

TONY + DENISE



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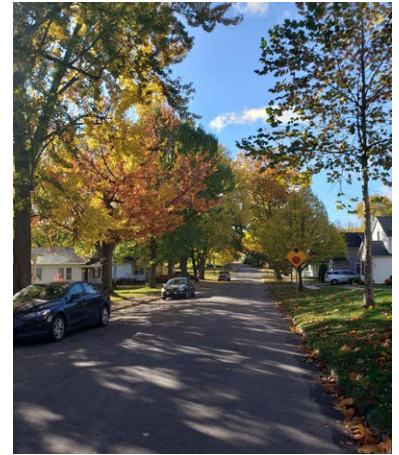


*We have been
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13 years!*

Time has flown by, and we continue to be thankful for one another and our marriage is honest, trusting, and supportive. We don't have any children due to infertility (except a pomeranian dog who is a full member of our family ☺).

Denise is Canadian and was living in Toronto when she met Tony at our best friends' wedding in Indiana. Ours is a pretty cute story. We were both single, and the bride suggested a setup. Denise was skeptical, but she was smitten after meeting Tony and seeing his huge smile, generous spirit, and great moves on the dance floor. We started dating long-distance and took turns making the seven-hour trip across the border to visit each other. The rest is history!





We live in a family-friendly neighborhood that offers many amenities.

It includes parks, splash pads, community swimming pools, children's sports leagues, good restaurants, and a local library—all within close proximity. Our home offers three-bedrooms and is located just a 10-minute walk from downtown. We are thankful for our diverse community. In fact over 60% of students in the local school district are Latino and Spanish-speaking.

The closest elementary school is just two blocks away, and kids in the neighborhood enjoy outdoor activities like basketball, biking, and playing at the nearby park and splash pad. The fall season is beautiful, with vibrant fall colors we can enjoy while jogging on the town's trails together. We can't wait to talk our child for walks around the community and are excited about the prospect of bringing a child into this welcoming environment.

HI, I'M DENISE

& I would love to meet you!

I'd describe myself as caring, sensitive, and silly. I wear my heart on my sleeve laughing often (loudly)! Although I'm social and love spending time with my friends, family, and church community - I'm an introvert at my core who also loves reading books, cooking, and going on long runs by myself.

As a school psychologist, I work at a few local elementary and preschools to support students who have learning, developmental, or emotional needs. I love my job because I work with kids who are silly, sensitive, tender, and loving. There is a preciousness to children, especially ones who have lived difficult lives, that I feel lucky to encounter and hold.





I'm so lucky to have met Denise almost 14 years ago!

She has such a pure heart and cares for so many people in our community. She also challenges me to grow, ask questions, and never get too comfortable with the status quo. Denise is very passionate about many areas in our lives. These include her job, our church, our health, and relationships within our community. We share a lot of common interests and love spending time together!

Denise will be a wonderful parent. She is so caring and loving, and is always the family favorite when visiting with our nieces and nephews. Her wealth of experience working with children is such a bonus when thinking about her becoming a Mom.





HI, I'M TONY

& I look forward to connecting.

I would describe myself as social, loyal, and goofy. I enjoy being active, whether that be training for a half-marathon or playing soccer with friends. I also enjoy reading and am a part of a men's book club. This group introduces me to books I would never have chosen on my own and I appreciate learning new things. I'm an extrovert, but still really enjoy spending time at home with Denise and our blind Pomeranian dog named Teddy.

I have two jobs. I work as a teacher at an Alternative High School, and I coach soccer at a private High School in our town. Both these jobs allow me to build positive relationships with teens, and I am lucky to have great staff to work alongside. I am passionate about encouraging these groups of teenagers to grow into caring and respectful adults.





Tony is really so wonderful, and I'm thankful (13 years later!) that we found each other.

Here's what I love about Tony... he's happy, and easy going, and loves life. Even in the morning when his alarm goes off at 6am, Tony is affectionate, silly, and loving towards me! He carries a lightness and carefree spirit that helps me tap into the goodness of the world.

