



Jason & Katie
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Dear Expectant Mother,

We are Jason & Katie & today; the paths of our lives are crossing with yours through this letter. We do not know the details of your life, but we know that you are in the midst of big, complex decisions & that you love the child growing inside you very much. We have continually been praying, not only for our future child, but also for you, the expectant parent as you walk through this adoption journey.



To let you know a little about us, we have been married since 2014 & live in a cozy, four-bedroom home in a cul-de-sac full of families & kids. We met in Ethiopia when we both worked for a Christian ministry & we hit it off from the start. We dated in Arkansas & a year later were engaged. Our wedding day was on a beautiful fall day surrounded by colorful trees with all our friends & family. Since then, we have moved to the Austin, Texas area for Jason's engineering career. On the weekends, we enjoy exploring Austin & finding big, open parks & cozy coffee shops where we can spend the day as a family. Our extended family lives all over the USA, but we still love making it a priority to see them often. Most of all, though, our favorite place to visit is the beach where we go several times a year.

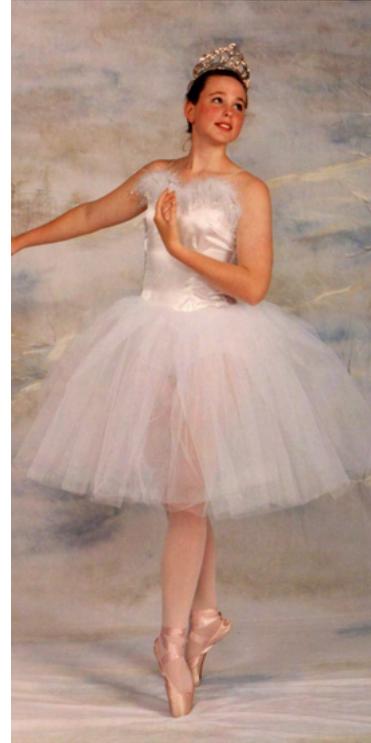
In January of 2017, after trying to get pregnant for over a year, Katie was diagnosed with uterine cancer. Her doctor said it was treatable but to get rid of the cancer, Katie had to have a surgery that would also end any chance of having biological children. We already had a desire to adopt as we both have family members that have been adopted. Although cancer was a devastating journey, once we had the cancer behind us we were so grateful and honored to become parents through adoption to our joyful, silly, caring daughter, Rosie, in 2018.

When we were in the adoption process for our daughter, we indicated we were open to any race, but as soon as her birth mother chose us, we decided any future children would be African American. We want our children to have someone else in their family that looks like them & understands them more than we, as white parents can, despite how hard we try. We are grateful, since living near a big city, that our town is diverse making it possible for our children be in activities and schools with other children & adults that mirror them. Our African American friends have been so gracious to let us ask the hard, & sometimes stupid, questions, teach us practical things (like how to care for hair) & just love our family as their own. We are also so thankful to have a large support system of other transracial adoptive families. Many of our daughter's best friends were also adopted and are a different race than their parents. We pray these friendships will someday allow her & future children to have others that relate to & understand their unique experiences.

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about our family. We would love to meet you, hear your story & and get to know you. We are open to whatever type of communication you feel comfortable with. Whether that is to send pictures & letters throughout the child's life or to have a more open relationship with you as well where you would be a part of the family. We are praying for you as you make these difficult decisions & as you plan the path for your life moving forward, we pray it is a life full of hope.

With LOVE, Jason & Katie

Meet Katie



Grew up as a ballerina
Loves dogs, especially our new puppy, Maisey
Lived in Italy after college
LOVES being cancer free since August 31, 2017
Worked for a Christian ministry
mentoring college women

LOVES a good cup of coffee
Grew up playing sports
Kids & Animals love him
Enjoys fishing & the outdoors
Lived in Ethiopia after college



Meet Jason



Our dating life was full of new adventures, being silly, figuring out we have the same birthday, & falling in LOVE!



but, we LOVED...



October 25, 2014 best!



We adopted our daughter, Rosie, in 2018. We LOVE her so much...



...& she LOVES
her Mama & Dada too.



Rosie is joyful, caring & silly
& will be a great big sister.

We LOVE our families...



Katie's Family

Rosie, Katie, Jason
Robert (Dad), Phyllis (Mom)
Silas (nephew), Cody
(brother),
Jaye (sister-in-law)
* not pictured is our new
nephew, baby Clyde

Katie's parents & brother live on a ranch with chickens, horses, dogs, cats & goats, so it is always so fun to go visit Lulu, Granddad, Cousins Silas & Clyde, Uncle Cody and Aunt Jaye!
Lulu & Granddad LOVE being grandparents!



Jason's Family

Jordan (sister-in-law), April & River (nieces), Brandon (brother)
Garrett (brother-in-law), Kaylin (niece), Trey (nephew), Callie (sister),
Mike (Dad), Rosie & Kay (Mom), Katie, Jason,



Although we are all in different states, we LOVE traveling to see each other & spend time as a family. Everyone is always excited when it is time to go to KaKa & PawPaw's (Jason's parents) house!

