

# Bernhard and Regina



# & Damian

# 1 Dear Birthmother!

We welcome you with widely open hearts and our honest admiration for your strength and courage. Please know, that we are going to provide your child with everything needed and everything wanted.

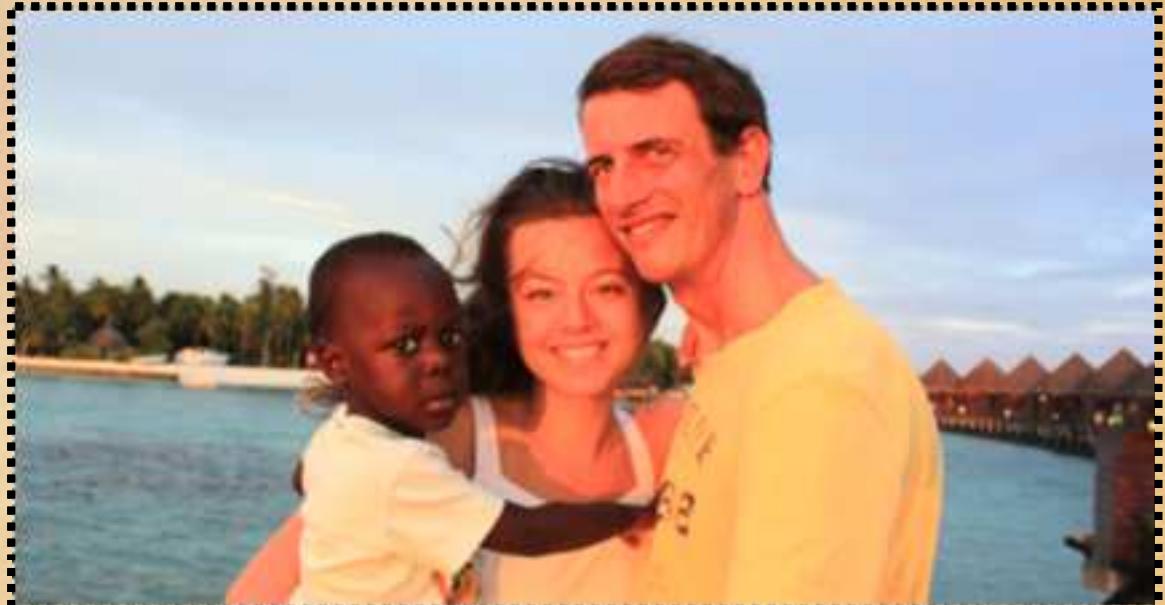


We are **Regina** and **Bernhard** from beautiful Austria in Europe. We are a married couple in love for over 10 years. Our son, **Damian** made us two incredibly happy parents in 2015 and we feel that we have so much more love in our hearts to offer to another child!



a kiss for little cousin Sophie while playing together

If you wish your baby a **happy family with**: a nurturing **stay at home mom**, a funny and **caring dad**, a **proud** and protecting **big brother**, growing up bilingual, healthy and with a balanced lifestyle, cosy home and safe surrounding, lots of love and emotional stability, many travels all around the world, the best education supporting their individual talents, please consider our family.



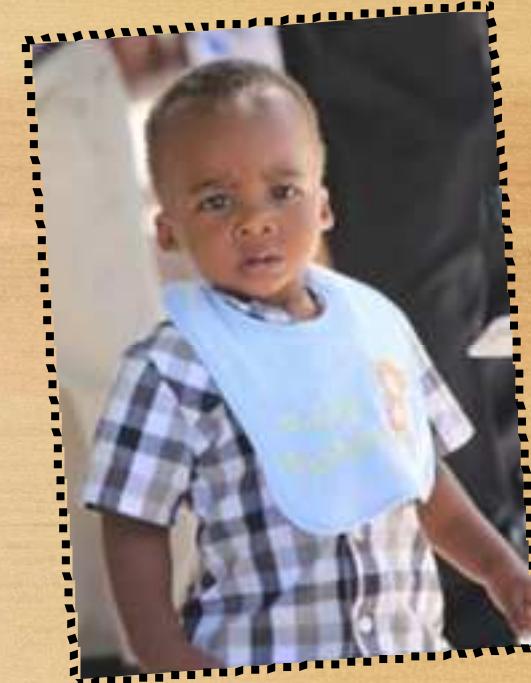
# OUR WAY TO ADOPTION



We always knew we wanted to have children. We really tried and tried, but many years of our life were just full of negative pregnancy tests, endless clinical visits and painful infertility treatments with a final realization, that pregnancy was not possible for us. But still we were hoping to build a family together so much!

