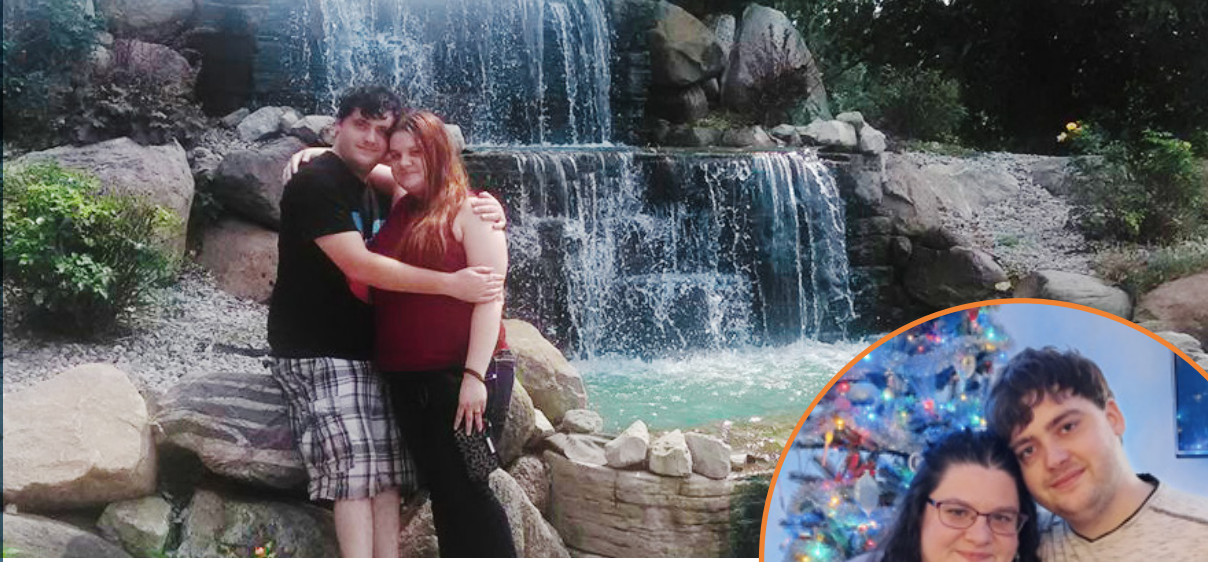


# Reed & Jenifer



## Hobbies & Interests

Reed's hobbies are adventure stories and DnD. Jenifer's hobbies are dance and art. We both enjoy reading, video games, board games, water activities and anime.

## Occupation

Reed is a local class A semi truck driver with B & B Trucking. He currently works the night shift. Our plan is for Jenifer to be a stay at home mom.

## Education

Jenifer has a Bachelor's of Science in Theatre Arts from Eastern Michigan University, while Reed had some college before he decided to switch to get his CDL-A.

## Religion or Belief System

We are evangelical Christians. We believe that God created the world and everything in it and that the only path to redemption is through Jesus.

## Pets

None.

## Children in Home

None.

## Our Story

We met through Bible Quizzing and became friends through Church camp. We grew from acquaintances to camp friends to friends before beginning a relationship. We talked about dating in the summer of 2015 and decided to stay friends. In June 2016 we started dating. Reed proposed in April of 2017 and we got married in June 2018. We lived with Jenifer's family for the first few years of our marriage, which included her parents, her cousin and her cousin's daughter. Reed went over the road as a semi truck driver and then transitioned to a local trucking job. Reed and Jenifer currently live in their own two bedroom apartment.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

Jenifer planned on adopting since she was fifteen. Reed early in their dating relationship asked her how she felt about kids and she responded that she wanted to adopt one day but didn't know if she wanted biological kids or not. Reed was okay with this response. Fast forward to us being married for about sixteen months and Jenifer was diagnosed with PCOS and told she would need help to get pregnant. After the diagnosis we looked at all the alternatives to having biological kids; IVF, Surrogacy and Adoption. We decided at that time we already knew we wanted to adopt so we started working towards that goal in January 2020.

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

We would like a semi open relationship with the birth family. We would love to send emails and pictures at least monthly and meet up a couple of times throughout the year. We hope that the relationship will one day be child led. We have some flexibility in our ideals as relationships are fluid and change throughout time. We are not looking at co-parenting, but would love for the birth family to stay involved. We are especially interested in relationships with birth mom, dad and siblings. We are open to getting together for birthdays, including birthday parties but will go in the direction that the birth family chooses.



These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please email [pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org](mailto:pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org) or contact Melissa or Anne.

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