



Mike & Albert





Dear Birth Mother,

We are pleased to introduce ourselves and to give you a picture of our lives. We are Mike and Albert and we live in The Netherlands, a small country in Europe. Six years ago we met each other at a birthday party. That is when our journey began.

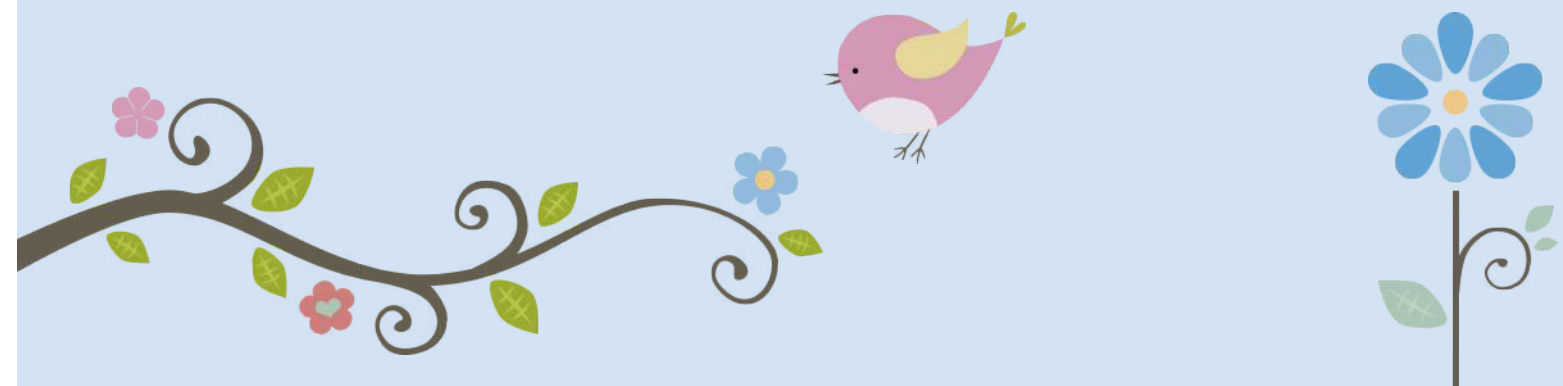


Over the past 6 years we traveled the world together, we created our own home, we raised two lovely dogs and we opened two successful restaurants. We built our own world together and now we hope to expand our family.

Mike's sister lives with her husband in Corpus Christi, Texas. We like the American traditions and love to visit them often. This is one of the reasons we chose to adopt from the states.

It will be our dream if you choose us to raise your child. We will be forever grateful if you help make our world complete.

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## Mike

28 years old

Creative, energized and funny

Loves Italian & Mexican food

Likes lazy Sundays at home

## Albert

38 years old

Structured, sporty and smart

Loves family time & good coffee

Likes to travel the world



Little Mike,  
4 years old



Always interested  
in food



Valentine's Day



Having fun  
with friends



Little Albert,  
6 years old



Is very competitive  
in games



Loves animals,  
dogs especially

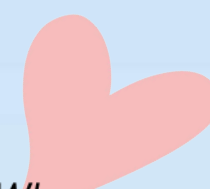


Has done  
modelling work



## ..about Albert

*I remember our first meeting as if it was yesterday.. The good looking man who took my attention by his gentle looks and kept my interest by the good talks we had. Albert is the most honest, responsible, warm and comfortable person in my life. He is my partner forever!*



## ..about Mike

*When we met we clicked immediately. We have been inseparable since that night. I can't imagine life without Mike anymore. I love his humor, creativity, caring and sometimes his chaos. He is my great love and best friend.*





# Mike's family



These are my parents, Jacqueline & Eric. They have been happily married for 35 years now.

My mom and I spend time together with shopping and going out for lunch.

With my dad we go out for a tennis game or to the golf course.



This is my dear grandmother Hendrika (76). We are very close since we all lived together until I was 12. She is my role model in taking care of the family and making others comfortable. She was also the person who taught me how to make my first pie and cake!



This is my sister, Milou and my brother in law Adrian. They live in Texas and we facetime every week and we see each other once a year at least! My sister is always positive. She will be a great aunt to your child, and he is a professional soccer player, so your child will learn from the best!





# Albert's family



This is my mother Helga and her husband Jan and Max the dog. They have been happily married for 27 years now. They live close to the beach.

I have a special connection with my mother since I was young. She taught me how to care for others and how to cook!



