

A photograph of a young man and woman sitting closely together on a large, textured rock. The man is on the left, wearing a light grey polo shirt and dark shorts, with his arm around the woman's shoulder. The woman is on the right, wearing a blue patterned dress, with her hand on the man's chest. They are both smiling at the camera. The background is a dense wall of green foliage. The image has a white, torn-edge border at the top and bottom.

INTRODUCING

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DEAR FRIEND



We are thrilled you are looking at this book and considering us to be a part of your journey. We want to start off by saying how brave and strong you are to be thinking of adoption. We are cheering you on and praying for you as you make these difficult decisions. If you decide adoption is the path you will take for you and your child, we hope that you will consider us to love your child and raise him/her to know the sacrifice you made and the unconditional love you have for him/her.

Our dream is to grow our family through adoption and we have waited many years to become parents. The bond we share is special, and we know in our hearts we can give your child a home full of love, happiness, laughter and support. This book will give you a small glimpse of the loving and caring family that will surround him/her.

We would be honored to be a part of your child's life.

With great love,

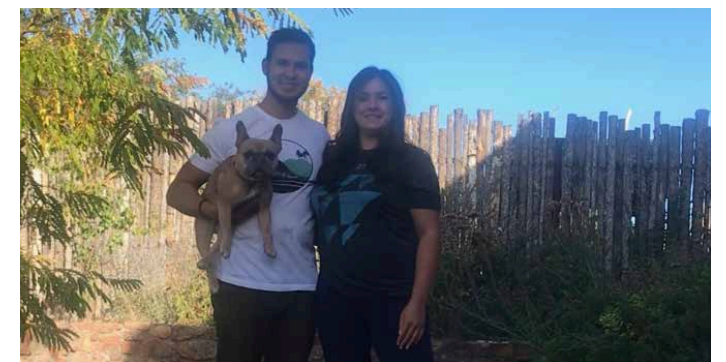
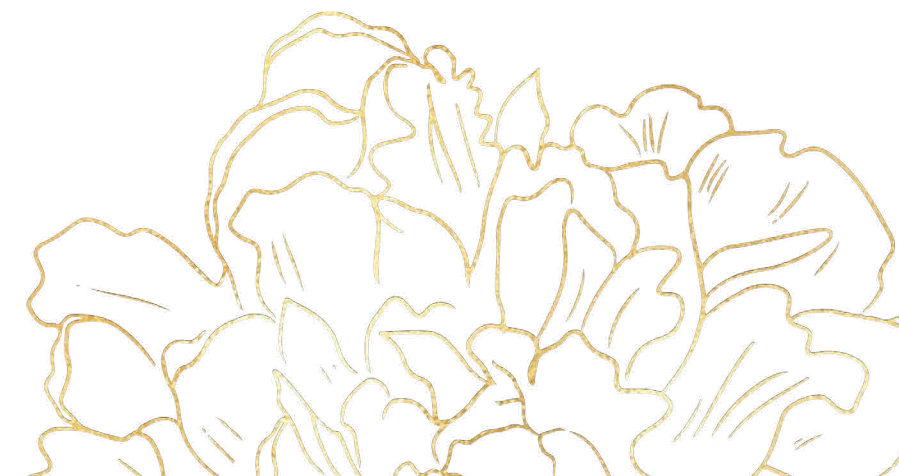
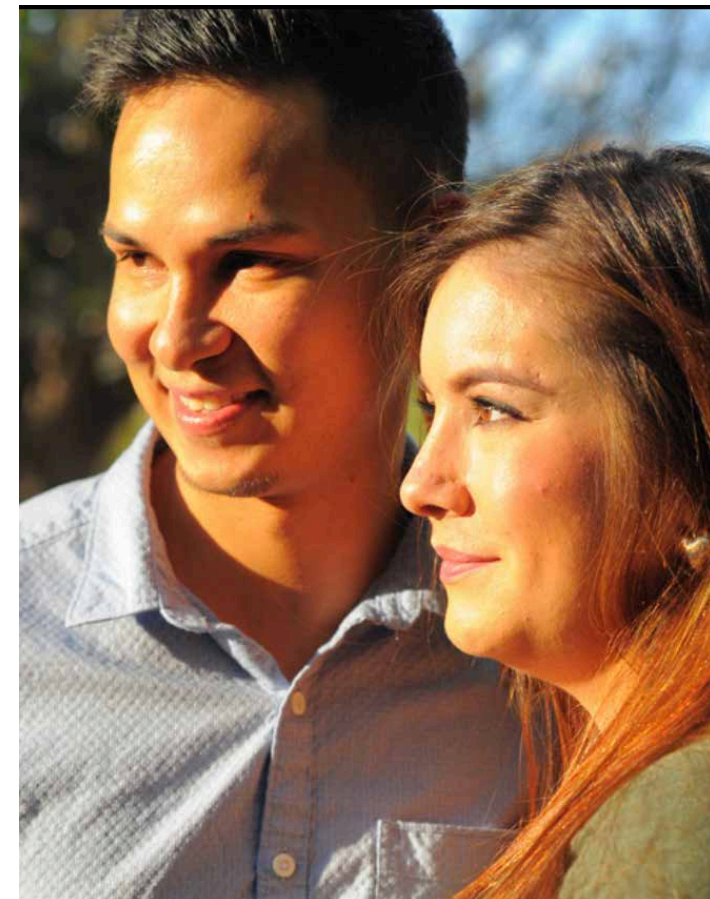
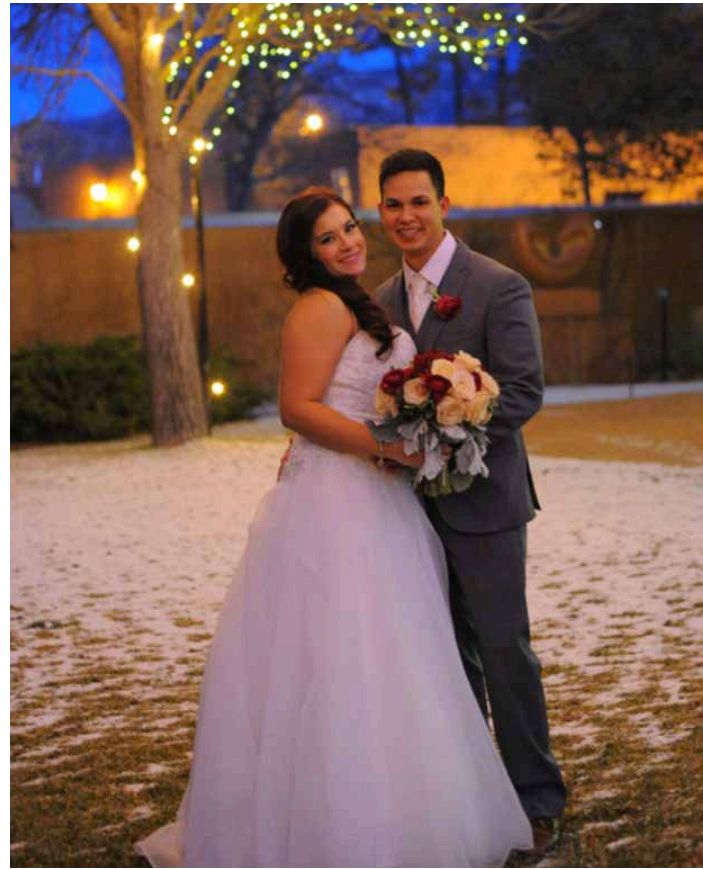
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ABOUT US

We were friends in high school but didn't start dating until college. We have been married for almost five years and together for almost ten. We have a loving, playful, and overall strong relationship. We put time into making our marriage work every day.

We like to spend as much time together as possible. We hike, camp, travel, ride bikes, garden and sometimes just relax at home and watch a good movie. We enjoy attending our Christian church every Sunday. We take our dog everywhere we can!



MEET MEGHAN

in ivan's words

Meghan is such an amazing person. She is funny, outgoing and truly a beautiful person inside and out. She is caring and thinks of others before herself. She puts her heart into everything she does and makes those around her feel loved. Meghan is always showing up for others. She's the auntie that can be heard cheering in the stands at a niece's volleyball game or tutoring a nephew in math.

