

# Meet Chris & Tishena

*Hello,*

We are so honored that you are taking time to get to know us and our family. We admire and respect that you are considering an adoption plan for your child, and we cannot begin to envision the rollercoaster of emotions you are feeling on this journey. This process is understandably very challenging and the decisions cannot be taken lightly.

We have been praying about adoption for many years and believe God has led us on the path to adopt. We have an abundance of love to give to a child and solely want what is best for all involved. We also believe that each and every person deserves respect and dignity no matter their circumstances.

Should you choose, we would be glad to talk with you to hear your hopes, dreams, needs, and concerns as well as answer any questions you may have for us. We would count it a privilege to come alongside you and support you in this process.

We hope to form a bond with you that will allow you to always be involved in your child's life in a way that is most fitting for you. We picture you having a relationship with us and your child that would allow us to do activities together as a family. However, if that is not your wish, we respect that and at the very least, we commit to sending letters and pictures to you throughout your child's life.

Thank you so much for taking the time to view our profile. Please know that we care about you and will be praying for you on your journey no matter what you choose.

*With Love,*



*Chris & Tishena*





### *Our Story*

Chris and I had our first date in October of 2013. After the date, I was nervous and shook Chris' hand. I was sure he would not ask for another date, but he did. We dated for a while and were married in April of 2015. We have always wanted children and hoped we would conceive shortly after we married. We have experienced infertility, tried fertility medications, and have had some miscarriages. While our journey has been difficult, we have trusted that God would direct us in how we would one day have a family. We are so excited to now be on our journey to adopt. We love our life together and cannot wait to add a child to our family.



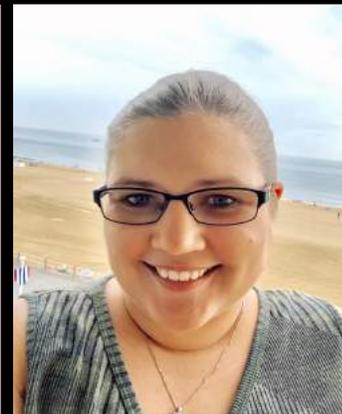
### *Meet Chris, by Tishena*

Chris is an amazing husband and does a great job of loving me and our fur-babies. He makes a point to spend time with us daily. He has a great sense of humor and is always making others laugh. He has a heart for children and kids tend to gravitate towards him as he loves to get on their level and play with them. He has a gentle spirit and is mild mannered. He works hard to take care of our home. He also has a passion for cooking and has been a cook at a local hospital for 17 years.



### *Meet Tishena, by Chris*

Tishena's heart is kind and tender. She is selfless and always puts others first. She adores children and at family gatherings, she can always be found where the kids are playing. She loves our fur-babies and often spoils them. She works hard to help provide for all of us. She has a master's degree in social work and has been a clinical social worker for 11 years. For the past 4 years, she has specialized in pediatric mental health therapy. She loves her clients and always wants the best for them.



**Chet and Jane's Family**

### *Meet Our Village*

It takes a village to raise a child, and we want nothing but the best care for our child. We have asked dear friends, Chet and Jane, to be our baby's Godparents. They live on a farm and have so much love to give a child. They have raised 2 respectable young men. Our neighbors of 23 years, Todd and Misty, have 3 wonderful and polite children. On days when we are both working, they have offered to help with childcare. We are blessed to have so many friends who want to love our child.



**Todd & Misty's Family**

### *Meet Our Fur-Babies*

We have 2 outdoor dogs and 2 outdoor cats who are sisters. Our fur-babies are a huge part of our family. We love cuddling them, taking walks, playing fetch, and spoiling them. We give them all attention every day.



*Buddy*



*Bella*



*Buffy*

*Baylee*

## Meet Our Family

We are blessed with a large family that is very close. There is always something going on and something to be celebrated. Our family dinners are always full of joy and excitement. When we are all together, there is never a dull moment and the atmosphere is always full of love and laughter. One of our favorite things to do is have family game nights. Every fall we take a family trip and we drive old cars, like Model-Ts and Model-As, on the trip. Everyone is very excited about us adding a baby to the family and cannot wait to spoil our child.



