



Ashley + Dave

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Hello!

We are Dave and Ashley, and we are so thankful that you've taken the time to look at our profile.

As you view our family, please know that we deeply respect the selfless love and bravery you have shown in considering adoption. It takes great strength to do what you are doing, and even greater love. It amazes us beyond words that you might consider us as a family for your child, and we are praying for you throughout this journey. We hope that as we get to know one another, you feel seen, valued, and supported.

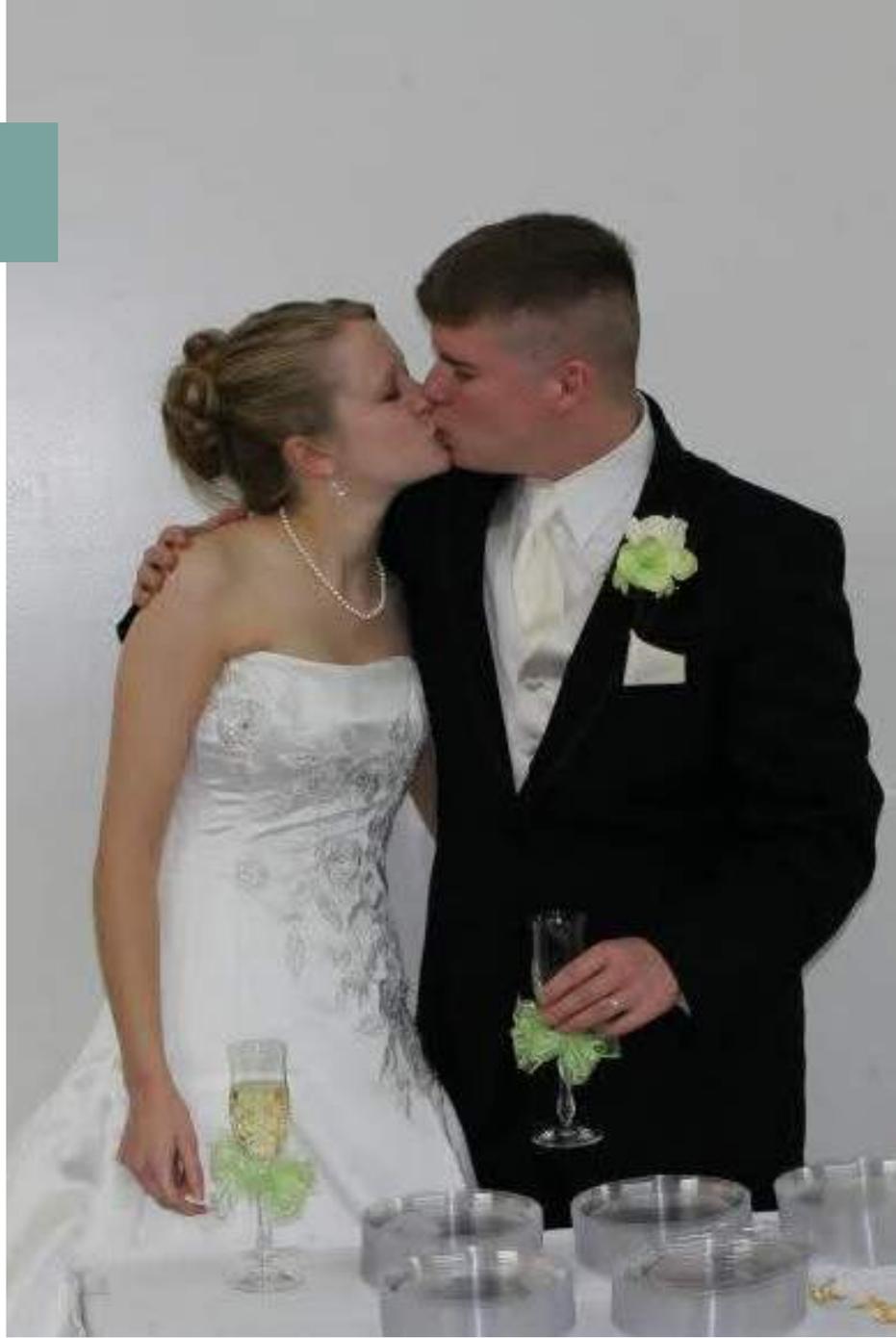
We are adopting because we have chosen adoption—not because it is our “plan B.” We feel called by God to adopt and are beyond excited to welcome another member into our family.

