

DIAMOND + CALEB







HELLO + THANKS

Hello and thank you for picking up this book. We're sure that you have a lot on your mind, and you probably feel overwhelmed. That's okay. Take a deep breath, or a few, to just center yourself. You are face to face with a very difficult decision, and that takes time. That takes courage. You got this! Regardless of your decision, whatever path you decide to take, we respect it. Ultimately, it's your decision, and only you can make it. So don't let the pressure of other voices bombarding you dictate what you're going to do. You make the call, and whatever your choice is, know we support your choice.

We invite you to learn more about our family. Throughout this book, we hope that you will see just how much love we have to give. We are eager to find the child that is meant to be part of our family. We both come from big families who are excited to open their hearts to a baby needing a village of love, support, and compassion.

Thank you for your consideration and we wish you well on this journey.

ALL OUR LOVE,

DIAMOND + CALEB



OUR LOVE STORY



We both went to the same religious university, which is where we met. We were part of the same congregation; however, we only knew each other in passing. There was a Q&A with the university president one evening, and Diamond stood up to ask a question. She was looking for advice on how to balance school, work, having a social life, and participating in church. She spoke her mind, which made Caleb interested in getting to know her more. We dated briefly, before Diamond graduated and moved back to Michigan. Caleb still had a year of school left. We reconnected after Caleb moved to West Virginia after his graduation. Diamond messaged Caleb, and he called her the next day. From there, we cultivated our relationship, doing nightly calls and making weekend trips to spend time with each other. Caleb proposed in March 2017 and we were married soon after. Our shared religion is what brought us together, but what has strengthened our bond is how much we laugh together, how natural it feels when we're in each other's arms, and how we're able to be ourselves around each other.

When we learned that we wouldn't be able to have biological children, Diamond's heart broke at first, because she wanted a sweet child that was kind, hilarious, and who would build and paint models like Caleb does. However, we were quickly reminded that it's not biology that matters, but precious moments you make with them. Our religion teaches that each child is precious to God. We believe that we have a responsibility to nurture and care for this child so they they know just how important and loved they area.



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN
NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

Proverbs 3: 5-6





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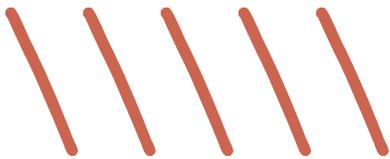
MEET CALEB





Software Engineer at a fabric company

I grew up in Oklahoma. I'm the second of five children. We lived in the country while I was in elementary school, and then moved to the city when I was in 5th grade. While in the country, we enjoyed running around and playing on the swings my grandpa put up. I have many memories of spending summers at the library, enjoying participating in the summer reading program. Also, we played many board games, leading to me cultivating my own collection to share with Diamond and friends. My siblings live all over, but we're still close enough to my parents to share Sunday dinner once a month with them. I work from home, which allows me the flexibility to help Diamond out when she's home. When I'm not working, I'm playing games, painting miniatures for my favorite game, Warhammer; making things out of perler beads, and playing my double bass.



'Caleb is a wonderful man. He is incredibly creative: from writing short stories and poems to painting and making things with legos and perler beads. As a software engineer, he's great at thinking outside the box. I will always appreciate how he can step outside of himself and help whoever needs it. He's spent several hours chopping down trees after a storm for friends and neighbors. He loves to explore the city, finding new places to enjoy, especially board game cafes and hole-in-the-wall restaurants. One of our good friends has a child who has autism. This child barely spoke. I've never been more proud than when we saw him at church and he literally ran up to Caleb with the brightest smile, gave him a hug and said "Hi Caleb." However, of all the things I love about Caleb, what I love the most is how much he loves me and how much he loves the Lord. My father wasn't very affectionate and was a man of very little words. Caleb is the complete opposite. I love how he always seems to find my hand to hold no matter where we are, how he calls or texts me during his lunch break just to make sure I'm okay. And there's never a day that goes by where he doesn't mention how much he loves me. He is a faithful member of our congregation. They can always count on him to be at church and volunteering. I know that he will make a wonderful father one day because he is already a wonderful husband and has much room in his heart to love others.' - Diamond



