



ANDRE & KATIE
& ELISHA

OUR FAMILY

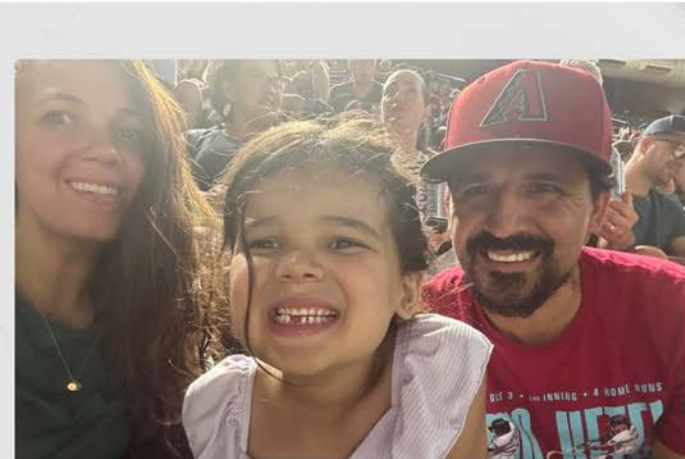




HELLO

First, we want you to know you are loved and cherished beyond measure. We are praying for you as you go on this journey. We are praying for the Lord's strength, love and peace to cover and envelope you. We know how much you love your baby and we feel so honored that you are considering us to take care, nurture and love your baby. We will always choose to love and care for you and your baby.

-Love, Andre, Katie, and Elisha. -





OUR STORY

We met in 2014 at church. We became good friends by getting to know one another through the worship team and a common prayer group. After knowing that God was leading us together, we said yes in marriage in November of 2016. Our marriage has been filled with the love and growth of the Lord. We have learned to support and love each other in both the good times and the bad. We lost our first child in a miscarriage, but soon after we were blessed with our beautiful daughter, Elisha. Elisha truly is our miracle child. She fills our life with joy, laughter and fun. Katie lost her father in 2020, and right after, we had 4 consecutive losses, including an ectopic pregnancy. God continued to put family in our hearts and we have never given up hope for more children. Both of us are familiar with adoption and fostering. We have experienced being adopted(Katie) and having a foster brother growing up (Andre). The Lord has put His heart for adoption and for children/families that need love and raising in our hearts and we are so excited for this journey. We are teachers at heart and desire children to be brought up with an opportunity to know Jesus and to walk in all that they are meant to be and do.

ANDRE

I am an Arizona native. I was born in Phoenix and was raised in Prescott and Pinetop, Arizona. I grew up in church and was involved with music, sports (mainly soccer) and family. I find joy in family activities and maintaining a nurturing home environment. Being in the outdoors brings a sense of home and peace. I love any opportunity involving crafting, building, or caring for things around the home. Above all, I deeply enjoy being Katie's husband and Elisha's father.

For the past 15 years, I've served as a teacher in Music, Art, and PE. Teaching is my passion, and I am dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus with the children under my guidance. My beautiful wife and I have been happily married for 8 years. I am committed to following Jesus, and my deepest desire is for my family to wholeheartedly love and follow Him.



FAVORITES

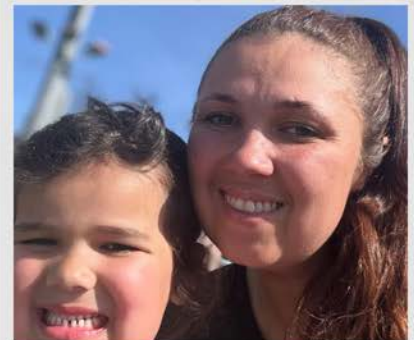
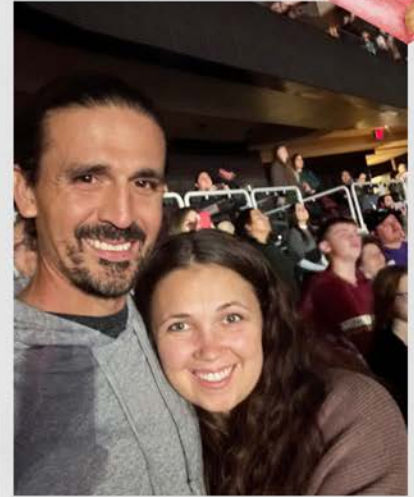
- JESUS
- FAMILY
- THE KIDS & FAMILIES WE TEACH
- COMMUNITY & FRIENDS
- OUR ANIMALS
- BASEBALL
- GARDENING
- PAINTING



