



**Aleks, Rachel & Liam**



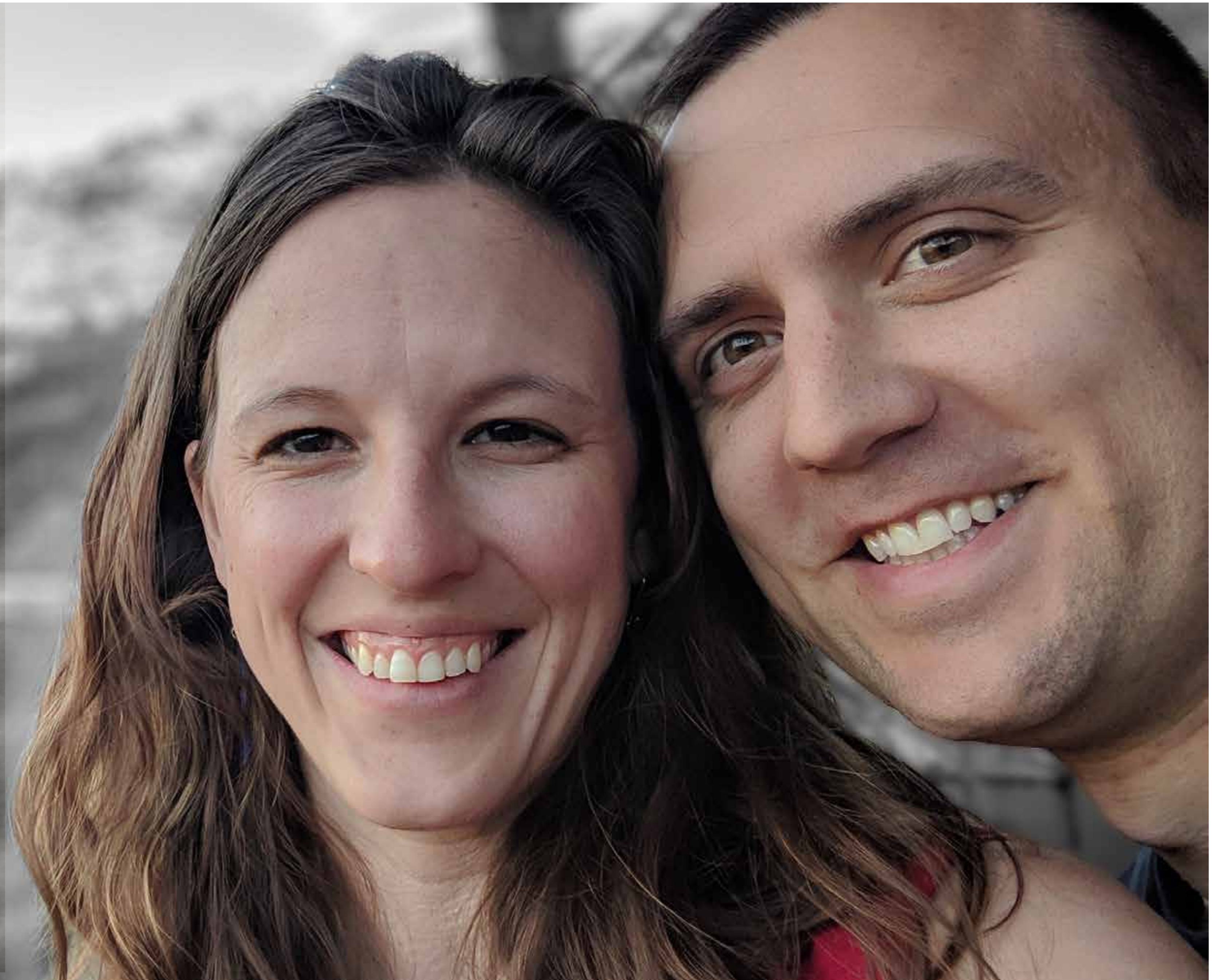
Dear Friend,

**T**hank you for taking the time to get to know us as you decide what is best for your child. Our main hope is that after you finish looking through these pages you'll have some sense of what defines us and take notice of our love for life itself. We are extremely excited to continue growing our family through adoption and hope our profile allows you to get a feel for the fun and nurturing environment we have to offer.

We want you to know how much respect we have for you for considering this difficult decision. Please know if you decide adoption is the best choice, and you choose us, we promise to raise our child with love, patience, and honesty. We trust that you're as eager to turn the pages as we are in growing our family.

Best Regards,

*Aleks & Rachel*



# About Us

## Aleks

Aleks was born in the Ukraine and immigrated to the United States when he was young. He grew up in the city of Brooklyn, NY and later in the suburbs of New Jersey. His favorite memories of growing up with an

identical twin and older brother were food, family gatherings, and outdoor activities. Aleks has always enjoyed learning and when not focused on staying up-to-date on his profession he is dabbling in DIY mechanics, arts,

shooting sports. and exploring the outdoors. His favorite pastime is reading, watching movies, or playing board games. He really enjoys cooking and has taken up BBQing and baking bread.



## Liam

Liam was born on June 20, 2019 in Arizona. He is a full-time explorer and takes this job very seriously. As he explores he keeps mama on her toes while he figures everything out in the world around him.



During all his free time, he enjoys snuggling his stuffed animals from the greatest to the smallest, reading books, and making music with Mama and Papa. He completely lights up when visitors come and enjoys watching and playing with his friends. Mama and Papa believe when the time

comes, he will make the bestest big brother anyone could ask for.