HELLO



MEET DIAMOND

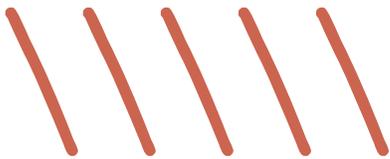




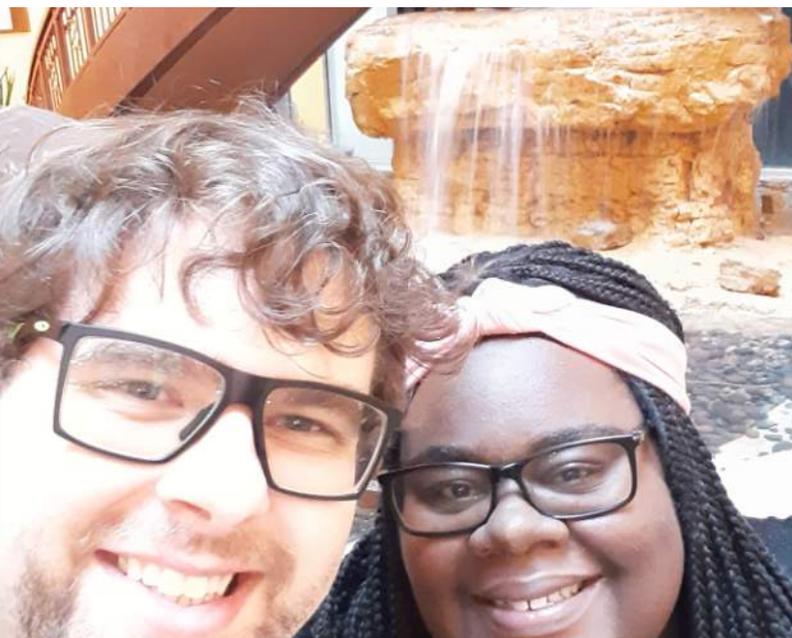
Program Coordinator at a Literacy Non-profit

I grew up in Michigan; the youngest of four. My father passed November 2023 followed by my mother in December 2024. I am saddened that my future children will not get to meet them in this life but my faith comforts me and reminds me that one day we will all be reunited. My siblings are still in Michigan and all of them have at least four children, with my oldest two siblings (15 years older than me) having grandchildren. Additionally I have a bonus family in Utah. My former pastor and his family adopted me into their family and we are very close. I have many fond memories growing up near the water: boating, fishing, and lounging on the beach. I love reading all kinds of books and am grateful to have a job where I get to read to elementary students every day and help with their phonics and reading comprehension skills.

Fun fact: I love trains and I enjoy visiting train museums and going on train rides. When I am not working, I am either exploring Tulsa or volunteering (through our church or in the community).



‘I love how wise she is. There’s been times, I’ve been stressed, or worried about something and after talking to her, and hearing her advice, my worry and stress are dispelled. She has a healthy sense of humor. I love seeing her smile and hearing her laugh. She’s good with children. We’ve frequently had the opportunity to teach children together in our church. She’s able to understand the needs of each of the children in the class, and how to help them learn. When we travel together, we have a playlist that we turn on, and we both sing along to it. I love hearing her sing and seeing the joy music brings to her.’



OUR HOME

We are excited to buy our first home soon. But in the meantime, we are living in a two bedroom two bath apartment. We enjoy cooking and spending time in our apartment. We enjoy lounging in the living room and collecting unique things, from pop vinyls to blankets, and new books to add to our collections. We also have an area for our main hobbies: board games, Warhammer items, and painting. Caleb grew up in a family that absolutely loves Disney. So, somehow, we've begun collecting Disney his and her cups, and build-a-bears. Our apartment complex has a gym, pool, and dog park on the grounds. There is also a grilling area that's perfect for get togethers with neighbors and friends. We've been saving to buy a home so once we have our child we will be ready to finally leave the apartment, but we will still remain in this area because we love it so much, it's near family and friends, our church is here, and it is close to a major city.



