



JON + GRACIA

We're so honored to be here.



Friend, before you turn a page in our profile, we want you to know how important you are. Not for any choice you are making, but because you are a person of inherent dignity and worth.



OUR NOTE TO YOU

A photograph of a family of three sitting together against a white wall. A woman with dark hair and glasses is smiling and looking towards a young boy with glasses who is looking up at her. A man with glasses and a beard is sitting behind them, looking down at the boy. They are all wearing casual clothing. The background is a plain white wall.

HELLO!

It's so nice to
"meet" you.

We want to begin by saying thank you for welcoming us into this sacred and vulnerable space with you. We cannot and will not ever come close to understanding the weight of what you are walking through right now. And yet, we want you to know we are humbled by your decision to consider us as parents as you educate yourself on all of your options and wrestle with what is best for you and your child.

We know that our mere words will never be able to convey the utmost respect we have for you. The brave, hard choices you are making right now are life changing - for you, for your baby, and even possibly for us. And we are rooting for you, no matter what you decide.

As a family, we have made a point of praying for you and your baby every night. We pray you would know and feel to your core that you are loved beyond measure, that you are held in your pain, and that there is no amount of shame or guilt that can separate you from Jesus.

You are chosen, you are worthy, you are loved, and you are deeply delighted in.

We have always wanted a big family, but that is not biologically an option for us anymore. We have felt the deep conviction of adoption for a long time and are eternally grateful for the opportunity to grow our family this way. One of the greatest joys of our lives is being parents, and we can't wait to welcome more children into our home.

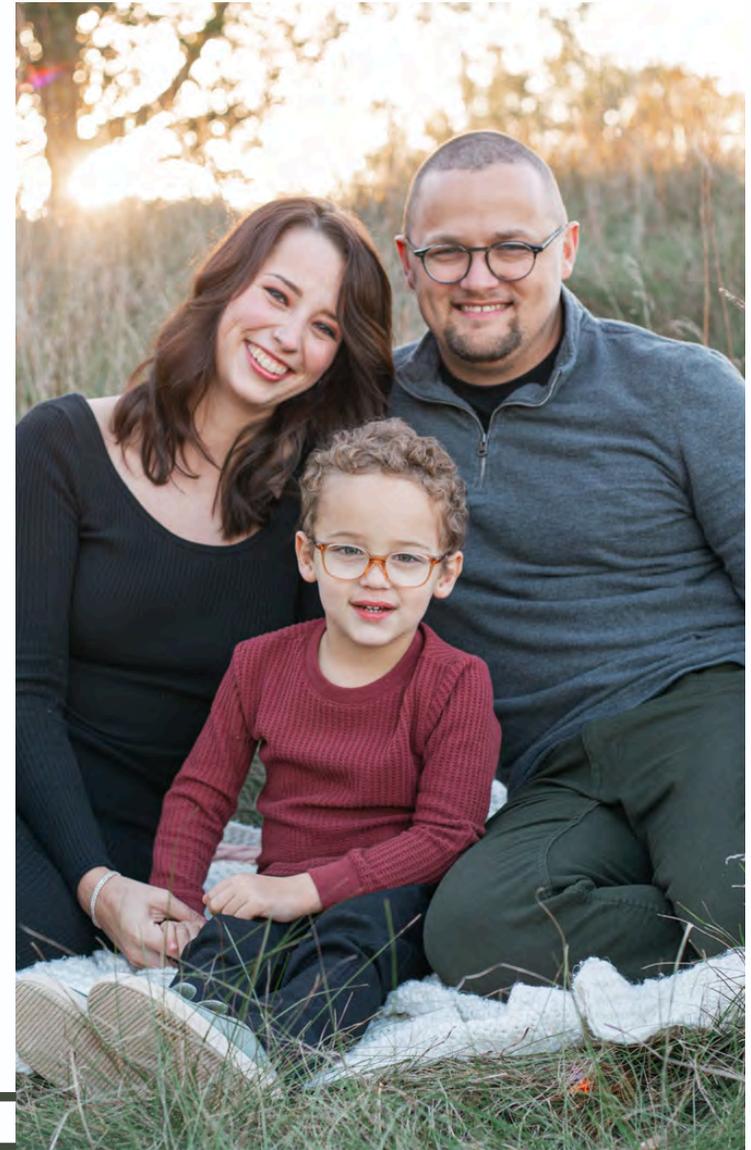
We're grateful you have taken the time to get to know us. If you would see fit, we would love the honor to get to know you, too. Even if we never meet, know we are in this with you, alongside of you, for you, and hoping with you as you navigate the days ahead.

ALL OUR LOVE AND HUGS, *jon + gracia*

WHO WE ARE

+ things to know

1. We love LOUD! Whether it is our love of our God, or our family and friends, we try to be deeply loving and intentional in how we love those we care about.
2. We talk about the hard stuff. We are very open and honest with each other.
3. We LAUGH! Our family and friends are obnoxiously funny, and we love having fun.
4. We celebrate BIG. Birthdays, Christmas, Easter etc. We go ALL OUT. Why? Because it is worthy of being celebrated and celebrating is fun!
5. We value doing things together. Even work trips- Kids are involved in everything



Our family is genuine, compassionate, and Gospel-centered. We care deeply and strive to be thoughtful in all we say and do. We're also fun, dramatic (admittedly), and theatrical. We are not perfect, but we're constantly growing towards the best forms of ourselves. We have an appreciation for wholeness and health in all areas of life. And we're relational - which is why we wish we were sitting with you over your favorite warm drink or meal right now!



