

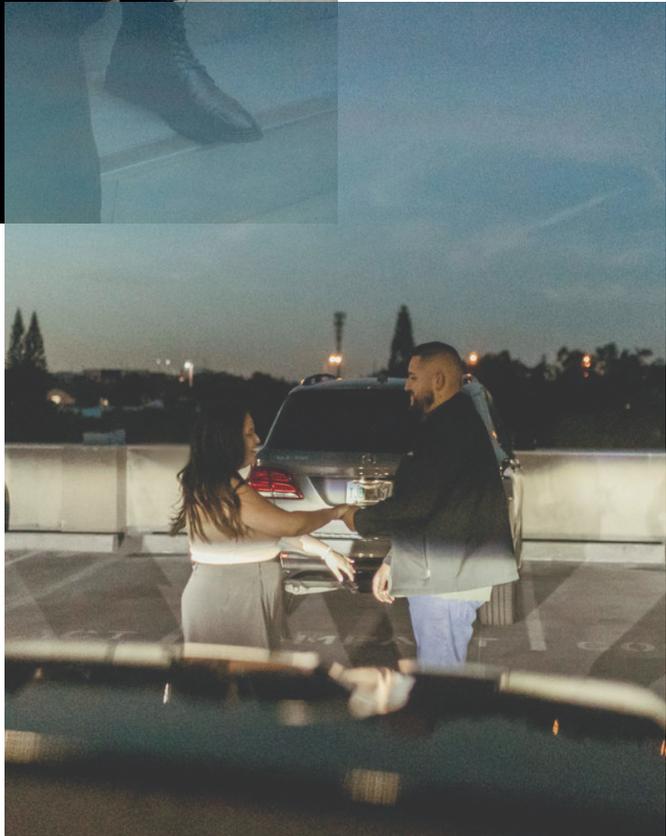


JOSE
+
MICHELLE



HELLO!

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO
MEET YOU. WE HOPE YOU
ENJOY GETTING TO
KNOW US AS YOU FLIP
THROUGH THESE PAGES.



THIS IS US



OUR NOTE TO YOU

As we begin this journey together, we want to express our deepest admiration and respect for the difficult decision you are considering. Your strength and love for your child are truly remarkable, and we are honored to be considered as adoptive parents for your precious little one. Your decision is not taken lightly, and we want to assure you that we are committed to honoring the trust you would place in us. Your child will be surrounded by not just our love, but the love of our entire family and friends who are eagerly awaiting their arrival with open arms.

From the depths of our hearts, we want you to know that if you choose us, your child will be welcomed into a home filled with love, laughter, and endless possibilities. We cannot wait to shower them with affection, support, and all the care they deserve as they grow and thrive in our family. We dream of creating a nurturing environment where your child will feel cherished, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams. We envision a life filled with love, adventures, and countless memories to cherish forever.

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your precious child. We are filled with hope, gratitude, and excitement at the possibility of growing our family through adoption. We promise to cherish and love your child with all our hearts, now and always.

