



Tabitha &  
Benjamin

There are three things that will last forever- faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is Love.



## Dear Courageous Mama

Life is wild. Benjamin and I have found that life has taken us on paths we did not anticipate. Our love story is not traditional. Our lives are not traditional. Perhaps you also find yourself in a story that you did not anticipate. If you find yourself at a crossroad where making an adoption plan is a potential path, there are some things we would love you to know.

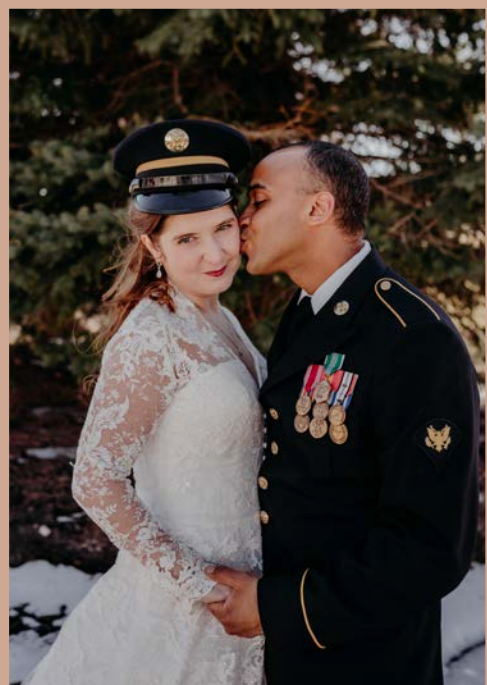
We would love to hear your story and see if it can be part of ours. We're so grateful to you for considering us in what must be a flurry of difficult decisions. We think you are brave. The love and strength it takes to choose life for your child and dream of their future is nothing short of heroic. Thank you for considering us with all our quirks, strengths, and flaws. When I was dating Benjamin, someone asked me if he was the man of my dreams. I said "I don't think my imagination is that good." I hope that even if we are not the "dream family" that God will weave our story into yours in a way that is better than any of us hoped.

We are praying for you as we walk this path together.

With hope and humility,

*Tabitha and Benjamin*

# Our Relationship



Benjamin and I met in the Fall of 2022 and I feel like our lives have been a whirlwind ever since. We went from awkward first dates to being able to see each other's good qualities to choosing to spend our lives together.

Our relationship began as all classic love stories do—on the internet. We are proof that online dating, although generally unpleasant, can lead to something beautiful.

God “blessed” me with a broken foot right after our first date. Normally I am too independent for my own good. However, being broken meant I needed more help and got to slow down and see Benjamin's deep faith and helpful spirit. He carried heavy things, took me to the grocery store, and made me laugh. I got to see some of his best qualities highlighted and by the time I healed, I was hooked.

We were married March 9th of 2024. Together, we have climbed Pike's Peak (13 miles!) and enjoyed the beauty of nature in Hawaii and Costa Rica. We dream about sharing our adventures with a child. However, our favorite memories are the quiet ones: sharing meals together, loving our goofy dogs, and discussing the world and theology. Our home is filled with loved ones who could also surround your child.

Life doesn't always go as planned—like when we learned biological children might not be part of our story. We kept choosing hope and we kept choosing each other. Through every challenge, we've leaned on faith, laughter, and the quiet certainty that family isn't just about biology—it's about love, commitment, and showing up.





Tabitha

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. My dad is a doctor and my mom stayed home with us 4 kids,. I participated in all of the activities, even if I was not very good. In high school, I did theater, sports, band, and a variety of other school and church activities. As an adult, I have had amazing friends. I have great memories while laughing, crying, traveling, and celebrating as friends started their families.

I always liked school. I went to college and graduate school to become a mental health counselor. I love my job and it feels both interesting and meaningful. I work with all ages, but most of my clients are middle schoolers. It is a fun, awkward, difficult time and I love being able to help them with it.

My faith has been a central focus of my life. I grew up in a Christian home and it remains important to me. In my twenties, I had some health trouble and my faith was a deep comfort. I hope you either have or find a connection to God that brings you peace. My health improved but one of the side effects was a reduced likelihood of being able to have children. The type of man I was interested in marrying would also want children, so I had some doubt that I would get married. Benjamin was a lovely surprise. He loves me well and was willing to pursue building a family in alternative ways.



