



We are Bill and Melissa, the adopting Mom and Dad who are excited to explore every day with your baby. We joyfully welcome your child into our home filled with life, love and laughter. Know that we will protect, provide for and prepare your baby to be the blessing God intended. We continue to pray for you in this season of decision. May God give you His reassuring peace as you review our profile.

Bill

Melissa

Job Description:

Sales Representative

Accountant

Education:

Bachelor of Arts
Communication

Bachelor of Arts
Accounting & Certified
Public Accountant

Favorites:

Hobby
Photography,
Coin Collecting

Hobby
Scrapbooking, Cooking
and Gardening

Classic Movie
Chariots of Fire

Classic Movie
The Sound of Music

Tradition
New Year's Day

Tradition
Fourth of July Party

Thing To Cook
Anything I Grill

Thing To Cook
Any New Recipe

Family Activity
Cedar Point

Family Activity
Game Nights

Children:
None

What We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other

Melissa about Bill: Bill is my best friend and the love of my life! I am truly thankful to be married to him. There is so much that I love and respect about Bill. His thoughtful and caring ways with his friends and family attracted me when we first met. His regular Sunday evening visits to see his grandmother touched my heart. Bill leads by example and others follow. He is quick to see a need and offers a helping hand immediately. In the winter he takes the initiative and thoughtfully clears many of our neighbors' driveways and sidewalks with our snow blower. I admire his strong faith in God. It has helped sustain us as we faced infertility issues and other trials together. He supports and encourages me in everything I do. His sense of humor is a wonderful attribute – he makes me laugh every day with a silly joke, funny song or cheerful card! Bill easily warms up to children, especially our niece and nephew. He cracks them up (and me too!) with his amazing magic tricks, silly faces and playful spirit. However, Bill is quick to offer a hug or a kiss at the sign of tears. I know Bill will have an amazing impact as a father.

Bill about Melissa: Melissa is God's greatest gift to me. Her sharp and modest appearance drew me in, while her genuine kindness and compassion towards everyone continues to be a blessing beyond description. Melissa is a child magnet. Her great personality makes it easy for children of any age to instantly open up. She is a natural "mom" around our friend's and family's children. I know she will be an excellent mother to our children. Her perseverant faith in God is a great strength to me through all the challenging events in our lives. Melissa is always encouraging me to be my best. Her quick wit catches me off-guard, bringing much joy and laughter into our lives. I appreciate her spontaneous sense of adventure – we enjoy hiking, bicycling, cooking and photography together. It is in these moments that I really appreciate her for all she is – the love of my life!

Family Traditions

The winter holidays are a wonderful time spent gathering with family and friends creating memories through conversations and laughter. Bill always keeps the little ones entertained. Children sense Melissa's nurturing way and readily gather around her. Christmas Eve Open House at Melissa's parents' home is an enjoyable time to catch up with friends and relatives. Afterwards, we attend service at our church. A single candle flame is passed while singing carols until the sanctuary becomes bathed in candle light. New Year's Day is celebrated by having family over to our house for food and fun! There are birthday parties and anniversaries enjoyed throughout year. We host barbeques, a Fourth of July party and other spontaneous activities. Every event is cherished and we look forward to sharing these special times with a little one.

What We Do For Fun

The two of us grew up taking family vacations and have fond childhood memories of these trips. As a result, we like to travel and explore new places both in and outside of Ohio, whether it is a weekend get-away or an extended vacation. We loved our honeymoon in Hawaii and the opportunities to enjoy a helicopter ride through a lush rain forest, snorkel with sea turtles, take a submarine ride through a coral reef, try new foods and learn new dances at a luau. We have traveled to California, Florida and Maine to spend treasured time with family and visit new sites as a couple. We look forward to new travel adventures with children.

Game nights with friends and family are a favorite - many laughs and a little competition. Scrabble is our favorite game to play together. This rivalry started when we were dating and continues to bring us much laughter as we spell creative new words in an attempt to land a triple word score!

We are fortunate to live close to a wonderful park system. When the spring weather turns warm, we ride to the bike path to enjoy the fresh air and the many joining trails. You will also find us hiking, walking or rollerblading! We enjoy trying new recipes and cooking together. Grilling in the summertime with the tasty herbs from our garden is the best!