With deepest gratitude and admiration,

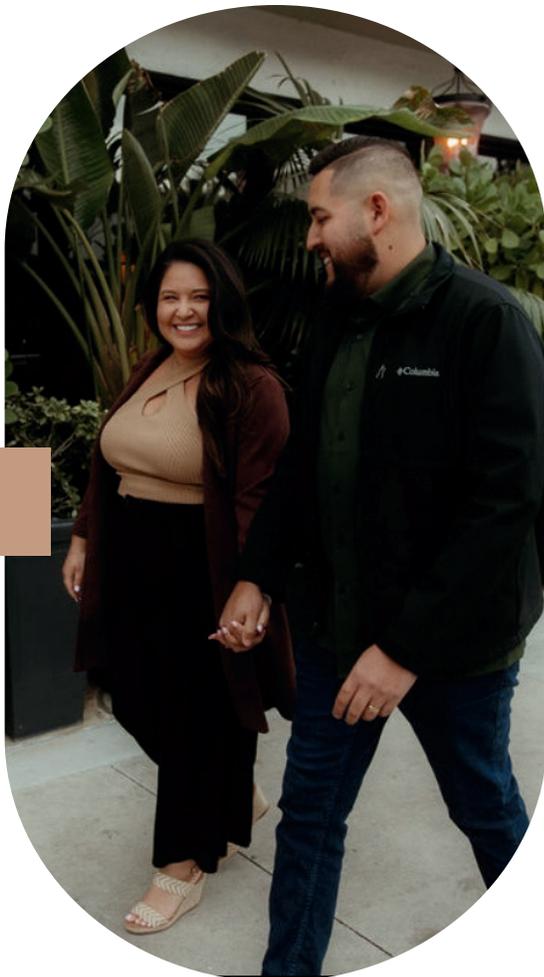
Michelle + Jose



Three years ago, we faced the heartbreak of an ectopic pregnancy and since then, we've struggled with infertility. Despite our efforts, we haven't been able to conceive again. Through prayers and faith, we have peace and joy knowing that God has redirected our steps and led us to have a heart for adoption.

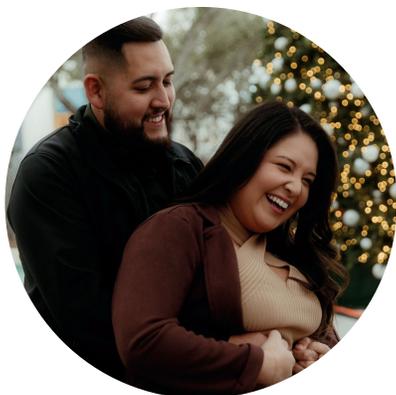


OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION



We chose adoption because we believe it's part of our calling to love and serve others, as God calls us to do. We strongly believe that every child deserves a caring and safe home environment where they can thrive. Witnessing the positive impact adoption had on my family firsthand, both for the child and the birth mother, reinforced our belief in its power to bring joy and peace to all involved.

For us, adoption is about extending God's love and compassion to those in need, providing a loving and safe haven for a child to grow and flourish. We believe that through adoption, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, while also experiencing the profound blessings that come from opening our hearts and home to a child in need.



OUR VALUES

LOVE

We believe in treating others with compassion and empathy.

INTEGRITY

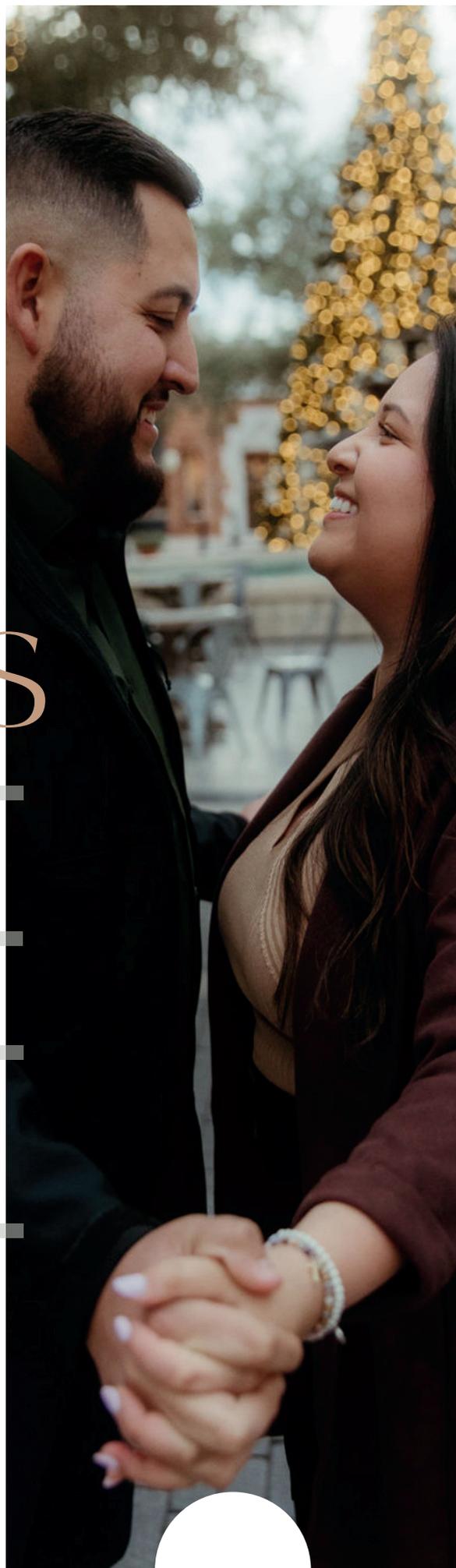
Honesty is the foundation of trust in our family.