## The heart knows the way!

It happened in February 2015 on our Caribbean holiday, that we decided adoption would be a wonderful way to grow our family. We saw children on the plane, the beach, in the mountains, everywhere. We couldn't hide or stop our huge upcoming parental feelings in every single moment a child appeared. To ensure adoption was right for us, 4 months later we spent some time in Uganda doing voluntary work in 2 orphanages. At the end it was so hard to travel back home, that we swore, the next time we would come back home as a threesome. Later we started our second trip and finally, a couple of days before Christmas in 2015 we were sitting on the plane ride home as a threesome, exhausted and "having-never-been-soooooo-happy", with our angel sleeping in a baby basket!



We are so thankful, that we found the way, creating our family through adoption. Since then, we believe, that it was the reason why our infertility treatments were not successful: our absolutely right and perfect way to be a family is through adoption, from the bottom of our hearts!

# MY DEAR LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER!

If you are curious what is waiting for you if you come to live with us, please know that . . .



There will be always enough to eat!  
I started with mentioning this,  
because I love to eat so much!



I love to read books, I have tons  
of them and will teach you  
everything I know about vehicles  
and how animals "speak".



I love to hide! Under  
blankets, in the wardrobe,  
outside in the garden,  
everywhere. It's so  
exciting and much fun!



I love to travel with my parents, I have  
tried already the car, train, bus, tram,  
subway, motorbike, airplane, helicopter,  
boat, bicycle, baby charriot and our  
mobile van of course. My favorites are  
airplane and train. I can't wait to get on  
an airplane to come to meet you!



I can't wait to  
show you my  
favorite  
children songs  
and to dance  
with you!



I have a little doll which  
belonged to my mom when she  
was a child, and I give her a kiss  
after waking up, but when you  
will be here, I will have a real  
brother or sister to kiss and love  
and we can share the doll.

You will never feel alone here. Mom is always here and dad too. They always bring me to bed and stay with me until I fall asleep.



We will play a lot together, with the neighbor kids and with our many cousins. It's always so funny, we are running around, jumping, singing, playing and laughing loud all the time.

*We will be a great team!*



You will also love to see our photos and family videos, mom and dad make such a lot of them and always show me. Of course I want to see them again and again...



← They tell me several times a day how much they love and love and love me and they have so many kisses and hugs, that there is more than enough also for you!



→ There is a swimming facility with in- and outdoor pools and water slides 5 minutes walk from our house, I know the baby area very well and will show you how to slide the fastest.

I hope that you will find the way to us.

I was also adopted so we will have lots of stories to talk about.

I will take care of you here and let mom and dad help me a little at the beginning ☺.

*Kisses and hugs from your big brother,  
Damian!*

# WHO IS REGINA?



I was this little girl, born in Hungary, a neighbor country to Austria.



1st day at school

I loved summer camps!



Funny but true about me: my brother and I share birthdays exactly on the same day, just with a 4 year difference.

I am an optimist and can easily motivate others. Love is essential for me in life. I do anything for those who I love. I never give up and don't like things which come automatically, but prefer to have to do something for what I want to get.

After finishing high school, I started studying in the capital of Austria, in Vienna. I graduated with degrees in translation, as well as in business studies. Following my deep interest in mental health, I completed further education to become a kinesiologist and a psychological astrologer.

I worked in the insurance sector and as assistant to the CEO at a fashion company. Now I am a very happy stay at home mom, helping Bernhard for a few hours in a month from my home office, controlling the salary accounting of the family construction firm.

I am also an initiative member to establish an outdoor kindergarten in a beautiful nearby forest.



I travelled a lot with a student organisation, to explore European cultural diversity.

Dancing with Agi. We are very best friends since we were 14!



I love every kind of dance, especially oriental dance.

# REGINA & HER FAMILY

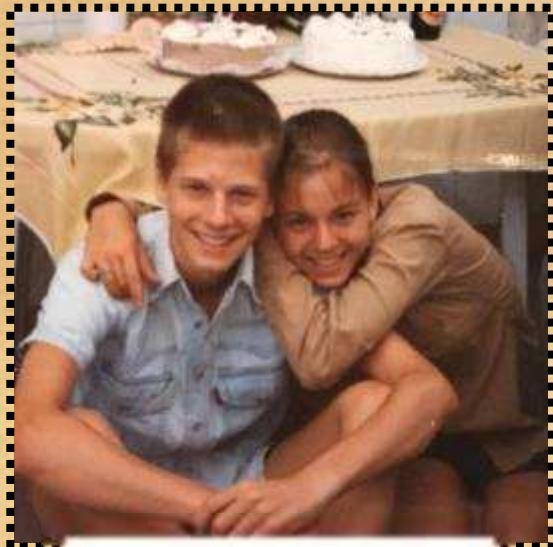
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playing with mom at the nearby river Danube



We had that much snow on our terrace and built our own snowman in the bath.



with my brother at one of our birthday celebrations

I grew up in what I believe to be an idyllic family with both mom and dad, a brother, absolutely caring grandparents and lovely cousins.

