sci-Fi and action
- **Favorite Music:** Any Latin style, especially Gloria Estefan
- **Favorite Childhood Book:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- **Dream Vacation:** Australia or the Swiss Alps
- **Favorite Leisure Activities:** home improvement and DIY projects, studying about environmentalism and finance
- **Favorite memorable experience:** Seeing and walking on the Great Wall of China. What a surreal moment!
- **Fun fact about Ricardo:** I never shy away from a new adventure! Some of my favorite activities are go-karting, jet-skiing, and kayaking.