GRATITUDE

We believe in practicing gratitude daily, acknowledging the blessings in our lives and expressing appreciation for each other.

GROWTH + LEARNING

Continuous growth and learning are integral to our family's values. We embrace new experiences, seek knowledge, and encourage personal development in ourselves and our children.



OUR LOVE STORY



Our story began when we were just twelve years old, meeting at church and growing up together as friends. We ended up going to the same high school and college, always surrounded by the same circle of friends. Throughout those years, we watched each other grow up and even dated other people, going to prom with the same friend group, never realizing the deep connection we were going to have years later.

In college, I had a terrible car accident. Jose and a few of our friends would drive me to physical therapy, school, and back home. Through that situation, I was able to see Jose in a different form than just a friend. He became my unwavering support, driving me everywhere, making sure I never felt alone in my recovery. It was during this time that I began to recognize his protective nature, his caring demeanor, and his unwavering respect.

We officially started dating a few months after my accident. We were both eighteen at the time; still navigating full time school and working part-time jobs. Our dates were simple yet filled with meaning - from trips to Costco for their affordable cafeteria food to visits to the airport where we watched airplanes land and take off while sharing meals. We also enjoyed beach dates, bringing along our favorite Publix subs for a delicious seaside picnic. As we walked along the Riverwalk, discussing our dreams and aspirations for the future, our connection deepened, and we began to envision a life together.

During this period of recovery, it opened my eyes to just how deep my love for Michelle truly was. What began as friendly greetings turned into a deep connection. I realized that she wasn't just someone I cared for, she had become an essential part of my world. In those moments of vulnerability and healing, it became crystal clear that we were each other's pillars of strength. Despite the challenges and uncertainties, our bond was a source of comfort. She brought me solace and joy, in return, I strived to be the steadfast support she needed. - Jose



OUR TWO WEDDINGS

Jose took me to church one day, mentioning we were there to film a video for a church project. Little did I know, it was going to be the beginning of a new chapter in our lives. As we stepped out of the car, a drone began to follow us, capturing our every move. Jose led me to the church garden, took out his phone and played the melody of "A Thousand Years." In that moment, there was so much peace and joy and truly nothing else mattered in the world. Jose dropped to one knee and spoke of our journey from childhood friends to soulmates, of the unbreakable bond that we had. With tears glistening in my eyes, I whispered a heartfelt "Yes!"



We had two wedding days! One in December of 2018, and another in March of 2019. Why two, you ask? Well, because we were eager young lovebirds who couldn't wait for our venue availability in March! We knew we would wait until marriage to move in together so we sped things up a bit by having a small ceremony hosted by our moms!

Our December wedding was intimate with fifty of our closest family and friends. It took place at our church, right next to the spot where Jose proposed. The weather was crisp and clear, and since we both adore Christmas, we even managed to catch a nearby Christmas event at the church. It truly felt like a magical winter wonderland, filled with joy and love.