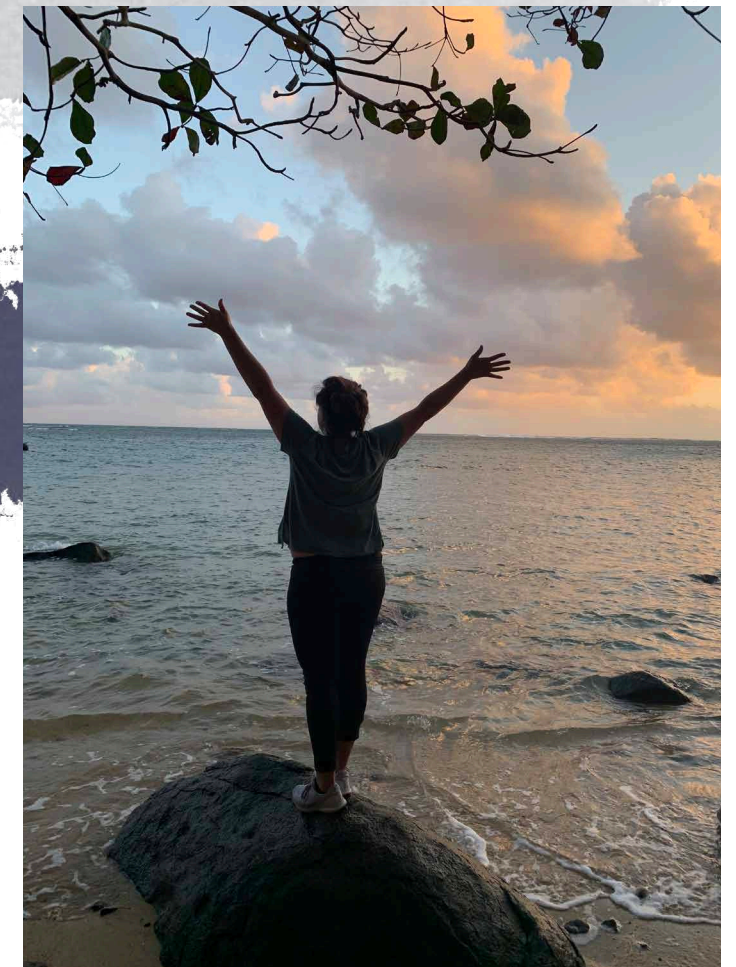
She is easy to talk to and humbling to be around. She is strong in her faith and invites God into everything she does. I know without a doubt, she will make a great mother.

"Meghan is always thinking of others!"

- Ivan



Photoshoot with Auntie Meg



MORE ABOUT MEGHAN

AGE: 32

OCCUPATION: Elementary Teacher

FAVORITE BOOK: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

FAVORITE PLACE: To be is out in nature

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family!

