

Zane, Michele & Cyrus



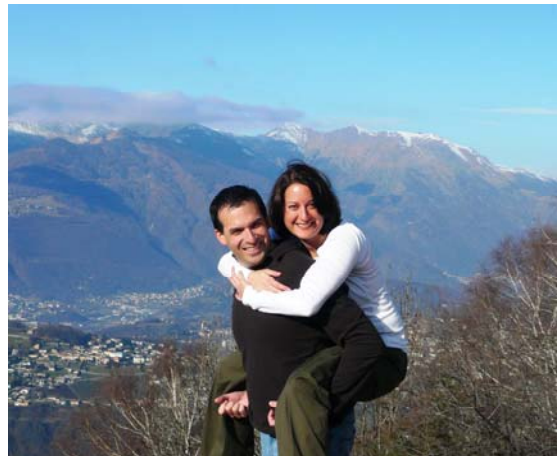
Dear Birthmother,

Hi. We're Zane and Michele and we would like to thank you for reading our letter and considering us as adoptive parents. Choosing to entrust your child to others must be a very difficult thing to consider and we admire and respect you for looking at your different choices.

Our son Cyrus was born in June 2007, and he is the greatest gift we have ever received. Our relationship with his birthparents makes us true believers in open adoption. We can't wait to welcome another child into our home and create the family we have always hoped for.



Cyrus playing



Zane & Michele in Switzerland

A Little About Us

We met when Zane was a sophomore and Michele was a freshman in college. It was Michele's first weekend on campus when we met. Michele likes to say that she knows a good apple when she sees one and had to look no further. We've been together ever since and married 13 years ago. We now spend time on two coasts - near the beaches in Tampa, Florida and in the hills of San Jose, California. Becoming parents has been the most amazing and fulfilling experience, and we hope to be lucky enough to add to our family again.

We love to be together and do things as a family. When we are not hiking the trails to the park or beaches near our home or visiting with friends and family, we can typically be found up in the mountains or adventuring to new places. Zane's parents own a vacation home in Tahoe where we spend many weekends year round. In the winter we like to ski or snowshoe and in the summer we enjoy hiking down to the lake and swimming. In the evenings we enjoy watching movies and doing puzzles in front of a cozy fire after a big dinner.

Travelling together is always something we make time for. We would like to share our love of travel with our children and open up the world to them. Once a year, we go to Hawaii, where we swim, kayak, hike, and play on the beach. Our most recent adventures have taken us to Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Italy. As parents, we enjoy sharing these and many other activities with Cyrus and viewing our everyday life from his perspective. Next on our list.....Spain!

Being Parents

We want to give our children the opportunities that we have both had and help them pursue their dreams and achieve their goals just as our parents did for us. We value education, as well as interesting life experiences. Above all, we want to bring up our children to be self-confident, well-rounded, generous, and happy people. We are both truly committed to being the best parents we can be and sharing with our children the love that we have found with each other.

About Cyrus

Cyrus is an inquisitive, funny, energetic, yet easy-going toddler. He loves swimming and playing outside at the park on the swings and slides. Cyrus often surprises us with what he knows and his perspective of the world around him entertains us daily. Cyrus loves other children and babies and will make a wonderful big brother to his future little brother or sister. Cyrus is very loving and generous with hugs and kisses and is even learning to share his toys with his cousins!



Michele & Zane



Cyrus sledding in Tahoe



Visiting temples in Japan



Cyrus and his cousins at the beach



Cyrus & Michele riding flying elephants



Michele & Cyrus at Dinosaur World



Zane & Cyrus in Hawaii



Zane & Cyrus in the park

About Michele (from Zane's perspective)

Michele is my best friend. She is dependable, responsible and very determined in addition to being beautiful and intelligent. I am very proud that she was able to achieve success as a professional dancer then gracefully transition to a career in tax consulting after obtaining her Masters degree. Spending time with her and Cyrus is my favorite activity whether it's going to Tahoe or puttering around at home. I knew early in our relationship that I wanted to raise a family with her. She has an almost child-like understanding of children gained from years of teaching dance to children and the ability to instantly bond. Although Michele eventually hung up her dance shoes, she can typically be seen bopping around and singing, whether it's down the aisle of the grocery store to Muzak, or while folding laundry in the living room to a catchy tune from a commercial. Cyrus thinks Michele's singing and dancing is funny and I often find the two of them singing at the top of their lungs and doing silly dances together.

