



Paul & Angela



## DEAR FRIEND,

Hello, we are Paul and Angela and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. Thank you for considering your choices. We are so excited to be adopting and bringing a child into our family! We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best. We hope this book gives you a glimpse about our family and the kind of life your child would have as part of our family. We look forward to meeting you.

*Paul & Angela*



# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

Believe it or not we grew up just five minutes away from each other. We even went to the same junior high and high school. But we never met. I (Angela) knew both of Paul's brothers and was even his youngest brother's big sister in marching band.

Fast forward years later, I met Paul's sister-in-law on the first day of a new job, and she set us up on a blind date. We went on a double date to the Scottish Festival and knew there was something there. That first date ended up lasting almost ten hours! It didn't take us long at all to realize each other was "the one". Eight months later we were married...during a massive thunderstorm. Complete with rain, thunder, lightning, and tornadoes.

We have been married for over four years and are truly each other's best friend.

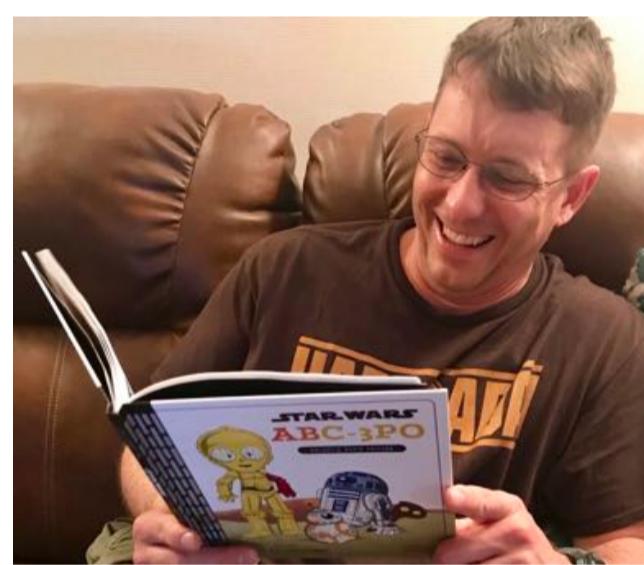
We talked about adoption in the first months of dating, so when we struggled with infertility and found out that we couldn't have children we immediately started pursuing adoption. We are ready to give our unconditional love to a child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption!

# a little about PAUL



Paul grew up in a close knit community in the Dallas area. He is the oldest of three boys and is the uncle to two nieces and a nephew. He joined the military in college and feels that he really found his niche in the Army, spending most of his time in the reserves. He loves that it gave him the opportunity to travel around the world and has formed friendships in the Army that have lasted over 20 years. He is a total outdoors kind of guy. You can find him barbecuing, running with the dogs, hiking, fishing, or climbing anything he can find. He loves Star Wars, Peanuts & Snoopy, Elvis, and singing the oldies.

He is a civil engineer with the Army and loves help building things.



Winning at Nertz

# a little about Angela



Angela grew up in a close knit community in the Dallas area. Her parents divorced when she was five, and her dad married her stepmom when she was ten. She was an only child growing up but had a half-sister and half-brother born during her teenage years. She has two nephews and several god-children. She loves traveling, fostering dogs, crocheting, and photography.

She knew she wanted to be a teacher from an early age. She was an elementary and middle school teacher for over 15 years and still keeps in contact with many of them. She also taught English at a blind school in South Korea before meeting Paul. She currently creates resources for teachers and works from home (so she will be able to be a stay-at-home mom).



