

Luciana & Todd



Hi there

First of all thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We are very happy to tell you a little bit about ourselves and the life we share together. We hope that as you read our story, you will get a glimpse into our hearts, our family, and the love that fills our home.

We are blessed to call beautiful Tennessee our home. We love the peacefulness of our community and the feeling of being surrounded by a place where families can grow, make memories, and enjoy life together.

We are excited about the opportunity to welcome a child into our home and provide a safe, nurturing, joyful environment, a place where a child will always feel loved and supported. We also understand that adoption is not simply about us becoming parents. It is about honoring the love and sacrifice of a birth mother who wants the very best for her child.

As you face this decision, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We would also want your child to grow up knowing how deeply they were loved, always speak of you with kindness and respect, and be grateful for the love that brought your child into our lives.



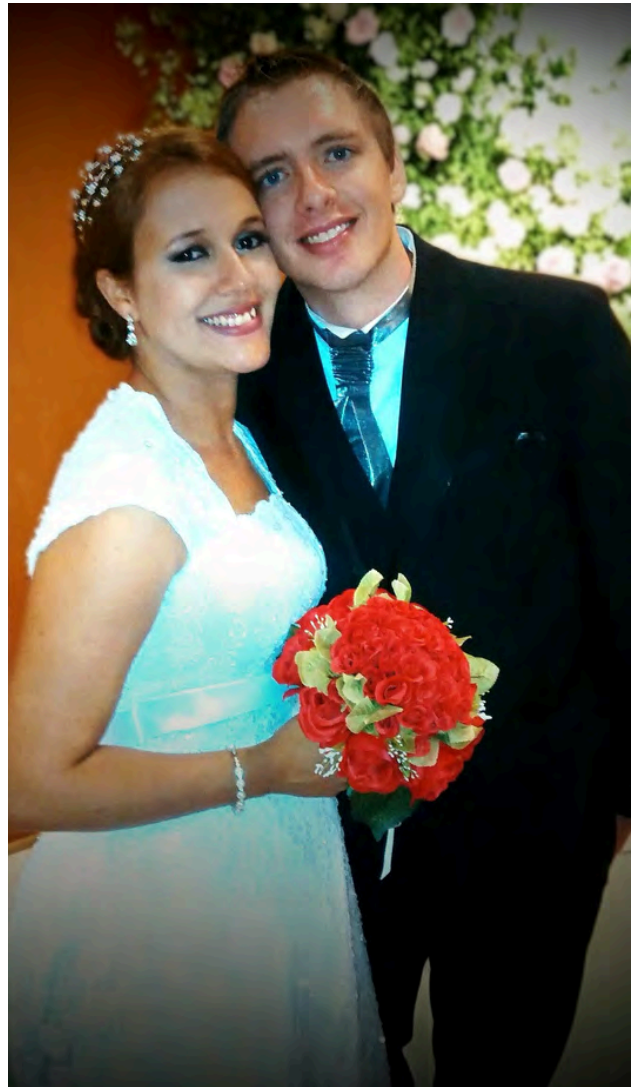
Our Story

Todd and I met in a very unexpected and special way. He had been called to serve a two-year mission in southern Brazil as a missionary. While waiting for his visa, he decided to begin learning Portuguese. He searched online for members of his church who could help him practice, and that is how we found each other. At first, we simply helped one another learn our languages. Todd practiced Portuguese with me, while I practiced English with him. What began as a friendship and a language exchange slowly grew into something much more meaningful.

After completing his mission in 2013, Todd returned to northeastern Brazil to visit me. We began dating, and six months later, on April 26, 2014, we were married. It was the beginning of a beautiful life together.

We lived in Brazil for almost three years, building our life as a young married couple and enjoying our time together with family and friends. Eventually, we made the decision to move to the United States and begin a new chapter of our lives together.

Looking back, we feel grateful for all the little moments that brought us together. What started with a language exchange became a friendship, then a love story, and ultimately a marriage. We feel that our journey has taught us that some of the most beautiful things in life can begin in the most unexpected ways.



