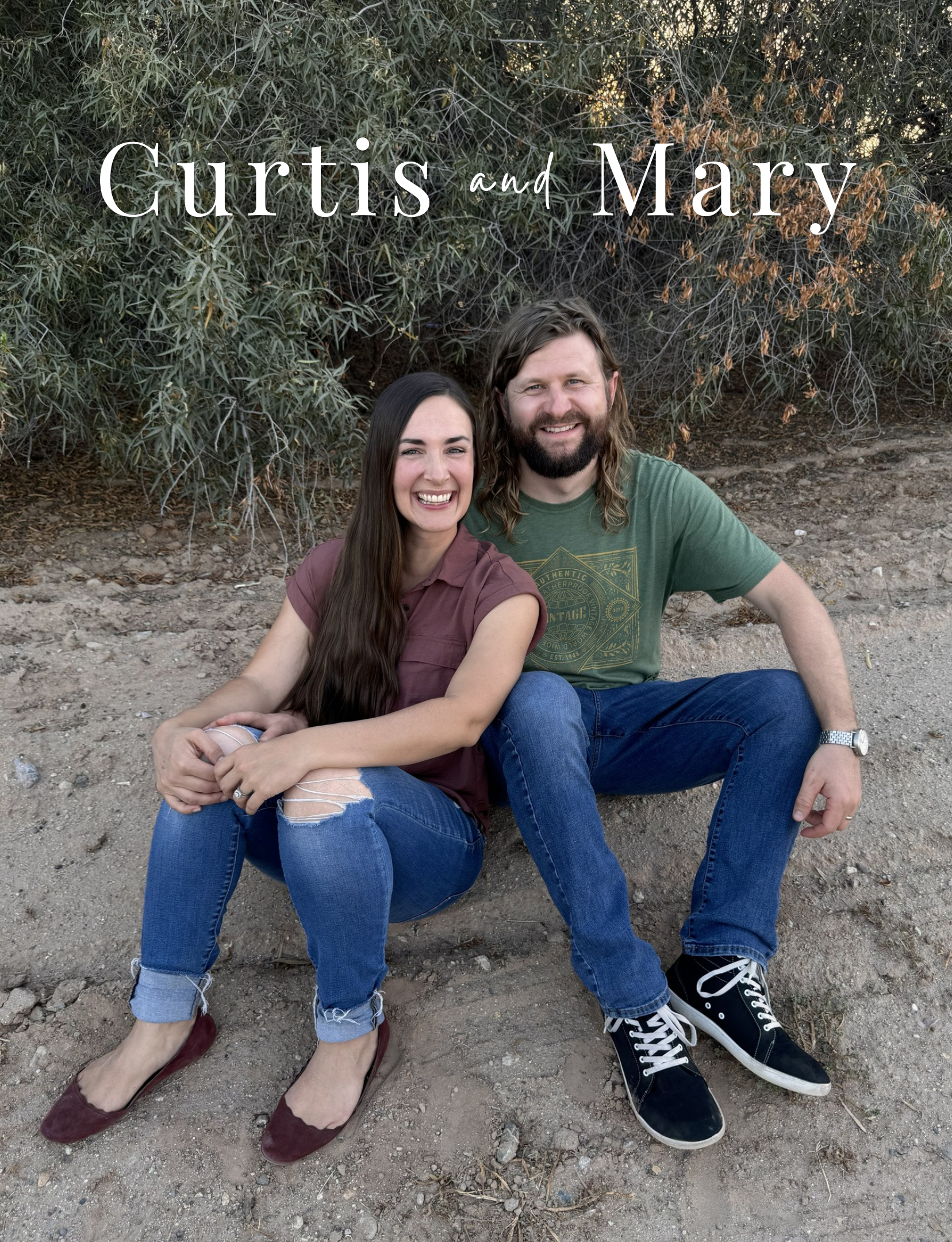

Curtis and Mary

So nice to meet you!

Before anything else, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We understand this decision is not simple, straightforward, or painless. We don't know your name yet, but we already hold so much gratitude for you. Your courage, strength, and selflessness in considering adoption show how much you love your child.

We hope these pages give you a glimpse into our lives. It's hard to capture everything about a family in just a few pages, but we hope you can get a sense of the love, laughter, and connection we share.

If you choose us, your child will grow up surrounded by love and adventure, always knowing how important you are in their story. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us and for considering our family.

with love,
Curtis and Mary



Our heart for adoption

Adoption has been on our minds for years. Curtis grew up hearing the story of his grandpa's adoption, and we have considered it throughout our marriage. After the birth of our second child, Mary had surgery to repair an abdominal separation from pregnancy, making it difficult to have more kids. For a time, we thought that meant our family was complete, but over the last few years, God has placed a deep longing in our hearts for a bigger family. Our kids share this desire as well. Greyson, our son, has asked us multiple times since he was little, if we could adopt a baby, and Evelyn has told everyone she knows. We are approaching adoption with open hearts and are deeply grateful for the opportunity to welcome another child into our lives.