## Tabitha Snapshot

|                                       |                                    |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Masters Degree in Counseling          | Spoils nieces and nephews          | Loves Jesus                                          |
| Can be found gardening except in snow | Favorites: Skittles and cheesecake | Likes making up new recipes and then forgetting them |
| Over the top every Christmas          | All the animals                    | Extroverted                                          |
| Been to 11 countries                  | Loves the beach and water skiing   | Always cold                                          |

Benjamin about Tabitha: Before we even married, I knew Tabitha was the one I wanted to raise children with. Her emotional intelligence, her limitless love, and her willingness to step away from her career to nurture our child's heart left no doubt. She's the kind of mom who'll listen deeply, celebrate fiercely, and turn ordinary days into sacred moments



# Benjamin

My parents were both in the military so I was born in Germany. My early childhood was spent in Wisconsin and then Nebraska. There was a lot of conflict in my parent's relationship and so I found myself outside and playing in the woods frequently. This also resulted in my parents' divorce later on, which honestly came as a relief. It is one of the things that cemented my commitment to working towards peace in my home. When there are problems, we resolve them as a family with respectful communication. As a kid I found myself happiest outside and found good friends in my neighborhood. One of our neighborhood families became my chosen family. Mama Diane, Dave, three brothers, and two sisters became my family starting in 5th grade. My relationship with my dad healed over time but I remain close to my "informally" adopted family.

I rarely felt at home in traditional school settings, but in high school I started working with horses through a non-profit and later started mentoring others through this organization. I loved the animals and the adventures, but it also showed me how my leadership matters.

After high school, I had a couple of jobs and then enlisted into the military and spent time serving in Afghanistan. When I returned to Omaha, I chose a job in network engineering, or as my wife says, "I fix the internet." My job is fast paced and challenging which keeps me engaged.

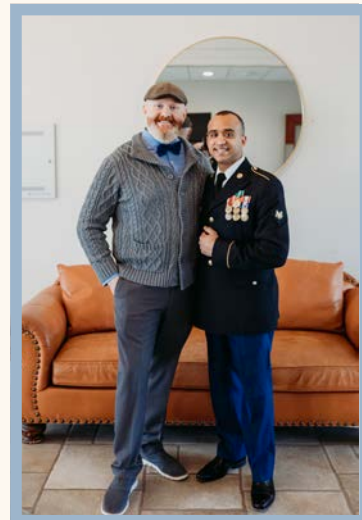
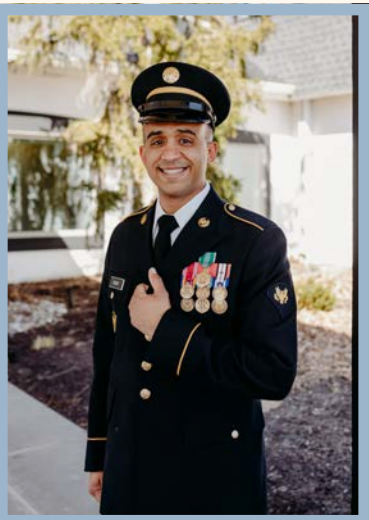
As an adult, I went on a journey from being an Atheist, to being curious about faith, to eventually becoming a Christian. I decided that the life recommended in the Bible made the most sense in explaining how the world works and how people thrive. When I met Tabitha, the most important thing was that she shared my commitment to keeping our future family focused on faith along with loving each other and the people around us. I hope we can show our future child how to be kind and selfless. As an adult, I still thrive outdoors. I love hiking, gardening, and hunting. I love learning new things and find myself pursuing various hobbies in addition to wanting to learn more about plumbing, carpentry, and mechanics. I love board games, family time, and travel- I may have a tendency to overextend myself. I would love to share my knowledge and experiences with your child. I think of how rich my life and relationships are and how much I had to learn to get to this point. I feel like it is the most natural thing to want to share that with others, and specifically with our child.



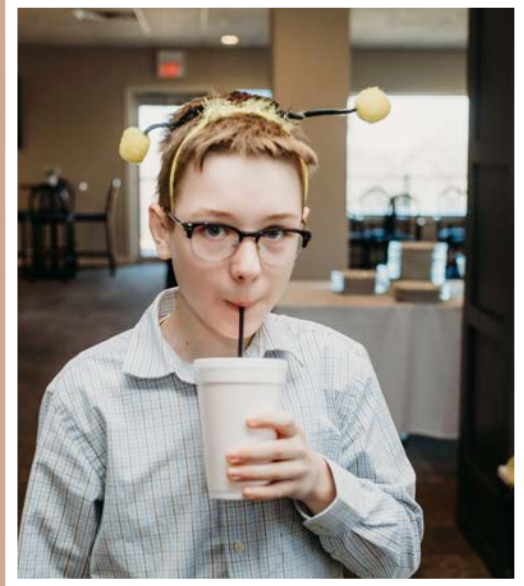
# Benjamin's Snapshot

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| Loves Jesus                 | Loves teaching | Favorite Animal:<br>Horse                                 |
| Practicing the<br>dad jokes | Integrity      | Gave himself<br>stiches to avoid<br>the emergency<br>room |
| Fierce Protector            | Hunting        | Will talk to<br>anyone.                                   |
| Served in the<br>Army       | Handyman       | Motorcycles are<br>his horse that<br>always listens       |

Tabitha about Benjamin: From fixing washing machines to explaining how things work, Benjamin's curiosity turns everyday moments into adventures. He's the kind of man who will kneel in the grass to inspect a bug with a curious kid or stay up late answering life's big questions. His faith, joy, and energy are contagious.