My parents raised us in a safe, comfortable home with a big garden, where we always felt dearly loved. My mom preferred beach holidays, my father loved the forest and mountains, so that we enjoyed a mix of both. She was a nursery school teacher, he was a bus driver.

From both my mom and dad, I learned how important it is to have both parents and a supporting, stable, happy family together!



Mom, dad, me and my brother Viktor, on a cave tour.



Grandma and grandpa, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!



on holiday with my parents



at christmas with our cousins



my brother with his wife Nora and children Sophie and William

# WHO IS BERNHARD?

me as a baby ...

I grew up in Vienna together with my brother Gottfried, who is 2 years older and my younger sisters Claudia and Marie-Kathrin.

... and as a little boy

When I was a child, I loved to play soccer with my friends and my brother in the parks and I always enjoyed family time during our hiking and skiing holidays in the mountains of Austria.

My grandfather, who was a biology teacher, told me a lot about geography, I was very interested in and I have kept still the interest in foreign countries and cultures.



family hiking tour in the Carinthian mountains



skiing in Tyrol



always on the side of my older brother



my sisters Claudia, Marie-Kathrin, my brother Gottfried and me



Awards ceremony for the builder title



During a speech at the 125 year celebration of our business.



soccer with friends

# BERNHARD & HIS FAMILY



family christmas party

Family always meant everything to me, and still does.

When I was a child, my mother stayed at home and always gave us a supporting and safe home. We always felt we could talk to her about our problems. I have a great relationship with my father too. As a child I could not wait until he came home and although he worked a lot, he always found the time for us. He is still an important person in our lives.



taking responsibility as the godfather for my niece Anne-Sophie



playing with my niece and my nephew

I have a very close relationship to my parents and my siblings. Although we live in different towns now, we still celebrate every birthday and holiday together and we take every opportunity to get together. It is very beautiful, that both of my sisters have little children at the moment and the family meetings are a big fun for all of us now.



my parents



3 generations together



with Bernhard's family at a traditional costume wedding



family business

# REGINA ABOUT BERNHARD

Bernhard is a real magnet for children in general. Even without any toys, he instinctively creates a funny atmosphere for kids, where they immediately laugh a lot and enjoy making silly things together.



I fell in love 2X with Bernhard: immediately when I saw him first, and again when we became parents.

I often tell Damian, that I found the best father of the world for him!

He is patient and has a great understanding for any sorrow or new idea I have and always gives me realistic feedback.

I never met a person in my life before who would have such an amazing talent in organizing travels. He always finds the very best and interesting places to visit. He motivates me to undertake activities where I am finally always very happy to have experienced new things again and again. He takes beautiful pictures and videos. Once arriving at home, he mixes them professionally to own family movies, which are always the best christmas or birthday present to anyone in our family.



I am very happy and thankful, that I have a partner on my side, who is absolutely reliable, open to new adventures, honest, makes me many surprises and is always there when I need him. I am so proud when I see him with Damian playing soccer and laughing out for hours, and when he invests his time and lot of energy for the best of the family business. With him, I never stop making new dreams and realizing them, such as our own mobile van last year, and the most important, planning our secont parenthood and a family life of four!

# BERNHARD ABOUT REGINA



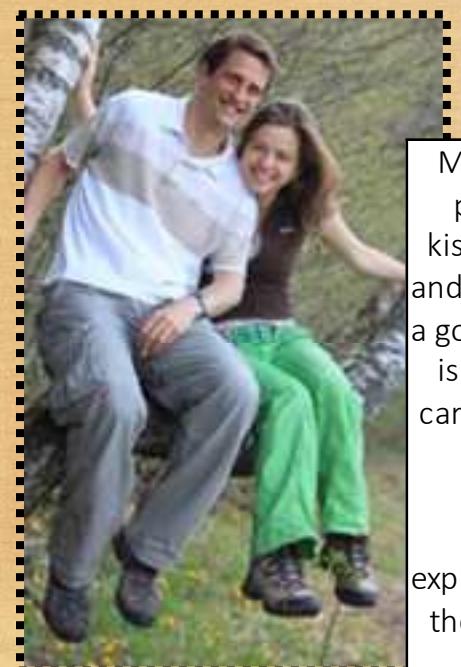
Regina is a very open hearted and cordial person, who seldom hides her feelings towards people she likes. She is also very careful about the needs of other people, like on the picture, when she cared for John, a handicapped boy in a children home during our stay in Uganda.



Surprises (positive ones) are very important for Regina. She does not only want to get them, but she leaves no opportunity unused to surprise her friends or her family. And she can be very, very funny!



Family means everything to my wife. One of the most important persons, apart of Damian and me, is undoubtedly her father Gyula. As a bus driver he was often away from home and I think, that is one of the reasons, that nearness and bonding plays such an important role in her life.