I feel so safe with Tony because he affirms my feelings (and I have lots!), and makes me feel like I can be exactly who I am. I don't need to worry about the mistakes I make or my shortcomings, he reassures me that I'm wonderful just the way I am. And that is such a gift to feel so seen and so loved. This is Tony's superpower - he loves people and accepts people for who they are. Whether that's me, his brothers with intellectual disabilities, his soccer players or co-workers.

I have no doubt Tony will be an attentive, fun loving, and patient father. When we hosted a child through foster care, I was amazed at how well he connected with the child and took time to get to know her.



Denise's FAMILY

I was born and raised in Ontario, Canada, just outside of Toronto. My parents, and two brothers (and their families) also live there - which is just a seven hour drive from where we live now. I love being an aunt to my three nieces and two nephews who are all so amazing in their own ways. Tony and I travel to Ontario several times a year to be with my family. The nieces come and stay with us in Indiana for a week in the summer, and recently I've been spending a month in Ontario over summer break to be closer to the crew.

My parents are experienced grandparents. They have been supporting us through our journey to adopt right from the beginning, and are ready for another grandson or granddaughter! I've made my parents agree to come stay with us for the first month after we adopt ☺.





Tony's FAMILY

I grew up in a nearby town to the one I live in now. My Dad lives in the same town and we see each other often. My Dad and I enjoy watching sports together. My Mom passed away in 2023 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. I have 2 older brothers (twins) that have intellectual disabilities. They both live in group homes for people with disabilities in a town close by. We enjoy taking them to church and they often come out to cheer on the High School soccer team that I coach. Our 5 nieces/nephews all live in Canada, but we enjoy making a trip to see them during the holidays and in the summer.





A FEW OF OUR *favorite* THINGS

Denise: I love long distance running and I have run marathons in the US, Canada, Cambodia, and Malaysia! I also teach a Saturday morning strength training class at the local gym.

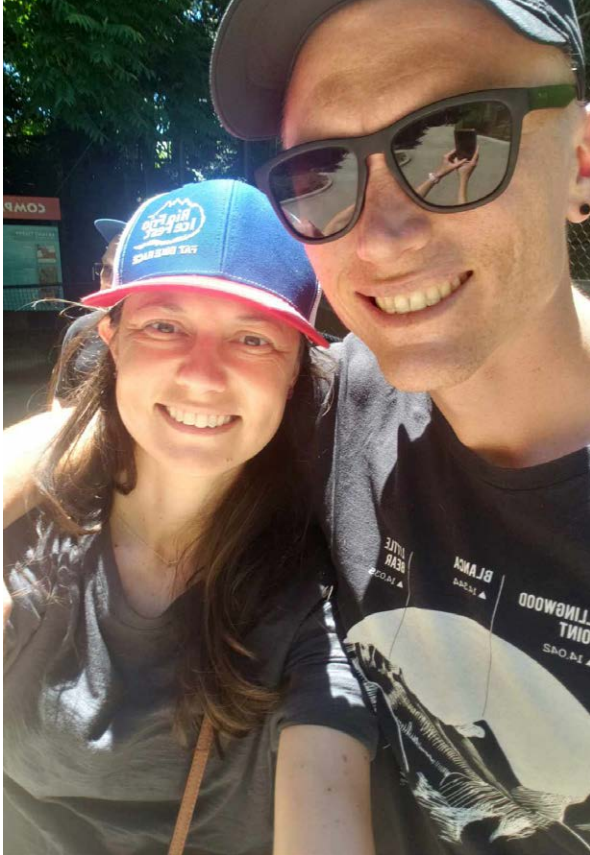
Tony: I also enjoy running, but my first passion is playing soccer. I played soccer in college and then professionally when we lived in Cambodia! I currently play in indoor and outdoor leagues and coach at a local highschool. My soccer team won the State Championship last fall which was a huge accomplishment for me.