Our hope is to have an open adoption so that this child would know you and understand how deeply you love them. We would raise this child to appreciate your story, your courage, and the sacrifices you made out of love.

Please know that if we are blessed to adopt your child, they will be a full member of our family, just as much as our two biological children. Your child will be surrounded by unconditional love—from us, from two siblings who can't wait to meet them, and from grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are ready to embrace and cherish them.

With love and admiration,

Ashley
+ Dave





Our Story

We met in a college class when a professor assigned us to the same group for a project. At first, Ashley wasn't sure about working with Dave, but she quickly learned that he was both smart and funny. A few months later, Dave asked her out—she was so nervous that she said no the first time, but thankfully he asked again! A week after our first date, Dave learned he would be deployed to Afghanistan after graduation. We spent a year communicating through pictures, emails, and weekly video chats. It was a challenge, but it made our relationship stronger. Dave proposed while home on leave, and we married soon after his return.

We've now been married for 14 years, and life together continues to be an adventure. Dave was honorably discharged from the military and now works as a registered nurse. Ashley teaches junior high and high school social studies. We have two wonderful children, Audrey and Bryce, and we're very close with our large extended families—spending holidays together, traveling, and visiting often.

We love spending time outdoors, traveling, and being active in our church. Dave leads our church's mission board, and Ashley helps with the children's programs. Dave also serves on the board of an international nonprofit that supports vulnerable children in Africa and Asia, and he has traveled to Uganda and India several times.





meet

ASHLEY

I grew up near a small town with my mom, dad, and younger sister. I have wonderful memories of camping trips, family road trips, and evenings spent playing board games together. I'm still very close to my family and spend lots of time with them. My dad is always the first person we call when we need help with a home improvement project, and I love going on girls' weekend trips with my mom and sister.

I also grew up spending nearly every weekend with my grandparents, who were truly amazing people. My grandpa was a volunteer firefighter and EMT well into his 70s, and his dedication to helping others inspired me to serve and love people the same way.

I enjoy reading and finding creative outlets, whether it's planning a themed party or making Halloween costumes. I love teaching junior high—an age that many people find challenging but that I find fun, engaging, and full of personality.

Most of all, I love being a mother. My kids are my world, and I cherish every moment with them, especially during summers off when we fill our days with trips to the splash pad, arts and crafts, and cozy family movie nights.

FUN FACTS

I love going all-out for Christmas and fitting in as many Christmas traditions and activities as we can.

My TV favorites include Hallmark movies, romantic comedies, and series like *Downton Abbey* and *Gilmore Girls*. I also watch baking championships, even though I could never bake like that!

I love musicals and have even had the chance to see a few live on stage. My favorite of all time is *Hamilton*.

My favorite season is fall. Comfy hoodies and evenings by a fire pit with s'mores make for a perfect fall evening.

I love trying new foods, especially foods from other countries. My favorites are Japanese and Thai foods.



WHAT DAVE SAYS ABOUT ASHLEY

I have been so lucky to have Ashley in my life for over a decade now. To say I am batting out of my league is a drastic understatement. Ashley is a beautiful person, inside and out. She is compassionate, caring, patient, and kind, and she has dedicated her life to serving others. Her faith and her heart for people shine through in everything she does.

Watching her raise our children and love them so deeply has made me fall in love with her even more. She reads them bedtime stories, kisses their boo-boos, and snuggles them when they're scared. She laughs with them during playtime and cuddles with them during family movie nights. Ashley truly embodies what it means to be a loving, devoted wife and mother, and I'm grateful every day that I get to share this life with her.



meet DAVE

Growing up, I found myself on the lower end of the socioeconomic ladder. During junior high and high school, I discovered football and wrestling—two sports that taught me toughness, discipline, tenacity, and perseverance, qualities that continue to serve me well today. When I wasn't at practice or at a meet, I loved watching Colts football, Pacers basketball, and Cubs baseball. I also spent countless hours outside fishing and mushroom hunting.

I hope to pass those same values on to my children, along with compassion, mercy, and kindness—virtues I've found abundantly through my faith in Jesus.

These days, when there isn't a game on, I love spending time outdoors with my chickens, working in my garden, or exploring the woods behind our home. It's even better when Ashley and the kids are out there with me, turning simple moments into lasting memories.