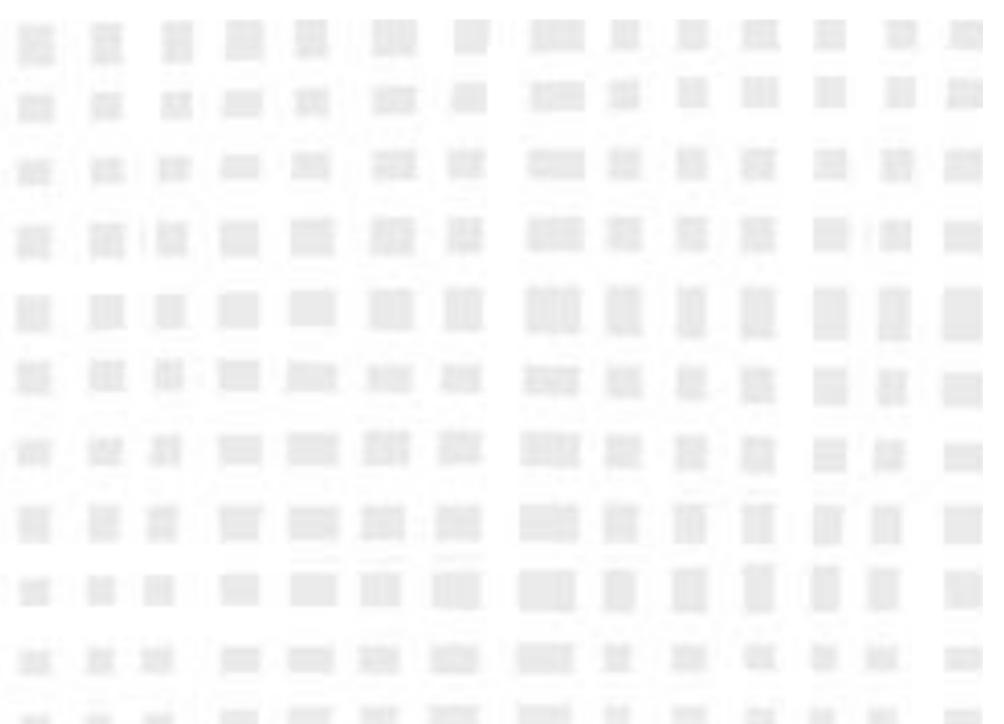
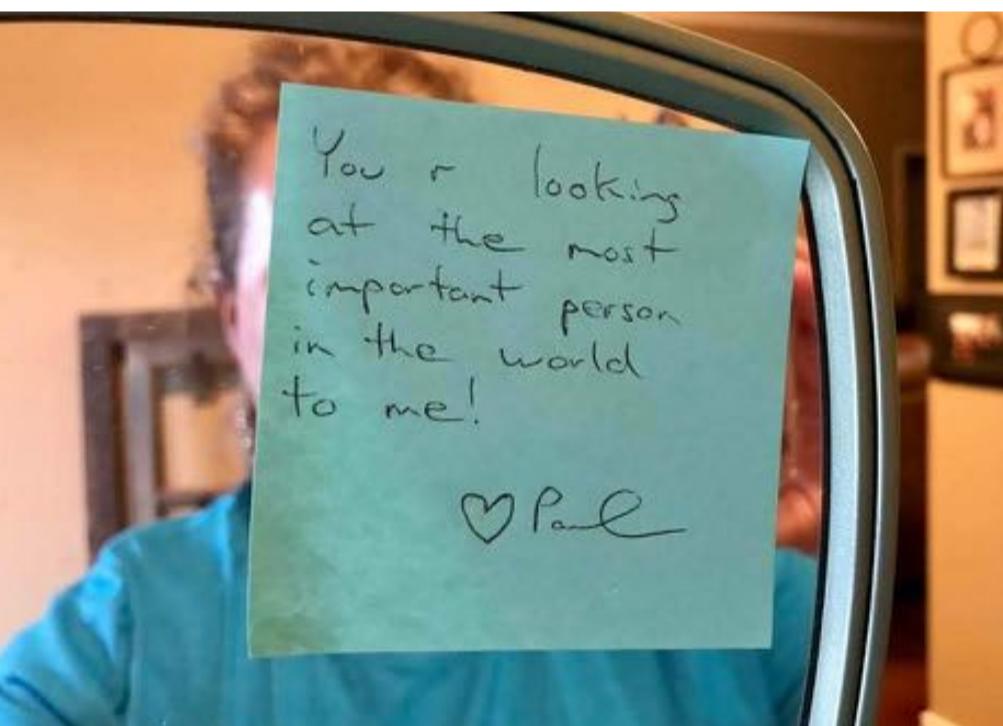
One of her students