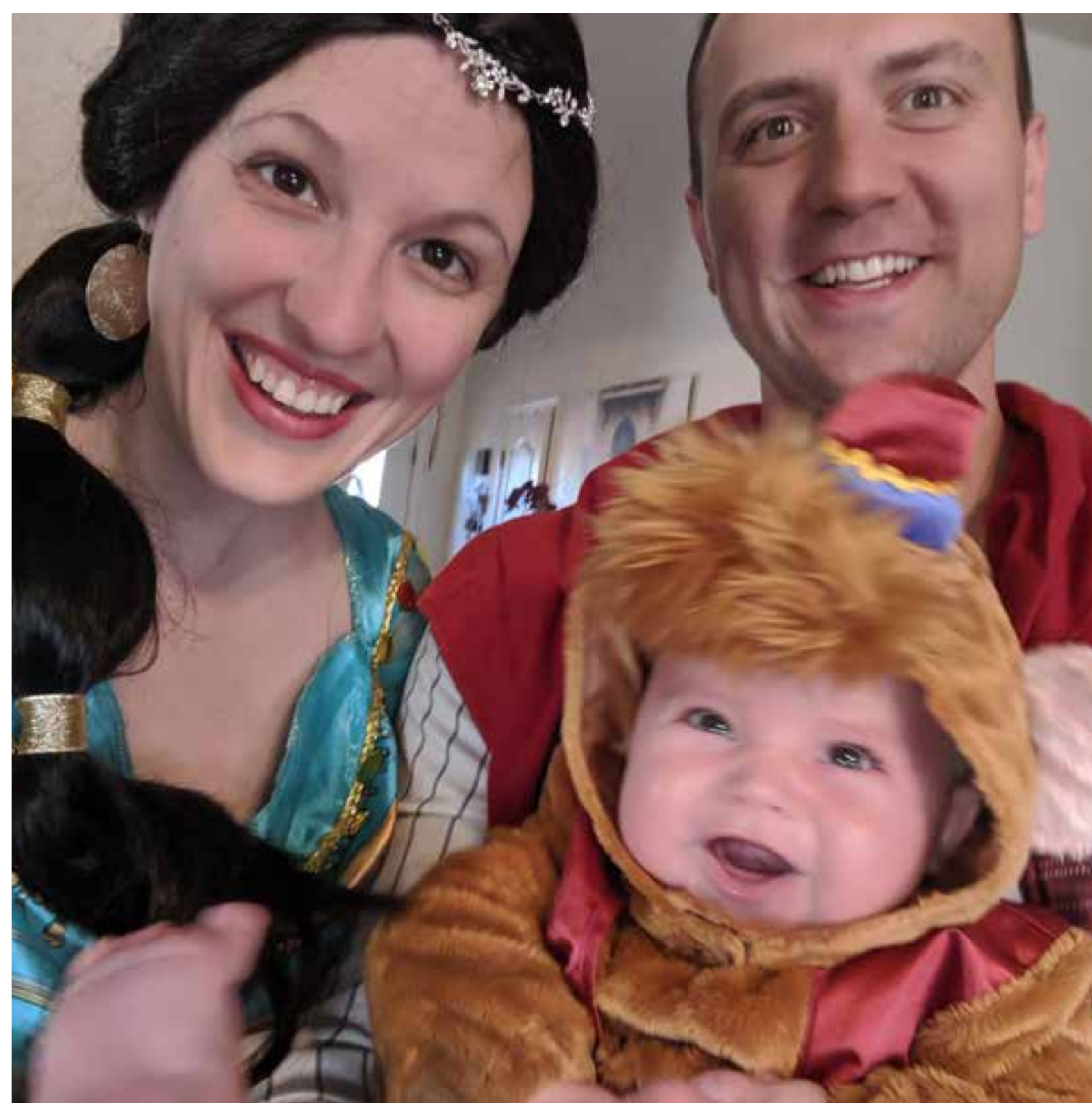
## Rachel

Rachel was born on Long Island, NY and was raised there until the age of 12 when her and her family moved to a small town in South Carolina. She is one of 13 children and is Auntie to over 35 nieces and nephews. Some of her favorite

childhood memories include playing kickball with siblings and making music. Rachel completed a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in music and recently resigned from a teaching position to be a full-time stay-at-home mom.



In her free time she loves to play the piano and violin, exercise, hang out with friends, watch movies, read, eat, and play board games.