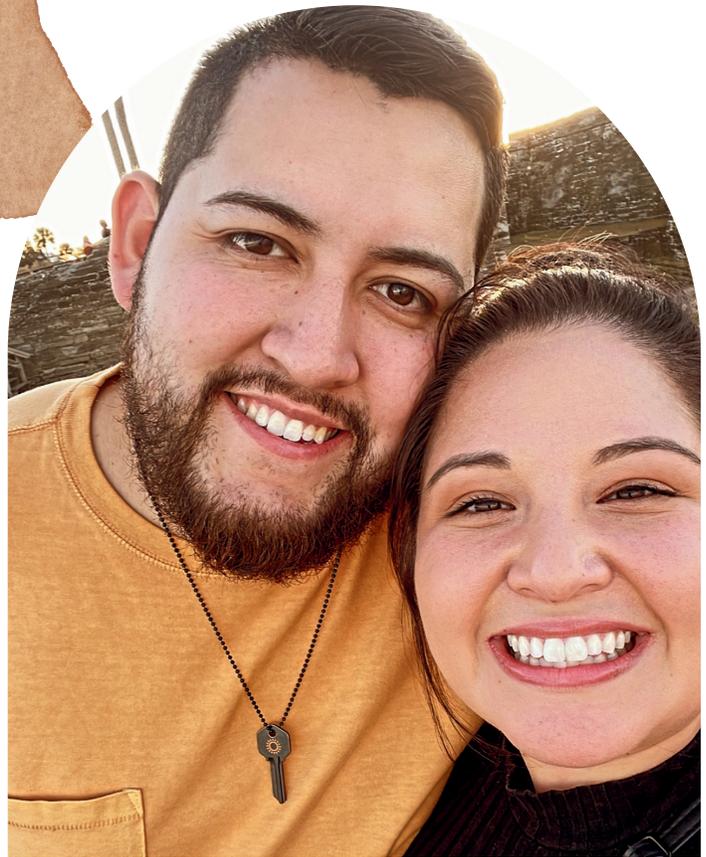
Fast forward to our March wedding, when we celebrated with one hundred and fifty of our loved ones. We exchanged vows under a vintage bridge, by a beautiful lake. I'll never forget walking down the aisle wearing my puffy white dress and my favorite white Converse sneakers peeking out from underneath. Fun fact, once we were walking to our reception, we realized that we had our prom pictures taken at this exact place! We have a picture of us going to prom and a picture of us now married at the same spot in the venue! Our reception was a blast! We danced all night to bachata, cumbia, and merengue alongside our family and friends on the dance floor. It was a perfect.

WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR FIVE YEARS

Celebrating five years of marriage has been an incredible journey filled with growth and discovery. Despite marrying young, we've embraced the challenges as opportunities for personal development. We're very grateful for the guidance of couples who have invested in our marriage, instilling in us a strong Christian foundation that has kept us aligned, even during the toughest of times.

The bedrock of our marriage lies in the deep friendship we've grown since we were twelve years old. Our bond is built on mutual love and respect. Whether we're enjoying conversations or sitting quietly together, it's more than we ever imagined. While our interests may differ slightly, we find common ground in our shared passions, from our love of church ministry and hospitality to family.

In navigating conflicts, we've learned the importance of patience, empathy, and compromise. By approaching challenges with understanding and a willingness to find common ground, we've cultivated open lines of communication that have deepened our bond and reinforced our commitment to each other.





As a couple, we enjoy hosting gatherings at our home, especially cooking and sharing meals with friends and family. Whether it's a potluck for a holiday celebration or a spontaneous get-together during the week, we love bringing people together over delicious food and warm hospitality. We also enjoy exploring new cities through sightseeing and going on spontaneous road trips, all of which strengthen our bond and keep our marriage thriving.

WE ARE BEST FRIENDS





JOSE

IN MICHELLE'S WORDS

What sets Jose apart is not just his talents or achievements, but the essence of who he is as a person. One of the traits that I adore most about him is his love for hosting and planning spontaneous trips. He has a knack for creating unforgettable experiences and turning ordinary moments into cherished memories. I love his unwavering confidence, tempered with a humility that touches everyone he meets. His quiet assurance in himself and his abilities is inspiring and comforting, yet he remains grounded and approachable, treating everyone with kindness and respect. His talents extend to his love for drumming, a passion that he pours his heart and soul into. Watching him play fills me with a sense of awe and pride. But perhaps what I love most about him is his adventurous spirit when it comes to planning trips. Whether it's a weekend getaway or a spontaneous road trip, his enthusiasm for exploring new places and creating memories together is amazing!

Jose's confidence, humility, talents, and adventurous spirit make him the extraordinary person that he is. He is not just a great husband; he is my partner in adventure, my rock, and my greatest source of love and support.