My wife is a very tender and lovingly person. She loves to give hugs and kisses to Damian and me. Her physical and emotional nearness gives me always a good and well-cared home feeling. She is a great mother for Damian. Regina cares for him in every minute of his life. During the day she gives him the freedom he needs, but with the necessary restrictions (which she explains to him in a pleasant manner). In the night, she is his calming area, if he had bad dreams or he is ill.



Nature, environment and healthy eating play important roles in Reginas life. She enjoys the beautiful surrounding of our home very much and tries everything to keep it clean and to protect it. Regina likes to cook and bake healthy and nutritious meals, like smoothies, vegan or even delicious raw food cakes.



Regina is the perfect partner for me, not just for having fun and adventuring life together, but especially as an absolute loyal and open hearted person, who shares my hopes and dreams like building a great family together.

# OUR STORY

Sharon Stone comes and our LOVE story starts with our first “wedding” immediately!

It all started with a glimpse, but then our eyes saw only each other on that big charity event in Vienna, called Life Ball, where Sharon Stone gave a beautiful speech in 2007.

It was love at first sight! We danced and talked and looked into each others eyes until the morning hours. Our lives changed completely after this one moment and in the next days, weeks and months, we enjoyed our first dates so much.

One of Bernhard's sister, who was also there at the party, said, it would be great if we stay together and really marry later; and well, it happened 2 wonderful years later!



the night when we met:  
“Just married” gingerbread hearts



impressions from our first dates



We renovated a weekend cottage of Bernhard's grandparents and made it our first home together after our wedding.

# OUR WEDDING



As a bride, I of course was late to church, because I wanted to be sure, that he is already there!



Then we stopped at a beautiful field full of red poppy seed flowers where I changed my pretty wedding shoes to huge rubber boots to take some pictures there – it was well worth it!



I lost my beloved grandpa not long before our wedding. We married in the church where he always brought me on Sundays when I was a child. I missed him so much, that our first stop after the ceremony with all the congregants was to his grave. We brought him white flowers and I thanked him again and again for making me the person who I am.



... and friends

dancing with grandma...



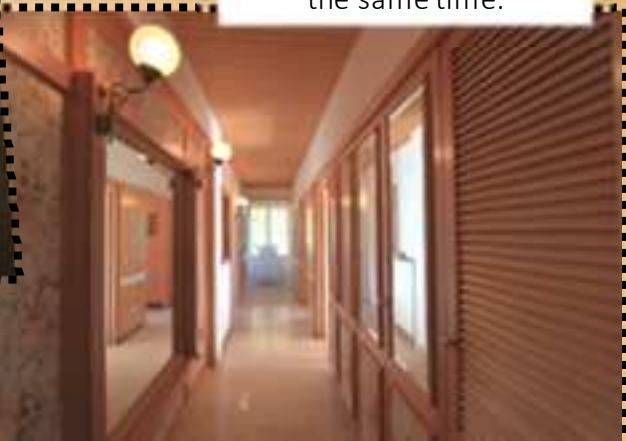
sharing the food and cutlery is a tradition at our wedding partys



We managed to get a picture together with all of our guests in it.



We love our big kitchen and spend here often time together at weekends cooking, talking, singing, ...



2nd floor, used by friends and family when they visit us and stay overnight

Our living room with a panoramic view. Usually full of Damian's toys during the day.



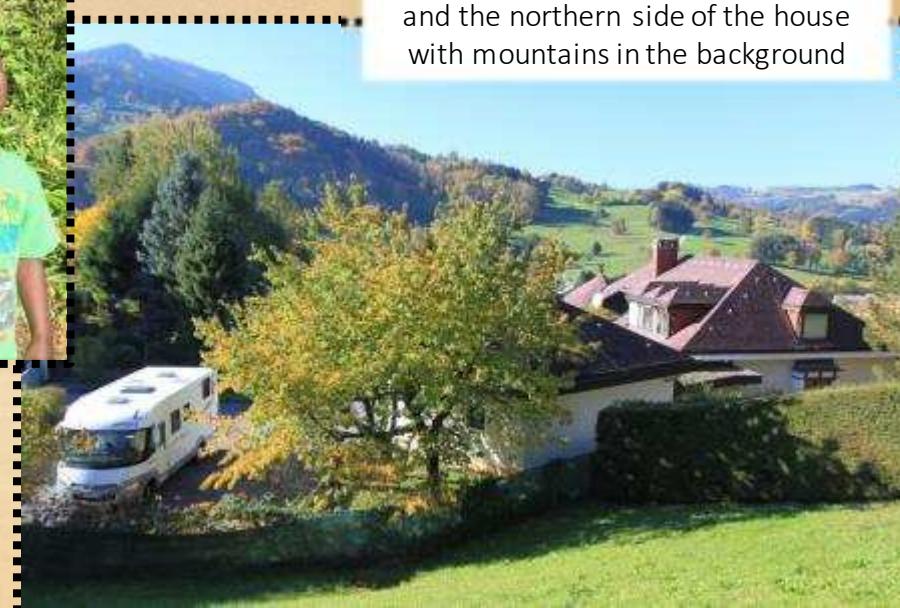
The terrace with an outdoor fireplace and wooden furnitures, made by Regina's father. We spend a lot of time here as soon as the weather gets warm in spring. Regina even used to cook here on a mobile stove.



