



Russ *and* **Sarah**

**Anyone who welcomes
a little child such as this
in my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me,
welcomes not me but
*the one who sent me.***

Mark 9:36-37



Hello!

**God bless you -
you have been given a precious gift.**

Your willingness to consider all options in order to make the right decision for your baby is a beautiful testament to the strength of your spirit. Please know that you are in our prayers. We support your choice whether you decide to place your baby with us, someone else, or choose to parent yourself. You will know the best path when the time comes.

Thank you for taking the time to look through our adoption book. We hope it will give you a little insight into who we are as a family.

With so much love,

Russ and Sarah

where we started...

We met while volunteering at a tax preparation clinic for a local refugee community.



Russ was volunteering because he's a kind, charitable person, and Sarah as a requirement to graduate from law school. It was love at first sight. The engagement happened within six months, and the marriage less than a year after.





why adoption?

Sarah and I have realized that God put the desire for more children in our hearts for a reason.

We have witnessed the beauty of adoption through friends and family members and strongly believe that God's will is for us to grow our family through adoption. We have more than enough room in our lives and in our hearts for another child and can't wait to see how God blesses our family on this new journey!

meet Sarah as told by Russ



Sarah is the youngest of five siblings and has seventeen nieces and nephews! She is a practicing part-time attorney and also teaches an English class at a local high school. Sarah is generous, kind, and has a loving spirit.

**SARAH IS A GREAT MOM BECAUSE SHE CONSTANTLY
SEEKS TO KNOW THEN DO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST
OF HER CHILD.**



meet **Russ**
as told by Sarah

Russ and his family came to this country from Guyana, a small South American country when he was eight years old. He's worked hard all his life and has a successful career as a Certified Public Accountant. Russ is a rare person who is always looking for ways to better himself, to do more for others, and to grow closer to God.

**RUSS IS AND WILL BE A WONDERFUL FATHER.
HE IS A MODEL OF CHRISTIAN VIRTUE AND GENUINE
LOVE FOR OTHERS.**

meet our son



We have one son, Clarence.

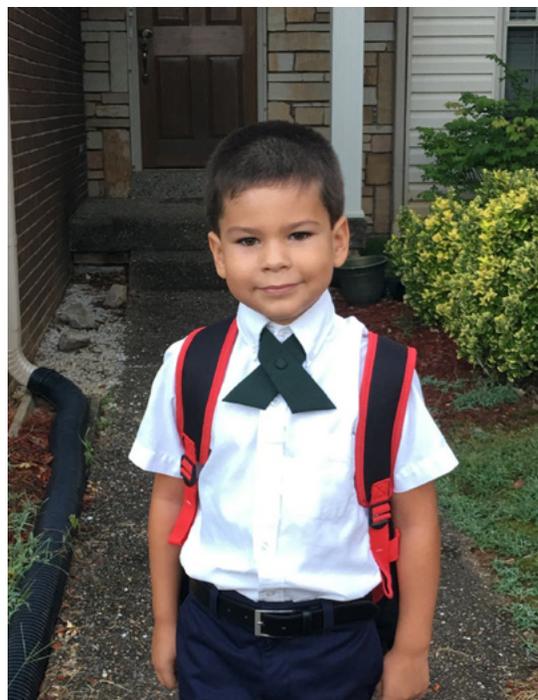
Clarence is 11 years old. Clarence has a great sense of humor and is surprisingly perceptive. He's achieved a brown belt with black stripe in taekwondo and he's involved in archery and soccer. He's excited to know that he might be a big brother soon and we know he will fill the role wonderfully!

The one we lost

Five years of secondary infertility and many prayers followed the birth of Clarence before Sarah discovered she was pregnant. We rejoiced, telling our family and friends the wonderful news.

At the first ultrasound appointment, we heard the worst words a parent can hear: "There's no heartbeat." It was a devastating loss, not only for us, but also for Clarence, who had already begun planning the Big Brother things he would do with his sibling.







**We have a homey four-bedroom
house with lots of room.**

where we live

Our neighborhood is typical suburbia. In warm weather the neighborhood kids ride around on their bikes, everyone says "Hello!" when passing on the sidewalks, and (almost) everybody has a dog.

**Our neighborhood has several parks,
and a popular Olympic sized pool
is only one block away.**



Kitten is our sweet and friendly cat.