MY PERFECT DAY: A day full of laughter with friends and family



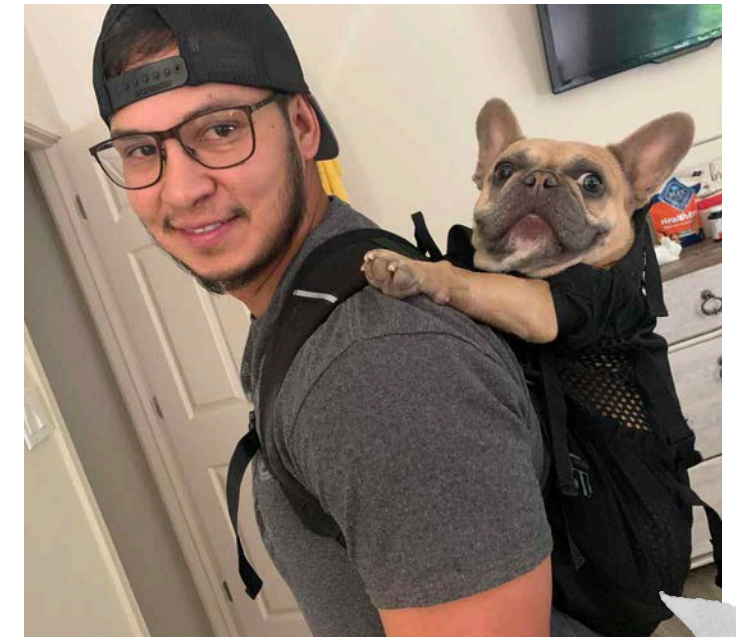
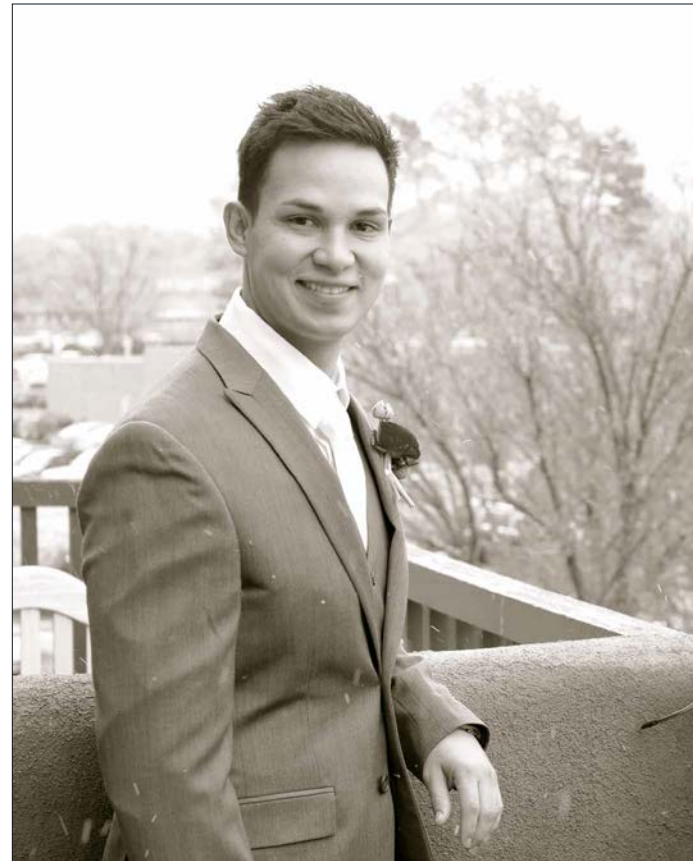
ABOUT IVAN

in meghan's words

Ivan is a gentle, loving spirit. He likes to make people laugh, smile and feel good about themselves. He likes to spend time hiking in the mountains or relaxing in our own backyard. Ivan is a family man and never takes time together for granted.

Ivan can be found throwing a football, teaching a niece or nephew how to cast a fishing line or hiding Easter eggs. He is one of the most patient people I know.

I am blessed to call him my husband and know a child will be even more blessed to call him dad.



"Ivan is always making people laugh!"

-Meghan

MORE ABOUT IVAN

AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Commercial Driver

FAVORITE BOOK: The Call of the Wild by Jack London

FAVORITE PLACE: The Mountains

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family, God and the outdoors

MY PERFECT DAY: Camping with my wife, our (future) kids and enjoying the great outdoors!



Zoo with Uncle Ivan

OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a quiet neighborhood near friends and family. Our home is cozy and comfortable. We have a lush backyard with grass and a garden that brings lots of birds, butterflies and bunnies. Our front porch is our favorite place to watch the sunsets and sunrises.

In the spring and summer time our porch is filled with potted plants. In the winter we have twinkling Christmas lights and decorated trees.