*Choose your love and love
your choice. -Thomas G.
Monson*

Our Family

In 2018 we welcomed our first baby into this world, due to complications our little angel had to return to heaven. We have always dreamed of growing our family and sharing the love, traditions, and experiences that have made our lives so meaningful. We feel deeply honored by the possibility of welcoming a child into our lives and becoming their parents.



Fun Facts



Since Todd lived in Brazil, he speaks Portuguese fluently, and at home, you'll often hear us naturally switching back and forth between English and Portuguese. It has become such a special part of our everyday life and something we hope to share with our future child.

Because we come from different countries, it makes game days especially fun. When Brazil and the United States are playing, we happily cheer for both teams! It's a little reflection of our life together: celebrating where we each come from while enjoying the traditions and experiences we've built as a family.





Meet Todd

I was born into a family of 5 kids. I work in IT for a large hospital from home. I teach Sunday school to 6-year-olds every week and handle my church's finances.

I enjoy travelling to new places and visiting family. My favorite thing that we've done in the last year was going back to visit Luciana's family in Brazil. I was missing Brazilian BBQ!

I've also learned to value my health and have lost and kept off 50 lbs! so exercise is an important part of my day.

Job

Cloud
Engineer

Hobbies

Guitar, exercise,
video games and
podcasts

Favorites

Breakfast,
beach vacations
and Brazilian bbq

What I Love About Todd

WRITTEN BY LUCIANA

Todd is one of the most loving, caring, and dependable people I know. He has a gentle and kind heart, and I love how he treats the people around him with patience, respect, and genuine care. He loves kids and animals, and can play all day with them.

He is hardworking, responsible, and always willing to help others. He takes his role in our family very seriously and is always thinking about how he can provide for us, not only financially but also emotionally. He wants our home to be a place where we feel safe, loved, supported, and cared for.





Meet Luciana

I was born and raised in Brazil and I'm the youngest of four children. Growing up in a big Christian family taught me the importance of love, connection, and being there for the people I care about.

I'm someone who finds joy in the simple things, laughing together, sharing a homemade meal, watching a soccer game, and if there is a dog around, chances are I will want to say hello.

Family and my faith are the most important aspects of my life.

Job

Homemaker

Hobbies

Soccer, crafting,
cooking

Favorites

Christmas, Beach
vacations, Fall

What I Love About Luciana

WRITTEN BY TODD

Luciana is the sweetest person I've ever met. She's down to earth and is empathetic. She loves animals so much that I tease her that our dog lives a better life than we do. She also has the same love for me and I thank God for her every day.

She also really has a way with food. She makes the most delicious food I've ever had! I love her homemade feijoada (Brazilian black beans) and chicken enchiladas. They're simple, but delicious.

What I admire most about Lu is that she can accomplish almost anything she sets her mind to. She is incredibly resourceful, and determined, and she approaches every new challenge with confidence and a willingness to learn.