Her best friend's children

Her former 5th grader and her daughter



# WHAT PAUL ADMIRES ABOUT ANGELA



Angela has the biggest heart of anyone I know. The love she has for foster dogs and her students is huge. She has a natural tendency to serve others. Her love of teaching and making a difference in the lives of others impresses me. We went out to eat one night, and one of her former students from many years ago came up to her telling her what a huge difference she made in his life back in fifth grade. I really admire her. I love her spirit of adventure. She's not afraid to try new things and explore new places. And she has even traveled to more countries than I have! She is completely natural with children. I've seen her with children of our friends and family, and she is totally in her element, from singing corny children's songs to reading books. She will put your child at the center of her world and make sure he or she will have as many amazing experiences as possible.

# WHAT ANGELA ADMIRES ABOUT PAUL



Paul is different than any other man I've ever met. He has such strong character that it just exudes from him. He is a man of God and is always thinking about others and would literally give the shirt off his back if someone needed it. I love that he chose to serve our country and continues to do so with such passion. When I see him in his uniform I still get butterflies. I am so proud to be his wife. He will make such a wonderful daddy. His nieces absolutely adore him and scream "Uncle Paul! Uncle Paul!" When they see him. He gets down on the floor to play with them and our friends' children. We watched our god son for a week, and he loved bedtime when they read books together (that's them in the picture above). Puzzles, cars, dolls...he loves every minute of it. He enjoys having a good time, and his goofy side can come out at any moment. He always makes me laugh.

# OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD

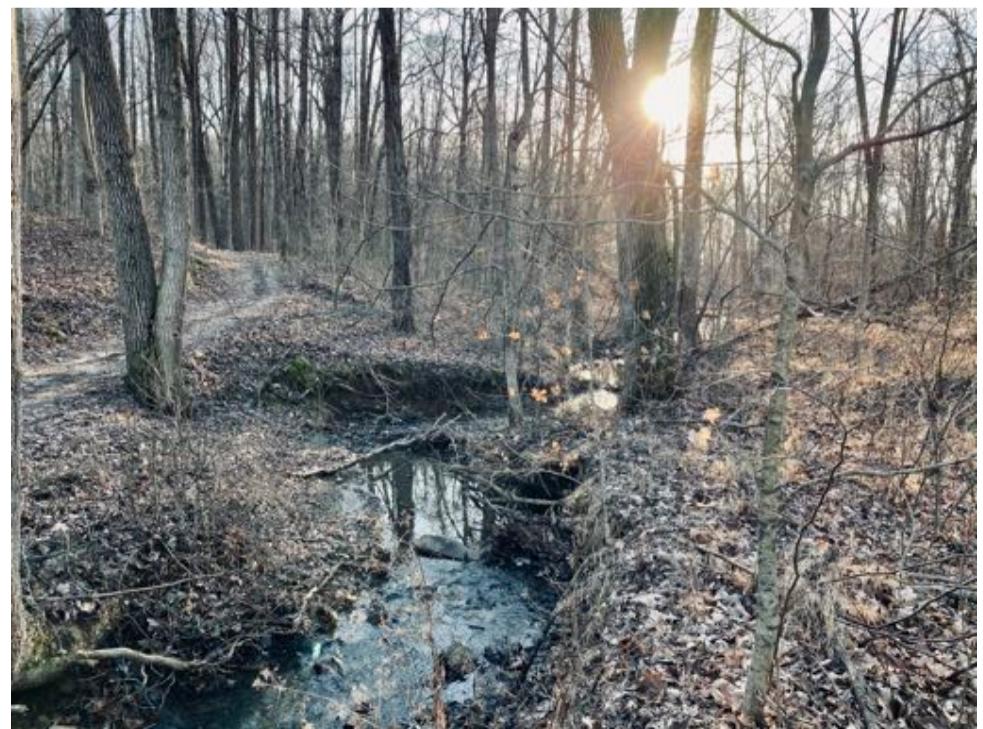


We live in Kentucky in a family oriented neighborhood, with a beautiful park with walking and hiking trails just five minutes away. Our home has 4 big bedrooms, a big kitchen, and a full basement. In our area we have many unique restaurants, a national forest, and an amusement park.