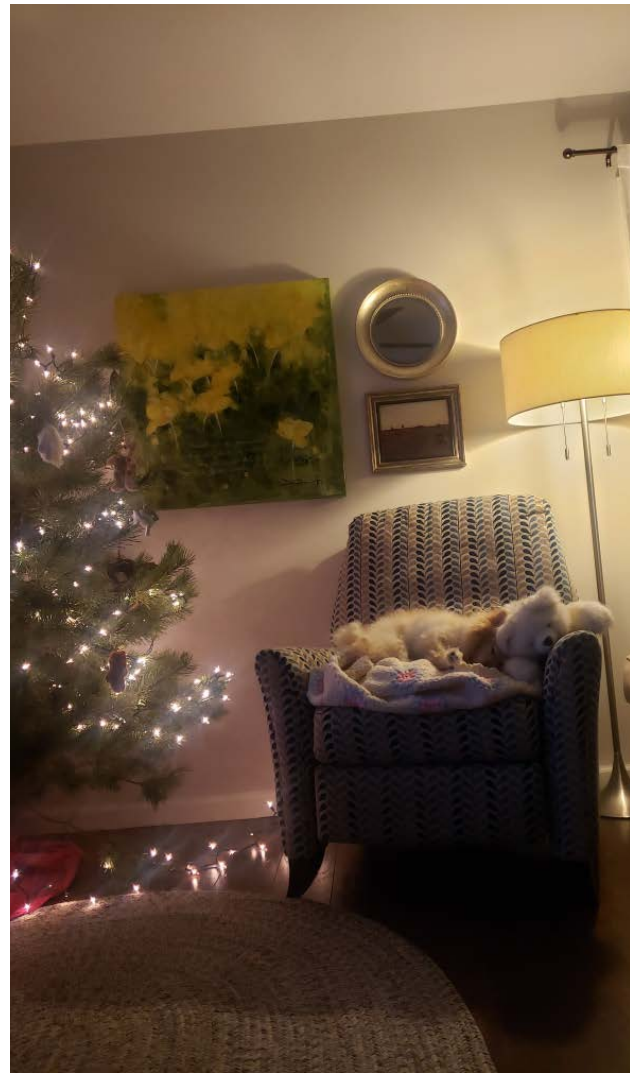
We also love to host friends at our house and make big dinners. Denise loves cooking, and Tony calls himself a happy 'siu chef' :). We like experimenting with cooking East and South Asian food. Denise is

a bit of a health nut and loves finding new ways to make vegetables taste delicious (it's possible, she promises).

Travel was a huge part of our lives when we first got married. We lived in Cambodia for three years and from there traveled to Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Laos. Denise previously spent time living in Benin West Africa and traveling through Europe and Turkey. Nowadays our travels are primarily to visit Denise's family in Ontario, but we also like to mark important milestones in our lives in travel across the country including Alaska, Florida, Colorado, and South Carolina. We can't wait to bring a baby into our lives and plan family camping trips as a threesome.

We are an active and adventurous couple, if we do say so ourselves!





family TRADITIONS

Holiday traditions are super important to us, especially to Denise! Christmas is a big deal for us both religiously and just for fun. We decorate the house and always get a real live tree because it makes the house smell so good. Denise bakes Christmas cookies and we often host a Christmas eve bonfire with friends. We then travel to Ontario and open stockings with Denise's nieces and nephews and eat a huge breakfast and dinner feast. Denise looks forward to the season all year long.

Because we both work in the school system, we have our summers off together. Although Tony has some coaching responsibilities over the summer, we make time for camping, making trips to the beach, and swimming in our friends' pools. We dream of spending our summers taking vacations, swimming in lakes, and camping under the stars with a child.

WHY WE HOPE TO ADOPT & our promise to you



We have always envisioned being parents. We talked about having children even before getting married. It was devastating to encounter infertility and then failed attempts at IVF. We've been brokenhearted over the course of the past decade in our quest to become parents with a longing for a child that has never left us. We want to adopt because to us family is not just blood, it's choice. And we have so much love to give a child. **We know we aren't perfect, but we promise that we and our extended family and friends would do everything for the well being of a baby.**

A few things to know about us. We welcome an open adoption believing the child will benefit from know his or her origins.

We would adore a baby of any race and ethnicity. Having lived abroad and now in a diverse community, we have an awareness of cultural differences, racism, and problems of privilege being white ourselves. We're committed to educating ourselves about how to raise a baby of a different race, learn about their birth culture, and provide same-race mentors and friendships for them. It would be our continual effort to help the child find belonging in our culture and his/her birth culture.



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*With love,
Denise & Tony*