Michael & Nara
OUR PROMISE TO LOVE

Blending cultures
AMERICA & KAZAKHSTAN
Hello,

We thank you for taking the time to get to know us and thank you for considering adoption for your child. We know that this must be a challenging and confusing time as you figure out the best option for you and your baby.

We hope that you feel loved and supported wherever you are in your journey. You are proving your love for your baby by looking at your options and exploring adoption. If you choose to make an adoption plan, we assure you that we value your role in your child’s life. We both feel completely open to figuring out open adoption with you and with lots of ongoing communication.

Our hearts are open to caring for and loving a child through all the stages and challenges of life. Please know that you are in our minds and hearts. We want above all else for you to choose what is best for you and for your wonderful child.

Waiting to watch 4th of July Fireworks

On the cover:
(left) We are with Michael's sister, her husband, their children, and Michael's father who all live in Minnesota

(right) With Michael's other sister, her husband, and their son in Chicago
We have been together for over 9 years. We got married knowing that infertility was a part of the picture, and we both wanted to be parents since before we met. We knew adoption probably was in our future when we got engaged. We started talking about it when we were dating and serious. We got married in 2012 and bought our house with hopes to share it with children. Both of us are excited about that!
FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR PASSION

Christmas with Nara's family & friends in our house

Brunch with Michael's parents

Summer hiking with Nara's mother & nephew's family at a lake on vacation in Kazakhstan
About Michael

As a young child, he loved to talk, draw and play outside. He wanted to be an astronaut or an architect, and one of his teachers said, "He has the mind of a scientist and the soul of a poet." He’s a flexible thinker, coming up with lots of creative ideas. Children warm up to and like him very quickly. He likes kids, dogs and cats, but has none right now.

Favorite movies: Second Hand Lions, The Quiet Man, almost anything by Pixar, Marvel or Disney

Favorite song on radio: "Most People Are Good" - Luke Bryan

Siblings: Two younger sisters – one adopted sister and one biological sister

He grew up both in the suburbs and later on a small farm. He loved to visit his grandparents and cousins, going fishing and playing around his uncle's shop. After moving to the farm, he enjoyed the wildness of woods and the old fruit orchard.

Michael goes to church regularly with his wife.

Perfect Day Off:  Sleep a little late, start the day with some brunch and coffee with peppermint, and then read. Go work out, and after lunch go to a movie. Come home and cook together and eat dinner together.

Education: B.S. in Biochemistry

Work: Owns two businesses with his wife, Nara
About Nara

She has many favorite memories growing up playing with her father and siblings in Kazakhstan. Everyone loved each other very much. Nara is the second youngest with two older brothers and two older sisters and one younger sister.

When she was little she dreamed of being a doctor, a pediatrician. She played with her cat and bandaged him up all the time, which he patiently allowed. She loved to read. From those books she got more even dreams and ideas.

Nara really loved her late father. She enjoyed learning and worked hard. She loves teaching.

She loves her mother, her siblings, and her large family with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. She likes to travel with Michael and to cook at home.

Nara enjoys hosting people in her home and making people feel comfortable around her. She makes good friends. She is also more reserved and quiet than Michael, especially at first.

Education: PhD in Linguistics

Work: University lecturer in foreign languages
Our family and home

You've seen photos of Nara with her family and Michael with his family. Nara loves them, and they love her very much, like she loves her family. Michael loves Nara's family, and they love him a lot. We try to visit them every year.

We had a second wedding reception on a warm August day in Kazakhstan for our relatives there. Here is Nara's immediate family with their spouses and younger relatives. One of these children is adopted.

Both of our families are very open and supportive of us adopting a child to love and protect. There is lots of room in our hearts and home and at the park.
This is our promise...

If you choose to, we want you to be a part of your child's life so they can appreciate the tremendous demonstration of love that you have made. Your child will always know where they came from and how much you love them.

More than anything we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally. We promise to provide an upbringing where love, generosity, kindness and respect for others is taught everyday. We promise to encourage your child, expose them to different forms of art, music, dance, sports, education and nature. Through that they will learn to love and appreciate the world and the different people, cultures and places found in it.

Most importantly we promise to encourage your child's dreams and provide the tools and opportunities to be whatever they dream to be. We intend to take turns staying home to raise this child by protecting and providing, by instilling good values, and by being a whole bunch of fun!

We are humbled by the time you've taken to read these words. Thank you for learning about us and our hearts. Whether we are part of your journey or not, we wish you the best of results and would like to pray for you.

Nara & Michael

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