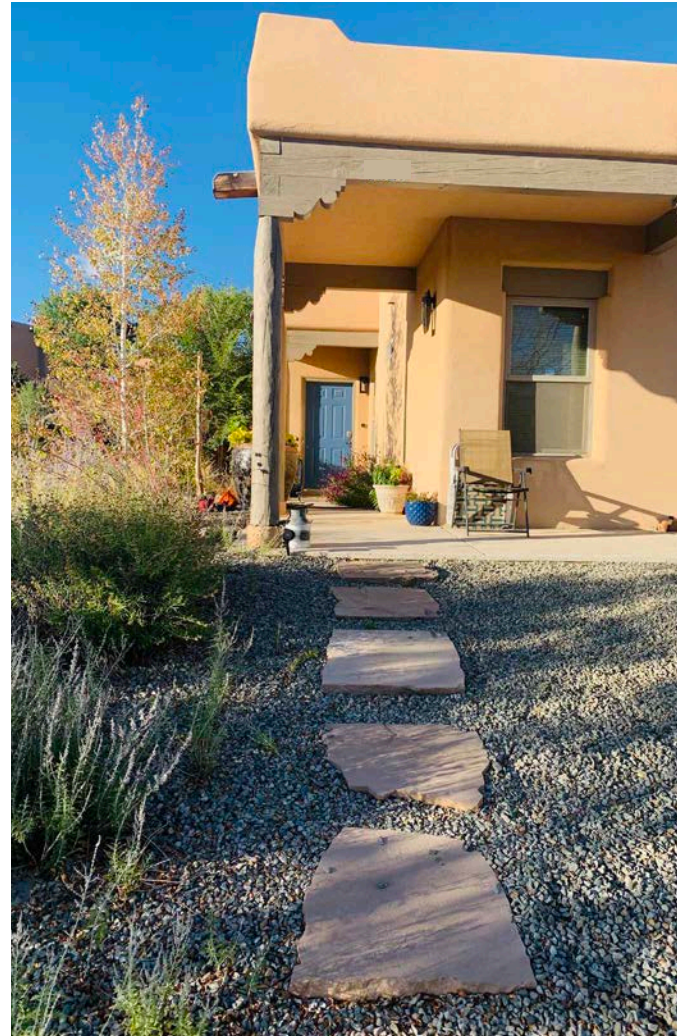
We live by schools, parks, and walking trails. The city we live in is rich in history and has unique landscapes. Our community is a great place for families.



Backyard sunsets



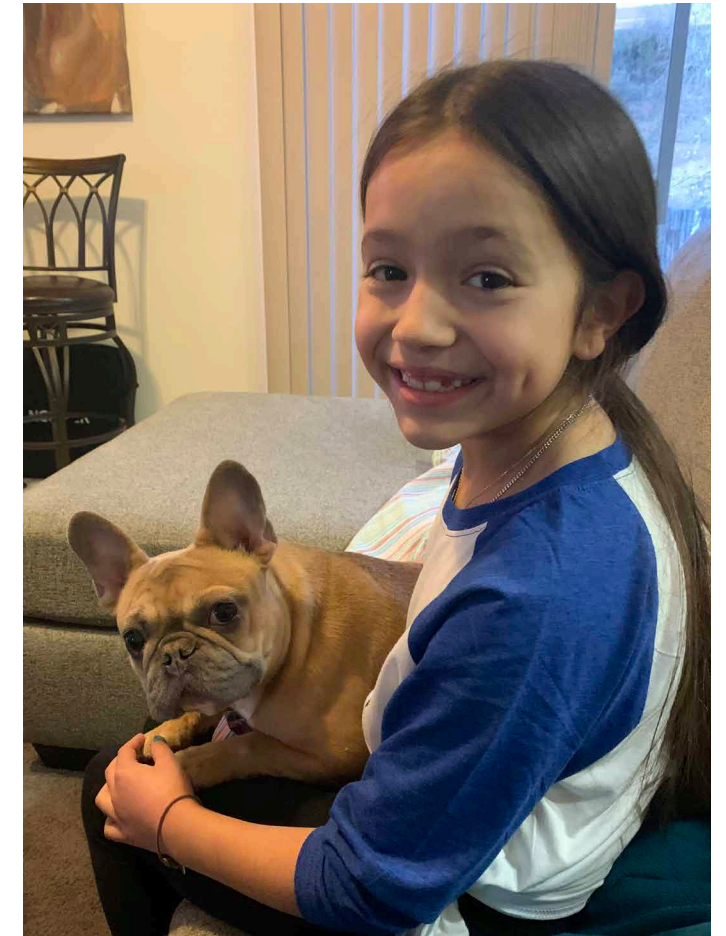
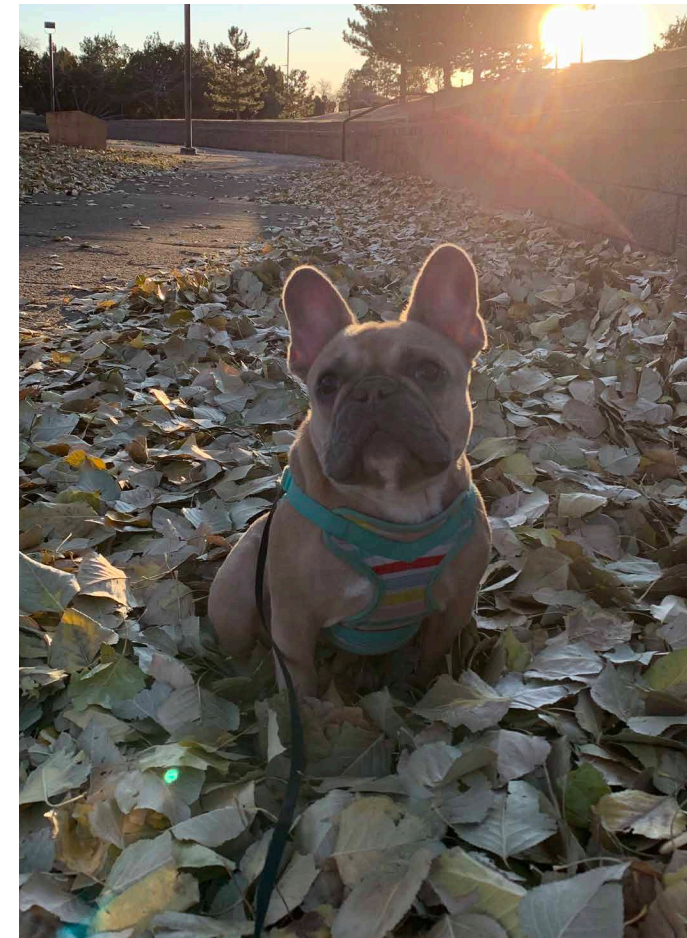
Lights on the Plaza