OUR COMMUNITY

Our suburb enjoys all four seasons and we have several parks within walking distance. Our school district is one of the highest rated. We're also 15 minutes from the major city of Tulsa. Tulsa has so much to offer that we're there every other weekend. We love going to museums and cultural centers as well as the board game cafe in Tulsa as well. We live near the golf course, library, and two neighborhood parks, the YMCA and a splash pad. This community is very safe and has lots of bike lanes and sidewalks that we enjoy. One of the best places that we know our child will love is The Gathering Place. It has tons of slides, swings, and climbing areas. When our nieces and nephews are in town we always find a day to go there and have fun. But we don't have to always go into Tulsa, our suburb has plenty of activities here that we've enjoyed including a roller skate rink, trampoline park, theater, and pottery classes.

FAMILY + FUN

We both have large extended families. Diamond also has a bonus family that she was adopted into at the age of 17. So we alternate holidays, dividing our time between Michigan (Diamond's bio family), Utah (Diamond's bonus family), and here in Oklahoma (our home and Caleb's family). Detroit, Michigan is filled with such rich history. Now that both of her parents have passed, it's very important to us to visit extended family to keep her parent's memories alive. We go to Utah often to visit Diamond's bonus parents, Mike and Hallie, and her two younger siblings, Landon and Eliza, who are both adopted. Diamond got to experience the adoption process with both Landon's and Eliza's adoption and she always knew she wanted to adopt her own child one day. When in Utah we love to visit fun historic sites. Landon and Eliza are excited to teach our child how to ride and care for a horse, fun sports such as gymnastics and Taekwondo, and how to play Roblox. We have dinner with Caleb's parents and younger brothers at least once a month, and it always turns into a board game night. They live about 30 minutes from us, so we're grateful our child will have grandparents and extended family nearby. Additionally, we see Caleb's other siblings during major holidays. Each year there's a Christmas theme. Last year it was Scottish games, and this year will be "Christ is the Reason." Additionally, we have built our own village with four really good friends as well. They each have children who are eager to meet our future child. Our friends share our love of God, reading, and board games.



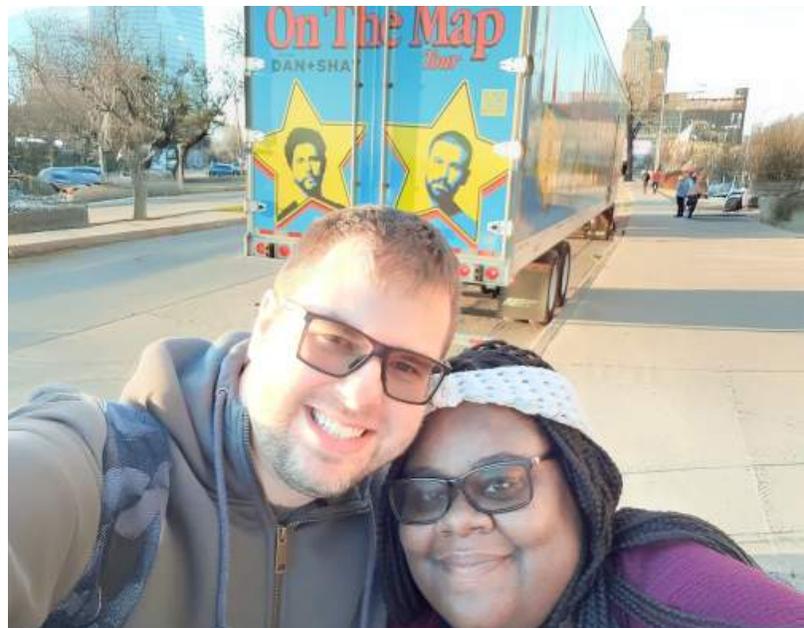
Harry Potter nerds!