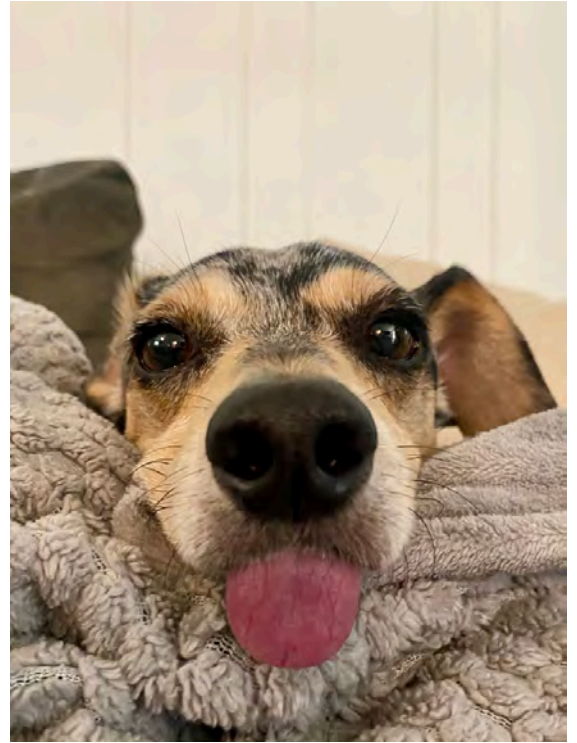


Havin some fun
with our nieces
and nephews





Our Dog



Chipper

Chipper is a playful, loving chiweenie, and incredibly affectionate dog who brings so much joy to our family. He loves being outside, whether he's running around, exploring, or simply enjoying time with us. You can find him all wrapped up in a blanket with his tongue sticking out all most of the time. Which adds a cham to his sweet and gentle personality.

One of Chipper's sweetest qualities is how affectionate he is. He loves being close to people and is always happy to give love and receive plenty of attention. He is also exceptionally gentle and patient with little children. His docile and calm nature makes him a wonderful family dog.

Our Extended Families

Todd's Family



Family has always been a very important part of my life. My parents live close here in East Tennessee. I also have several family members who live in South Carolina. I am very close to my siblings, and even though we live far apart, we make an effort to stay connected and involved in each other's lives. We have a family group chat where we share pictures, funny moments, updates, and little pieces of our everyday lives. I have 4 total siblings and we have a reunion every two years. Above is our last trip together.

Because my parents live close by, we feel very blessed to have the opportunity to spend time together often. We especially enjoy having dinner together or playing pickleball. I feel very blessed to have a family that is loving and encouraging.

They are very excited and supportive for us to start a family. One of our values is that families are together forever and I'm so grateful to be part of theirs.





Luciana's Family

Although my family lives in Brazil, distance has never been an obstacle to maintaining a close and loving relationship. I have two sisters and one brother and all of them continue to be an important part of my life. My mom is my everything to me and my dad I know still looks out for us from heaven.

My family makes an effort to stay connected through frequent calls, messages, and sharing the special moments of everyday life. Even from far away, they remain present in one another's lives and provide each other with love, encouragement, and support.

My family is already excited about the possibility of welcoming a new little person into their lives and becoming part of that child's story. They're looking forward to sharing our Brazilian heritage, traditions, language, food, stories, and family memories to help any of our future children understand they are also loved by family members across the world.



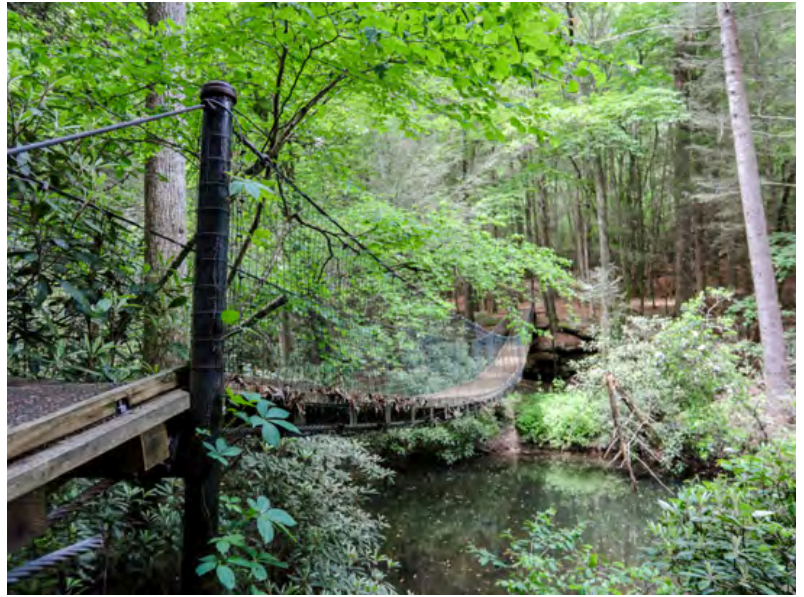
Our Home

We love spending time together at home, whether we are cooking a meal, watching a movie, playing games, working on a craft, or simply enjoying a quiet evening together. We have created a warm and comfortable space where family and friends feel welcome, and where we hope a child will always feel safe, loved, and completely at home. We have a yard where there is plenty of room to play and enjoy the outdoors. Our neighborhood is peaceful and family-friendly. During the fall, our sunroom becomes one of our favorite places in the house. We love sitting together and watching as the trees outside slowly turning beautiful shades of red, orange, and gold. The view is spectacular and makes the room feel especially peaceful and cozy.