Our Story

We have been married for 17 years.
We met through mutual friends and later became close in our college math class. Curtis majored in engineering, and Mary earned her degree in education. We loved exploring northern Idaho with friends and were part of our college's ballroom dance team. We got married in the summer of 2009.

After graduation, Mary began teaching middle school math while we finished our masters degrees. We then moved to Arizona and welcomed our daughter in 2014, followed by our son 2.5 years later. Mary faced some physical challenges postpartum, and our youngest struggled with food allergies. Though these seasons were difficult, they helped us grow individually and strengthened our marriage.

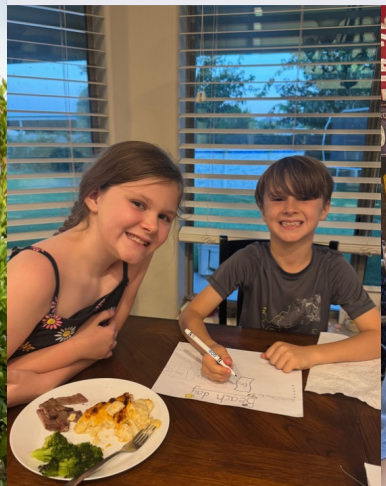
A few years later, we found ourselves longing for a slower pace of life. We traded our suburban home for a country house with dirt roads and a big backyard. We built a chicken coop, planted fruit trees, and began prioritizing rhythms of rest and healthy living.





Life Today

These days our lives are filled with a thoughtful balance of work and play. We never shy away from a challenge and we enjoy starting new projects, yet we always make time for family and rest. Whether for our current children or a new little one, our goal is to provide a stable, love-filled life and to teach our kids to dream big, work hard, and enjoy simple things along the way.







Curtis as told by Mary

Curtis is one of the most thoughtful and steady people I know. He naturally considers how his actions impact others, and is generous and welcoming in a way that makes people feel cared for. He is a man of his word—someone we can fully rely on. He never misses an event and is always willing to rearrange his schedule to be there for our kids.

Curtis is an excellent communicator and leads with patience, respect, and love. In hard moments with our kids, he gently guides them with a steadiness that both resolves the situation and strengthens their trust in him. He is a hard worker who is committed to finishing things well—he doesn't cut corners. It's a character trait our kids are learning, and one I deeply admire.

Curtis is the kind of dad who gets down on the floor to play with the kids. His booming laugh fills our home with joy. Whether planting a new tree, exploring a gadget, or fixing something that's broken, his creative energy keeps life exciting. His playful side keeps us smiling too, especially when he decided to grow out his hair just to see if he could. I am so grateful for Curtis.

Occupation

I am an engineer. This goes beyond my occupation and describes the way I see life. I have always been interested in figuring out how things work and creating new things. I cannot help but build. I have worked in development for over a decade at a semiconductor company. I mostly work on designing, qualifying, and deploying massive tools around the world. These tools test computer chips for performance and quality.

Hobbies

I think my hobby is collecting hobbies. Time is the enemy here. I really enjoy woodworking. I love the process of developing an idea and turning it into reality. Building things with my hands and giving them away is super rewarding to me. I guess I like knowing that I have the skills and passion to make things. Other hobbies include caring for and planting fruit trees, beekeeping, DIY home renovation and teasing my wife.





I love being a dad

Being a dad is awesome. I love my kids. It is so fun watching them grow, explore and figure out who they are going to be. They continue to change and adapt and I couldn't be more proud of them. I also just enjoy hanging out with them. I coach my son's football team and play sports with him any chance I get. We play games as a family and I almost always end my night by reading to my daughter. I love every stage they go through and I am excited to start that journey with a new baby.





Mary

as told by Curtis

I love my wife's caring heart, compassion, warmth, and sense of fun. Without a doubt, I owe the best things in my life to her. Mary lives with purpose, focusing on what matters rather than waiting for life to unfold. She shapes the future we need. As a gifted teacher, Mary understands her students and finds ways to help them succeed while celebrating their progress. She brings the same care to our kids, listening attentively, guiding them with grace, and providing the support they need. This year she launched her teaching business and spent months planning and recruiting so she could continue to share her gifts while devoting more focused time to our family.

Mary brings fun, friendship, and lasting memories into our lives. She creates time for family and friends and helps our kids thrive in sports, music, and everything else they throw at us. She is thoughtful and reflective and always considers what's best for our family and her students.

I could not imagine a better partner. Mary encourages and challenges me, helping me recognize life's beauty and purpose. She is my favorite person and my best friend.

