

Phil & Filip



Hello!

We are Phil & Filip (yes, we do have the same name)! We have been together for 15 years and have built a strong relationship based on love, trust, humor, and kindness. We have been blessed with stable careers, loving families, and an adopted son, but we are longing to find the final piece of our family. We admire you for making this difficult decision. We promise you that your child will be welcomed by two caring parents and an adoring big brother (who's been asking for a sibling 😊).

About Filip, by Phil

I feel lucky that I get to spend my life with someone as special as Filip. He has an enthusiasm for life that he shares with everyone around him. He is joyful, silly, kind and gentle. These qualities bring everyone closer to him, but especially children. Filip is the person at a BBQ that has a troupe of toddlers trailing behind him within 15 minutes, excited to play and have fun. Filip is an unlimited fountain of tenderness and patience, making him an incredible father.

Filip was born in Serbia (Eastern Europe) before he moved to Canada as a young teenager. He moved to the US to study engineering and now manages a team in a company that develops tools for doctors. We visit his family often in Canada, and his sister visits every chance she gets.

Filip has an amazing range of talents: he is a gifted musician who plays violin and guitar. He is a triathlete who completed an IronMan. He is an artist whose paintings decorate our walls. He speaks three languages (English, Serbian, and Spanish). He is excited to nourish the creative spirit in our own children.



Filip's famous pancakes

With our friend's toddlers



Filip & Miko



Music with puppets



Hiking in the Sierra



About Phil, by Filip



Phil harvesting beans from our garden

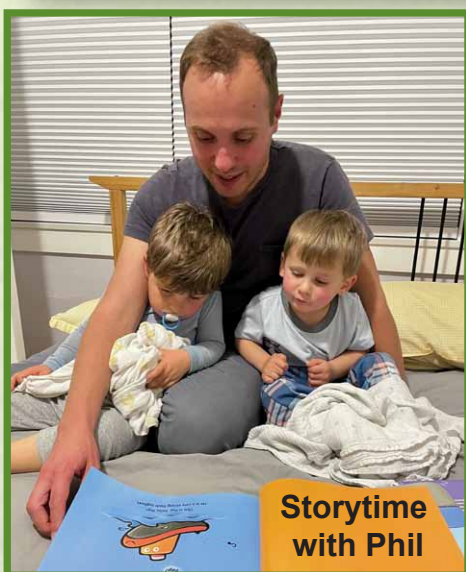
What I love about Phil is he is a great listener and communicator. As the middle child, he played the peacemaker growing up. He is one of those people who always knows what to say to help a situation, whether it's comforting a friend, encouraging a relative, or diffusing an argument. His heart has an enormous capacity to feel for others, and this makes him a fantastic partner and an even better father.

Phil grew up in a large Portuguese family in Massachusetts with an older brother, a younger sister, and a whole lot of cousins. It's one of those multi-generational households where old-world tradition meets the American dream. His family has warmly welcomed me into their fold.

After graduating from Stanford, Phil became an accomplished biologist. He is now a chief scientist working on treatments for breast and lung cancer. At home, Phil tends to tomatoes, beans, herbs, figs and oranges in our home garden. He has amazing abilities in the kitchen, learned from years of cooking with his Portuguese mother and grandmother. His cooking makes our daily family dinners delicious, and Miko chows-down just about everything his daddy cooks for dinner.



Phil getting ready to go rafting with Miko



Storytime with Phil



Phil cooking veggie pancakes for dinner



Phil with friend's daughter



How We Met

We met on the first day of graduate school, but it was another five years before we ran into each other again — literally — since we collided while jogging around the university campus! After reconnecting, we started running together and realized that we had much more in common than just our names.



Catching a break at our wedding



Cooking Portuguese fritters

We both studied science and were excited to change the world. We love adventure — whether exploring new cultures abroad or testing new recipes in the kitchen. We also enjoy relaxing with friends and family on our porch over home-cooked meals and tasty desserts. We love the outdoors — running, biking, swimming, and hiking in the Sierras. Our adopted son Miko has brought us so much love and joy. Spending time with Miko, going to the park to practice soccer or playing hide and seek are now our favorite activities. We can't wait to share our love with another child. Miko adores other children and will be a protective and caring older brother!