Diamond's family



Caleb's parents and brothers



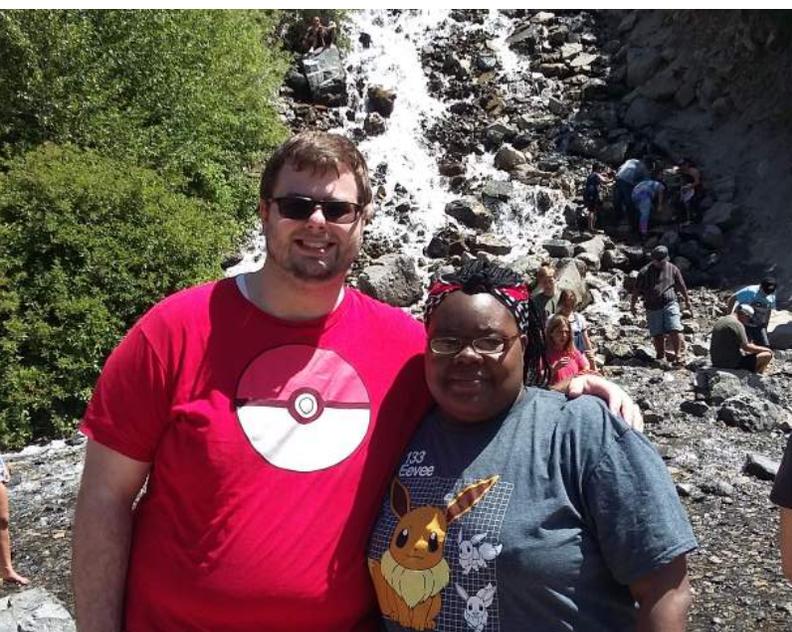
We love checking out a concert together!



Merry Matching Christmas



Yard games with friends!



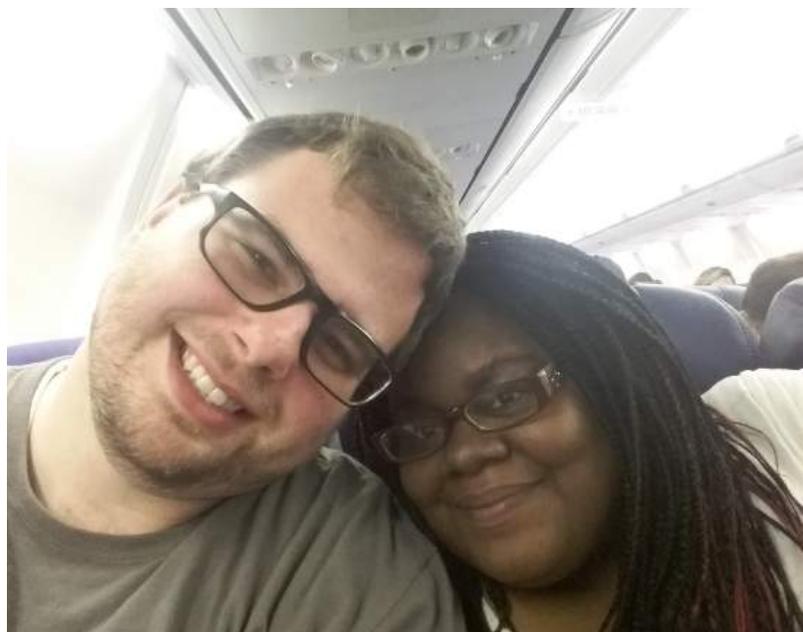
Hiking at one of Utah's beautiful parks!



Diamond's sisters and nephews



Friends come to town



Traveling the world together!



PARENTING + ADOPTION

We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is a big part of our lives. Caleb volunteers on Sunday to teach Sunday school to 7 and 8 year old children. Diamond volunteers teaching the adult women about gospel principles. We will read with our child daily from the scriptures, as we know this will help them in learning to read and in learning valuable lessons that are found only in the scriptures. Our church also has many opportunities for children to learn and grow. Although church is an important part of our life we also want our child to be shaped not just by religion but by their own individual experience. That is why it is important for us to live near Tulsa where they will meet diverse people. We want them to know that not everyone believes what we do and that's okay, we are still expected to be kind to those around us.

We're a multi-racial couple. We understand the challenges of having different races in a family unit. If you're of a different race than us, please know that we understand how important it is for a child to keep their culture and language. We'll find holidays to celebrate, traditional foods, and even learn the language so that your child will have the heritage that they came from.