This is my older brother Tammo. We like to take trips together and going to concerts. In 2015 we celebrated New Years Eve in Bali. We also have been to Portugal, Curaçao, Thailand, Spain, Italy and Florida.



This is my father Olav and his partner Joke. They love to sail when the weather is good. My father is the best teacher He gives the best advise when making difficult decisions.

We often go to my fathers place for a weekend to recharge ourselves and have some family time by playing Monopoly and relaxing in the back garden.



This is my lovely grandmother Judith (91). She lives together with her partner Jan and celebrated her 90th birthday with the family!

My family is very excited about our adoption plan. They can't wait to welcome your baby!





## Cora

This is Cora, our extra special friend and she will be a great 4th grandparent to your baby! She is such a big part of our lives.

She is part of the family that we have created already. We are very thankful to have Cora in our life. She can not wait to have your child in her life!

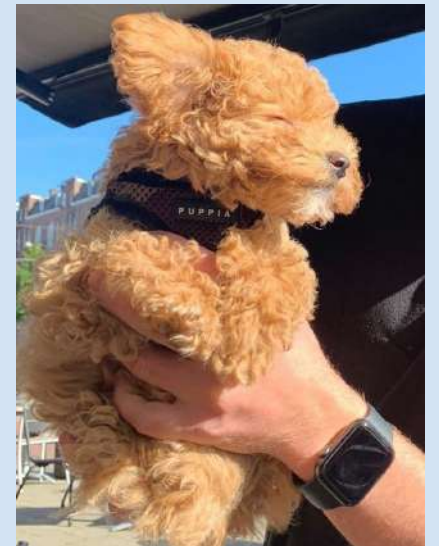


## Bobby & Loebas

These two cuties are our poodles, both from the same breeder.



Bobby is 2 years and Loebas 6 months old. They both are very playful, love to cuddle and are very social with kids.





# Friends

Hanneke & Mara – our best friends – their bachelorette



Marjoke – Mike's best friend



Mara's birthday – bowling game



Joosje – Albert's best friend



Bali



The opening of our second restaurant in Amsterdam



Dinner at the beach, France



Ice cream & sushi





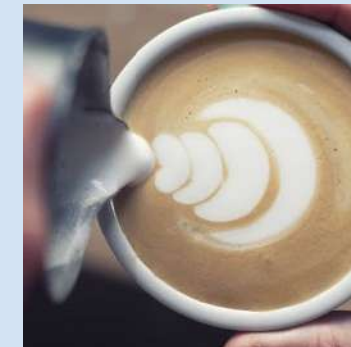
# Work



We run our own restaurants in Amsterdam. Albert is the barista and Mike is the chef in the kitchen. We make our restaurants special by using fairtrade products and employing people with disabilities. We also have our own roasted coffee beans!



Because of the good people in our management team it is not necessary for us to be in the restaurants every day. This gives us the freedom to give all the nurturing and love to your child!





# Home

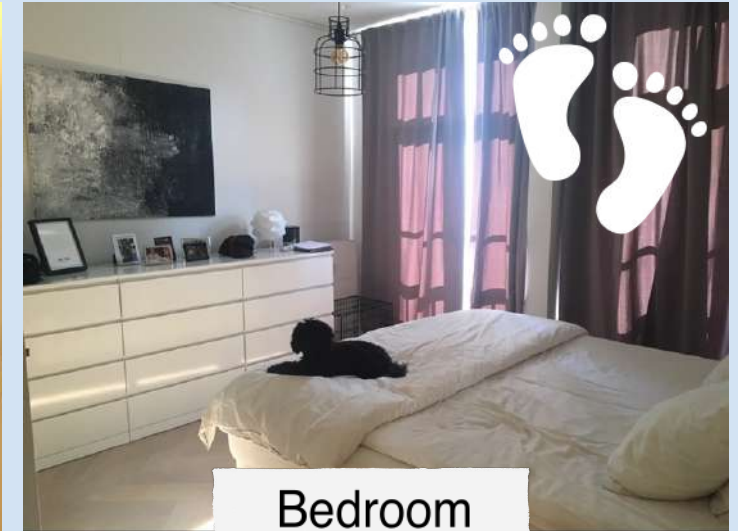


This is our apartment in the South part of Amsterdam. Park, shops and schools are all walking distance.

Even our restaurant is only a 10 minute walk. The apartment is on the first floor. It is light and cozy. The neighbourhood is child friendly.