About Miko, by Phil & Filip



Four years ago, we were blessed to meet Miko's birth mother. We were in the delivery room as Miko entered the world, and he has been a source of infinite joy ever since. We still regularly drive to visit Miko's birth family and love watching him grow-up together.

Miko is a fun loving and energetic boy with an amazing sense of humor. He likes telling jokes, listening to stories, and zooming around on his scooter. He enjoys playing construction and loves to show his affection by 'cooking' us meals in his pretend kitchen.

He can't wait to splash around the pool with his best friend during the weekly swim lessons. Miko loves to share and has a very kind heart - he will make an excellent big brother!



Fun Family Moments



Visiting Miko's Birth Family



Phil and Miko exploring the tide pools in Santa Cruz



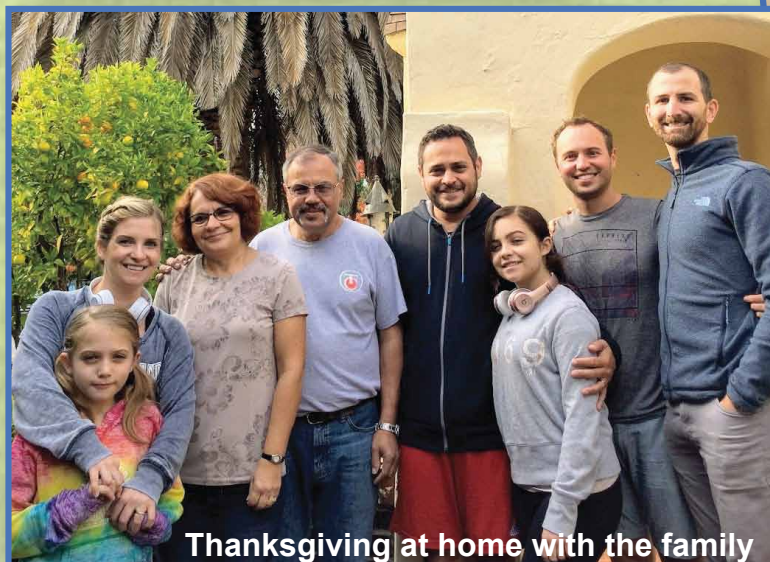
Miko scootin' to school



Silly Halloween with friends in Baltimore



Thanksgiving at home with the family



Christmas Family Pajama Party



Our Home in California



Our Home & Community

Ever since we bought our home in 2015, we worked to make it our own. We spent many weekends swinging hammers, bolting beams and painting doors. Outside, Phil has made the backyard into a garden where we grow our own fruits and vegetables. Filip is an experienced beekeeper and makes wildflower honey. We now have a cozy house and a bountiful mini-farm that is a nurturing place for children to grow up and learn about nature.

We are located close to both the beach and redwood forests. There is a Spanish immersion elementary school two blocks from our house, and we are walking distance to the main city park and the public library. We feel lucky to be in such a wonderful place to raise our family.

About Parenting

We really developed our parenting philosophy when we became parents. We believe in teaching our child to love, care and respect those around them. We welcome open and honest communication and take active part in our child's development interests. For example, Filip does weekly swim practice with Miko, while Phil takes him to art class. We also believe in the power of education to help children build self-confidence and understand the world around them. We both love to travel, and we think exploring other cultures will teach our children tolerance and compassion, values that are dear to us. In particular, we would ensure that our children speak at least one foreign language (likely Spanish) and use it to connect to the world.



Making jam



Feeding the chickens



Dinner on our balcony with friends and family

We have been blessed with loving friends and family, rewarding jobs and of course, our son Miko. Nothing would make us happier than growing our family to include another child, should we be fortunate enough to be your choice. Thank you for considering us as you make this important decision.

Thank You!

