



MIKE + VI-AN



Welcome to our story...





Hello!

We write you with incredible respect and admiration that your bravery and unconditional love for your child has led you to choose life and consider the path of adoption. We thank you for getting to know us a bit and wish you strength, comfort, and peace of mind in whatever you end up choosing.

We have been adventuring together for almost 10 years and started the greatest adventure of our lives when we adopted our daughter Korrie in February 2023. We dream of expanding our family through adoption and being able to see siblings bond and grow together.

We cannot wait to raise our children in the spirit that we were raised. There will be fly fishing, catching bugs, watching fireflies, building forts, camping, piggyback rides, and just fueling their imaginations. We value trust, patience, and empathy and will always be there to clean up scraped knees, love them through broken hearts, and help them fulfill their dreams. We would be honored to learn about your hopes and dreams for your child as well, should you be open to share.

***We have lots of love, hugs, and snuggles to give (and high fives too)!
Our home is a safe space to grow-up, make mistakes, learn, laugh,
and live. Dad jokes come along as a bonus as Mike has gotten a lot
of practice over the past year.***

Love, Mike and Vi-An



how it all began

In 2014, Vi-An fell and hit her head at her gym and Mike was the Medic that showed up to take her to the hospital. He switched to have his partner drive the ambulance so he could tend to Vi-An in the back. In that fateful trip to the ER, we learned we had a shared passion for adventure and the outdoors. Mike shared stories of hiking the whole Appalachian Trail and Vi-An shared stories of hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. We exchanged emails and after Vi-An was fully recovered, we reconnected for our first date – rock climbing. Vi-An discovered Mike's sense of humor and first dad joke when he texted the next day: "That date rocked!"

From then on, we were inseparable and fell in love. Mike proposed three years later on Thanksgiving and we got married soon after. We adopted our daughter Korrie in 2023 and have a great support system of loving family members and friends.





why we are adopting

WE'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF STARTING A FAMILY AND SHARING OUR ADVENTURES WITH OUR CHILDREN.

We both adore kids and enjoy spending time with our nieces and nephews. After getting married we decided it was time to try to start our own family. After trying unsuccessfully for almost five years, we felt a calling to adopt. We had always talked about adoption as part of our family plan and have witnessed the miracle of adoption within our extended family. One of Mike's cousins is adopted and one of Vi-An's nieces is adopted, and we saw how much love was surrounding the process. ***We were grateful to have been chosen to adopt our daughter Korrie in 2023. We both grew up with at least one sibling and got to experience the special bond siblings have. We hope to expand our family through adoption and Korrie is looking forward to being an older sister.***



meet Mike

TOLD BY VI-AN

Mike is the most patient and caring person I've ever met besides my mom. It's no wonder he got into his profession as a medic. He is always helping people whether it's a neighbor, coworker, or stranger. He never sweats the small stuff, is a good communicator and listener, and his easy-going personality balances me. Mike loves the outdoors. So much so that he spent months hiking through the Appalachian Trail. He loves fly fishing and spending time in nature.

He is not only close to his family but also close to mine. He is extremely caring and playful with our daughter, nieces and nephews – constantly amaking them giggle as he gives out endless hugs and tickles. They love him! He has been a standup father, and I can see him continuing to teach our kids to be good human beings and to always have fun. He is obsessed with our Pomeranians and I adore his heart. He is my perfect person.



meet Vi-An

TOLD BY MIKE

Vi-An was known as “the peacemaker” in her family always taking care of her other three siblings. Her parents immigrated from Vietnam during the war with just the clothes off their backs and worked hard to successfully fulfill the American Dream. I think that’s why Vi-An is such a hard worker and doesn’t take anything for granted. I can see her teaching that to our children. She works hard in her profession as an Executive Director at a bank. I love that she is strong but also really sensitive. She has a big heart, empathizes with others, and is generous.

She loves children and in the past, has coached a Crossfit kids class and coached kids swim team for several years. She also has volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters. I love that she can keep up with my adventures and hikes. We both love to eat and travel. Her experience with kids has made the transition into motherhood so seamless and it’s been amazing to witness her as an amazing mama to our daughter. I think she must’ve hit her head really hard to still be hanging out with me!





Having fun with a friend and her niece!

our daughter Korrie



Korrie is our bright, bubbly, and sweet one year old daughter. She loves to walk around and explore as many things as she can. She loves to pick up leaves, rocks, and acorns and has learned that these things don't taste really good so she should stick to real food. She loves to listen to music and show off her dancing skills which consists of jumping and shimmying. She also loves taking swim lessons and being in the water.

Korrie is very brave and tough and is the type of kid that gets right back up after she falls. She loves puppets, bubbles, and going outside. She is sweet and gentle with her friends and cousins and is a good sharer. When she notices others upset, she always goes up to them to hold their hand or give them a hug.

We can tell she will be a nurturing, caring sibling and we know she will be excited to have a built-in best friend when our family expands.