Dining room



Bedroom

Connected with the kitchen we have a dining room and balcony. We have two bedrooms and a separate bathroom. One of the bedrooms will become the nursery which we can't wait to decorate. We like to have colours in our apartment by flowers, accessories and paintings.



Balcony



Living room



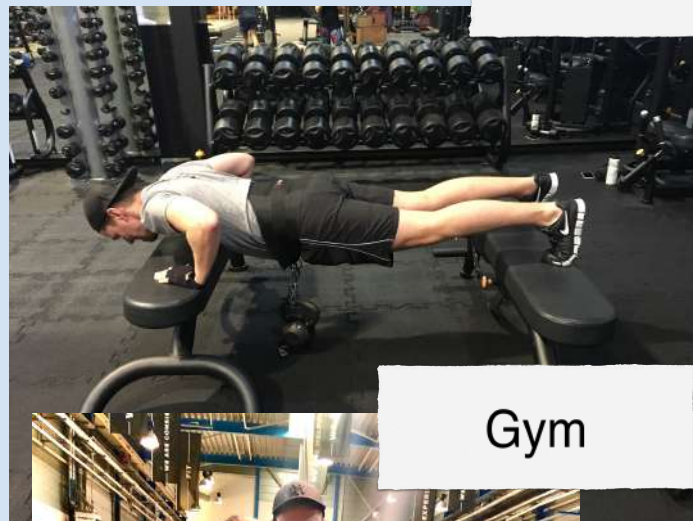
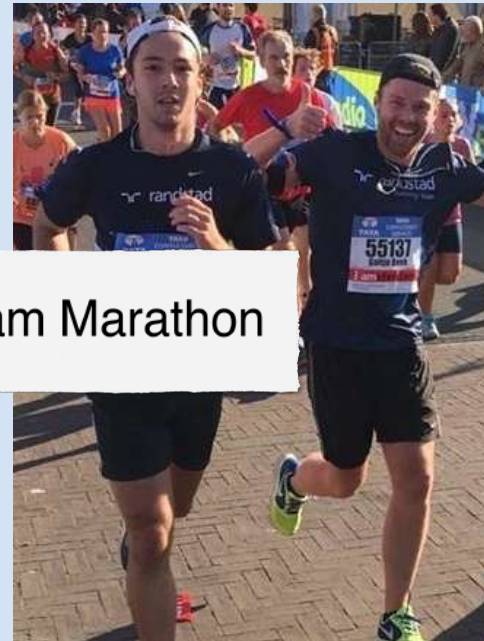
Favorite painting



# Sports



Amsterdam Marathon



Gym



Obstacle Run



In our life, sports are very important. It keeps us sharp, calm and in shape. We spend a lot of our time in the gym, but also participate in obstacle runs with friends. Besides movement, we try to eat foods that are as good and healthy as possible.



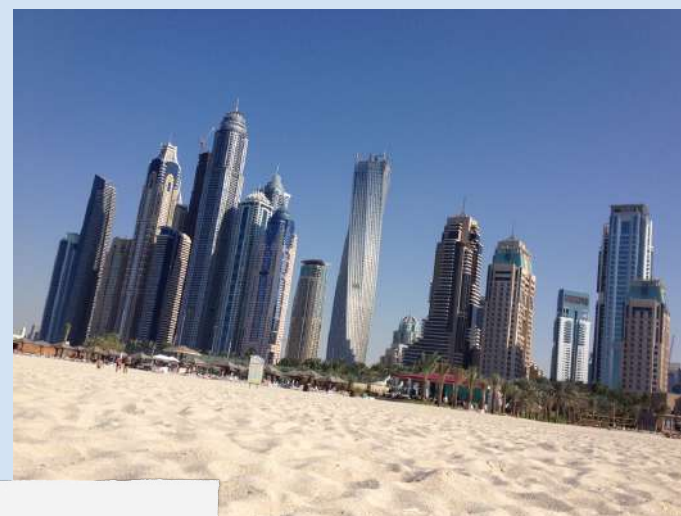




# Holidays



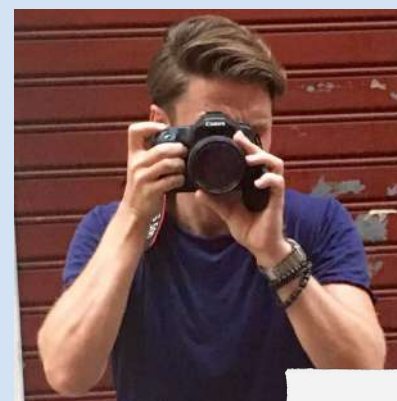
Italy



Dubai



Spain



Cape Town





# Holland



The Netherlands, or some say Holland, is a small country in Europe.