Jose's interaction with children is heartwarming. Whether he's babysitting our friends' kids with me or taking them for rides in the truck, he always makes sure they have a great time. He entertains them with activities like building blocks, color games, and number games, and movie nights with classics like "Cars," "Toy Story," or "Frozen." Jose always invites kids to share his passion for music by bringing them to the drum booth. When we venture into the city, Jose carries them over his shoulders, making sure they don't miss out on any excitement. He cherishes being a part of our friends' kids' first moments, whether it's their first time at the beach or in the pool, where he guides them to overcome any fears. His caring and playful nature makes me confident that he'll be an amazing father, always bringing laughter and love into our children's lives.



I was born in Mexico, and at the age of two, I came to the United States with my parents. I was raised speaking Spanish at home and English everywhere else, for which I am incredibly grateful, as it has been essential in every job I've had. One vivid memory from my childhood that has shaped me into the person I am today is witnessing my parents' example of putting God first through prayer and obedience. I recall participating in early morning prayer meetings and listening to worship music with my dad. These experiences instilled in me a deep reverence for faith and a commitment to prioritize spiritual connection in my life.

I currently own and operate multiple auto repair shops. This isn't just a job for me; it's a lifelong passion rooted in my upbringing. As a child, I grew up watching my father's automotive repair shop, witnessing the impact my parents had on their employees and families left an impression on me. One of the most fulfilling aspects of my work is seeing our employees' families come together and achieve personal success. Their happiness and growth touch my heart, making every challenge we face worthwhile. Being a business owner is more than a career choice; it's a commitment to maintaining a family-friendly lifestyle. This means I have the flexibility to prioritize my loved ones, whether it's working from home or taking time off as needed.



I ABSOLUTELY LOVE

GRILLING + HOSTING GATHERINGS

PLAYING GOLF

JAMMING ON THE DRUMS

DIVING INTO A GOOD BOOK

GETTING LOST IN MUSIC

HITTING THE ROAD
FOR SPONTANEOUS ADVENTURES

I cherish the thought of guiding our child in the ways of faith, sharing in the worship of Jesus together, and savoring the small things like playing their favorite games, cuddling, and nurturing them into remarkable individuals, ensuring their every need is met with love and care. The thought of these tender moments of bonding and support fill my heart with warmth.

My prayer for our children is that they grow up knowing they are deeply loved by their heavenly father and by their family. I pray they have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and accomplish whatever their hearts desire, guided by love, faith, and a strong sense of purpose.



MICHELLE

IN JOSE'S WORDS

My wife possesses a depth of kindness and compassion. Her ability to empathize with others, to truly understand and share in their joys and sorrows, is a gift that shines brightly in every interaction she has. Michelle's leadership extends far beyond our home; she has a remarkable ability to inspire and guide others, particularly young girls and women. Her passion for empowering others started when she was eighteen years old leading a youth girls group, where she served as a mentor for countless young women. Through her guidance and support, she helped those girls navigate the challenges of adolescence with grace and confidence, instilling in them a sense of self-worth and empowerment. Her leadership continues to flourish as she now leads women in book studies. Her dedication to fostering growth and connection among women is truly inspiring.

I love Michelle not only for the remarkable person she is but also for the profound impact she has had on my life. Her presence has brought warmth, light, and boundless love into my world, and I am eternally grateful for the blessing of having her by my side.

Michelle's interaction with children is inspiring. Her ability to connect with kids and make them feel loved is beautiful. She loves engaging children in activities that stimulate their imagination and creativity. Whether it's playing dress-up or building forts, she has a way of making even the simplest activities feel magical. She's patient and understanding, always taking the time to listen to children and validate their feelings. She goes above and beyond to care for children, always offering to babysit our children's friends so their parents can enjoy date nights together. Michelle can't wait to share her love with a child. She's looking forward to creating a loving home environment where our child feels safe, supported, and cherished. I have no doubt she will be an extraordinary mother. Her natural maternal instincts, coupled with her warmth, kindness, and patience, make her perfectly suited for motherhood.