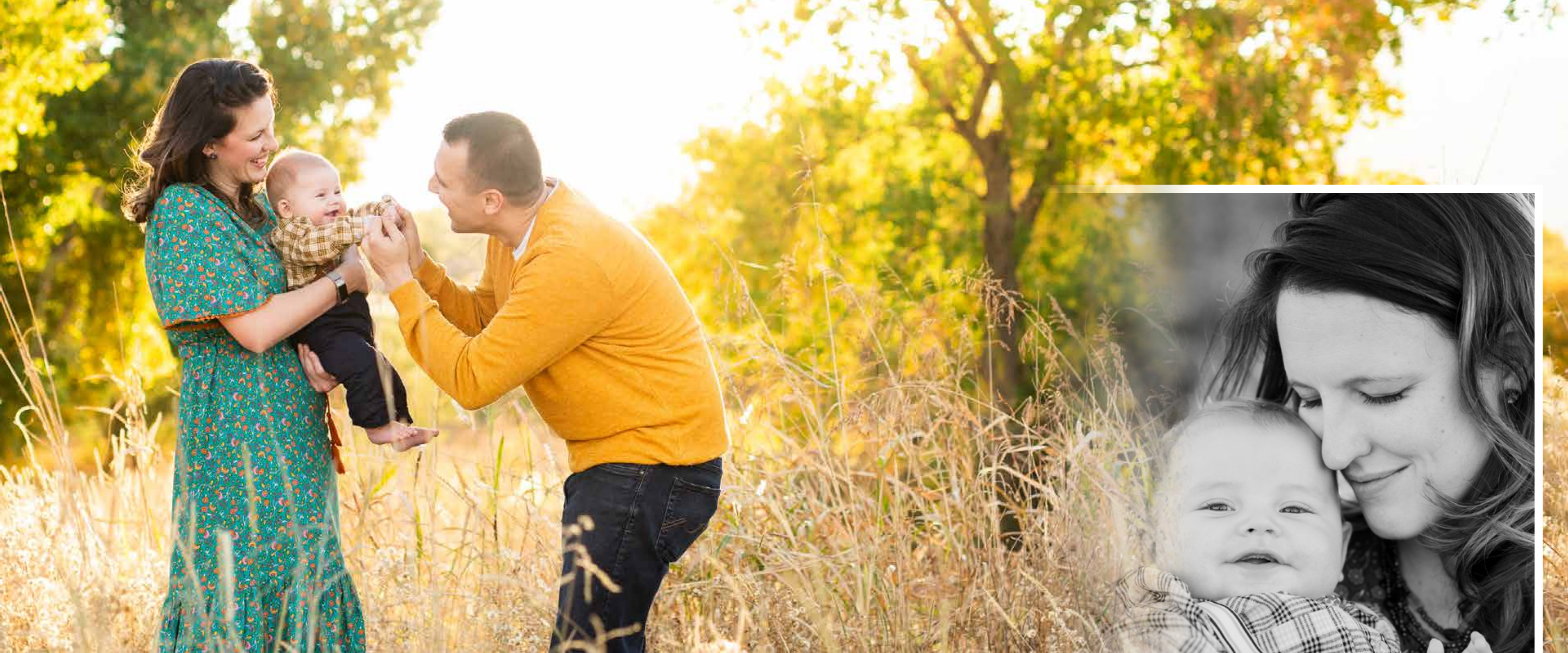
# How We Met



## *Aleks & Rachel*

We first met in January of 2010 at a Cracker Barrel right after an evening service at their church. Rachel was home visiting from college and Aleks was stationed at a military base nearby. Rachel visited her home church again a few weeks after meeting, and was impressed with Aleks' kindness towards people. We began keeping in touch over Facebook and went fruit picking on our first date in June of 2010. We enjoyed hiking and exploring the outdoors on our dates. We were engaged on October 2, 2010 and 2 weeks later Aleks deployed to Iraq. During Aleks' deployment, we enjoyed daily phone conversations and writing letters. We feel this time helped us build a stronger bond with each other. After returning home from his deployment in August of 2011, we finally tied the knot on October 27, 2011.