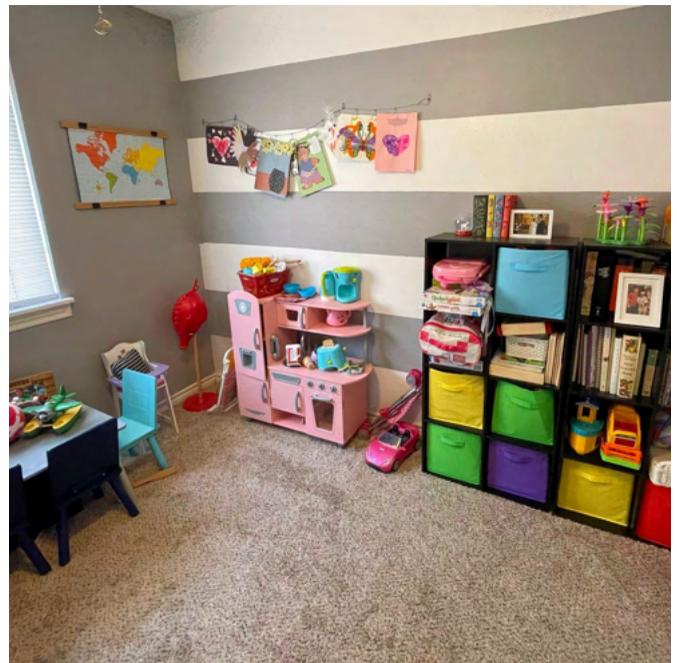


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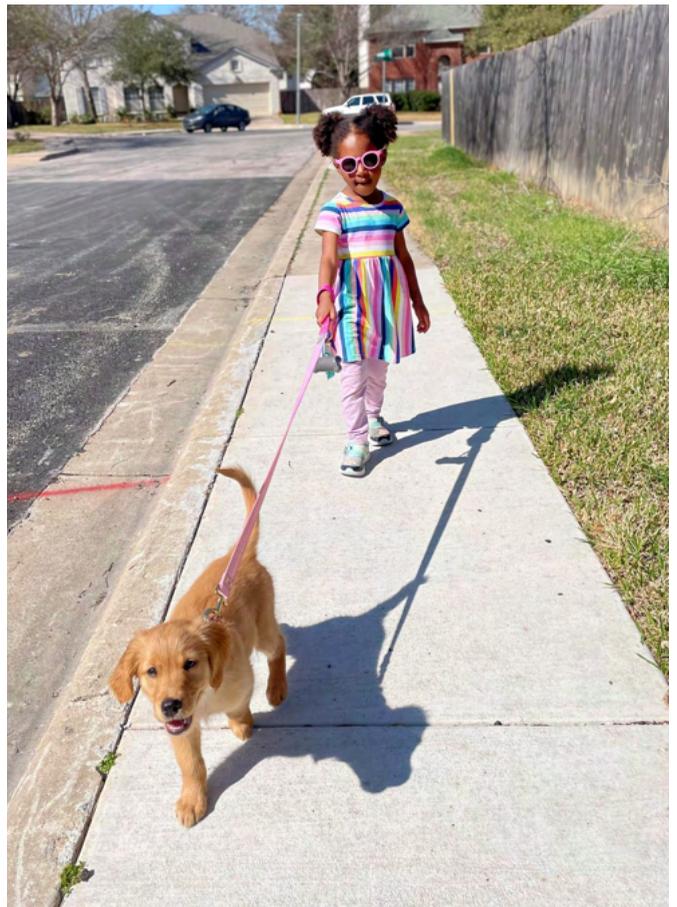
...our wonderful home located
on a quiet cul de sac.

...having a Little Free Library in our front yard filled with books for the neighborhood to enjoy & being in walking distance of four big parks.



...& besides spending lots of time in the kitchen & playroom, we love having a nursery all ready for a little one to join us!

We LOVE...