# nieces & nephews



# Fur Babies



# Our Home

We believe extended family is incredibly important in the family we want to build. When we got married, we were choosing between a small house for two newlyweds or a bigger house where we could put a family right away. We realized we did not want to wait long to pursue adoption and we also frequently host our out of town family and friends. We love being the “free hotel” for our loved ones. The last two summers we have done “Cousin’s Camp” where we have kept around 7 of our 14 nieces and nephews at our house for 3 days. We “camp” in our living room and visit the zoo and museums along with doing crafts and campfires. I have always done a lot of gardening and Benjamin jumped in with both feet when we got married. We have a large garden where we grow (and sometimes accidentally kill) a lot of vegetables and flowers. We both love the time outside enjoying nature and our neighbors. We have a “gang” of neighbor kids who originally came around to play with our animals, but now frequently come in for meals or “family time”. Our prayer for our home is that it will be a sanctuary and safe space for everyone who walks into it. We have already had so much joy, so many parties small and large, and been able to bless so many people here.



## *We Love:*

- Hosting neighborhood kids and game nights
- Being near great zoos, museums, and parks
- Christmas parties, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parties, all parties
- Living on a quiet street with good neighbors



# Extended Family





# Friends



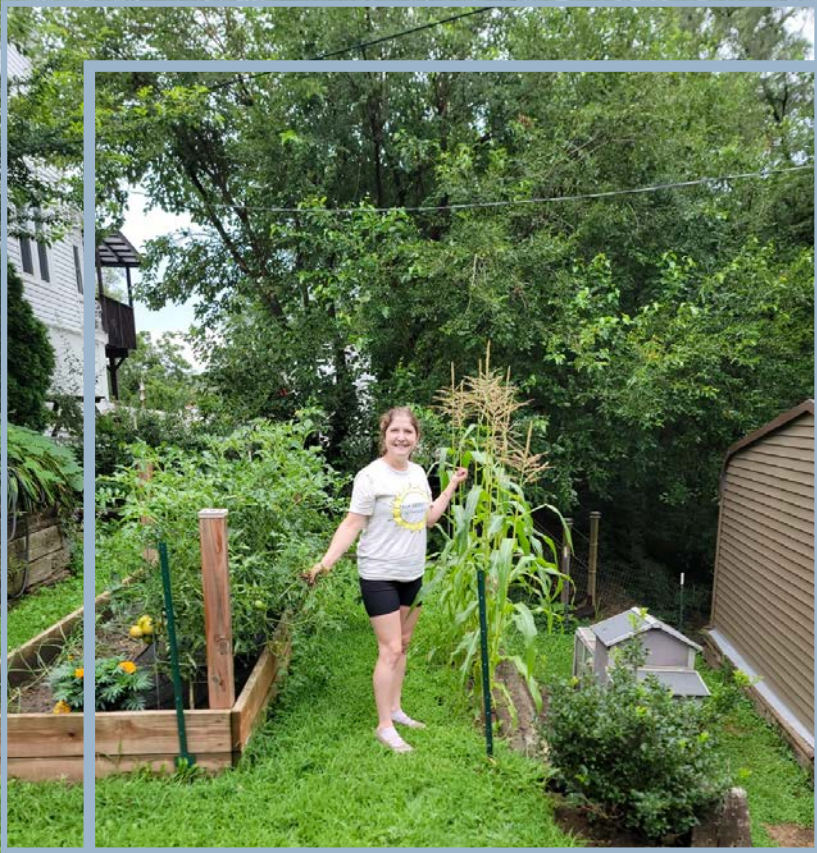
# Friends



# Future Dreams

We hope to grow our family- at least to double it. Ideally, we would like to adopt at least two children as we both think that the “only child” life can be a lonely one. Our love for animals and nature means that one of our long-term dreams is to have an acreage where we can raise horses and cows. Until then, we will continue to “farm” our little place in town and to keep as many chickens as is legal in city limits.

We want to continue to travel and include our kids in seeing the wonder of the world. Most likely we will always live in the Midwest as a majority of our family lives there. We are committed to being a part of our families’ lives wherever we end up living.



# Our Commitment to You

If you choose to make our family be a part of your story, we want you to know some of our commitments and what you can expect.

- We promise to love your child unconditionally and also to give them both encouragement and guidance.
- We will give them a home and strong family connections— not just with us, but with a large group of loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- Your child will be given opportunities to grow in faith, be protected, be nurtured, and be able to develop as an individual.
- Your child will grow up knowing their life was celebrated from the very beginning—by you, by us, and by the God who knit them together
- They'll hear about your love and courage, because adoption isn't an ending—it's a new kind of family built on grace and gratitude
- Our home will be full of adventures, misadventures, and so much love—the kind that shows up, stays put, and believes the best is yet to come

Our hope is that you will be open to your child keeping a connection with you also. We understand if that is not possible for you. We want you to know we are open to knowing you, because if you choose us, you are also a part of our story and our family.

Thank You