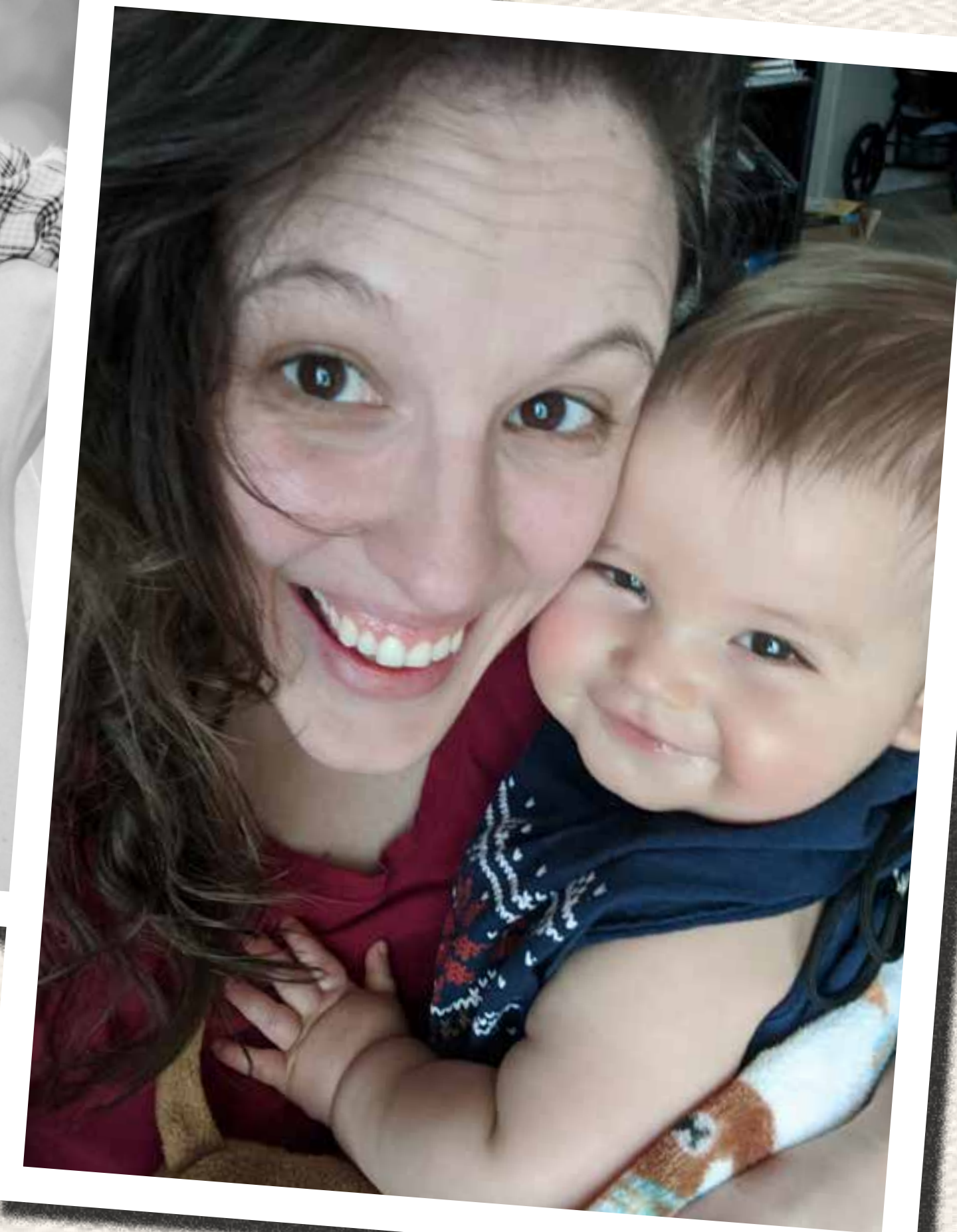
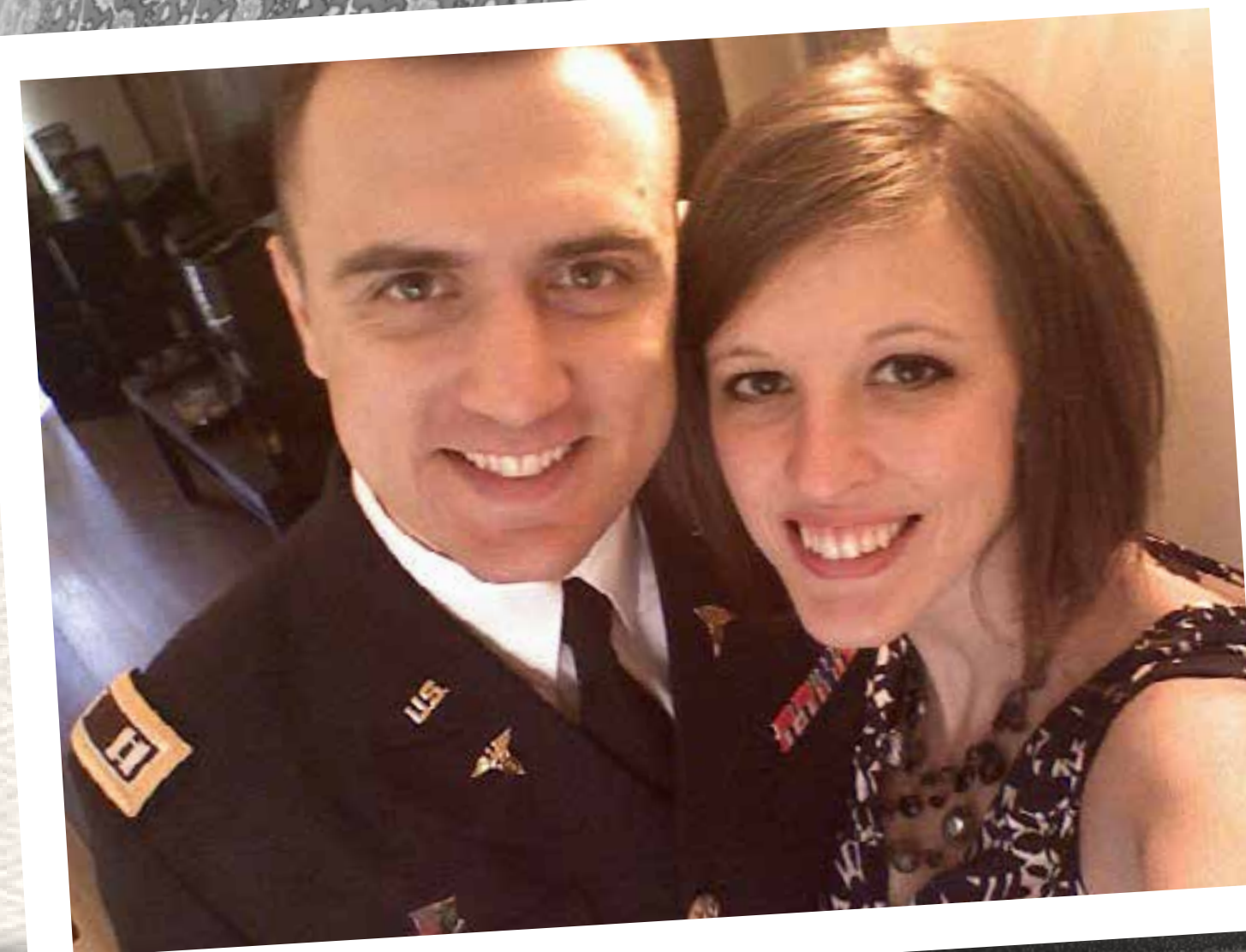
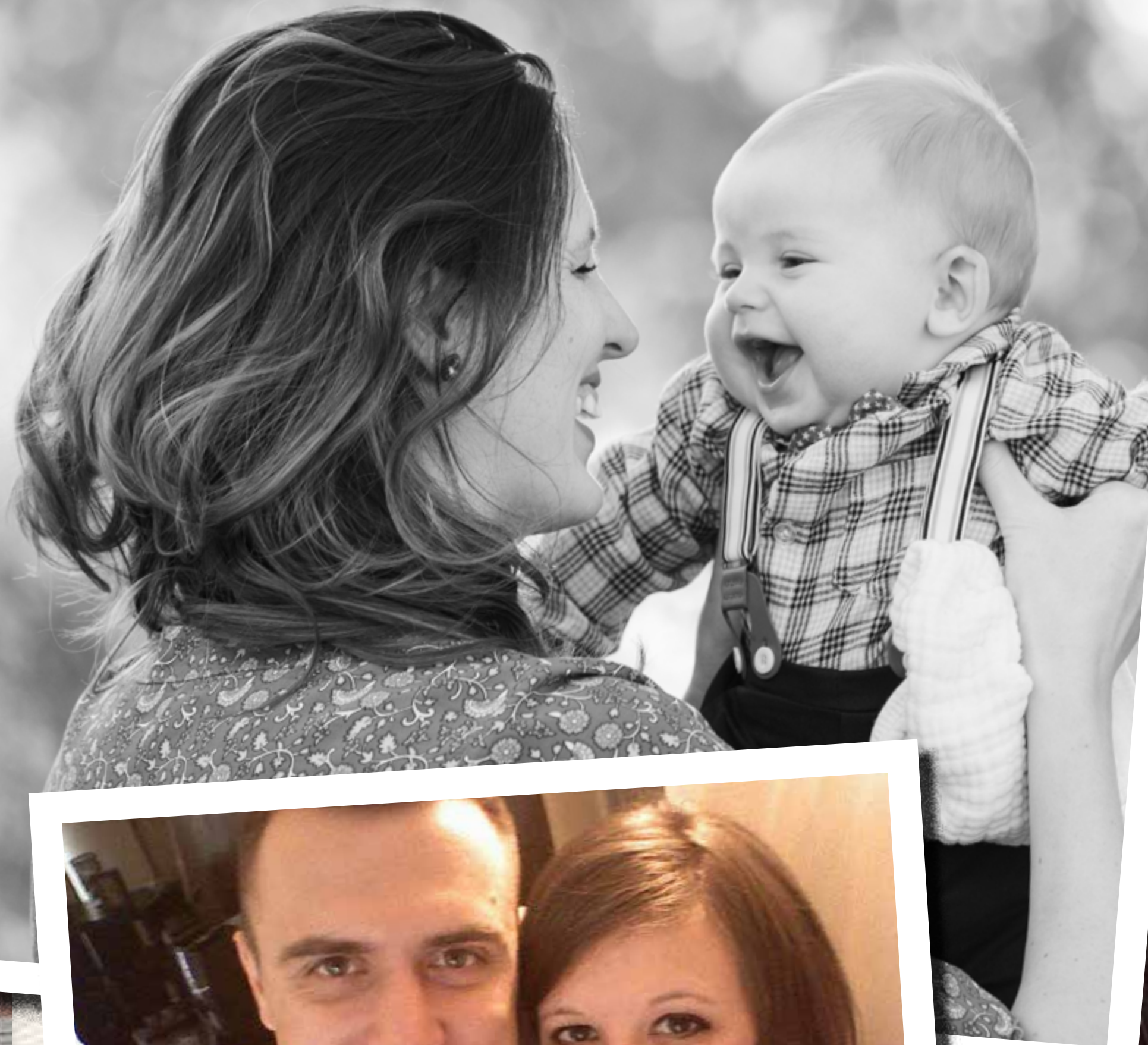
## *Liam*