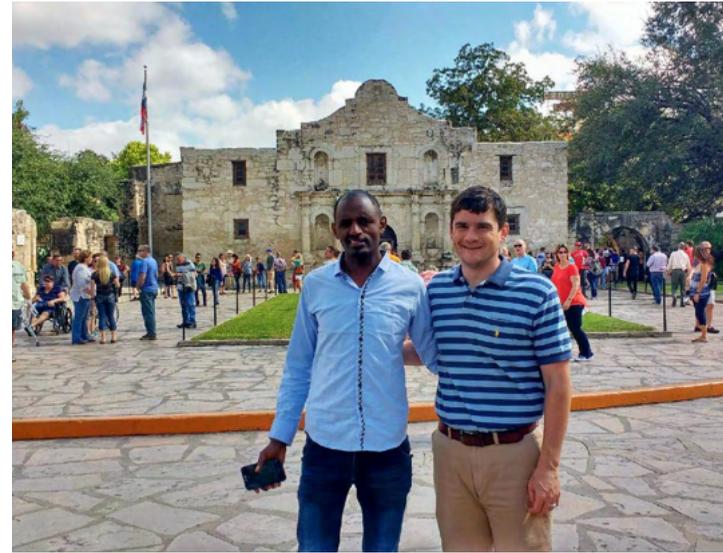
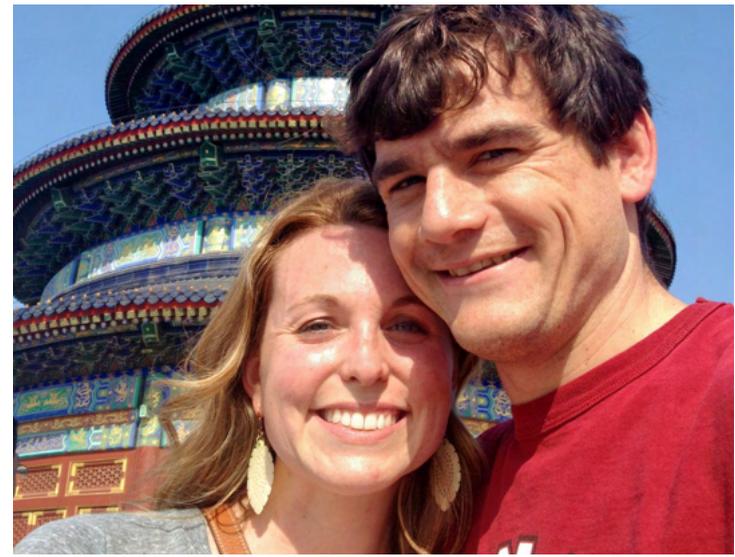
...being on water, going on bike rides,
going to playgrounds & walking our puppy.
Anything to be outside!

...cooking together, going to zoos



...cheering for our favorite teams & dressing up on Halloween.

From China, the Grand Canyon, a Grand Cayman turtle farm...



the Alamo, big cities & always stopping for a state line sign...

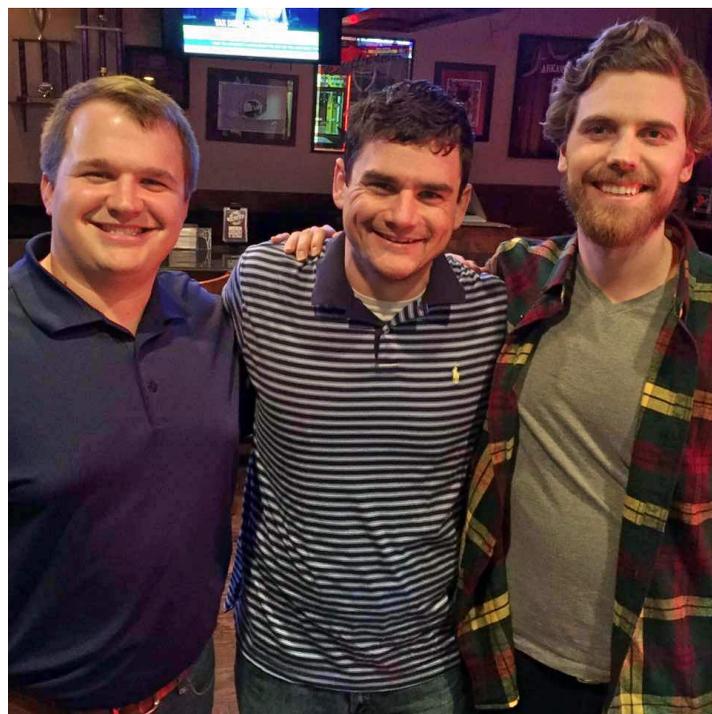
...we LOVE to explore the world & learn new cultures.



...BUT the beach will always be Katie's most favorite place!

We LOVE...

our incredible friends who support us through everything...



& LOVE us so well.





Thank you for taking the time to flip through our book. As we put this book together, we were reminded how excited we are to grow our family & how hopeful we are for our future. We hope to meet you, face to face, & are praying for you, also, that your path forward is full of hope.

Our Family at a Glance

About Jason

Occupation: Civil Engineer
Education: University of Arkansas
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: January 15, 1988
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 6 ft

About Katie

Occupation: Stay at Home Mom
Education: Texas A&M University
Religion: Christian
Date of Birth: January 15, 1983
Hair Color: Dark Blonde
Eye Color: Green
Height: 5 ft 8in

Date of Marriage: October 25, 2014

Children: Rosie, August 8, 2018, adopted. Rosie is full of joy and smiles. She loves people, dancing, singing, dolls and playing outside.

Interests & Hobbies: We LOVE to spend time with friends and family, travel, go to parks, hike, be outside and relax at coffee shops. Jason loves to run and work around the house and Katie loves to read and lead Bible Studies.

Home: Four bedroom home on a cul de sac in a family neighborhood near many parks

Why are you interested in building your family through

adoption: Due to Katie having cancer in 2017, we are unable to have biological children. Even before marriage, we hoped to build our family through adoption, so once Katie was healthy, we adopted our daughter in 2018. We feel so honored to continue to grow our family through adoption.

Openness within Adoption: We will gladly give regular updates with pictures and, if the birth family is willing, create a closer relationship with face to face visits.

Childcare plans: Katie will continue to be a stay at home mom