Tishena's Parents



Tishena's Family



Playing in the Snow



Family at Relay for Life



Family Disc Golfing



Traveling



Tishena's Family



Chris' Family

## Welcome to Our Life

We enjoy spending time together and are both big kids at heart. We have such well rounded interests and know our child will surely love many of the things we do. We love sports and enjoy going to games. We also enjoy many outdoor activities including kayaking, disc golfing, hiking, caving, camping, putt putt, swimming, lawn games, cruising in vintage cars, and drag racing. In addition, we enjoy the performing arts, including comedy. On cold and rainy days, we play games, bake, and do arts and crafts. We also like to do "diy" projects. We have an eclectic taste for music and enjoy listening to everything from Christian music to Classic Rock. We hope to share our love for sports, old cars, music, the outdoors, cooking/baking, and arts/crafts with our child. We also spend a lot of time spoiling our fur-babies. We enjoy going to the zoo, aquarium, bowling, and the movies too. We take several vacations yearly and enjoy learning about US history on our travels. As mentioned above, we also enjoy spending time with our family. We know we have so much to offer a child and cannot wait to add one to our lives.



Hiking



Model-T Tour



Zoo



Grand Canyon



Caving



Bengals Game



Bowling



Disc Golf



Aquarium



Kayaking

## Our Home and Community

In 2014, we designed our forever home and built it together with the help of our family. Our home is situated on a serene and peaceful piece of our family farm land. We are surrounded by woods and our home sits far from the road. Our home has four bedrooms with plenty of indoor and outdoor areas to play safely. Our home is surrounded by many family members and neighbors who are eager to love our child.

We live in a rural area with a small school district, which allows teachers more opportunity to spend individual time with each student. Our school district has excellent academic and sports programs in which many students receive college scholarships. We also have a wonderful trade school in our county.

In addition, we have an amazing and supportive church family who does a lot together and enjoys helping one another. Our church has a lot of kids and they all love youth group, and VBS is always a blast too!

Our community has several local Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Troops, and 4-H Groups. There are many opportunities for fine and performing arts. We may be in a rural area, but our community has plenty to offer a child. I'm sure our child will have many opportunities to grow and learn in the areas he/she is most interested in.

**Our Home on the Family Farm Land**



**Our Local School**



**Our Church**



## Our Traditions

We have many wonderful family traditions that a child will surely enjoy. There will be a visit from Cupid on Valentine's Day, the Easter Bunny will hop in at Easter, and Santa will make a visit at Christmas. In the spring, we will plant flowers and a garden, decorate Easter eggs, as well as go to the park and to baseball games. In the summer, we will go to the fair and the beach, go swimming, hiking, boating, and camping, as well as play outside a lot. In the fall, we will go to the zoo, the aquarium, the pumpkin patch, the apple orchard, volleyball and football games, fall festivals as well as make s'mores, dress up for Halloween, take hay rides, go through corn mazes, and carve pumpkins. When winter comes, we will enjoy movies and playing games indoors. We will build indoor forts and have popcorn parties. We will go to basketball games and go sleigh riding. Each Christmas we will make an ornament, make cookies and candy, go see Christmas lights, and get new Christmas pajamas. We will even bake a birthday cake for baby Jesus. On birthdays, we will have a big party with lots of family and friends. It's fun anytime to go to the movies, skating, or bowling, but it's especially fun to do on birthdays with friends. We will try to take a vacation in the US during every season of each year. We enjoy making our travels educational and seeing all nature has to offer. We have always felt like something was missing when we travel and are so excited that we will finally have the opportunity to see the world from a child's perspective.

## Our Promise to You

We promise to raise your child with solid morals and values rooted in the Christian faith. We will come alongside your child and teach him/her all we know and help him/her grow up to be a successful member of society. We are committed to always protecting your child, giving him/her the best life possible, and investing in his/her interests while promising to always love your child unconditionally.

When the right time comes, we promise to tell your story with compassion and dignity while always reassuring your child just how much you love him/her. We want to invite you to be as involved as you would like to be in your child's life. We feel it is important for you to have the opportunity to always know how your child is doing and what he/she is learning. We also want to give you the opportunity to always provide love and support to your child in a way that fits best with your needs and desires.

If you are not considering an open adoption, we understand and respect that decision too. Thank you again for taking time to get to know us and our family. Please remember that you deserve to be respected and to make the choice that you feel is best for you and your child, and we will support you in that decision.

*Love, Chris and Tishena*

**Tishena Dressed as Minnie**



**Matching X-Mas Shirts**