I am Salvadorean and Guatemalan and I am grateful to say I am bilingual. I have a passion for stewardship and teaching it to others because I enjoy the management and care of something that has been entrusted to one's care, whether it's business or personally related. This is why I enjoy coaching the hospitality team in our church and also leading a book group of women at our church where we talk about leadership and development. I work in our family business as an accounts receivable manager where I get to enjoy time with all of Jose's family! We have two locations which makes it even more fun as our work teams have grown over the last couple years. When the time comes to bring our child home, I plan to transition to a stay-at-home mom. My mother-in-law and husband's grandmother are eager to help with babysitting, as they live locally and are so excited to help! Having their assistance and flexibility with our jobs ensures a smooth transition into this new chapter of our lives!

My childhood experiences have significantly influenced who I am today and how I approach parenting. Since I was seven years old, my mom instilled in me the importance of saving money. Her emphasis on saving money and being generous with what we have has shaped my values of stewardship and generosity, which I hope to pass on to my own children.



I ABSOLUTELY LOVE

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS

COOKING

HOSTING + GRILLING

HIKING

VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH

EXPLORING MUSEUMS

I look forward to the countless memories we'll create as we expand our family. From magical trips to Disney and lazy days at the beach, to exploring different cultures in other countries, I'm excited to share new experiences and watch our child grow and flourish. Seeing them building friendships will be beautiful to me, and speaking words of love and encouragement over our child fills me with anticipation and excitement.

My greatest wish for our children is that they know they are loved unconditionally and created for a purpose. My prayer over the last three years has been for them to walk in humble confidence, to prioritize their love for the Lord above all else, and to be prosperous and generous in life. I pray that they are filled with wisdom and knowledge, guiding them along their journey.

THOUGHTS ON
MOTHERHOOD

CREATING MEMORIES



FAMILY TRADITIONS

HOLIDAYS AND BIRTHDAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS. THESE ARE MOMENTS WHEN WE COME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY AND CREATE LASTING MEMORIES.





On Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's we visit both sides of our families, and we close the celebrations at Jose's mom's house with a fun family party. My family is Salvadorean and Guatemalan, so we make pupusas, carne asada with chimichurri and there must always be rice and beans on the side. Jose's family is Mexican, so for the big holidays they make tacos, posole, and red and green tamales!

For 4th of July and the Super Bowl, our home becomes the hub of excitement as we host lively gatherings with all our friends, their kids, and our family. We have a potluck feast, fire up the grill, and enjoy the festivities. Whether we're watching fireworks at our neighborhood clubhouse or cheering on our favorite teams at home, the joy of being surrounded by friends and family fills us with happiness.

Birthdays are celebrated with much love and thoughtfulness in our household. We often plan getaway trips to a different city with our friends and their kids, renting a cozy Airbnb for a weekend of adventure. We also host celebrations at our home with family, where everyone brings their favorite dishes and we spend the evening laughing, singing karaoke, and creating memories together. These gatherings reflect our deep love for family, friendship, and creating meaningful moments.

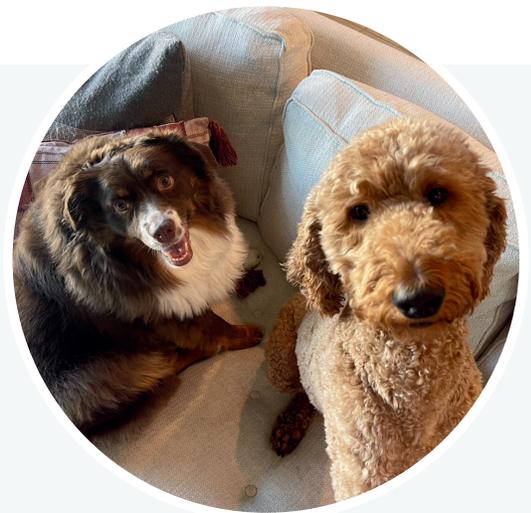


HOME *Sweet* HOME

Our home is a haven to us and where every corner holds a story. Built three years ago, it boasts a modern, yet cozy two-story open layout. Our favorite addition is the patio, where we've created an outdoor space complete with comfortable seating, a fireplace, and a black stone grill. It's our go-to spot for family gatherings and dinners under the stars. We've even set up a portable TV to watch movies! With three bedrooms, three bathrooms, and an office downstairs, there's plenty of space for everyone. The loft upstairs serves as a multi purpose area for relaxation or play. We have transformed one of the bedrooms into a safari-themed nursery! We wanted the nursery to be a place where our child's imagination could run wild, while also being a cozy spot for reading and cuddling, ensuring it's a space where they feel safe, loved, and free to be themselves.