bird's eye view of the southern side of our home



Damian loves the sweet cherries in our garden



our mobile van, the big cherry tree and the northern side of the house with mountains in the background

# OUR SURROUNDING



the church and main river in our town



look-out above the town in winter

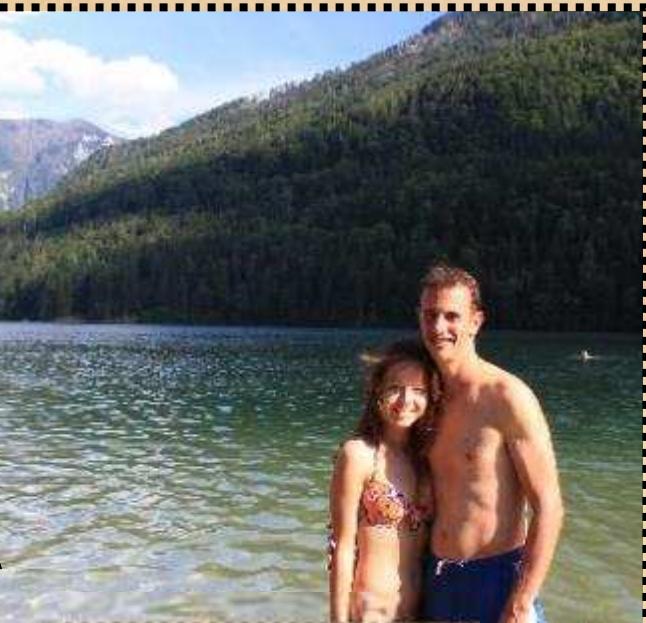


at the nearest skiing area

We live in a cosy town, embedded in a valley. There is a river coming from the mountains, with drinking water quality. The forests around our town, are the best place to relax. Some of the numerous hiking trails start just behind our street. We also have lakes near our home where we go to swim in summer and to ice-skate in winter.

There are lot of friendly families with children in our neighborhood. Friends & family often visit us on weekends to ski or hike here.

There is a hospital, several doctors, kindergartens, schools and many shops in our town, in 5-15 min. walking distance from our house. The capital Vienna is only 90 min. driving distance.



a nearby lake to swim

some of our favorite hiking destinations:



# AUSTRIA - OUR COUNTRY



romantic horse-drawn carriage in Vienna



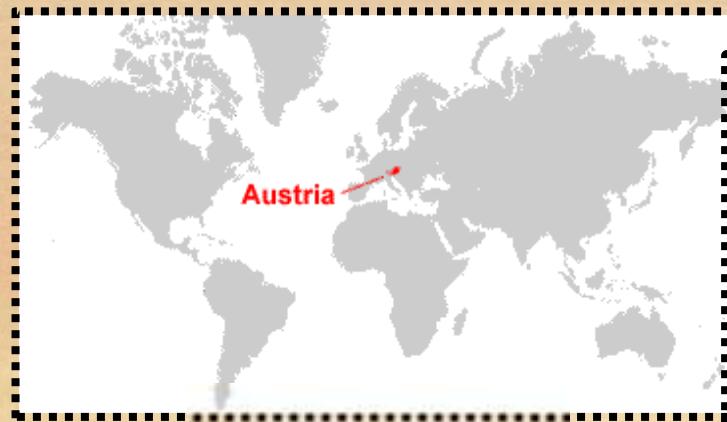
marvellous alpine lake



typical landscape with cows

We are happy to live in a country ...

- with many other countries around in Europe, having different languages, cultures, historical buildings and various landscapes.
- where we have healthy and the best quality tap water everywhere.
- free of discrimination, welcoming and actively integrating people coming from any part of the world and any race.
- with the highest medical standards and free health insurance for all.
- where we don't have any concern to walk alone at night in the dark, because it is so safe, just as during the day; it feels good.
- offering a lot of good tasting regional, organic food from our farms.



Austria in the world



Austria in Europe with the national flag

These are all reasons for a good place to raise a family for us. We noticed, that a child of another color, race and culture is gladly welcome by our fellow men. We have friends telling us their positive experiences about adopting from the USA, so we wish to become parents of a child from the USA too and celebrate American traditions and holidays together with our children in future!