GRAND
ADVENTURES
OFTEN HAVE
*small
beginnings.*



where we live

OUR 2-STORY, 3-BEDROOM HOME IS FILLED WITH LOVE, TWO SWEET POMERANIANS, ONE FRIENDLY TORTOISE, AND LOTS OF HUGS AND KISSES.

We live on a bluff bordering a creek and love to fish and go on nature walks. We see so much wildlife in our backyard including herons, ducks, fish, hummingbirds, armadillos, owls, and deer! We feel lucky to live in an outdoor oasis in a family-friendly and diverse neighborhood.



Home is where we watch movies, draw, play, laugh, and let our imaginations run wild. It's where we read bedtime stories from our extensive collection of children's books that Korrie is ready to share! It's where we play piano, strum guitar, and dance in our living room. It's where learn, grow, and nurture our relationships (and our plants)! It's where we feel safe and can be our goofy selves!



We love to BBQ, swim, and relax on our deck. We love hosting family and friends for dinners and holidays. Our neighborhood is safe, friendly, and diverse. We also have great outdoor parks within walking distance, huge indoor water park less than a mile away, and great schools nearby.





VI-AN LOVES: WORKING OUT (I'VE COMPLETED AN IRONMAN TRIATHLON)
 · READING & WATCHING MOVIES WITH THE FAMILY · TAKING THE FAMILY
 TO ZOOS, AQUARIUMS & FARMS · PLAYING PIANO & COMPOSING
 MUSIC · MY HOUSEPLANT COLLECTION!

Things we love

MIKE LOVES: FLY FISHING · BIKING & TAKING WALKS WITH THE FAMILY
 · MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH & CRACKING JOKES · COOKING & FAMILY RECIPES
 · THE OUTDOORS (I'M PRETTY GOOD AT SPOTTING & NAMING WILDLIFE!)

THE GREATEST ADVENTURE IS
what lies ahead.

J.R.R. Tolkien



Vi-An's childhood



VI-AN'S FAVORITE MEMORIES THAT SHE'D LIKE TO PASS DOWN TO HER KIDS:

- Catching fireflies
- Biking and sledding down big hills
- Driving the Big Wheels around our driveway
 - Bowling birthday parties
 - Pretending to be an Olympic figure skater with her roller skates
- Making up dance routines and doing gymnastics at the playground
 - Seeing dinosaur bones at the Museum of Natural History
- Putting out milk and cookies for Santa
- Eating ice cream cake with chocolate crispies every birthday



Vi-An's family traditions

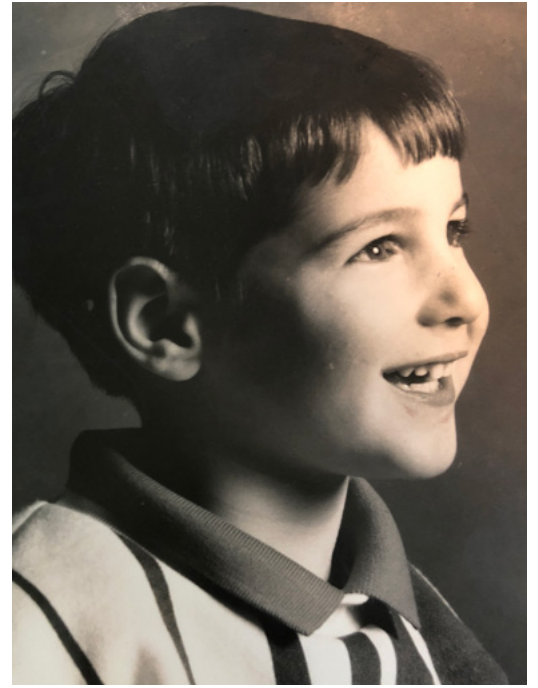
- Annual family vacation
(Beaches, Disney, Theme Parks, National Parks)
- Christmas Eve Midnight Mass and then opening Gifts
- Sunday family lunches
- Karaoke Parties
- Boardgames, video games, and Movie Nights
- Tennis with Dad (Grandpa)



Mike's family traditions

- Sit-down dinners and cooking together
- Swapping dad jokes
- Shore vacations
- Neighborhood walks to the park
- All-day Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Celebrations
- Story-telling and laughs





Mike's childhood

MIKE'S FAVORITE MEMORIES THAT HE'D LIKE TO PASS DOWN TO HIS KIDS:

- Catching bugs. LOTS OF BUGS!
 - Playing baseball
 - Hiking
- Going to the beach
- Watching cartoons (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)
- Dressing up as Dracula for Halloween
- Camping with the family
 - Doodling
- Eating coffee cake for breakfast





our promises

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

We are grateful to even be considered along your journey.

Should we be entrusted and chosen to adopt your child, **we promise to** always provide **love, safety, trust, fun, and guidance** to them. We promise to talk openly about the adoption journey and ensure our future baby knows **how much they are loved by you**. We also would love to keep the lines of communication open if that is your desire too. We hope you feel our love and see the stable foundation we've built as we look to expand our family. **Whatever your decision is, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.** We wish you peace of mind, continued courage, and support as you let your unconditional love for your child guide you.

Mike, Vi-An and Korrie