FUN FACTS

My friend Matt & I rode 1,700 miles in the back of a tuktuk across India.

I am a HUGE sports fan (Colts, Pacers, Cubs, Indiana colleges) & went to the 2010 AFC championship game!

I spent almost a year as a medic in Afghanistan for a volunteer unit in the army.

I love stupid, slapstick comedy! Airplane & the Naked Gun series are comedic gold!

I am a huge foodie. I love making & trying foods from everywhere.



WHAT ASHLEY SAYS ABOUT DAVE

It's hard to put into words everything I love about Dave because he has so many wonderful qualities. He's fun to be around, always laughing and bringing joy to those around him. He's the kind of person who can make friends anywhere he goes and has a heart that genuinely cares for others. Dave is always willing to drop whatever he's doing to help someone in need, no matter the situation.

He's one of the hardest workers I know—balancing two jobs and military service while in college showed just how determined and selfless he is. As a father, he's incredible. Our family always comes first, and he consistently chooses what's best for us over his own preferences. He plays such an active role in our children's lives, and the way their faces light up when he walks through the door says it all.



HELLO



meet Audrey + Bryce

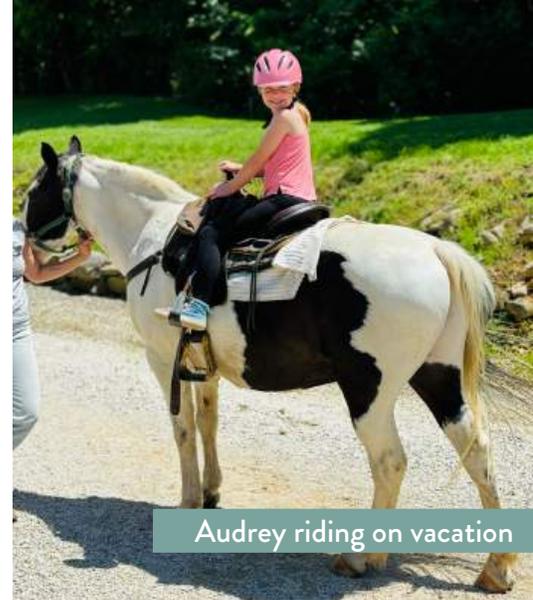




Audrey & Fluffy



Easter Egg Hunt



Audrey riding on vacation



Bryce's birthday



Solar eclipse!



Fluffy & Rover

Audrey (10)

Audrey is our oldest. She is sweet, funny, creative and smart. She enjoys school, reading, 4-H, piano lessons with her nana, helping grandpa with beekeeping, and archery club. She loves animals and wants to bring home every stray animal she sees! She has a big heart and loves doing things for others. She is great with little kids and loves helping me when we babysit my younger nephew. One of her favorite yearly events is a shopping trip with me, my mom, and my sister. She loves to put together cute outfits from thrifted clothes and does such a great job that sometimes she helps me! She hopes to be a physical therapist and help at an animal shelter when she grows up.

Bryce (7)

Bryce is our youngest and he is all boy! He loves to be goofy and make people laugh. He loves Minecraft, playing with his toy dinosaurs and soldiers, and building with Legos. This summer he joined a baseball league and learned to swim. He can be silly but also very sweet. At bedtime, he always asks for just a few more minutes of snuggle time with mom, and says that he will never get too old to hold mom's hand (we'll see what he says when he's a teen!). He looks up to his big sister, and both kids often play together. He has his future all planned out—first, he will be an astronaut, then when he comes home from space, he'll be an actor, and then a dolphin trainer. I love that he dreams big!

Our Pets

We have two cats, Rover and Fluffy, that our children clearly named! Fluffy is a long-haired grey cat who is sweet but shy, and her sister, Rover, is a chubby tabby cat who is friendly but can also be mischievous. She loves to “borrow” socks or small toys from the kids and randomly drop them around the house. When we have a family movie night, they're often on the couch right beside us. Rover and Fluffy also have a morning routine where they help me wake the kids up for school. They wait outside the kids' doors until I open them, and immediately run, jump on the kids' beds, and purr/meow until the sleepy kids pet them.