Becoming a mother came naturally to Michele and she has created a warm, nurturing and fun environment for Cyrus and looks forward to doing the same for our new baby. She is an amazing mom!

About Zane (Michele's perspective)

Zane is patient and thoughtful, always putting my and Cyrus' needs before his own. He is optimistic and somehow always manages to make me feel better and laugh when I am having a bad day. Zane works as a corporate attorney in the high tech industry, and although incredibly handsome (of course I think so) and professional in appearance, he is secretly a "closet computer nerd" and likes to play with all the latest gadgets. And there is not much about baseball or history that he doesn't know. He is also an avid reader, typically reading 2-3 books at a time. Zane and Cyrus can often be found snuggling together reading a book.

Zane spent his youth exploring the undeveloped open space adjacent to his family's home with his neighborhood friends. He watched deer make trails across the fields, found antlers they had dropped after molting, climbed trees, ate wild blackberries, and explored the unfenced joined backyards as though it was the last wild frontier. Zane's parents both love the outdoors and raised Zane to value the earth's natural wonders as well. Zane in turn is teaching Cyrus the same values and together they enjoy skiing in the winter and backpacking or bicycling in the summer. Zane is a fantastic father!

Our Home

We were both raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are permanently situated in San Jose, California, in a small, family oriented community about 45-minutes from San Francisco. Our California home is set in the hills at the end of a quiet, tucked-away road next to the oldest and one of the largest state parks in California with miles of trails. Our neighborhood includes families with children of all ages, horses, and regular visits by deer. We also consider Tampa, Florida our home for part of the year. Our Florida home is close to the bay and the swimming pool looks out upon mangrove trees and the local wildlife. We are a quick drive to the beach. Our home includes Loki, our Australian shepherd, and Frederick and Damona, our two cats.

Our Families

We are lucky and consider our immediate family members to be our closest friends. Michele's parents live 10 minutes from us and we see them almost daily when in California. Michele and her mom are practically inseparable and act much like sisters. They have many of the same hobbies like sewing and quilting. The two of them can often be found in the fabric store designing their next project. Cyrus is the only grandchild on Michele's side of the family and has his grandparents wrapped around his finger.

Zane's parents (also loving and doting grandparents) and one of his two younger sisters live close by in California. Because we all live so close much of the year, we are a great support system for one another, whether it is babysitting, pet-sitting, or impromptu barbeques. Zane's other sister lives with her husband and two sons (one a year and a half older and one 8 months younger than Cyrus) on the east coast and we see them most often when we are in Florida. Cyrus enjoys playing with his cousins at the beach.

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We are extremely grateful to you and to the process of adoption, without which we could not build our family and realize our dream of being parents. We hope that you might consider us and help us to complete our dream of becoming parents again.

We believe in open adoption and will honor any degree of contact that you are comfortable with. We would love to learn more about you. If you would like to talk to us, please contact Nancy Hurwitz Kors at 800-660-2367 or 925-938-6600.

We wish you all the best and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the precious gift that you are considering.

Warm regards,

Zane & Michele



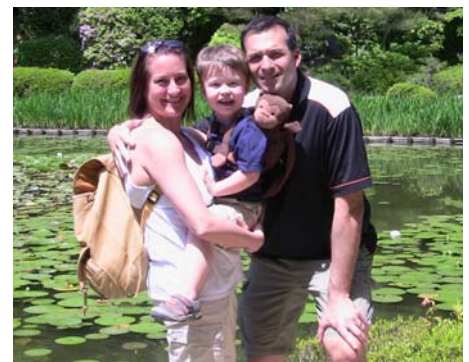
Cyrus & Zane playing in the pool



Grandpa & Cyrus sailing in the Bay



Grandma & Cyrus at the fair



Walking in the Japanese gardens