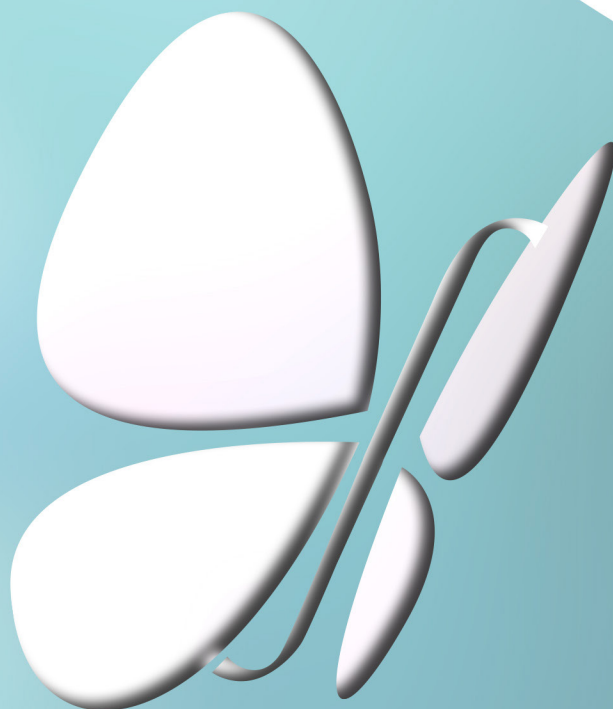
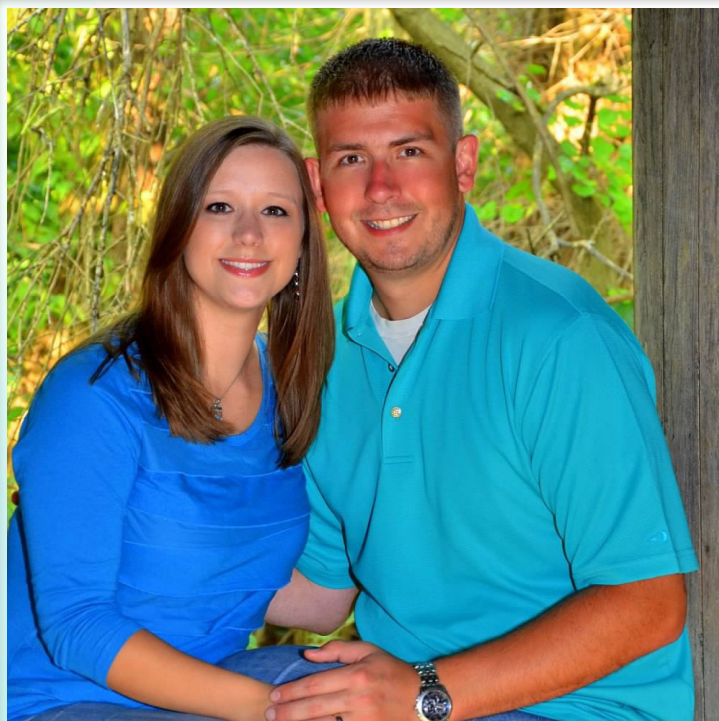


Hello we are...
Aubrey and Kevin





Our Hopes and Dreams...

Kevin and I have been together for almost twelve years, and we are more in love today than ever before.

After our wedding, we started making plans for the future. Kevin would graduate from college as an x-ray technologist, and then we would buy a house and start a family. Once Kevin graduated, we began our journey to have children. After some tests and a few office visits, the doctors told us that we wouldn't be able to conceive. At first we were heartbroken, however soon we realized that God had other plans for us. The more we talked about adoption the more we began to see that this is what God had in store for us all along. Looking back, it's easy to see that we took the long route to get on the path intended for us from the beginning.