Occupation

After 9 years in the classroom, I now teach middle school math part-time to homeschool families. This change has allowed me to spend more time with our children and caring for our home, while continuing to do something I love. When a new baby arrives, my mom will help provide childcare during the few hours each week that I teach.



Hobbies

I enjoy cooking meals from scratch, trying new recipes and teaching my kids how to fuel their bodies well. I like to host neighborhood gatherings, play board games, and just be silly with the kids. I also mentor a group of teen girls who meet at our house a few times a month.



Motherhood + parenting

Being a mom is one of the greatest joys of my life. From a young age, I knew I wanted a big family. One of my favorite parts of motherhood is getting to know each child as an individual. I have learned that what works for one kid may not work for another. My desire is to raise children to become strong, confident, and compassionate versions of who God designed them to be.

I believe parenting is about more than just obedience; it is about shaping hearts. Curtis and I strive to build relationships with our children based on communication, trust, and love. When one of our kids is having a hard time or is in an argument, we sit down and talk through what happened, look at both sides, and work toward a resolution. When the kids were younger, our priority was making sure they were calm and knew they were loved before working through a conflict. I am excited for the opportunity to pour that same love and intentional parenting into another child.





MEET *Evelyn*

Evelyn is 12 years old and in 7th grade. She is kind, creative, and loves learning. She enjoys reading, knitting, and anything artsy. There is not an animal Evelyn doesn't love. She taught our backyard chickens to run to her every time she goes outside and trained a wild hummingbird to drink from a handheld feeder. Evelyn plays piano and enjoys staying active through swimming and volleyball. Evelyn values her family and friendships deeply. She loves playing games with her brother, hanging out with Curtis and me, and spending time with friends.

Evelyn is especially excited about adding a child to our family. She is wonderful with younger children and looks forward to having a little sibling to love, encourage, and share life with. When we made the final decision to adopt, she was so excited that she cried tears of joy. She will be a loving and supportive big sister.



MEET *Greyson*

Greyson is 10 years old and in 4th grade. He is a thoughtful, kind-hearted, and energetic boy with a love for sports. Whether he's playing football, baseball, basketball, or soccer, he brings enthusiasm and determination to everything he does. When he's not on the field, he enjoys running around the neighborhood with his friends, playing board games with his family, cuddling with Mom on the couch, and shooting baskets on the mini hoop in the living room.

Greyson has a tender heart and is always looking for ways to help and encourage others. He shares a special bond with his grandfather, who coaches him in football. Greyson has been asking for a sibling for the past 3 years. He is so excited to be a big brother & cannot wait to teach a new sibling all about sports.













Our home & neighborhood



We live in a one-story home along a quiet dirt road in a diverse neighborhood with a mix of standard homes and larger properties. Our half-acre lot provides plenty of room for children to play, explore, and enjoy the outdoors. The backyard is a favorite gathering place with fruit trees, a large grassy area, a covered patio, chickens, trampoline, and a pool where we enjoy spending time together. Some years, we even keep honeybees and enjoy harvesting and selling our own supply of raw honey.





Our home is often the place where neighbor kids gather to play, but we also enjoy quieter moments together as a family. With a petting zoo nearby and low traffic streets, our children have grown up appreciating the simple joys of a slower-paced childhood.







Our home is a warm, lived-in space where we laugh, rest, and say “YES” to basketball in the house. Mary is frequently in the kitchen prepping a healthy, home-cooked meal. Around the house you’ll find shelves full of books for all ages, plenty of toys for imaginative play, board games, art supplies, and couches to curl up on. Kitchen dance parties are a frequent event and once a year we get a new brood of chicks.











Our Values

01

COMMUNICATION

Open communication and talking through conflict are key values in our family. We teach our kids to listen well, speak with kindness, and respond thoughtfully, even when they disagree. Curtis and I strive to model these same values in our marriage.

02

We Are A Team

Our family is a team. This truth guides everything we do, replacing competition with mutual support. We are at our best when we operate together and view each other in the best possible light.

03

Creating Memories

We make time for the things that bring us together because we believe these moments matter most. Sometimes this means leaving dirty dishes in the sink to play a card game, leaving work early to cheer at a game or taking time off to enjoy a family trip.

04

Trying New Things

Our family loves trying new things and encouraging each other's interests. Whether exploring a new sport, building a bed, or starting a new venture - like Mary's math teaching business, we challenge each other to step outside of our comfort zones, take risks, and embrace life!

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Our Family



Family is incredibly important to us. Whether we live nearby or several states away, we make time to support and be with each other.

Curtis grew up in Middleton, Idaho, where his parents still live today. He has two sisters and four nieces and nephews, ages 4, 7, 7, and 21. His family loves gathering for holidays, birthdays, and finding any excuse to be together. We see them several times a year, and our children have special relationships with their grandparents, aunts, and cousins.