Aussie + Nala

We have two rescued dogs who are family to us. Aussie is an Australian Shepherd, and Nala is a Golden Doodle. From a young age, both Aussie and Nala have been accustomed to our lively social circle. They are incredibly loving and enjoy being around people, especially children because of all the energy they have. Whenever we have guests over, Aussie and Nala are always there, showing their affectionate and gentle nature around babies and kids. Aussie enjoys going for walks with us, while Nala prefers snuggling up indoors on the couch, especially during movie nights. They each have their unique ways of interacting with our family, but both of them bring immense joy into our lives.





OUR COMMUNITY

We live in the Sunshine State, in the suburbs where the community is vibrant and diverse. Our neighborhood is surrounded by excellent educational options, including a magnet school right next door to us, and top notch public charter schools within fifteen minutes from our home. Our neighborhood has amenities like a kids' playground, a community pool, and nature walkways, perfect for family outings and relaxation. Being close to the city, we have easy access to sporting events like hockey, football, and baseball games, which we love attending. Our city is known for its family-friendly atmosphere, with weekly local events such as farmers' markets, food truck gatherings along the riverwalk, and free movie nights by the beach pier. There's always something happening, making it a place we're proud to call home.

MEET OUR FAMILY



Jose's Family

My parents, Liliana and Humberto, embody generosity, humility, and hospitality, bringing ease and joy into every aspect of life. I am the oldest of four siblings; David is the family's playful jokester, Lilian is the nurturing soul, and Issac has wisdom beyond his years. David is currently engaged to Alexandra, a dedicated first-grade teacher, while Lilian's heart is entwined with Esteban, who is on the verge of completing his pastoral studies.

Michelle's Family

My parents, Ana and Marco, have taught me resilience, strength, and humility. They divorced when I was twelve years old and through those circumstances they each taught me forgiveness, grace, and hard work. My mom shines as an intelligent and determined woman, while my dad exudes boundless energy and a passion for cooking and hosting guests. My brother, Joshua, stands out for his genuine kindness and unwavering willingness to serve others in life. My stepmom, Aida, graces our family with her sweet presence and incredible cooking. Our family's roots of compassion and inclusion run deep, inspired in part by our grandmother, Irene, and grandfather, Mario, whose adoption of my uncle Erick from El Salvador and nurturing of her own daughter laid the foundation for our journey toward adoption.

Our family dynamics revolve around close relationships and intentional gatherings.



Jose's family is a big part of our daily lives as we work together in the family business and enjoy Monday night dinners filled with cooking and catching up. My brother Joshua is a regular presence, joining us for church and movie nights with pizza. While I see my parents less frequently due to their work schedule, the time we spend together is cherished and often includes grilling and family gatherings. Our entire extended family is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome the first grandchild!

OUR FAITH



As Christians, our faith is at the core of our values and upbringing of our child. We are committed to providing an environment grounded in Christian principles, where love, kindness, and forgiveness are central. We will incorporate regular family prayer, Bible study, and attendance at church services into our routine, instilling in our child a strong foundation of faith and moral values. Our church family plays a vital role in our community support system, providing spiritual guidance and encouragement. We are actively involved in various church activities and programs, where our child will have the opportunity to engage with other children in a supportive environment. Our child will learn the importance of compassion, humility, and service to others through our actions and involvement in community outreach initiatives. Ultimately, our goal is to raise our child to have a personal relationship with God, to live out their faith authentically, and to positively impact the world around them through their Christian values and actions.