Toys from Angela's childhood

We love books!



# THESE ARE OUR friends & family



Paul & his parents



Paul & our friend's granddaughter





Angela & "Aunt Jimi"



Our godson



Paul & his brothers



Angela & her dad



# Adventures



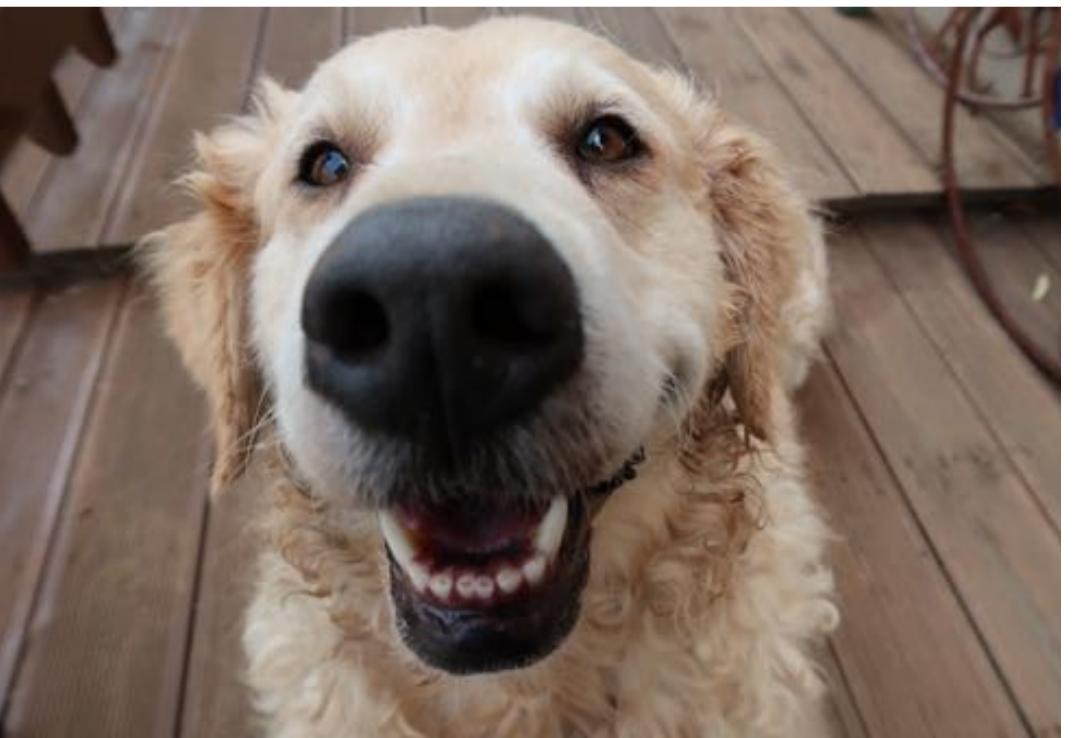
We are a family of adventurers, no doubt about it. Between the two of us, we have traveled to more than 50 countries. We had the amazing experience of living in South Korea and even got to go to the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics. We try to travel and explore new places as much as possible. Even in our own area we love to find adventures. We are always looking to try new things.





## Gus Gus & Goldie

Our dogs, Gus Gus and Goldie, are the sweetest dogs. We adopted them both from Korea. They love napping on the couch, going on walks, and playing in the backyard. They both love children and can't wait to be a big sister and brother.



# Our promise to you...

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We are very grateful for the opportunity to be part of your journey. We have always dreamed about being parents and are so excited to be adopting. We hope that you see the love, faith, laughter, and adventure we could provide your child. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives, and we look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Paul & Angela