Home is -or can be- an echo of heaven, a reminder of our eternal goal we are here to pursue. -Jeffrey R. Holland

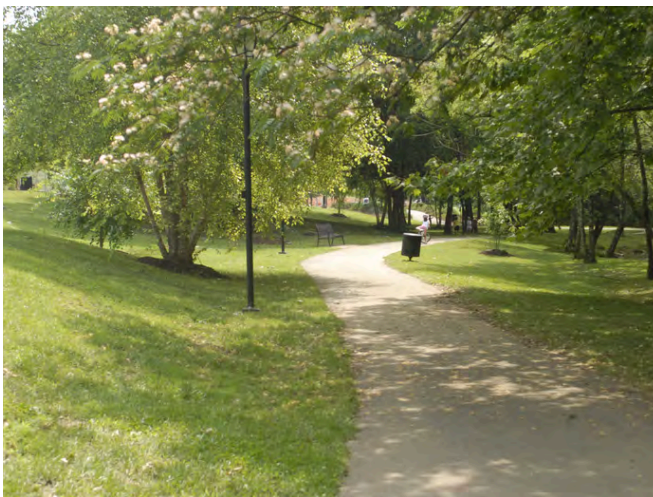


Our Community



We feel very fortunate to live in a kind of community where we can imagine raising a child. One that combines the comfort of a small town with the conveniences and opportunities of a larger city.

With lots of parks, greenway trails connecting neighborhoods that provide opportunities to walk, ride bikes, run, explore, and simply enjoy the outdoors together. A place where a child can simply be a child, playing on a playground, running through a splash pad, playing sports, having a picnic, or enjoying an afternoon outside. We love East Tennessee!





Our Adventures

Even though we love spending time in our cozy and comfortable home, we also enjoy getting out and exploring new places together. We love discovering little towns, trying new restaurants, enjoying nature, and making memories wherever we go. For us, it's not always about where we are, but about being together and sharing those experiences.



Brazil is one of our favorite places to visit. It gives us the opportunity to spend precious time with family while enjoying the beautiful, warm beaches.



We look forward to creating those same memories as a family, taking little adventures, discovering new places, together, and giving our child the opportunity to experience the world with us.

Our Values

We believe that family is built on love, trust, support, and the little moments we share every day. We cherish spending time together, creating traditions, celebrating milestones, and being there for one another through both the joyful and difficult seasons of life.

Our faith is also an important part of our family. We believe in God and try to live our lives with faith, gratitude, compassion, and love for others.

Our faith teaches us to serve, forgive, be humble, and treat every person with kindness and respect. We hope to create a home where a child feels safe to ask questions, learn, grow, and develop their own relationship with their Heavenly Father in a meaningful way.

Honesty and integrity are values we strive to live by every day. We believe in being truthful, keeping our promises, and most of all, we value love.



Our Hopes

We hope to be parents who encourage our child to discover who they are, follow their dreams, and always know that they are enough exactly as they are. We want to celebrate their uniqueness, support their interests, and be there to guide them through every stage of life. Most of all, we want them to grow up knowing that they have a family who will stand beside them, believe in them, and love them unconditionally.

We also hope to embrace and celebrate our child's story and where they come from. Their birth family will always be an important part of who they are, and we want them to grow up knowing their story with love and respect.



Thank You

If you choose us, we promise to surround your child with unconditional love, patience, faith, laughter, and a safe and happy home.



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