KATIE

FAVORITES

- JESUS
- ANDRE & ELISHA
- FAMILY & FRIENDS
- OUR STUDENTS
- CHURCH
- WORSHIP
- CRAFTING
- BEACH
- HIKING
- CHRISTMAS
- READING
- TEACHING
- ICED TEA
- DAY TRIPS



I've lived in Phoenix, Arizona my whole life. I grew up in a Christian home and made a full commitment to the Lord when I was 16. Finding out I was adopted at the same age filled me with gratitude for the joyful childhood the Lord blessed me with through adoption. I attended a fantastic school and loved being involved with our church.

Being with my family, both at home and out and about, brings me absolute joy. I love going on adventures with Elisha, Andre, and our "adventure" dog, Smalls. Whether it's day trips to beat the heat in the valley or hiking in beautiful weather, these have become my favorite things to do. I also enjoy crafting gifts with my Cricut for family, friends, and our students. Reading and puzzles are also hobbies I enjoy. At home, I find deep fulfillment in praising and worshiping the Lord through playing the violin and singing with Andre and Elisha. Being a wife and mommy brings me the greatest joy!

I've been teaching for 10 years across various subjects like math, science, history, language arts, music education, and performing arts, including piano and violin. I've also directed for several theater companies around the valley. Now, Andre and I own a company that helps with all these subjects and more. It's amazing to see how the Lord guided us through these diverse experiences and brought us to where we are today.

My daily goal and vision is to follow Jesus to the best of my ability and go on the journey that He has placed before us. He is totally worth it!!!

FAVORITES

- JESUS
- MOMMY & DADDY
- PLAYING
- STUFFED ANIMALS
- MY GRANDMA
- MY DOGGIES
- GYMNASTICS
- DANCING
- BAKING
- WATCHING BASEBALL
WITH DADDY
- MY FISHIES

ELISHA



Elisha was born in Phoenix in November of 2016. She is our rainbow baby between two of our miscarriages. She absolutely loves taking care of her stuffed animals and dolls. Talking to Jesus and hanging out with her family and dogs are her favorite things. The beach, splash pads, pools, or any body of water make her happy – she's a little fish! Elisha also really enjoys being a big cousin and can't wait to be a big sister soon. She loves to worship by dancing and singing and praising God. Elisha can't wait to look after her new baby sibling because she's already so loving, kind, and thoughtful. And let's not forget – she's a big fan of eating!



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



WE Embrace Life
WE Enjoy one another-At home and out
WE Seek adventure
WE love



HOME

-We love to worship God through learning from and talking with Jesus, playing music, singing and dancing before Him together.

-Andre loves to garden and continues to make our house a home

-Elisha loves to play with her toys

-Katie loves to organize

Our household includes 3 dogs, 3 chickens(in the garden), and some fish that we love caring for.

WORK

We run an educational service business that's been our passion for 4 years.

We love helping kids come grow into who they are to be as individuals in our world and society.

FAVORITE HOLIDAYS

- Christmas
- Thanksgiving
- Easter

These are cherished times spent with family and friends.

CHURCH

We're deeply involved in children's ministry at our church, where we emphasize teaching kids about their identity in Jesus and nurturing a personal relationship with Him.

SCHOOL

-We are both teachers, and are blessed to homeschool Elisha, who's in 1st grade.

OUR DOGS



CODY



SMALLS



TOBY



OUR TRIPS



During breaks from school, we enjoy summer trips to Southern California, Northern Arizona, and Texas. We love the outdoors, whether it's lounging at the beach, exploring the forest, paddle boarding at a lake, or hiking by rivers and streams.

Splash Pad



Payson, Arizona

San Diego, California



Waco, Texas



San Clemente, California



Carlsbad, Arizona



Payson, Arizona

Southern California



Camping in Payson

Flagstaff, Arizona



BASEBALL



Baseball is a family fun activity that we get to share. Anywhere from personally playing on a Men's recreation hardball team to MLB spring training and Diamondbacks baseball.

EXTENDED FAMILY



We have our extended family all here in the Valley of Arizona. Elisha has a great, great grandmother along with her two amazing grandmas. Elisha also is blessed to be a cousin to Mercedes and Alonzo who is still on the way. We all enjoy spending time celebrating life together.