# WE LOVE...



# OUR FAVORITES



food:	smoothies	I love to try specialties from different countries.	p & p = porridge by mom and pancakes by dad
sport:	swimming, dancing	soccer, biking	balance biking
hobby:	scrapbooking	film & photo	still my secret
TV/movie:	This is Us	Light Between the Oceans	our family movies
place to travel:	Always still the last and already the next one ☺!	Africa, USA & Canada	Doesn't matter, main thing is, that I have both mom and dad 24 hours with me.
wake up time:	late	early	too early

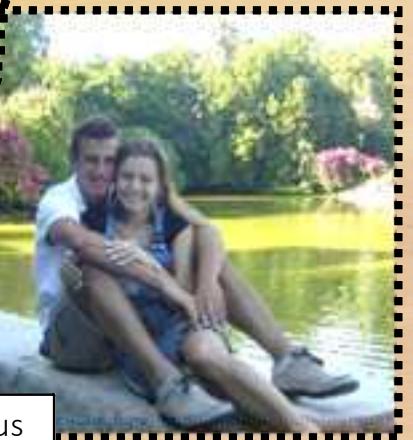
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# OUR PASSION IS TRAVELLING



our first vacation together brought us to **Portugal**: Lisbon and the Algarve



Bernhard's first Christmas surprise to Regina:  
we flew to **Thailand** for a couple of days!



travelling around and hiking on the island of **Cyprus**



Visiting Regina's friend from university in **Finnland** in summer.  
It didn't get dark at night!



visiting Bernhard's sister, living in often rainy, but amazing **London**



beautiful summer holiday on the island **Mallorca**



in **Romania** with Regina's best friends from high school, Agi and Stella



geothermal silica mud mask



carnival in **Germany** with Regina's friend, Asuka from Japan

Bernhard organized a surprise vacation, Regina got to know just at the airport, that it was to **Crete**! He even called her boss secretly and asked for a week holiday – so sweet!

in **Iceland**, the land of Vikings, geysers and colorful northern lights





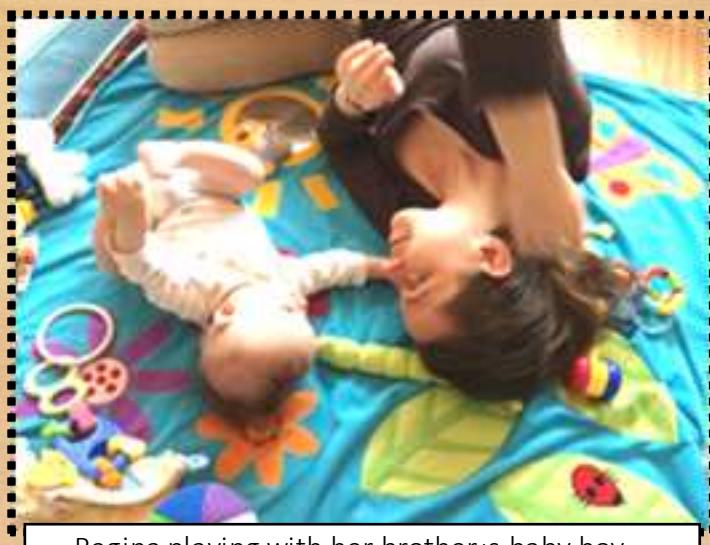


# MOMENTS OF OUR LIFE

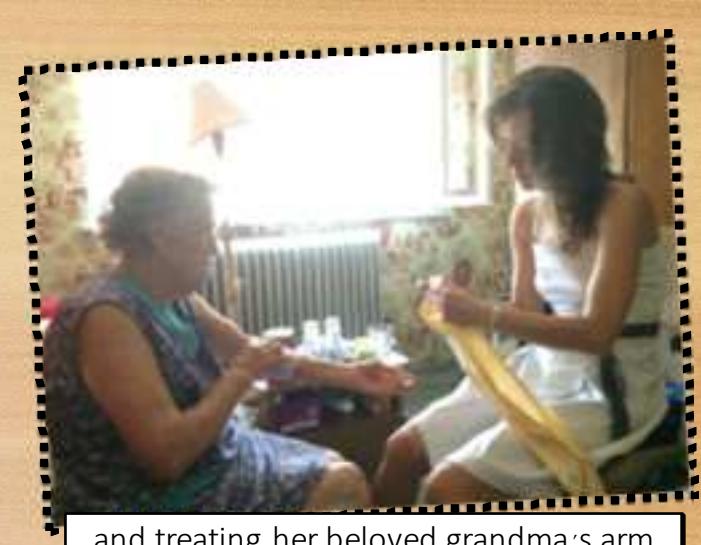




at an amazing **concert** of Yamato  
- the drummers of Japan, with  
Bernhard's family



Regina playing with her brother's baby boy...