Our Honeymoon in Hawaii

Our Extended Families

We are extremely blessed to have wonderful families who are supportive of us as we pursue adoption. Since the grandchildren on both sides of our family live out of state, our parents are looking forward to having grandchildren in town!

Melissa's Family: I am the oldest of three children. My two brothers and I are thrilled that our parents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011! We respect their loving example and commitment to each other in marriage. My parents live about twenty minutes away, which allows Bill and me to spend time with them frequently. We enjoy exploring new places with them, such as grape picking in the fall, attending town festivals (and trying the kettle corn everywhere we go!), exploring houses and gardens on a home tour and attending a Civil War reenactment. They are always up for an adventure and we know a little one will happily join in our activities.

My youngest brother lives about four hours away from us. We enjoy seeing him at the holidays and a few other times during the year. He lives the perfect distance for a road trip! Bill and I love to travel to California to visit my other brother and his family, combining two of our passions – family and travel. During our last visit, we had a babysitting adventure with our niece and nephew that we'll never forget. Within minutes of mom and dad leaving, the house started shaking - yes, a California earthquake!

Some of my favorite memories with my family are times together over the Christmas holiday season. While we plan a few outings throughout the week, we cherish the time hanging out, talking or playing games by the fireplace.

Bill's Family: I am the second of three children, with an older brother who lives nearby and a younger sister who lives in Florida with her husband and two children. I stay in touch with my nieces and nephews in Florida and California through phone calls and Facebook when we aren't traveling to see them.

My parents divorced when I was twelve, yet I spent time with my dad most every weekend. We remained close until he passed away in 2004. Along with my father and brother, we enjoyed fishing and boating and occasional camping or road trips together. My mom lives nearby and looks forward to having more grandchildren to love! Mom taught me how to cook, do laundry and keep house. My parents instilled in me faith, honesty, compassion towards others, enjoyment of music, laughter and a good work ethic. As a family we enjoyed vacations to New England, trips to the local amusement parks, playing games together and attending Browns and Indians games. My parents cheered me on at little league baseball games, cross country and track meets, and school band concerts. My family is excited about our plans to adopt and looks forward to welcoming more children into their lives.

Visiting both sides of our family in Maine is always a good time. Excitement builds as we look forward to the annual croquet match. Young and old alike scramble to the attic to select their traditional white croquet attire. Donning our creative fashions, we laugh hysterically during our friendly and spirited croquet match. The winner gets bragging rights for the entire year along with the coveted trophy!



Melissa's Family at Christmas



Bill's Extended Family at Our Wedding



Annual Croquet Match



Our Home

Our House & Neighborhood

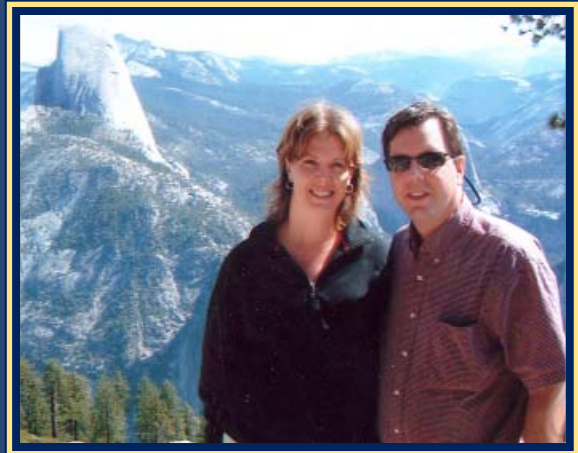
We live on a quiet little street in a suburb of a major metropolitan city. When someone drives down our tree-lined street, the first thing they will notice is the well-kept homes in our established family neighborhood. Our home is warm and welcoming. There are shrubs and flowers in the front yard (Melissa has even come to enjoy weeding as she has developed her green thumb) and we have the greenest lawn on the street (thanks to all the tips and tricks Bill learned from his grandmother). The fenced-in backyard holds a beautiful flower bed, a vegetable patch and an herb garden and we have a lovely deck where we host many barbecues with family and friends.