We desire an open adoption. We will make sure you get updates about your child as often as you'd like and that you have opportunities to visit should you want to. We want them to know you, we want them to see that they have so many people who love and support them. That they did nothing wrong, that it is because you want the best for them, that they are with us.





Father's Name:
Caleb

Occupation:
Software Engineer

Education:
Bachelor's of Science, Information Technology

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
02/13/1991

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
6' 4"



Mother's Name:
Diamond

Occupation:
Program Coordinator

Education:
Bachelor's of Science, Minor - Sociology

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
08/30/1990

Hair Color:
Black

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 5"

FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of marriage: 07/15/2017

Children: None

Interest and hobbies: Caleb and Diamond have a mutual interest in cooking. We think that food is a way to bring people together, and share history and culture. We also have a large collection of board games that we enjoy playing with our friends. Things that we value as a family are communication, creativity, and self-care. Too often we get busy, and are pushed to go faster than we ought to. So, making sure to slow down and take care of yourself is really important to the both of us. Diamond loves curling up with a good book, or turning on Spotify or Youtube and listening to good music -especially 90s music. We also enjoy taking walks in our neighborhood, just getting out and enjoying nature. Caleb's hobbies include playing Warhammer (and painting miniatures) as well as video games such as Roblox and Minecraft. He especially enjoys playing with his siblings and dad. On Thursdays he plays online with Diamond's bonus siblings, and has built a great relationship with them as a result.

Home: We currently live in a two bedroom two bath apartment in the suburb of Tulsa. It has wonderful amenities such as a gym and pool that we spend time at. This neighborhood has sidewalks and bike lanes that we use for exercise. One of our favorite things is being just a short 30 minute drive from Cragun family, so it's easy to share dinners, celebrate milestones, and spend quality time together during the week.

Pets: None

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Both Diamond and Caleb have fertility struggles and Diamond miscarried when going through IVF. Unfortunately the medication had an adverse effect on Diamond as well and biological children are no longer an option. We've always felt that adoption was part of our journey—even before facing these challenges—through Diamond's bonus parents Mike and Hallie who Diamond got to witness adopt their two children. Because of our faith we know the importance of families and have always wanted children. Adoption allows us to not only become parents but care for a child who needs a home. It is an honor being entrusted with one of God's creations, and we are up for the task.

Openness to birthparent(s): We know the importance of having parents in our lives and through watching Landon and Eliza's adoption we also know having birth parents continue to be part of a child's life has a positive affect on their well being. We desire to have as open a relationship as you would like. Whether that's just calls, texts, and email or pictures or if you would like to be there for birthdays, holidays, and summer vacation. You will always be their mom (and/or dad). We've seen it work, and we will respect what you need. Please know that we will be first time parents so we will make mistakes, please be patient, give us grace as we give you grace as well.

Childcare plans: Diamond will be the primary caregiver for the child. She will stay home the first five years and then go back into the education/ literacy field once the children are in school. We are also blessed that Caleb works from home so he will not be missing anything! Whenever they are needing childcare, Caleb's mother will babysit. She lives close to us and is wonderful with her other grandchildren!

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Thank you for getting to know us more. We would love the opportunity to get to know you, and to know your story. We know that you're going through some tough choices, and we respect that. We would be honored to raise this little baby if you choose us. Your child will be given all the love, care, and support that they need to truly thrive throughout their life. They will laugh, they will smile, and they will have fun and enjoy life. They will know their history, they will know their culture, and most importantly, they will know you. You will still be part of their life.

We promise to give this child the life you are hoping for, one filled with love, care, and support. We promise to instill in our child a love of God and a love for reading, the importance of family time, and always having a curious attitude. We promise to always be kind, use loving words, and to always be there for our child. We promise to be there when they stumble. We will allow them to forge their own path, even if that means making mistakes, but they will always know that we are here and that our love is unconditional. We will do family Sunday dinners, as we know those little moments are important. We promise to never stop talking about you; to have an open adoption.

Thank you for your time.

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