



Alex *Diane* & Jack

Hello! We are Alex, Diane, and Jack!

We are excited to introduce our family to you. We are a committed Christian couple with an energetic son who keeps life fun. We value family, character, education, and grace. Our home is a safe place to learn, be yourself, and enjoy quality time with each other. Adoption is a blessing and a life-long journey that we desire to embark on. We respect your courageous consideration of adoption for your child. May what we have written show you what we would love to share with another child.



OUR STORY

We actually went to second grade together but didn't see each other after that until about twenty years later when Diane walked into the bank where Alex worked to open an account. We started talking and Alex worked up the nerve to ask if Diane wanted to get together to "catch up." Catching up resulted in our marriage in 2013! We are good friends and truly enjoy being together. A few of the activities we both take pleasure in are drinking coffee, trying different restaurants, playing an occasional board game, watching a good show or movie, and taking walks. Shortly after buying our house, our son Jack was born at the end of 2015, setting us off on a new adventure. We have always wanted another child and have not been able to have more; we feel that our family is not yet complete. We are eagerly pursuing adoption because we desire to and because we know that we are meant to grow our family through adoption.



about ALEX

ABOUT ALEX, BY Diane:

"Alex is a rock for me. I can depend on him for help, encouragement, and unconditional love. He is a responsible, supportive, sweet husband and a good, funny dad. At the bank he does his job well, treating his customers with respect and assisting them to the best of his ability. He enjoys motorcycles and a little gaming when he has a chance; he also likes discussing and learning more about history. Alex uses his gifts and abilities at our church to serve behind the scenes. I am so grateful to be living this good and sometimes crazy life side by side with him."



- 1: walking through a corn maze
- 2: staying over night at a cabin in the woods
- 3: picking out a Christmas tree
- 4: enjoying a beach on vacation in MI

about DIANE



ABOUT DIANE, BY Alex:

“Diane is the light of my life.”

I have never met anyone who is as sweet, loving, compassionate, and caring as her. Jack and I are blessed to have her in our lives. Diane is a wonderful wife and a great mom. As a stay-at-home mom, she works hard making sure our home is a place of warmth, love, and comfort. Diane loves spending time with friends and family, reading, and taking Jack to see his grandparents or to the public library. She also enjoys serving in our church nursery on a regular basis. Diane is an amazing woman who loves her family, and I am thankful to be a part of her life.”



5: smiling after a soccer game

6: building a LEGO creation

7: riding a barrel train

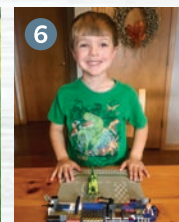
8: building a treasure box

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JACK

Jack is a smart, active five year old who has newfound interests in Legos and Star Wars. He is a strong individual, who can be very silly and talkative when he is at ease. He enjoys going to parks, swimming at his grandparents' pools, and riding his bike. He participates in story time at our local libraries and loves being read to. Jack loves spending time with his grandparents, whether it's riding a tractor with Grandpa, blowing bubbles with MeMe, helping Papa with a project, or playing a game with Grandma. He also enjoys playing at a local children's museum, taking trips to the zoo, and getting together with his cousins and friends. He recently began playing team soccer and really has fun with it. Every evening when his daddy gets home from work, Jack eagerly greets him. Jack keeps asking when he is going to have a sister or a brother and says he would teach a sibling the things he knows how to do.



OUR FAMILY

We have begun some yearly family traditions like going to a pumpkin patch in the fall, coloring and searching for eggs at Easter, riding a train and looking at lights at Christmas, going to the county fair, and attending our town's parade and festival.

We are thankful to have a great and very large extended family, including lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins, many of whom live nearby. Alex has a sister, and Diane has three brothers and a sister. We currently have three nephews and five nieces. On holidays, our extended families enjoy sitting down for family dinners with lots of interesting conversations. We also get together with various family members often throughout the year for other planned events and spontaneous meetups. Diane's parents and siblings' families take an annual vacation together in the summer, having fun quality time together. Both sets of our parents and our siblings are supportive and excited for a child to join our family.



1: Alex's parents and sister's family

2: Diane's parents and siblings' families



OUR HOME & CAREERS

We live in a ranch-style house with a fully finished basement. It is situated on two acres with plenty of room to run around. We are right outside a very small town and within walking distance of a park. We are also a short drive from a large town with an abundance of opportunities for fun and learning. Our house is a good place for hosting family and friends, such as a small group of families from our church. When the weather is nice, we enjoy working and playing outside in the evenings.

Alex: I have been a banker for ten years. Although I received a bachelor's degree in secondary education, I discovered a passion for educating and helping people with their financial needs.

Diane: I earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's in reading education. I taught first grade in North Carolina and Kindergarten in Ohio. Now I am staying at home with Jack, striving to provide lots of fun learning experiences for him. I plan to continue to be a stay-at-home mom for our children.

OUR COMMITMENT

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. A child placed in our home will know that adoption is a loving choice made by two families who desire what is good for their child. Our children will be raised in a stable, caring environment. They will be encouraged to learn about their unique heritages and talents. They will be guided as they grow up to be compassionate individuals who strive to do their best and what is right. They will be cherished members of our family through all the highs and lows of life. We are praying for you and

for peace in the decisions you are making. We would love to have the opportunity to learn about your story and your hopes and dreams for your child!

We look forward to meeting you!

With love,
Alex & Diane