During the Christmas season the town square is beautifully decorated with animated displays, trees and lights and the holiday spirit can be felt in the crisp winter air. The Memorial Day Parade brings out the best in our citizens. Some participate, but all salute as the parade makes its way through the square. The Strawberry Festival in June is the perfect place for a little face to stain itself eating berries and ice cream (but not too much!). Children love the Fourth of July parade as they pack their bags with candy that is tossed their way. Our home is the perfect place for viewing the fireworks that take place on the Fourth of July.

The inside of our house is where our heart lies. We have spent a lot of time turning this once bachelor-pad into a warm and inviting place for family and friends. We enjoyed the many days tearing down wallpaper and laughing as we painted our home. We tore out old carpet and replaced it with new. We are very proud of our team effort and are looking forward to turning one of our three bedrooms into a nursery that will be just right for a little one.



Cheering for the Indians



Enjoying the Beauty of Yosemite National Park

Bill & Melissa



Easter Morning



"We Love Hanging Out with Uncle Bill!"



"Thanks for Reading Aunt Melissa!"

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Bill and Melissa and are excited about starting our family through adoption. We are humbled that you might consider us as parents who will forever love, cherish and nurture your child. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and getting to know us. We are praying that you will find peace as you face one of the most difficult decisions of your life. We want you to know, if you choose to help us start our family through adoption, that your child will be welcomed into a loving family.

We believe in God's perfect plan for our lives. We met through a mutual friend playing volleyball. While we were friends for awhile, it wasn't until it was God's timing that the two of us were on the same court. We married three years later. During our four years of marriage, our love for one another has grown stronger each day, as we have experienced many joys and sorrows of life together. Life doesn't always go according to our plan, but we trust that all things happen for a reason and for our good. After various unsuccessful fertility treatments, we prayed about our next steps. We both felt led to pursue adoption. We have friends who have adopted children. Their lives have been truly enriched through adoption and we look forward to experiencing this joy in our lives!

We count ourselves blessed that God brought the two of us together and we look forward to becoming parents! We were both attracted to and fell in love with each other's natural parenting instincts while dating. Melissa received two votes of "10" (on scale from 1 to 10) from Bill's niece and nephew the first time she met them; she warms up to children very easily. Bill is at the center of the kids' activities when we get together with friends and their families. If Melissa shows up at a friend's house by herself, she is always greeted by an inquiring little face asking, "Where is Mr. Bill?" We enjoy babysitting for friends' children together and like to think we have learned a few things about parenting from our experiences!

We have so much love to share with a child and will encourage and devote ourselves to whatever educational and extra-curricular interests your child has. Our parents were very supportive of us during our childhood and we want to do the same for your child. It will be exciting to see your child grow and develop and we will be their number one cheerleaders! We both grew up participating in various athletic activities and continue to watch and play sports; we will encourage this passion if your child shows an interest. We both enjoyed the arts and would love to see your child explore playing an instrument or drawing a picture. Please know that we will passionately support your child as dreams are pursued.

Family time is the priority in our lives. As a couple we have fun cooking and eating together as often as possible. We look forward to having a baby join us to add unlimited excitement to meal time! We have family devotions on a daily basis and look forward to including your child in this special time. Our passion is to offer a joy-filled Christian home to your child where they will be taught to love God and to love others unconditionally. We are excited thinking about all the things we will enjoy doing together: taking walks, hiking through the park, reading stories, drawing pictures, creating crafts, preparing food, playing games, singing songs and so many other spontaneous moments to grow in love.

Your child will be surrounded by family and friends who are very excited about our adoption plans. Our friends have many young children who are looking forward to having a new playmate.

We look forward to including a little one in our travel adventures. Whether it is traveling locally or exploring the United States, we desire to share new places with your child. We are excited about trips to our local art museum, zoo, children's museum, kiddie-park and park system.

We promise to share your child's adoption story with him/her from the beginning. We want your child to know their personal story and want them to be proud of it. We are committed to sending letters and pictures to you on a regular basis. We will make sure to share how you lovingly chose us. We appreciate you taking the time to consider our profile. May God give you peace and wisdom during your decision process.

Respectfully,

Bill & Melissa