In March of 2019 an adoption contact introduced us to Liam's birth parents. We met them in person shortly after getting to know each other a little better over a phone conversation. Our relationship blossomed from there and we all welcomed Liam into the world and our family in June of 2019.

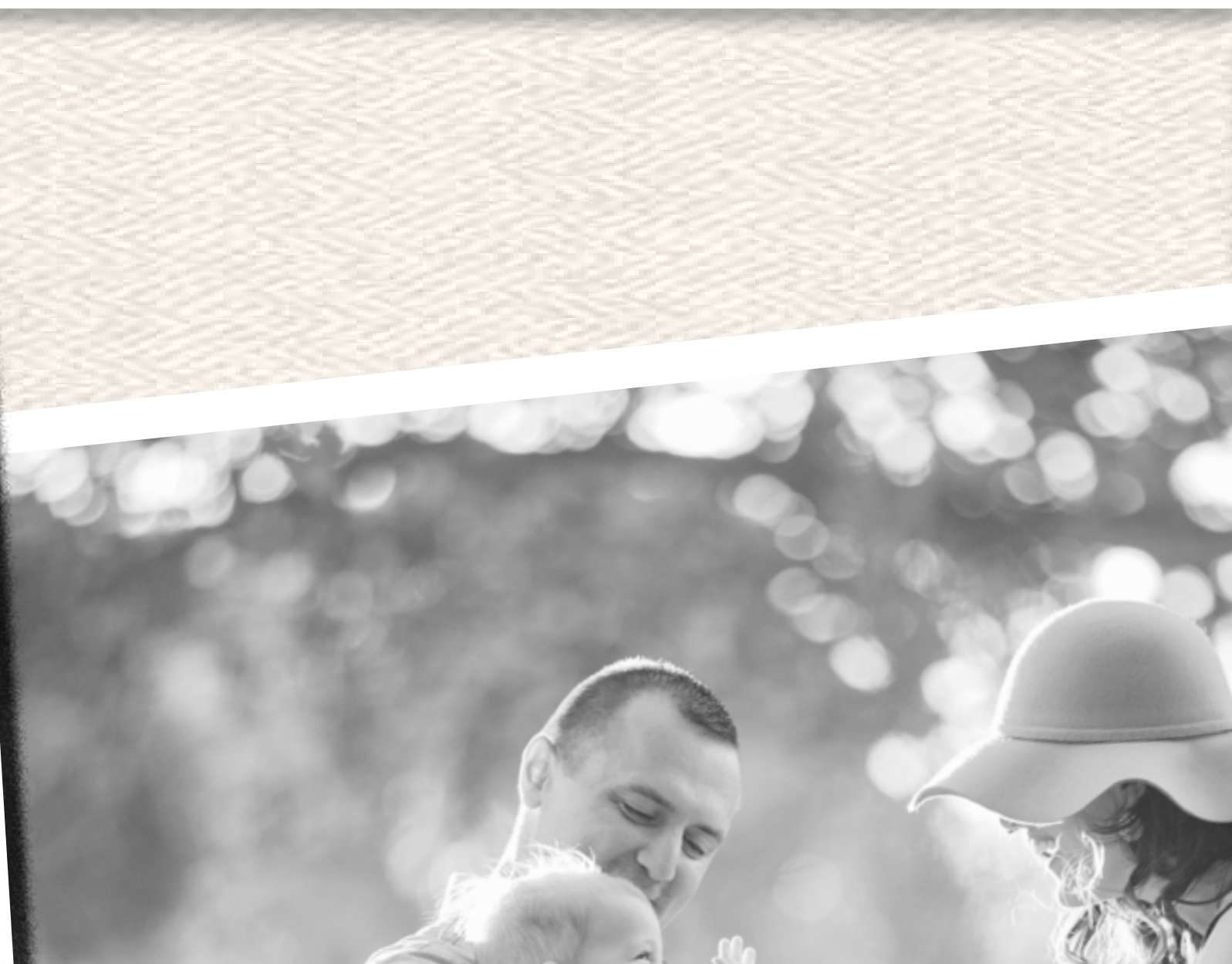
# Impressions...

## *How Aleks thinks of Rachel*

Rachel is absolutely inspiring and endearing, She is driven and passionate when it comes to music and our family. I have watched her mature into a person who desires to impact every individual around her, she truly loves people. My most favorite observation of her is the display of hospitality when invited strangers, neighbors, friends, or family make their way into our home. She keeps me honest and is my main source of objectiveness in my day-to-day life. She has been the best teammate in raising our son, simply all I could ever ask for in being a mom to Liam. The greatest welling up of joy in my heart is apparent when I watch her engagement with and deep love for our son Liam.







## ***How Rachel thinks of Aleks***

Aleks is not only my best friend, he is also a Jesus loving person who is funny, kind and caring. He is a great listener. I love our life together: all of our routines, chores, dates and even our disagreements. He is my biggest fan and supporter. Since I have known him, he continues to encourage me to reach for the stars, which I know he will do for our children as well. I adore the way he takes care of our family and especially our Liam Bear. He is a wonderful cook, a great mechanic, and the best father to our son.