Home Sweet Home

OUR DOG, ELSA

We have a French Bull dog, Elsa. We've had her since she was a pup. She is loving and gentle especially with elderly and little kids. She loves to be wherever we are and pampered.



Enjoying our niece's cuddles



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

In Meghan's words: My loving family includes my mom and dad, three brothers, one sister and many nieces and nephews. We get together at least once a week to have dinner. We like to cook and bake and watch movies or play games. Birthdays and holidays are an exciting and special time in my family. We travel near and far and take a big family trip once a year.

In Ivan's words: My family gathers for holidays, birthday parties and celebrations. All the nieces and nephews play board games or at the park. I have a big family; my parents, 7 brothers and sisters and 14 nieces and nephews. There is always laughter and good memories being made. Our nieces and nephews all have very diverse backgrounds; Asian, Puerto Rican, Native American, White/Hispanic, and Spanish.



Piggyback rides with Uncle Ivan



Ivan's family



Niece's graduation



Hockey with Mom & Pops



Nieces' first Hawaii Luau



OUR FRIENDS

We consider our closest friends to be family. We enjoy camping, hiking, traveling or just spending a day playing games or attending events. Our closest friends are childhood friends and are growing their families as well. We like creating new traditions and memories with these friends.



Meeting the new addition



Road trip



Besties



Summer camping trips



Birthday girl dinner!



Easter fun with nieces and nephews

WHY ADOPTION?

We've always dreamed of having kids. We know the great love we have to give and the joy children would bring to our lives. The idea of adopting came to us even before we were married. When we were faced with infertility issues, we tried fertility treatments unsuccessfully. We both expressed that adoption was already in our hearts and knew this would be the way to grow our family.

WE PROMISE:

- To be there for our child for all the exciting moments and the tough times
- To guide them in knowing God
- To support them in whatever way we can, especially when it comes to questions about being adopted
- To show them and tell them we love them in so many ways
- To keep them safe and give them a happy home



Family Horseshoe tournament

FUN FACTS ABOUT US

- We love our fall traditions, including carving pumpkins, hiking to see all the colorful leaves, and Pinon picking!
- Ivan is a hunter and hiker
- Meghan likes to garden
- We travel at least once a year, preferably to a place with a beach!
- We love to fish and camp!
- We enjoy making cookies and pies for the holidays
- We are always undertaking home improvement projects together!
- We love to attend New Mexico's Balloon Fiesta!



Fishing and camping



Family hunting trip





thank you

Thank you for your time and considering our family in your adoption journey. We know this is a big decision and we hope you find peace in whatever decision you make for yourself and your child. You will be in our thoughts and prayers!

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