It was that path that led us to our daughter, Gracelyn. While we waited for her arrival, we worried about everything like all new parents. Would we know what to do when she cried, how to change her diaper, did we buy the safest car seat, would she bond with us immediately, and so on. We met our daughter's mother for the first time when we got to the hospital. It was such wonderful experience to sit on the side of her hospital bed and talk, laugh, and even cry a little with her. We are still so thankful for that time to get to know her and for her to get to know us; we are still in regular contact. When we held Gracelyn for the first time, we knew that God had brought us to that moment. We fell in love with her instantly, and all our former worries just disappeared.

We knew we would adopt again. We knew we wanted our children to be close in age, so they could be close to one another growing up. We are excitedly ready to grow our family again through adoption. We are committed to providing a loving home that will create a stable, nurturing environment for our children to grow and learn in. The children will spend their days with me, and we will spend our evenings as a family making dinner together, discussing our days, reading together, and doing homework. We will enjoy the amazing parks and museums that our community has to offer.

We pray that you will find peace and comfort as you make your decision. Choosing an adoption plan for your child demonstrates your courage, selflessness and love. If you chose us to parent your child, you will always be part of our family and your child's story – regardless of who raises them. And, we commit to you that your child will always know how truly amazing you are.

We look forward to meeting you one day soon.

Sincerely,

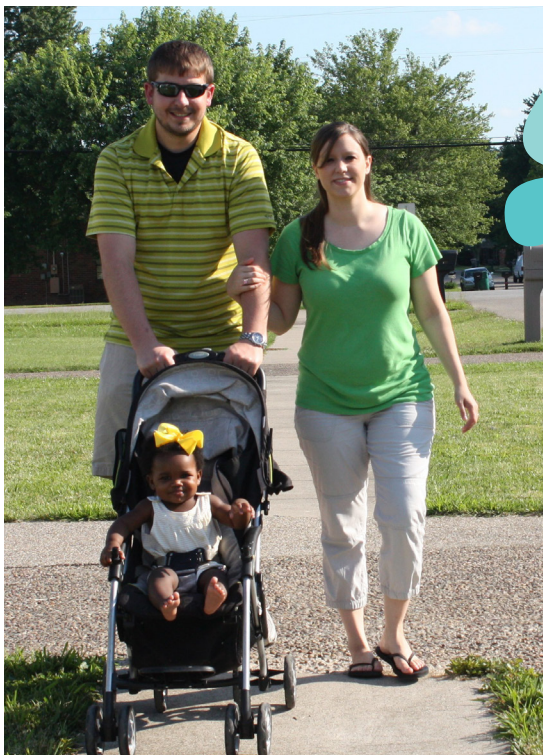
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Our values and beliefs as parents...

Family is very important to us. Growing up in close knit families, everything was a family affair. Even small things like making dinner or cleaning house, or fun things like decorating the Christmas tree or celebrating birthdays. We are committed to showing our children that we love and support them unconditionally. We have so much love to give and cannot wait to share our family traditions, like Christmas breakfast; as well as forming new family traditions, like game night, with our children.

As Christians, we will raise our children with the hope that one day they will find their own relationship and faith. We will teach our children that God loves them unconditionally, and He has a plan for their lives. We attend a local church a few miles from our home, and we have grown to know our church friends as our church family. They have provided so much support to us since our first adoption and cannot wait for us to be blessed with children again.

We enjoy traveling, whether it's for a long vacation or just a weekend trip. We like visiting family and friends along the way, like friends in Florida, getting together for special occasions in Michigan, or holiday gatherings with extended family in Ohio. Some of our fondest memories growing up are family vacations we took, a tradition we are anxious to continue with our own family. It's about building great memories that last!

We are excited to help our children explore the things he or she truly enjoys, whether it is sports, scouts, an instrument or any number of other activities. Whatever it is that our children find fun, we are committed to being there for every game, recital, or meeting. Our parents did the same for us; Aubrey's parents were always at her cheerleading and volleyball games, and Kevin's parents attended each and every soccer game. We will encourage our children in whatever makes them happy and be there to support them and share in their memories.