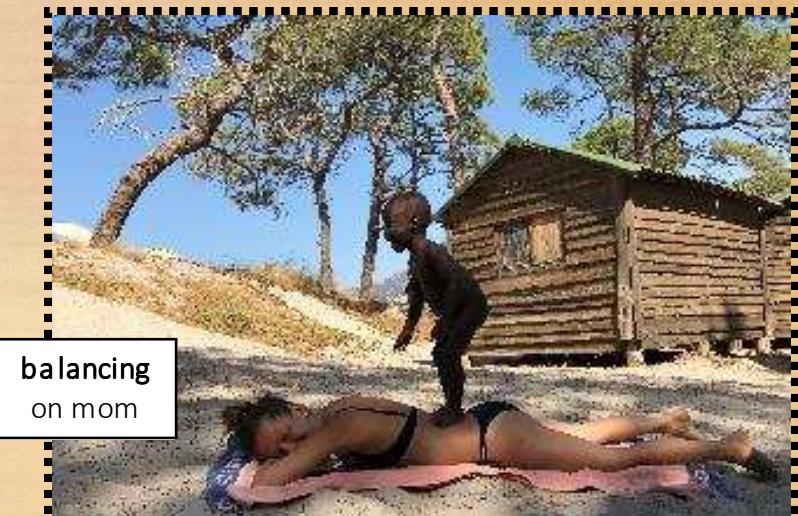
and treating her beloved grandma's arm



We enjoy  
preparing and  
eating fresh,  
delicious,  
**healthy food:**



Bernhard's **birthday party** on a boat



**balancing**  
on mom



sometimes one hand is enough to **cook**



ready to **visit the construction works** with dad



celebrating Damian's birthdays first as a family,



then celebrating with our families in our garden



a **birthday surprise**  
also for Bernhard



a day **at the zoo**  
with Regina's  
mother, brother  
and his family



Damian,  
**waking up**  
in our  
mobile  
van at a  
beautiful  
riverside



at a playground with **friend Lucy from Kenya** and her children



the boys, **drinking porridge** in our garden,



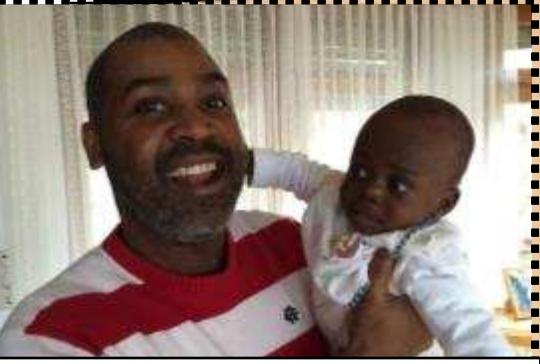
**playing in the forest** behind our street,



and giving a **kiss!**



Damian loves to help “**drive**” the car



our former neighbor and Bernhard’s good friend, **Jerome from South Africa**, playing with Damian

Damian, trying to **ski** in our garden



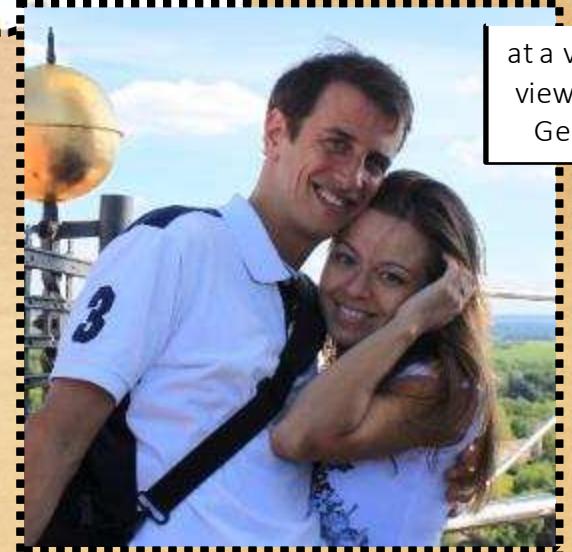
**first snowman** of the year



**skiing** and **snowboarding** from the top of a beautiful mountain



Hey, that's  
me there!



at a very high viewpoint in Germany

Our professional photograph loves this **picture** of Damian so much, that it is in his **shop-window**.

# HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS

at Easter we hide colored eggs and small presents in the garden for the children to search



we own a forest on a beautiful riverside where we always cut our Christmas trees



we meet dear friends for Thanksgiving dinner every year



Grandpa's favorite Christmas present: a family photo calendar, created by Bernhard



celebrating St Nicholas' Day with Bernhard's family



Christmas at home and at Regina's family





# OUR PERSONAL WORDS TO YOU

## DEAR BIRTHMOTHER!

We consider you as an angel on earth, giving your child the best opportunity for a safe and nurturing future. We imagine how difficult this must be for you and we respect you for making this decision. You are and always will stay the most essential person in your child's life and we will always speak of you in the highest regard and keep you informed of how your child is doing as they grow. We are sure, that we will find the best way for all of us to stay in contact, always prioritising the best interest and wish of your child.