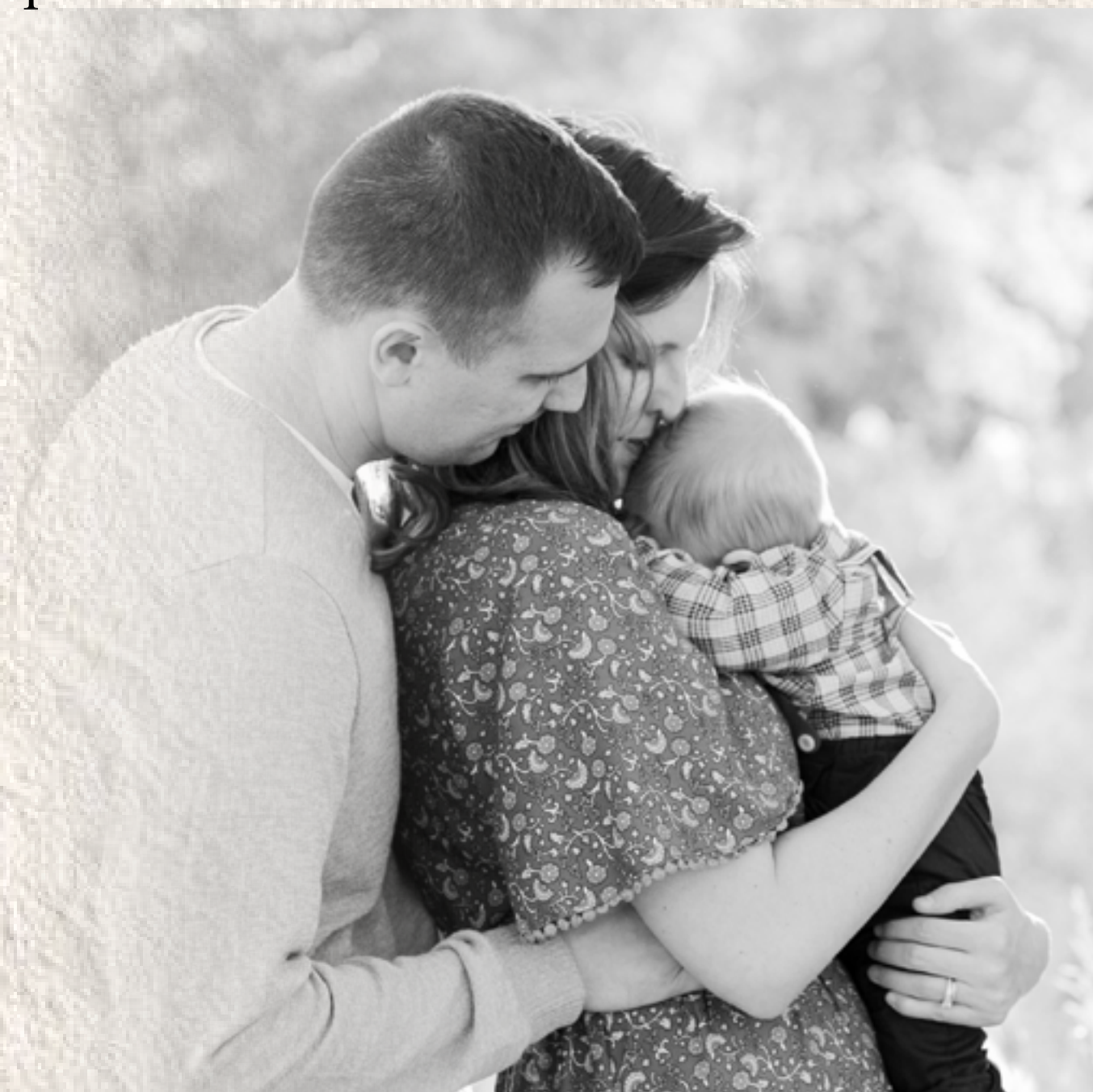


# Family & Friends





Throughout our time in the military, we have made many dear friends around the world and continue to maintain many of those relationships from afar. Spending time as a family is our favorite thing to do. Whether we are cozy at home or out exploring the world, it is best when we are doing it together and with people who we value and cherish.



Arizona will forever have our hearts because it is not only the place we met Liam, but it is also where his birth family resides. We plan to make frequent visits as we maintain the openness in his adoption.



# Our Home and Neighborhood



We live in a family friendly and multicultural neighborhood with many playgrounds, parks, and outdoors activities. Our home is one story and has 3 large bedrooms and a fenced backyard. Our favorite place in our home is our kitchen where we spend time as a family making meals and catching up on the days happenings. We also love the playroom too; it is where we spend time with Liam watching him play and sing along to our favorite tunes. Aleks work is walking distance, so he makes frequent visits to the house during the work week.

