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"In our home, we talk of adoption often and share with our children about their birth families and adoption stories. We always speak highly and lovingly of their birth families. We talk of how they love them and what a courageous decision they made. If we are the family you're looking for, you can be assured that we will do the same with your child!"



Hi! We're Whitney and Chelsea

We are honored that you're taking the time to learn more about our family. **You are so brave** to be making these difficult decisions for yourself and for the future of your sweet child. **We believe that God has a great plan for you and for your baby!** Whatever family you choose, we pray that you will have peace in your heart. Thank you for considering our family to love and parent your precious little one.

We both love children and love being parents. We have had a desire to adopt for years and we see it as a joyous privilege. God has shown us amazing love in making us a part of His family; it is a blessing to be able to share that love through the gift of adoption! We have battled infertility for several years now with the cause unknown, but adoption is not a "Plan B" for our family. We began considering adoption even before our infertility struggles.



We brought home our son Samuel from Ethiopia in 2013 and in November 2014 we brought home our son Elijah from Utah. A few years later in August 2019, we brought home our daughter Eden from Florida. We are so grateful to be on this path of love and we can't wait to bring another child into our loving family.



Our Life Together



We were acquaintances in high school but didn't get to know each other better until after we graduated. When Chelsea was home from college for the summer and Whitney was on military leave from Iraq, we reconnected at a church meeting. From there, we carried on a long distance relationship. We dated for two years before becoming engaged on Christmas Eve at The Opryland Hotel.

Our wedding happened several months later at Chelsea's parents' farm on a beautiful summer evening. Mason jars filled with green hydrangeas lined the aisles of white chairs and the reception was held on the farm under a big white tent with lots of greens and blues.





We have now been married almost 15 years and our love for one another continues to deepen and grow. We love being together outdoors, enjoying the countryside around us. We especially like getting up early on a warm morning to hike somewhere with a great view. We also love music; Whitney plays the drums and a little guitar, and Chelsea sings and plays a little piano. You will often find us singing and playing together as a family.



Whitney

Whitney is a very kind and gentle man. He is selfless, always giving to others and never complaining or expecting a favor in return. He is a man of integrity—very trustworthy and honest and I'm so thankful to be married to him.

It has been sweet to see the relationship between Whitney and our children. It is so obvious that he enjoys being a father! He cares for the kids like a papa bear, protecting them yet making sure to give them opportunities to learn and develop strength. He is always striving to grow as a dad, and lovingly prays for our children.

Whitney is great with kids and he is truly a wonderful father.

(By Chelsea)





Whitney operates a real estate business with a mission to help families bring their children home through adoption. He works from home most days of the week and travels for both day trips and overnight trips occasionally during the week as well. We love that Whitney's job has enabled him to be at home with our family, even sharing meals together throughout the day. We're so thankful that his job has made it possible for me to stay at home to care for our children.





Chelsea

There are so many things I admire about my wife. I could never thank her enough for all that she does! Chelsea works so hard caring for our children and for me. I admire how much Chelsea loves us; she spends her days investing in our children and she loves spending time together as a family. I also admire how Chelsea views the world; she has little desire for material things but instead, seeks to live a life of faith, investing in what is lasting. Chelsea desires that our children know and serve God and models that daily while she authentically lives out her faith. I am so thankful to be married to Chelsea. She is my greatest friend.



Chelsea has dreamed of being a mother since she was a little girl. I couldn't be more thrilled with how God has blessed us with her being able to stay-at-home full time. Watching Chelsea care daily for our kids has confirmed in my heart and mind what a wonderfully caring mother she is. I am so thankful for her!



(By Whitney)





Our Children





Samuel is 10 years old and is the kindest gentlest child we've ever met. He cares about others and loves to help anyone that needs it. He loves his siblings and shows them love constantly. He prays with faith and is learning to trust God. He loves gardening, horseback riding, reading voraciously, and playing his guitar.

Elijah is 8 years old. He is a snuggly affectionate young guy. He is very attentive to detail- he will read one book for 30 minutes and study all the pages and people. He loves his siblings and they play well together. He also loves taking things apart to see how they work, playing his guitar, climbing trees and using tools with Dad, building things, and riding his bike.



Eden Joy is the sunshine in the room. Her name fits her perfectly, and she is such a joyful child. She loves her babies (stuffed animals) and any living thing. She is looking forward to a new sibling and is already setting a new place at the table for them. Eden loves to learn and always asks the best and deepest questions. She also enjoys playing in the rain, mud, and picking flowers. She is a great little helper and loves cooking with Mom in the kitchen.

Things we Enjoy...



- ✿ Sunday drives to new places
- ✿ Listening to and playing music
- ✿ Eating a healthy organic diet
- ✿ Hiking somewhere with a great view
- ✿ Horseback riding
- ✿ Being active and outside together
- ✿ Laser tag in the yard after dinner (Mom always wins!)
- ✿ Quality time with our church family





Adoption is a common, celebrated gift in our church; there are many children and adults that are adopted from both the United States and countries away. We are close friends with some of the African Americans in our church, and enjoy interacting with the children who are African American or Bi-racial there as well. We know the importance of role models and friends of like ethnicity for our children and are making that a priority in our family.



Our Extended Family

We are both close with our wonderful families and have great relationships with them. We visit them as often as possible and enjoy being together for holidays and birthdays.



Holidays



All of our extended family lives in the same town, so holidays involve a lot of travel and a lot of eating! The 4th of July involves fireworks on Chelsea's parents' farm and badminton in the front yard. Thanksgiving involves meals and the day after Thanksgiving, Chelsea's family always puts up the Christmas tree and reminisces about family memories as they trim the tree. We spend Christmas at home as a family with a huge brunch, acting out the Christmas Story, and staying in our pajamas most of the day. On Christmas Eve, we love attending our home church where our children sing in the children's choir.



Our Home



Our home is located in a rural area on 20 acres. Most of the property is fenced and we have 3 horses. Our home is 3 bedrooms with an open family/kitchen/dining room so that we can all be together while we work and play. We have a cozy living room where we read, have family movie night, and enjoy the warm fireplace in colder months. There is a wonderful landing upstairs where the kids hangout and read and do their school work.



We love all the windows that let in the wonderful sunshine and make our home bright and cheery. We use our porches as soon and as late in the year as we can- for singing and playing music as a family, having a bonfire and swinging on the front porch swing as the sun sets in the west. Our kitchen is a wonderful blessing and we all take part in cooking and cleanup together. We recently had a farmhouse table made with barnwood from a farm where we once lived to make room for more people. We enjoy hosting and sharing our home with friends.

Our Future Plans



We feel so at home where we live, mostly because of our church family and our farm. Chelsea plans to continue to work at home to invest in and homeschool the children, and Whitney plans to continue to grow his real estate business and further their mission to help children and families. Whitney also plans to continue to teach the children to train and ride horses. We hope to help our children grow in playing, enjoying music, and in learning about God's world and His great love for them. As our children continue to grow, we will provide them with support and encouragement, whatever future path they choose. Whether our children choose to attend college, or pursue another direction, we want them to use and strengthen their God-given abilities and we will support and stand by them.

Thank you!



Thank you for taking the time to consider our family for the incredible gift of loving and parenting your little one. We pray that you will have peace in your heart as you make this courageous, loving decision!



