

# SAM & EMILY

*Hello!*

Thank you for taking the time to view our profile. We are so excited to grow our family and we would love for you to be a part of it. As you consider an adoption plan, we want you to feel supported, respected and cared for during this emotional time. Our hope is that we can help you make the best decision for you and your child. We are thankful for you as you take time to consider us, and we support whatever the outcome may be. We hope that reading our profile will help give you a better understanding of who we are and what life is like in our family.

We want your child to know that they were loved by both their biological family and adoptive family long before they were born. Their adoption story shouldn't be a secret and neither should their biological family. As their adoptive parents, we want to share their life with you through pictures, letters and visits.

We are Sam and Emily, we have been married for 8 years. We met in engineering school. After we were married in 2014, we started preparing our finances for our future family by saving one paycheck and living off of the other. Although we both enjoy working, we wanted to make sure we were financially prepared if one of us wanted to stay home with children.

We wanted to have children right away, but were unable to have them biologically. Looking back over the years, we are thankful for the time we have had together as a couple. Waiting for our child has helped us improve our relationship as a couple, grow our faith, invest in friendships and establish our careers.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29:11



## OUR HOUSE



We built our forever home in 2018. Our property is just under 10 acres and is filled with crabapple trees, wild raspberries, rabbits, and other wildlife. Every spring we plant a garden and we will soon have 2 honeybee hives! Our property has the country feel even though we are just 3 miles from grocery stores, restaurants and, most importantly, Target! Truly the best of both worlds.





# MEET SAM

"Sam is the most genuine person I have ever met. He is always true to himself. Sam is an honest man who loves the Lord and is always putting others before himself. As an engineer, he is very smart and hardworking. Sam has a great sense of humor and is constantly making me laugh. I am so blessed to have him as my husband and I find the longer we are married, the more I fall in love with him. "

*-Emily*

## OTHER FACTS ABOUT SAM. HE...

Enjoys working on the tractor.  
Wore Carhartt before it was cool.  
Is an OSU football fan.  
Likes to sit by a campfire  
Loves to hike - especially in Colorado!

# MEET EMILY

"Emily is who brightens my day and brings light into whatever and whoever she is around. She has grown from the girl I fell in love with to the woman I am honored and privileged to spend the rest of my life with. She loves to be with friends, laugh at my silly jokes, and help others. Whatever God has in store for us, I am excited that I get to share life with her."

*Sam*

## OTHER FACTS ABOUT EMILY. SHE...

Likes cooking and baking.  
Enjoys crafting.  
Gardens and has house plants.  
Loves the TV show The Office.  
Enjoys exploring new places.







# SAM'S FAMILY

Sam is one of seven children. He has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. We have 20 nieces and nephews on his side of the family.

Some of our favorite traditions with Sam's side of the family is watching fireworks on the 4th of July and watching all the kids open presents on Christmas morning. It's not always quiet when we all get together, but it's always a good time!

On a typical visit to Sam's parent's house, you can find us swimming in the pool, taking a four-wheeler ride and eating delicious home cooked meals. Homemade apple pie? Um....yes please!

# EMILY'S FAMILY

Emily has an older sister and a younger sister. We have 1 niece and 1 nephew on her side of the family.

When we get together for a family fun day we like going to her parents cabin or hanging out on her older sister's farm. At the cabin we enjoy going on walks, going to the lake and playing board games together. When we visit the farm, we like collecting chicken eggs, giving the horses treats and watching the goats climb on everything!

The picture to the right is one of many family selfie pictures. It is amazing to look back over these selfie photos and watch our family grow with people and pets. (Cooper and Moose are the pups in this photo).

\*Family Fun Day: A day when the family gathers to have fun. Occurs monthly. Location may vary.



# OUR FRIENDS



We have the most amazing group of friends! We met most of them through our church and the more we get to know them, the more they become like family.

All of the families in this photo have fostered, are fostering, or have adopted a child within the past 3 years. We have been blessed to be part of a church that is very passionate about fostering and adopting children. Our church family has been a huge support to us as we struggled with infertility and as we began our adoption journey.

This picture was taken after a fun night of tubing with our friends. The kids had such a great time and we tried to break the resort record for the longest tube chain! We were not successful in breaking the 21 tube record, but we had a lot of laughs trying.



# CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

The family Christmas Tree farm was started in the late 1990's by Sam's father to help pay for Sam and his younger brother's college tuition. Since Sam and Emily graduated they have been the main workers on the tree farm. Every summer and winter they work on the tree farm, planting saplings, trimming and selling trees. Some of the nieces and nephews are now old enough to start working on the farm which has been fun and helpful! Working on the tree farm is a great family tradition that we plan to pass on to future generations and hopefully pay for more college degrees.



## THEIR PETS

### DOTTIE

She loves playing outside and curling up on the window sill.



### OPAL

The cat who thinks she's a dog and follows Emily around everywhere.



### TILLY

An adorable cuddle bug who is constantly making us laugh.



We enjoy hiking on local trails near our house and more adventurous trails in Colorado. We enjoy riding fourwheelers together and with our friends throughout trails in Ohio. We are beginner bee-keepers and have had fun harvesting our honey together and watching our hive grow. There are a lot of activities we like, but mostly we just enjoy being together.

## THEIR HOBBIES



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We hope you have a better understanding of who we are as a couple and a better idea of what your child's life would be like as a member of our family. As you consider all options available, we will be praying for you. We may not fully understand what you are going through, but we would love to walk along side you to help you feel confident you are making the best decision for you and your child.

Love,  
Emily & Sam