Today it is us to be able to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts, that you decided life for this beautiful soul and to consider adoption, which will hopefully help make our dreams come true at the same time.

We would like you to know, that we already think of you often and wish you the power and strength you need and a lot of positive energy!



THANK YOU SO MUCH, THAT YOU TOOK  
THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US!

If you would like to learn more about us or the adoption process, please ask for more information about us, we are very happy to hear from you!

Please contact our adoption agency

Forever Families Through Adoption

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Our thoughts and best wishes are with you.

Lots of LOVE,

*Regine*

*Bernhard*

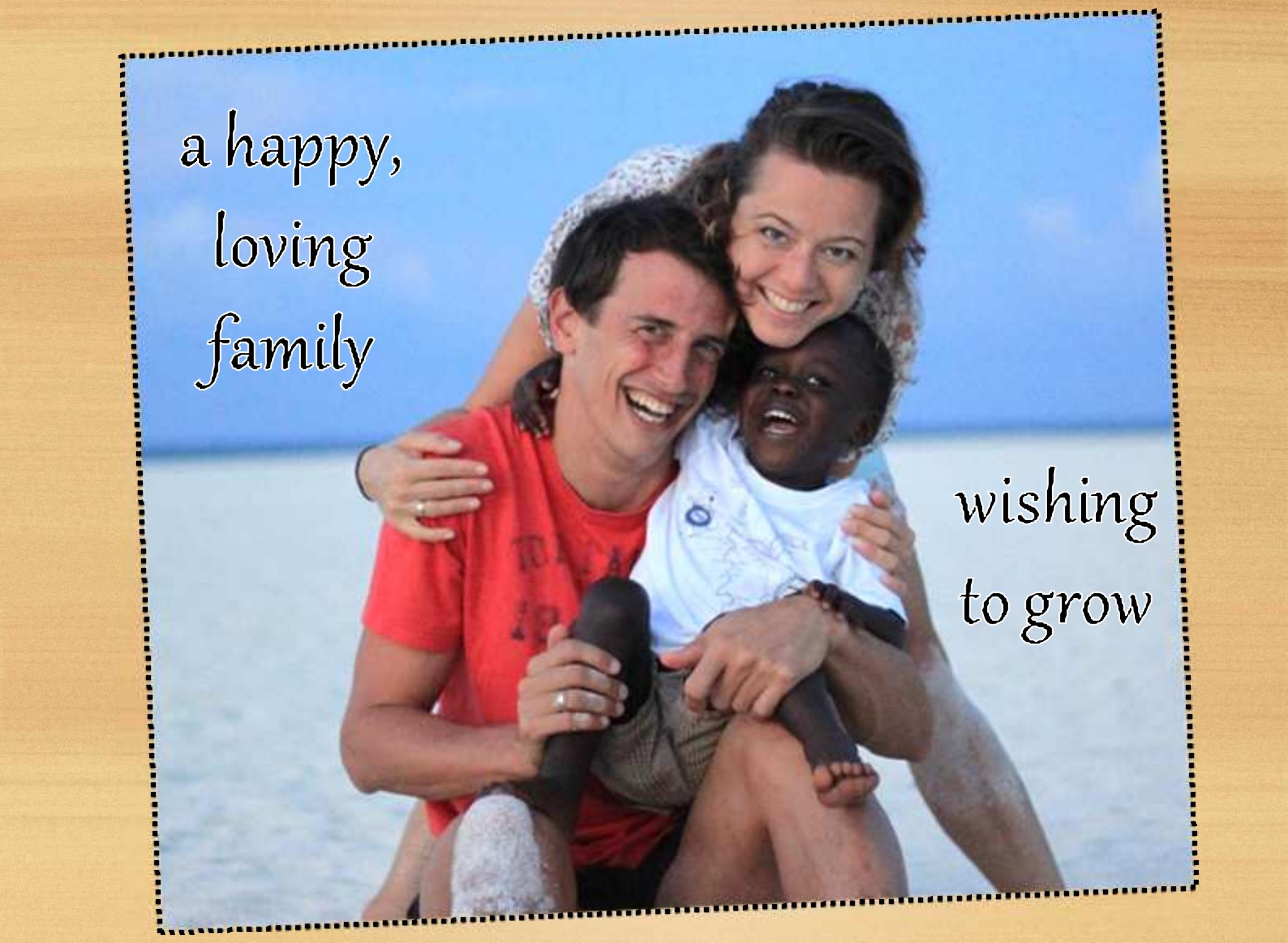
*DAMIAN*



this is us now



this is us in our dreams in future

A photograph of a family of three sitting on a beach. A man in a red t-shirt holds a small child in a white t-shirt. A woman in a white top sits behind them, smiling. They are all laughing and appear very happy. The background is a bright blue sky and ocean.

a happy,  
loving  
family

wishing  
to grow