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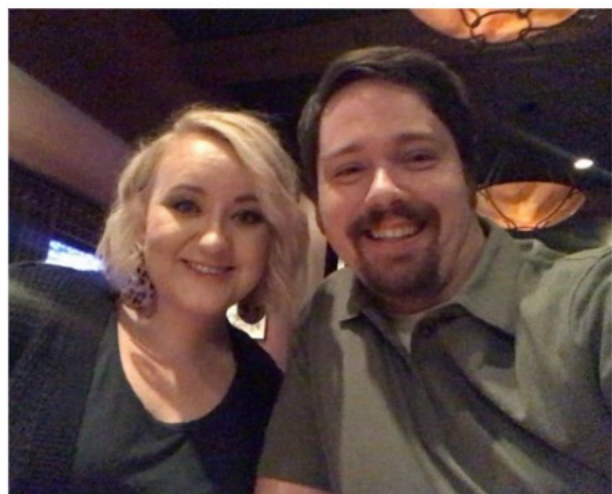


God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Hello there!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. I know you may be wondering why we want to adopt. Well, after almost four years of trying, we aren't able to have a baby that is biologically ours. And while we don't know exactly what God's plan for us looks like, we do know that it includes growing our family through adoption. As you make your decision, we are praying that God fills you with peace.



Let me introduce ourselves!

I have a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and have been an elementary teacher for five years. I currently teach second grade and absolutely love it! I have such a great opportunity to love on some pretty great children. Dylan has his Masters degree from seminary and hopes to one day be a pastor. We've attended the same church for about twelve years, and Dylan currently works in an administrative role there.

We met at church and were in the same friend group for about three years. After deepening our friendship, Dylan asked me out after an evening of the college ministry. We officially dated for 7 months before getting engaged, and got married at about the year mark. We have been married for five years.

Kristen...

Let me tell you a little about my wife, Kristen. She's hard working, patient, and loving. She laughs at all (okay maybe not all) my terrible puns and jokes. Her laugh is contagious. As a teacher, she cares deeply for each of her students. I can't believe I get to spend the rest of my life with her. I'm honored that she trusts me to lead our family. The support and encouragement she gives me allows me to maintain confidence no matter what we're facing. I'm so thankful that I get to call her my wife.



Dylan...

Let me tell you about my wonderful husband, Dylan. He is the most gentle yet strong person I have ever met. Dylan has such a passion for The Lord and for helping people foster that passion for themselves. I am so thankful for his leadership in our marriage, and that he exemplifies Christ to those around him. Dylan is truly my best friend. I love how his calm demeanor settles my anxious heart, and I look forward to spending a lifetime loving him. I'm so thankful that I get to call him my husband.



Our Relationship

I am the feeler and the emotional one. Dylan is the rock and the cool, calm, and collected one. We both have a strong personal relationship with Jesus, and our relationship between each other reflects that. God is at the center of our marriage, and we grow closer to one another by pursuing Him together. Dylan and I are a team, but Dylan is the captain of that team. Our marriage reflects Ephesians 5:21 "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ". We talk through major decisions, but I trust Dylan to lead us in our marriage.





Some of the things we love to do

I love being a bookworm and enjoy lots of different kinds of books, and bonus if I can read the book in a coffee shop or laying in a hammock with the sunshine on my face. I also enjoy taking care of my indoor plant collection that's a little too big and doing crafty things. Dylan loves spending time outside playing disc golf, hanging out with friends playing board games and video games, and reading. We are both actively involved in our church, serving in ministry together. We prioritize spending time together and growing our marriage through regular date nights and being silly. We love dancing in the kitchen making dinner and playing rock, paper, scissors to settle frivolous disputes.



Our home and neighborhood



We have lived in the same town nearly all our lives and love all the connections we have here. We live in the most precious family-friendly neighborhood and enjoy taking walks around the block with our Golden Retriever, Cooper. We live close to one of my sisters and her young children. Dylan's parents also live in town, and we love stopping in for some freshly baked goodies from his mom.



Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and try to soak in as much as we can each year, whether it's local or a far off destination. We enjoy taking trips to Kansas City, watching K-State football games, and going to concerts together. We have also gone on a few mission trips both together and individually.





Our Promise to You

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home! We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share for this child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Dylan and Kristen