Ashley's family



Fun with cousins



Men in Dave's family



Dave's mom & stepdad

Our Family & Values

Our extended family is a huge part of our lives. Both of our parents live within 15 minutes, and our siblings are also close by, so we spend a lot of time together. Our kids love spending the night at Grandma and Grandpa's or with Ashley's sister, who also has two children. Every summer, we vacation with Ashley's family at her grandparents' timeshare, where four generations pack into one condo for a week of fun and laughter—it's something we all look forward to each year! Dave's brother hosts a big Fourth of July cookout and also coaches Audrey in archery. We're also blessed with a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins nearby who can't wait to welcome and love another child.

Our faith is at the heart of our family and marriage. It has carried us through life's hardest moments and given us hope when things felt uncertain. We want our children to see that following Jesus means loving others and living with compassion, humility, and grace. Our greatest desire is that they know they are deeply loved—by us and by Jesus—just as they are.

We love living in the country, where our home sits on several peaceful acres surrounded by nature. Outside, we have a playset for the kids, a vegetable garden, a chicken coop, and a few wooded acres to explore. Deer and turkeys often wander through the yard, and sometimes we hear an owl calling in the evening. Our large, open living room is the heart of our home—it's where the kids love to play, we spend time together, and we host holidays and family meals.

Even though we live in a rural area, there's always plenty to do nearby! We're just minutes from beautiful state and local parks for hiking, biking, and picnics. Our church has a wonderful children's program and fun family events, and our town hosts activities year-round—our favorite being "Christmas on the Square," with Santa visits, hot cocoa, and carriage rides. The community also offers a great library, youth sports, a dance studio, and a 4-H fair.

Our kids attend the school where Ashley teaches, a small, supportive school known for its caring staff and strong academics. Many students even graduate with a two-year college degree before finishing high school!



Local pool



Our home



Our backyard

We love going all out for Christmas and have so many traditions we look forward to every year. We decorate the tree together, make treats for Santa's reindeer, visit a candlelight Christmas walk, and drive through our favorite holiday light show. Ashley's favorite tradition is choosing two new ornaments each year and labeling them with the date—unpacking them later always brings back special memories. Dave's favorite is wearing matching Christmas pajamas and baking cookies together on Christmas Eve.

Throughout the year, we make time for one-on-one days where each child gets a special outing with just Mom or Dad. Audrey and Ashley always go out for breakfast on the last day of summer, while Bryce and Dave enjoy their Xbox game nights.

We also love celebrating the seasons with simple family traditions—dyeing Easter eggs and hosting an egg hunt at Ashley's parents' house, visiting a pumpkin patch each fall to pick and carve pumpkins, and gathering at Dave's brother's house for a big Fourth of July cookout and fireworks show.



Feeding flamingos!

Island vacation



HOBBIES

+ ACTIVITIES

We visit Dave’s extended family in Arkansas every year, where we explore museums, try out local food trucks, and always stop at the massive Bass Pro Shop with an aquarium inside. One of our favorite family trips was to Jekyll Island, Georgia, where we spent a week swimming, visiting a sea turtle rescue, and exploring by golf cart—no one wanted to leave!

We love spending time outdoors, whether hiking at nearby state parks, mushroom hunting in our woods, or splashing in the creek. In the winter, we build snowmen and go sledding, and every spring we plant a vegetable garden and use our fresh produce to make homemade spaghetti sauce. We also raise chickens and enjoy watching the tiny chicks grow—two have even been entered in the 4-H fair!

Dave serves on the leadership team of a nonprofit that supports vulnerable children in Africa and Asia. He has traveled to Uganda and India, including one memorable 1,700-mile trip across India in a tuk-tuk, and hopes to take Ashley and the kids one day. We also love cooking together and trying new foods, with Dave especially enjoying unique dishes like pavlova, macarons, and recipes from around the world.

Zoo Trip



Milk shakes!