Grandma Cathy (Katie's mom)



Cousin Mercedes



Andre's Extended Family



Tata Roberto (Andre's Dad)



Grandma Cathy



Nana Grande (Andre's Great Grandma)



Cousin Mercedes

Nana Terry (Andre's Mom)

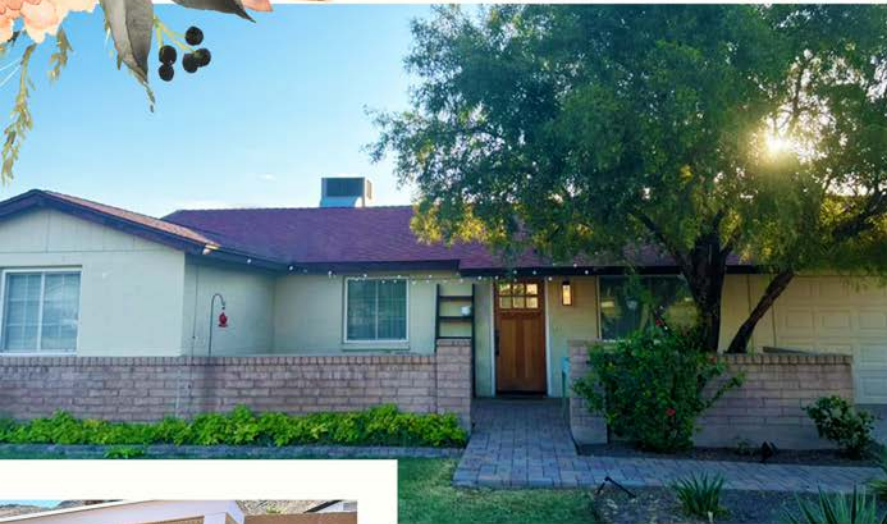


Abby and Gabriel (Andre's brother and sister in law)





OUR HOME



We are fortunate to call the base of a mountain our home, located in a quiet and welcoming neighborhood. Our backyard is a space of fun and laughter, where Elisha and her future siblings can spend time playing and exploring.

In addition to our backyard, we tend to a beautiful garden that provides us with fresh vegetables and herbs throughout the year. Adjacent to it stands our chicken coop, where we get to enjoy having fresh laid eggs.


Our home allows us to embrace both the tranquility of our surroundings and the joy of cultivating our own little corner of nature. It's a place where memories are being made, friendships are blossoming, and the beauty of everyday life unfolds.



OUR HEART FOR ADOPTION



During trials of losses and hard times, we felt the Lord's presence comfort and guide us. We leaned on Him as our rock and trusted in His love and goodness. Throughout the last 2 years, our hearts were wanting another biological child, but I(Katie) was not feeling like I was ready emotionally to handle another pregnancy. Earlier this year, we both separately felt a stirring in our hearts towards adoption. I(Katie) was talking on the phone with a friend who adopted and I just spouted out that we were thinking about adopting and were going to want to meet with them to talk to them about their experience. This was before talking with Andre about the stirring in my heart to adopt. Even I was surprised to speak out what had been in my heart during my times with the Lord. The next day, I walked out to the living room in the morning and Andre looked at me and said the Lord was really laying adoption on his heart. We both realized that the Lord had been stirring both of our hearts at the same time. That confirmed this was something we wanted to pursue and we felt the Lord was leading us. Our hearts have been completely pulled towards the child/children that will be soon be under our care and the love we already have for them. We are excited to be a part of the Lord's plan for this child and their life. We are excited to extend the Lord's heart and love and be His hands and His feet. Elisha, our daughter, is so excited to be a big sister and can't wait to welcome in our new addition to our home. We cannot wait to go on this journey and we know it will be completely worth it.



FAMILY VALUES

Our family values a life dedicated to following Jesus. We, as parents, are committed to raising our family with the values and direction given by Jesus of Nazareth.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

- Following Jesus
- The Bible
- Strong Family
- Loyal citizens of our Country
- Hard Work Ethic
- Fun and Recreation
- Healthy Relationships
- Strong Community
- Strong Education
- Loving discipline
- Enjoying and cherishing life with each other





*You are so loved.
We look forward to meeting you!*

ANDRE, KATIE AND ELISHA