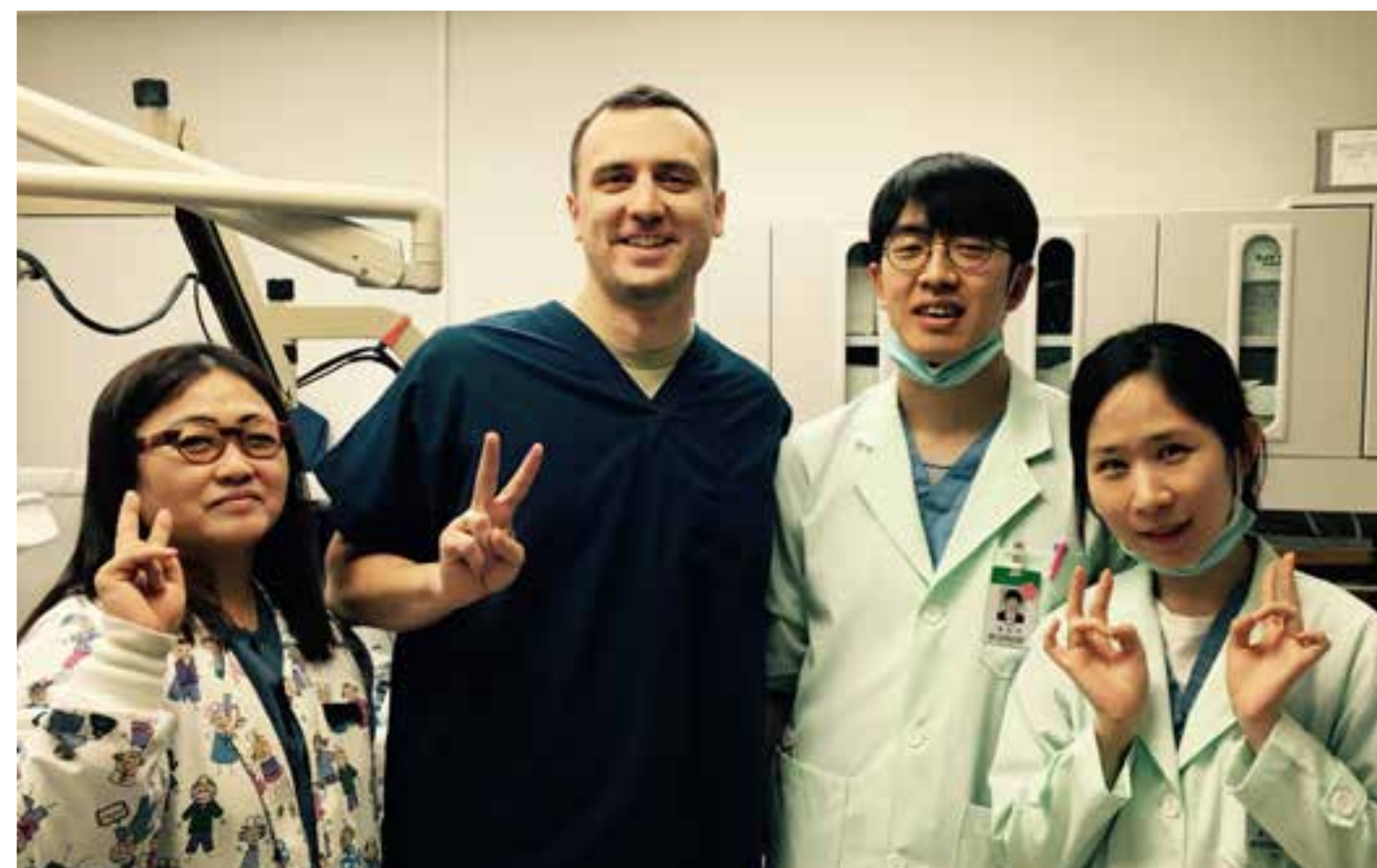


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*happy place*

# Careers



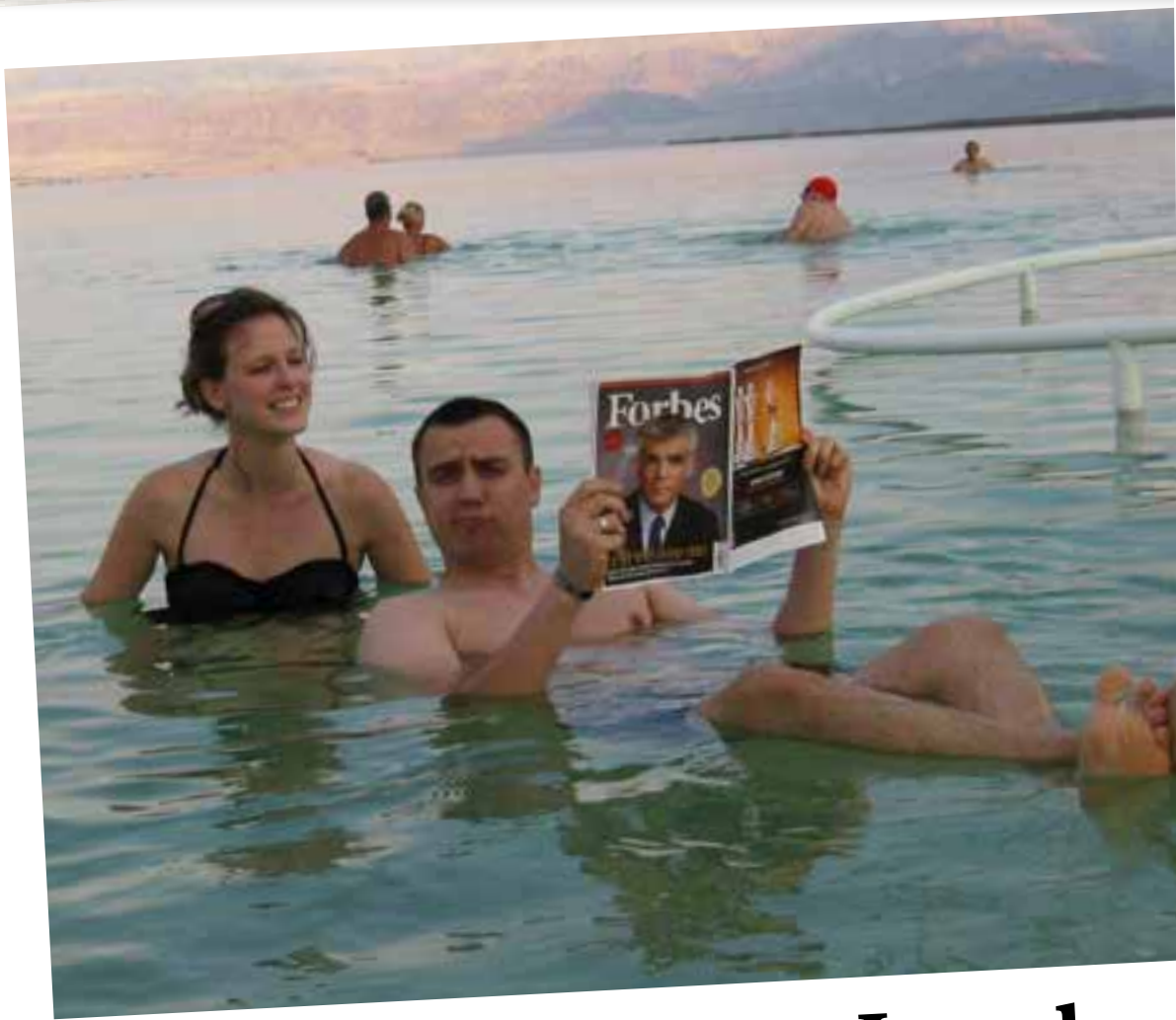
Aleks is a dentist in the US Army and has been serving since 2009. He enjoys the current assignment which involves commanding a small clinic, but he also makes time for treating patients. He enjoys the leadership role as well as helping patients overcome their fears of dental procedures.



