

Josh and Rebekah



Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We are deeply honored and grateful that you would consider us as you make decisions for your child's future. We hope these next pages will give you a clear view of our family, and of the love that we would be so delighted to share with your child. We adopted our daughter and are overjoyed to adopt again.

Whatever this process has been like for you, we would like you to know that we want to be as supportive as possible. We admire you for pursuing the well-being of your precious baby.

We are praying for you and your baby. May the goodness and peace of God cover you all.

We're excited to meet you!

With love,
Rebekah and Josh



A little bit about us



We're Josh and Rebekah, and we live in the Louisville, Kentucky area with our daughter, Karis, and our funny little parrot, Huey. Josh is a helicopter and airplane mechanic. Rebekah is a stay-at-home mom who (occasionally) makes pottery for her small business.

In short, we:

- Love deeply
- Like helping others
- Enjoy the beauty of nature and of other cultures
- Love to learn new things



Hi, I'm Rebekah!

I grew up in East Africa, and I'm blessed to this day by my parents' dedication to loving people through their work in medical care and education. My background shaped a love for other cultures, and our many moves between Africa and the US influenced my devotion to family, friends, and home. I have loved Jesus for most of my life and want to care for people like he does!



I'm a wife, mama, and teacher, among other things. I love easily and try to see from other people's perspectives. It excites me to help people learn new things: in the past, I taught pre-school, adult pottery, and high school art classes! Every few weeks, I help lead worship and also assist with the children's ministry at church. I am patient and very focused when working on something important, whether pottery or parenting. I LOVE being a mama and using these skills now as a stay-at-home mom!



35 years old
"Calm, a peacemaker"
Stops to smell the roses



Favorite Things:

- Snuggles and giggles and singing
- Pottery and art
- Planting flowers and making cut flower arrangements
- Hiking with a friend
- Watching the sunset

I can hardly wait to share these things with our children as they grow!



Face painting at a church event

Hey, I'm Josh!

I grew up as the 3rd of 9 children. We had lots of fun growing up. Dad and Mom taught us a lot, and to work hard and play hard. We lived in rural Virginia. At 16, I began learning to fly planes.

I went to college in Chicago and later lived in Alaska and parts of Africa. I volunteered in Fire & EMS services for over 10 years, played college basketball, and learned many other interesting and useful things over time.



Now I'm the lead mechanic for my job, maintaining medical helicopters. I help at church in several ways. I like flying planes, especially to fun places. Currently I am learning how Ham radio works. I enjoy making everything that I can, from desks and shelves, to radio antennas, to all sorts of food, including a variety of barbecue. When possible, I like teaching others what I've learned. I especially enjoy playing with Karis and teaching her how to do things!



39 years old
"Dependable, generous"
A Renaissance man



I look forward to continue showing the child(ren) God gives us how to love God and their neighbor, and how to help others with the talents God has given them. I will teach them to enjoy many things, including how to solve problems with a variety of skills.



Meet Karis

An answer to so many prayers, Karis was born in January of 2023. We matched with her birth mom early in her pregnancy and were blessed to meet her several times, at her request, and get to know her. We got to meet Karis at a few hours old, and it's been pure joy to love our daughter, and to see her learn and grow. We happily keep in touch with her birth mom with frequent pictures and updates.



Smiley, social, and sweet--from day one, she was the happiest baby we ever knew!



She likes going for walks and seeing everything and everyone when we go out!



Karis fills our home with song and laughter, but there is still plenty of room for more...



She is super playful and affectionate and will make a wonderful sister.

How it All Started

We met online in 2012, while Josh lived in Alaska and Rebekah lived in Africa! God did amazing things, and after many emails, phone calls, and travels, we got married in 2013. We've lived in the Louisville area ever since.

Our life together has held many great joys, as well as sorrows that brought us closer to God and to each other. This included the excitement of a new baby growing, followed by the heartache of miscarriage, then years of infertility. Through it all, we have seen God's faithfulness in many ways. Our marriage, and our friendships, have been strengthened. God comforted us in our troubles, and we have been blessed to comfort others with the comfort we've received.





Rebekah thought about adoption when she was little. She hoped she might have the opportunity some day. We talked about it over our years together, and in 2020, God confirmed to Josh that it was time to pursue adoption. In 2023, we received the amazing gift of our daughter, Karis, through adoption! Her life brings us indescribable joy. We are excited for her to become a sister, and we look forward to falling in love with the next baby who will join our family!

Our Home...



We live in a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house with a huge family room (perfect for energetic children!). Josh added some great finishing touches, such as the porch covering and rails, which he built himself.

(Rails and porch covering are in the picture above)



Huey brightens our home with his speech, sound effects, and snuggles!



Our backyard is fenced and has flower and vegetable gardens, as well as a garage with several great learning opportunities for a growing child, including pottery, gardening, and carpentry!



& Our Neighborhood

From the beautiful, wooded park around the corner, to the family-owned restaurants (Ethiopian and Vietnamese are some favorites), to the people, this place has been so good to us! All around, our neighbors are kind, and several close friends live a short walk away. Rebekah started a mom's group in our neighborhood, and Karis loves all the babies and young friends nearby!

Traditions

Every year for Rebekah's birthday, Josh makes her an ice cream cake (for real!), and she makes a cheesecake for his. We are excited to create new traditions to celebrate our children's birthdays, and so many other days!



In autumn, we search for the best viewing points to see the beautiful trees. Rebekah puts up Christmas decorations soon after! We enjoy visiting an amazing Christmas light show each year. On Christmas morning, Josh reads the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke before we exchange gifts.



◀◀◀◀◀...There will be so many new worlds to explore together!

Friends

Each week we gather with a group of dear friends for a meal and prayer. The children of all ages play so well together, and we all benefit from the wisdom and friendship of this sweet community. Most of our closest local friends come from this small group and from our church, which is like family to us, and always there for us!





Rebekah's Family...

Rebekah's close-knit family has been a constant source of love and support throughout her life, and she's really close to her sister. Their parents moved from Africa to North Carolina a few years ago, and now we see them every other month! We all get together with Rebekah's sister and her husband whenever possible, especially during the summer and holidays.



Rebekah's family is all super excited for a new baby to join the family!



and Josh's Family

Josh's family is big, fun, and devoted to each other. His dad still lives in VA, and Josh's wonderful mom passed away from cancer 9 years ago. Josh has 8 brothers and sisters. Some live in VA, a few are in other states, and one is in Nepal. Most are married with children: we have 21 nephews and nieces, two of them through adoption! We're rarely all in the same place at once, but we see some of Josh's side of the family a couple times each year.



Josh and Rebekah have a close relationship with his aunt, who lives in the nearby countryside. She loves having Karis around and can't wait for another baby: few people love babies as much as she does!



We want you to know...

If we are so blessed to receive the gift of parenting your child, we promise to love him or her unconditionally for all of our days, and to provide a safe, nurturing environment where he or she can grow up feeling loved by you, by us, and by God. We will always be open with your child about their adoption, and we will celebrate his or her heritage as a valuable part of cherishing who they are. We commit to teaching your child about Jesus, and to exploring the beauty of nature and of other cultures. We will encourage your child's natural talents and interests and provide many opportunities, not only for fun and education, but also to love and help other people.

Thank you again for your time. We are praying for you as you make plans for the future.

Love,
Rebekah and Josh



"I'm so glad God gave you
to me and me to you"
is something Josh heard a lot growing
up, and something that will forever be
communicated in our home.