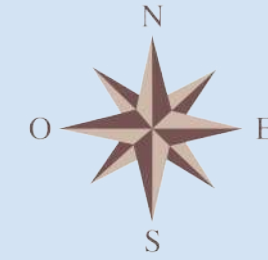


The country's official language is Dutch, we all speak English and the capital is Amsterdam. We have a King; Willem-Alexander. To celebrate his birthday, Kingsday is an official (orange) celebration.



About Holland:

- multicultural society
- freedom of speech
- structured and organized



Typical Dutch characteristics:

- using a bike to go everywhere
- greet each other with 3 kisses



- eating fries with mayonnaise
- talking about the weather
- skating on natural ice
- tulips
- wooden clogs
- cheese
- stroopwafles
- windmills
- a cookie



with a fresh cup of coffee from our restaurant





# Amsterdam



the canals



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We live in Amsterdam and we love it because it provides us a big social life. There are a lot restaurants, clubs, museums, stores, gyms, parks and all our friends live nearby. The city is safe, peaceful and it has great schools for your child.



Amsterdam Gay Pride



Amsterdam Museum Night







Christmas



Halloween



Graduation



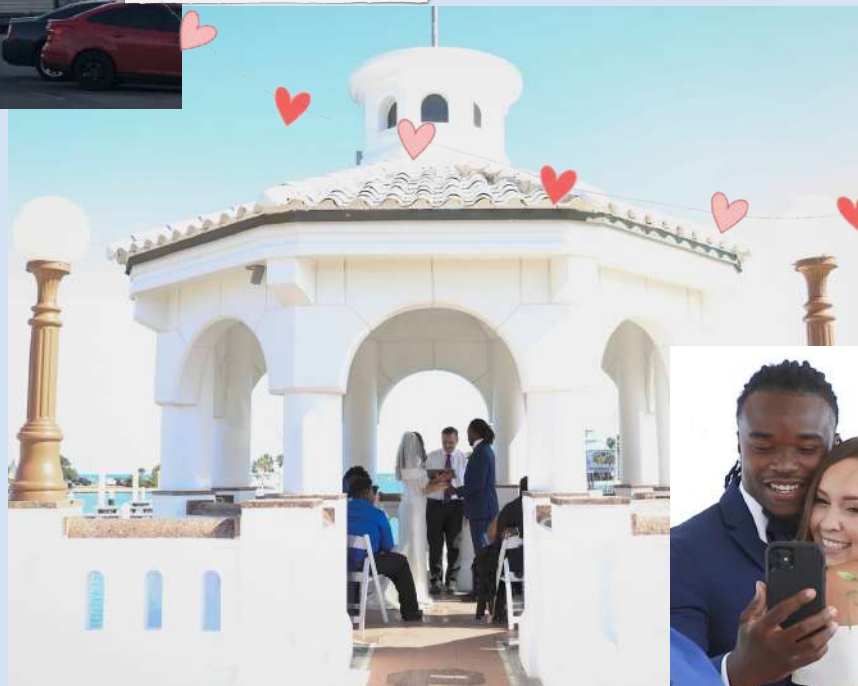
Thanksgiving



El Paso



Florida



Corpus Christi



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# Our extended family



This is our extended family from a Dutch adoption support group. Your child will always be a part of this special family. They organise activities to get connected with other adoption families. In the picture you see the picnic they organise every year: one big extended family of American born children being raised in The Netherlands!



The pictures and words we have shared with you are a summary of love, care and safety where your child will grow up. Our family, friends and community are very supportive since the moment we started with our adoptive journey.

We will all love your child unconditionally. No matter what the color of your child's skin is, the gender he or she has or want to be, and any possible special need. We will promise that your child will get all the possibilities in life to be who they want to be.







Thank you,

thank you for taking the time to learn about us and we hope to learn more about you!

We promise to honor an open adoption in which you feel comfortable with. We look forward to meeting you when we come to the USA. Hopefully you have a clear picture of who we are and how our life is from the pictures and words we shared.

We imagine how difficult this decision is for you. Please know that your child will know of your love for them. And we will always speak of you with pride. We are happy to share photos and updates whenever you like.

With all the best,  
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If you have any questions you can call our adoption agency in New York at their Toll-Free Number: 1-866-922-3678 or directly at 1-914-939-1180



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