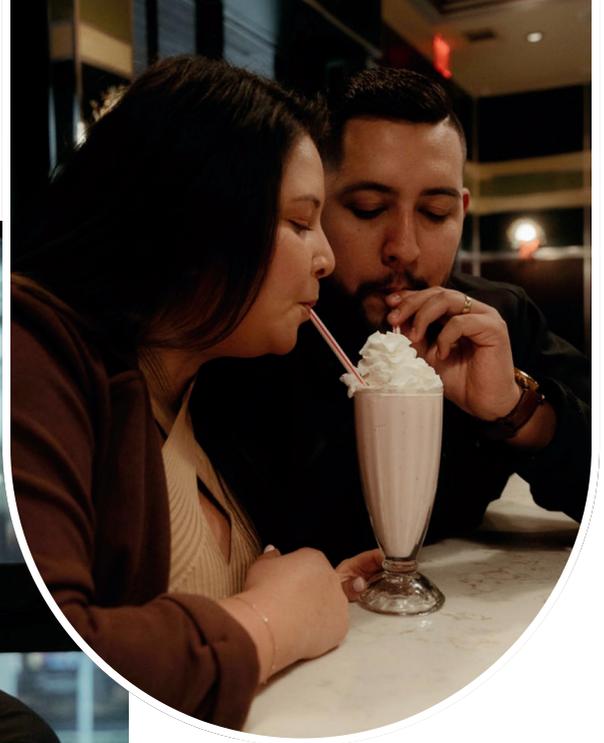




EDUCATION

We plan to homeschool our children until third or fourth grade to instill strong foundational values and cater to their individual learning styles, fostering quality family time. We aim for them to join homeschool groups for socialization, engaging in group activities and educational outings. By upper elementary grades, we'll transition them to a nearby private school for a well-rounded education, preparing them for future success. As parents, our priority is supporting their dreams, whether it's college, a trade, business, or family endeavors, offering guidance, encouragement, and financial assistance if they choose college. Ultimately, our goal is to empower them to be financially responsible and independent, regardless of their chosen path.





Our family's plans, hopes, and dreams for the future are centered around stability, growth, and adventure.

HOPEs + DREAMS

We intend to stay rooted in our current home location and community for the long haul, as both our families and businesses are here, and our church community has become like a second family to us. However, we also have dreams of expanding our business ventures and eventually settling down in one of the Carolinas, where we can enjoy the best of both worlds – the proximity to the city and suburbs, with access to mountains and beaches.

We enjoy traveling, and with the flexibility of our jobs, we plan to explore new destinations both domestically and internationally. Mexico, North Carolina, and DC are frequent destinations for us, but we're eager to broaden our horizons and visit different states this year and in the future. We thrive on experiencing new sceneries, whether it's discovering new cities or exploring different parts of nature in various places.

As for our family, we envision continuing to grow and nurture it with love and care. Whether through adoption or conception, we hope to welcome two or three children into our household. Our ultimate goal is to provide unconditional love, support, and guidance to each member of our family as we navigate life's journey together.





A photograph of a smiling couple sitting in the bed of a dark pickup truck. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark red jacket, and the man is on the right, wearing a dark jacket. They are both looking towards the camera. The background shows a parking lot with other cars and a building under a twilight sky. A white circle is partially visible at the top center of the image.

BEFORE YOU GO

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us! As you consider how to move forward, we want to express our deepest love and gratitude to you. We feel so honored to know you would consider us as a potential adoptive family for your child. If chosen, please know that you are forever cherished and respected in our family, and your courageous decision will always be celebrated with admiration.

In our home, we will speak of you with respect and gratitude. Your act of love and selflessness will always be honored and cherished, and we will forever hold dear the unique bond your child will share with you. Your courage and strength will be a beacon of inspiration in our family, and we will carry you in our hearts with unconditional love and appreciation.

We are committed to keeping you updated with pictures and videos of our child's milestones and precious moments throughout the years. We want you to know that we're happy to meet up annually! This way, your child can truly get to know you, their mom, and maintain a special connection with you over time. Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for considering us as potential parents for your sweet child. Your love and sacrifice will forever be treasured, and we are eternally grateful for the opportunity to welcome your precious gift into our hearts and home.

With all our love and gratitude,

Michelle + Jose

Living life to the fullest