Rachel has a long history in music education, over 14 years. She was teaching music at the on-base elementary school, but recently has chosen to become a full time stay-at-home Mom. She still enjoys sharing her love of music and Liam sure does appreciate that.



# Adventures



**Dead Sea, Israel**



**Toyko, Japan**



**Parker Canyon Lake, AZ**



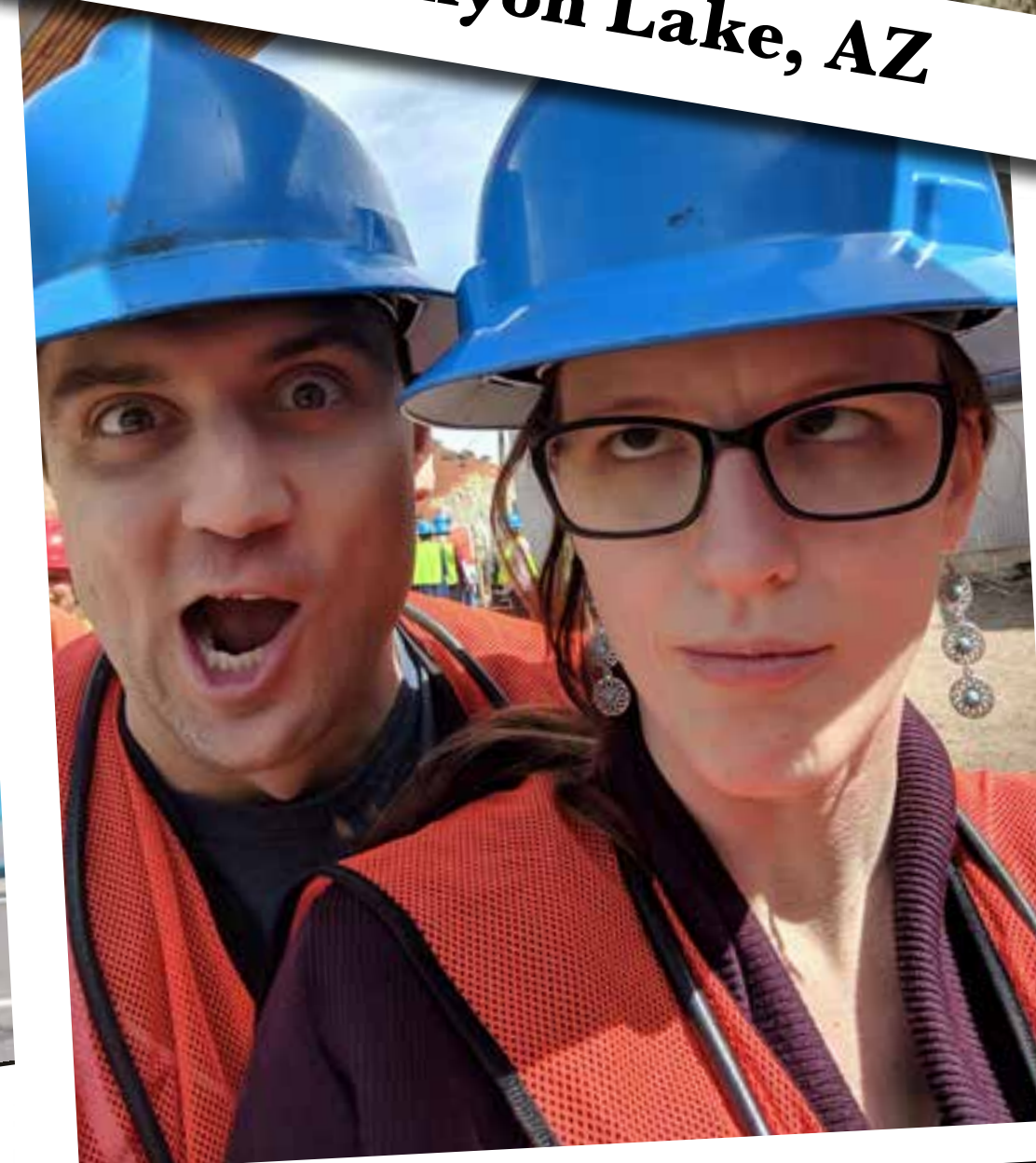
**San Diego, CA**



**Prague, Czech Republic**



**DMZ, Korea**



**Copper Mines, Bisbee AZ**

As a family, we love to see and experience new places, people, and try new foods. We strive to learn about the people and the various cultures and places around us as we move around. Our most recent ventures have been in and around Arizona, California, and New Mexico.



# Why Adoption...

We have always desired to be parents, making a positive impact, and leaving a long-lasting legacy. We feel that our healthy relationship and upbringing can leave a positive impact on our children, but we have struggled for over 9 years to have biological children. We have had doctors evaluate us only to state that the results are inconclusive, no further explanation has been given. We pursued adoption knowing that a birthmom would understand our desire and would gift us with parenthood in her deepest time of need. We are so blessed to have Liam in our lives as result of that. But we want to keep growing our family and want Liam to have siblings. Though our fertility challenges continue, our hearts yearn to love more.



# Our Promise To You

~ Our child will ALWAYS KNOW of YOUR LOVE, and will be loved and supported by us unconditionally.

~ We desire openness as in our first adoption, and if you do too, we promise to MAKE EFFORTS to share events small and big as well as visits no matter where we are in this world.

~ Our child will be SUPPORTED and ENCOURAGED so they can build confidence in relationships, their goals, and dreams.

~ Our child will be SHOWERED WITH LOVE not only from us but from our family and friends.

~ Our child will have fun memories doing the SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE with us.

~ Our child will be taught good FAMILY VALUES, Respect, FAITH, Responsibility, GOOD WORK ETHIC and Honesty.

~ We will teach them NOT TO FEAR FAILURE, but to BELIEVE in themselves and their abilities.