MEET JON



genuine, caring,
& excitable

WHAT I DO

I work for a worldwide non-profit college ministry. I love having the opportunity to share the hope I have found in the person of Jesus and building relationships with others.

WHAT I LOVE

Deep conversations | getting lost in nature | the intersection of faith, psychology, & neuroscience | a trashy cup of coffee | a playlist that goes from heavy metal to bluegrass to worship instrumentals | Packers football | jokes I probably shouldn't laugh at | my family

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

I am a hard working, Midwest farm kid who is as joyous and excitable as he is willing to slow down and deeply enjoy the deeper things in life.

MEET GRACIA

WHAT I DO

I'm an administrative assistant, graphic designer, and social media specialist (for the same ministry as Jon!). I'm also a stay at home mom!

WHAT I LOVE

A boujee cup of coffee | all things cozy | Christmas decorations | cleaning my house | leading worship + playing the piano | animals | interior design | spending time with family | exercising | cooking

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

I'm a down-to-earth modern-day homemaking mama. I am an extreme empath and seek out beauty in pretty much anything. I am incredibly honest and love people with a brave, deep kind of love.



authentic, creative,
& empathetic

OUR LOVE STORY



We grew up in the same small town and always knew of each other, but really never connected until Gracia's brother set us up on a blind date. The first date was a hit and we've been stuck like glue every since. Jon had the engagement ring for over a year before he finally proposed! We are the very best of friends and we love raising babies together-teaching them to love others, embody the Gospel, and have so much fun along the way!



OUR WEDDING DAY

We said "I do" a few months after Jon proposed. It was a large event; the late-spring garden party of Gracia's dreams- filled with a crazy amount of flowers, twinkly lights, and so much laughter!



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MOTHERHOOD



Being a mom has been a dream of mine since I was a child, and it has been everything I had every hoped it could be and so much more!

FATHERHOOD

Being a dad has easily been one of the greatest joys of my life. I cannot wait to love another child!



MEET EZRA

Ezra is five years old and the sweetest, most thoughtful and creative little boy you'll ever meet. He makes us laugh hysterically every day. He is incredibly empathetic and kind to everyone and everything.

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW...

1. He loves to play outside, go fishing with daddy or help with changing the oil, snuggles with mama, going to church, ALL things legos, and doing arts + crafts.
2. He dreams of being an astronaut that works for NASA.
3. He is so excited to be a big brother! He has dreamt for years of having a sibling to play and snuggle with, and we are so excited to see the bond they will share!



OUR HOME

warm, welcoming, + peaceful

Gracia has always said she wants our home to feel like “one big hug” when you come in, and we think there is no better way to describe it. Our house is about 6 years old and we have the sweetest neighbors. We live on the outskirts of our city- more in the suburbs. It is across the street from both the elementary school and the middle school!





WE LOVE OUR SMALL-ISH MIDWESTERN CITY.

We're so proud to live here. There is so much to do - restaurants, pools, parks, museums - and so many cultures that are recognized and honored here. Our city speaks over 120 different languages and we are fortunate enough to have many bilingual schools, churches, and stores.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Whatever comes, we believe there is SO much to about life to celebrate, and we go HARD when it comes to special events like birthdays and holidays.



EXTENDED FAMILY

we love them oh, so much!

Our parents all live only about 45 minutes away from us, with siblings and their families scattered across the state of Iowa. We spend as much time with them as we can! Everything from vacations, to school ball games, to even just a Saturday night meal.



OUR LIFE AS A FAMILY

+ OUR FAMILY RHYTHMS

Our life is quite simple. It's filled with a lot of playing on the floor, running around outside, scheduling playdates, and quiet nights at home. And we wouldn't have it any other way. It's far from perfect, but being together is our favorite place to be!





A FEW THINGS YOU MIGHT FIND US DOING ON AN AVERAGE DAY:

- Playing cars, legos, or games on the living room floor
- Snuggling on the sofa and reading alllll the books.
- Going to the park or running around in the yard
- Watching cartoons in bed on Saturday mornings while Jon is at prayer group.
- Sleeping in late on Sunday mornings before making a big breakfast and heading to church with our coffee in hand. We love our spiritual family.
- Eating meals together at the table. (We make an effort to do this every night!)
- Going to the zoo, art festivals, or high school and college football games.
- Watching football.
- Littering a bunch of "I love you"s or "I'm proud of you"s throughout our day.





OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Sweet friend, if given the chance to join you in loving this child, we promise to...

1. Show this child with unconditional love & devotion, always reminding them that they are good, valued, & adored.
2. Make sure they feel safe, seen, & heard.
3. Give them the space to dream big, fail hard, learn, grow, and live in the freedom from shame that we have in Jesus.
4. Give the opportunity to know the One who pursues them with a love that supports, blesses, and draws them near.
5. Be present parents who are always sharing with their children in the highs and lows of life.
6. Hold YOU in a place of honor in our home, always expressing the delight, pride, and absolute worth you have as Birth Mama.

THANK YOU

Thank you, again, for allowing us into this space with you and giving us the opportunity to share a bit of our story and our heart. We are humbled by your strength, and are praying you find all the confidence, security, and peace you need in the days ahead.

♡ jon + gracia





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