Education is a very important. We are committed to finding the right curriculum that will provide the best educational experience for our children. We understand that all children learn in different ways, and we are prepared to help our children overcome any educational obstacle. We are committed to being "hands on," doing homework together in the evenings, studying for tests together, and learning new subjects as a family.



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Our home...

A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother:

Reading, crochet, crafts, fishing in the summer, photography, walking at the park or in the neighborhood

Adoptive Father:

Working around the house/home, improvement projects, reading, playing sports with friends, running, walking at the park or in the neighborhood

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Medical Coder
(works from home)

Adoptive Father: Radiology Technologist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Professional/Vocational

Adoptive Father: Associates Degree

Two years ago we bought our house with a family in mind. We live in a great neighborhood with lots of young families with children. Our neighborhood has sidewalks on every street, and we enjoy walking and saying “hello” to our neighbors on warm afternoons. Our community has many great museums and parks to visit and play in, including a large zoo with a splash park. There are theaters downtown and several outdoor amphitheaters that offer wonderful plays, musicals, and entertainment year round.

Our home has become a warm and welcoming place for family gatherings and fun times with friends. We have a large kitchen where we love to cook big family meals. We have 3 bedrooms and lots of room to play. The nursery is decorated with gray and yellow stripes and handmade wall art and bed linens that Aubrey made. Gracelyn’s room is right next door and decorated with purple and cream colors. Our bedroom is just across the hall, so we won’t be more than just a few steps away. Outside we have a great fenced in yard with lots of grass for the kids to run and play – next year we will add a swing set and sand box. Right now, we mostly play on the large patio where we enjoy blocks and dolls and eat popsicles.

While Gracelyn and I spend every day together because I work from home, Saturday is our favorite day of the week as a family. We make a big breakfast before we start our day. On warm spring and summer days we enjoy spending the afternoon at the zoo that is just a few miles from our house or picnics at the park where we can swing or play on the slides at the playground. During the winter we enjoy our Saturday afternoons indoors playing peek-a-boo or cuddling up to read a book on the couch. We also enjoy listening to music and dancing around the family room.

We can’t wait for our home to be filled with everything more children bring. We look forward to seeing their astonished faces on Christmas morning when they discover what Santa Claus brought; and the excitement in their eyes as they blow out the candles when we celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

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Our family...

We met when we were introduced by a friend in high school. We both worked at the same company and one of Kevin's friends who also worked there thought we would make a cute couple. To get things started, his friend secretly told me that Kevin liked me. When we finally had our first date, I discovered that Kevin really had no idea who he was picking up. But we had so much fun together! We got lost while Kevin was showing off in his car, and I had to call my dad to say we would be home late on our first date. We still laugh about our first date and playfully tease each other about who really got us lost that night. That was almost twelve years ago.



Since then we have continued to build close relationships with our parents, siblings, as well as our extended family. We enjoy getting together for family dinners on the weekends, playing together during family vacations, and celebrating the holiday's together year around. We both enjoy getting down on the ground wrestling with the boys or playing dolls with the girls. Aubrey enjoys taking pictures of the whole family, so that our fondest memories are recorded.

We both have large extended families that live close by. We enjoy being with them for family events and holidays, or just spending time together catching up. In the spring we all attend a local barbeque festival. We look forward to taking our children with us and watching them enjoy the tasty food, getting barbeque sauce all over their fingers and face. In the summer we enjoy a family vacation to the beach. We build sand castles, play in the water, and fly kites during the day. And at night we make dinner together, roast marshmallows and share funny stories. In the fall we enjoy going to football games for the local college. We are so excited to shop for matching team shirts for us all to wear as we cheer for the home team as a family.

Our entire family is ready for our family to grow. Our children will be surrounded with the love and support of a devoted family.



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