Mary was also raised in Idaho with her younger sister. When she was growing up, Mary's dad always had something fun planned, from neighborhood wiffle ball tournaments to home youth group events. Today, Mary's mom and dad live just 20 minutes away and are a big part of our everyday life. They are always ready to help with rides, sports, art projects or whatever the kids are working on.

Our home is open and welcoming, usually filled with people, conversation, and a home-cooked meal. We are grateful for the family God has given us. As we welcome another child into our family, we promise to honor their heritage and birth story while embracing them as ours.











Community

Our family loves being with people. We have close friends in Arizona, Utah, and Idaho, including friends from college who have remained an important part of our lives. Even though we live in different states, we continue to support one another, seek advice and encouragement, and make time to visit each year.



Our neighborhood is special. It feels like a snapshot of the childhood we grew up with, where kids can safely run outside and play between yards. We have an eclectic neighborhood filled with warm, welcoming families, and we love gathering together and investing in one another's lives.

Between sports, church gatherings, and weekends at home, we have built a wide network of friendships. Our friends and community are beyond excited to support us and share in the joy of new baby.





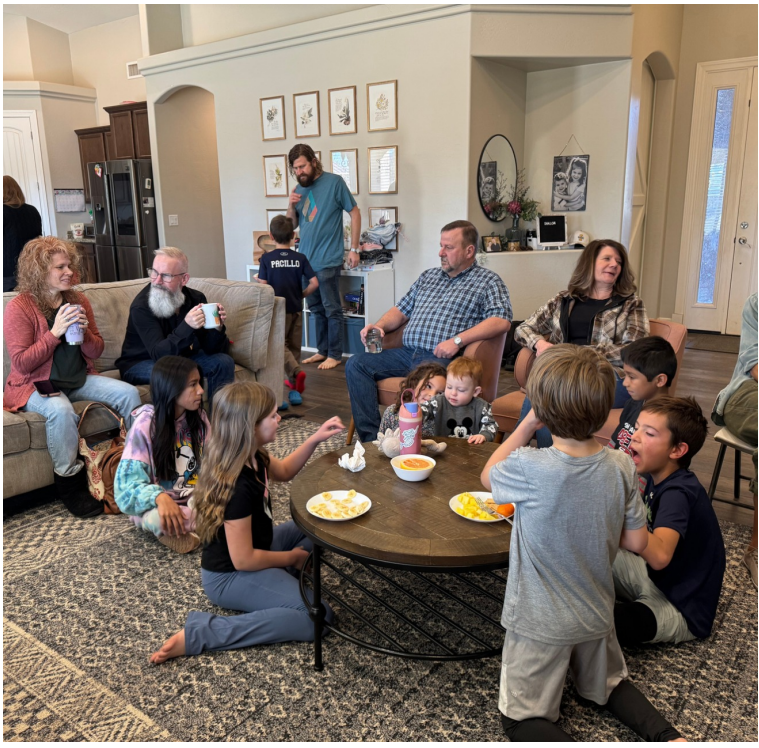
Education

We believe education is about more than academics; it is about developing the whole child. Our kids currently attend a classical school. We like how classical education encourages children to think deeply, ask questions, communicate well, and develop a love of learning. Mary has a background in education so we are also open to homeschooling, if our needs ever change.





Faith



Faith is at the heart of our family and shapes the way we live and parent. We love Jesus, and one of our greatest hopes is that our children know what it is to be loved by God, and in turn, share that love with others.

We want faith to be something our children see lived out every day—in the way we live, love, serve, forgive, and care for others. We are part of a small house church network where we study God's Word, pray, and do life with a close community of believers. Our prayer is that our children will grow up knowing Jesus, trusting Him, and making their faith their own.

We promise

If we are chosen, we promise:

- To love your child unconditionally.
- To provide a stable home with parents committed to each other.
- To recognize your child's unique gifts and encourage their interests.
- To teach them to think critically, ask questions, and form their own opinions.
- To help them truly know God, not just about Him.
- To teach them to value relationships over possessions.
- To encourage them to work hard and persevere.
- To always parent with grace.
- To guide them in understanding their story and heritage.
- To fill their childhood with adventure and little joys - like spontaneous ice cream runs right before dinner.



Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family and what life might look like for your child in our home. We hope you can feel the deep love we share and the joy we would bring to your child's life. We trust that God has a plan for your life and future, even in the midst of such a difficult and deeply personal decision.

If we are chosen to parent your child, we want you to know that we will always speak of you with love and respect. We hope for an open adoption, if that feels right for you. We believe the more people who love this child, the better. We want to build a relationship with you rooted in honesty, trust, and open communication; while respecting your comfort and boundaries. We recognize the love and courage it takes to consider an adoption, and we are deeply grateful that you are taking the time to get to know us. We hope you feel supported, respected, and cared for throughout this journey.

with love, Curtis & Mary