Our chickens



Beach Day



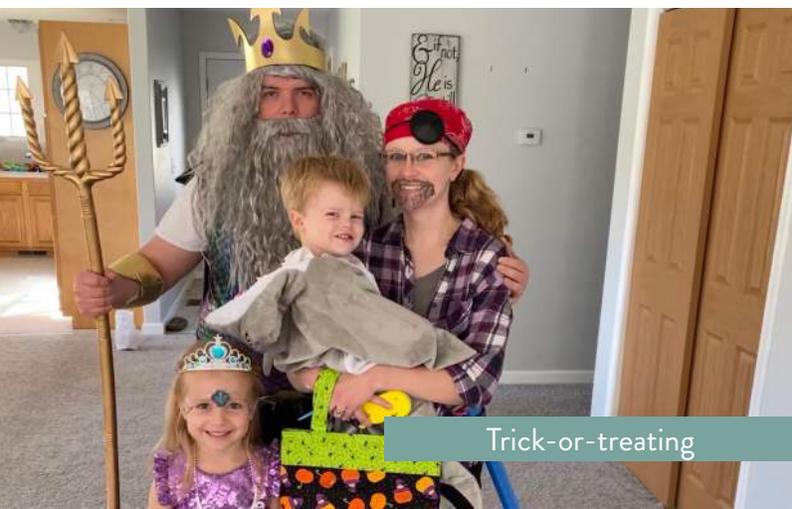
Ashley made Audrey's costume



Dave & his brother @ NFL



Cookie decorating



Trick-or-treating



Dave and the tuk-tuk

Family & Adoption Values

We hope and pray that all our children know they are deeply loved just as they are, and that we will always be here for them no matter what. Our dream is to build a family that truly enjoys being together and shares a lasting bond of love, laughter, and faith—even as our children grow older and begin families of their own. We strive to teach them to always do their best, to choose what's right even when it's hard, and to love and serve others with kindness and compassion.

We also hope and pray for an open adoption that allows this child to know and stay connected with their birth family. We want them to grow up fully aware of your love, your strength, and the incredible courage and sacrifice you've shown. Our desire is to build a lasting relationship with you—sharing letters, pictures, emails, and visits over the years—so that you can remain an important part of our lives. We want this child to have the joy of sharing their milestones with both of their families, whether it's celebrating an A on a test, a homerun, or simply a happy day at school. More than anything, we hope to walk this journey together with mutual love, respect, and gratitude for the beautiful life we are all helping to shape.





Father's Name:
Dave

Occupation:
ICU Nurse

Education:
Bachelor in Nursing and
Bachelors in Social Science Education

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
5/21/1987

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Hazel

Height:
5' 8"



Mother's Name:
Ashley

Occupation:
Junior High Teacher

Education:
Bachelor of Social Science Education

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
04/21/1987

Hair Color:
Blonde

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
5' 3"

Family Information

Date of marriage:

12/31/2011

Children:

Audrey, age 10, and Bryce, age 7

Interest and hobbies:

Travel, hiking, gardening, raising chickens, cooking

Home:

4 bedroom home in a quiet rural setting, with woods surrounding our home.

Pets:

We have two sweet 3-year-old cats named Rover and Fluffy.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption:

We felt called to grow our family through adoption. Adoption is part of Dave's family's story and we have also witnessed adoption in the lives of family friends. After a trip in India, Dave came home with the strongest of convictions that our family would grow through adoption.

Openness to birthparent(s):

We hope and pray for an open relationship where we can have you as another member of our family. We want to have regular contact with the birthparent(s) so that our child can know how much they are loved by ALL of their family, both biological and adopted.

Childcare plans:

Our kids spend as much time with us as possible. As a teacher, Ashley has the summers off with kids and the same school schedule as our kids, so she's home with them anytime they are home from school. During the school year, our child would stay home with Dave on his days off, and only go to daycare about 3 days a week. Our daycare is an in-home daycare with a grandmotherly woman and her daughter. They limit the number of children, and spoil them with gifts and holiday parties.



If you choose us, this child will be welcomed and raised as our own—without question, a full and cherished member of our family, just as much as our biological children. This child will be deeply loved, celebrated, and surrounded by two older siblings who are already so excited to welcome and adore their new brother or sister.

We hope and pray for an open adoption that allows this child to know and stay connected with their birth family. We want them to grow up understanding your love, strength, and the incredible sacrifice you've made. Our hope is to build a lasting, respectful relationship with you—one where you are loved, valued, and included as an important part of our family. We would love to share letters, photos, and updates regularly, and to have visits together a few times each year as our relationship grows.

This child will be raised in a Christian home, where faith is at the heart of our family. We are committed to teaching our children to love Jesus, to live with kindness and integrity, and to serve others with joy and compassion.

Education is also very important to us. As two educators with degrees and years of experience in the field, we are dedicated to helping our children grow in confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

We treasure every moment we have with our children, and it will be no different for the child we adopt. Our home is full of laughter, love, and adventure, and we hope to give this child a happy, secure childhood filled with wonderful memories and experiences.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know our family and for considering us. We are deeply grateful for your courage and hope to meet you soon.

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