She loves babies, although she tends to avoid toddlers! If you lie on the floor Kitten will cuddle with your hair. We call her "Kittenypup" sometimes because she follows Sarah around the house like a puppy dog.



our favorite things



***We love our faith.
We love our families.
We love going hiking as a family.
Sarah likes to bake.
Russ likes to read.
We both enjoy working out.
We love family game time.
We love vacations on the beach.***



in this family we...

**Work hard • Sleep harder • Care for
each other • Learn • Pray**

extended family



Sarah's Family - Sarah's extended family is huge! We regularly gather for Sunday meals with them, and weddings are a great excuse for extended family pictures.

Russ' Family - Russ's parents live close and we love having brunch together. Russ also has two brothers, one who lives in Massachusetts and another that is close to us.

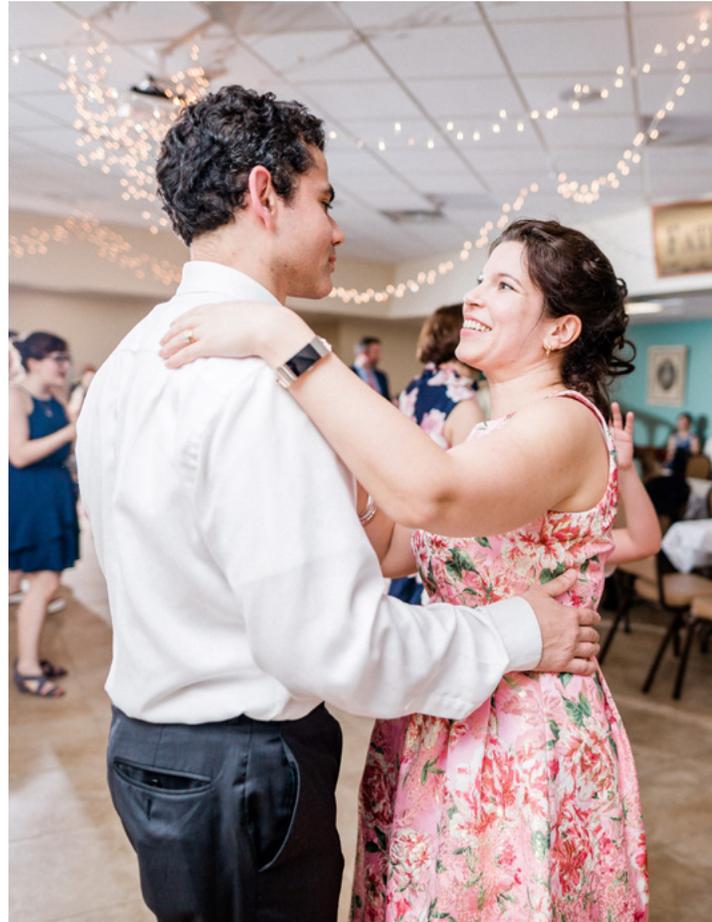


our friends

Our closest friends are our family members – though we both keep in touch with high school and college friends as well.

Ten fun **facts**

- 1 • Russ is an immigrant from Guyana.**
- 2 • Sarah played college basketball.**
- 3 • Russ has memorized 50 poems and has started memorizing the Psalms.**
- 4 • We say prayers before bed as a family.**
- 5 • Sarah teaches at the same school she attended.**





6 • Russ won 2nd place in a body-building competition when he was in college.

7 • We have a niece and nephew who are adopted.

8 • We like to dance.

**9 • We wake up ridiculously early in the morning.
Russ just because and Sarah because the cat
thinks Sarah needs to get up with Russ!**

10 • Our neighborhood is a trick-or-treat destination.

before you go...

**If you do choose adoption and our family,
we make you these promises:**

We promise to love your child unconditionally.

We promise to raise them to know who Jesus is and that he loves them.

We promise to provide every advantage within our power.

We promise to help them know and appreciate their unique story and heritage.

We promise to always have room for you in our lives, whatever that may look like. We believe that any child we have should be given the opportunity to maintain a relationship with the people who love them. This includes biological family. Yearly visits, shared photos, and FaceTime calls are all options we are open to. Collaboration and finding mutually agreeable opportunities to maintain the relationship would be the key.

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile!

*Russ, Sarah
and Clarence*



family profile

RUSS

OCCUPATION: ACCOUNTANT
EDUCATION: BACHELORS IN BUSINESS
RELIGION: CATHOLIC
DATE OF BIRTH: 10/24/1974
HAIR COLOR: BROWN
EYE COLOR: BROWN
HEIGHT: 5' 8"

SARAH

OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY/TEACHER
EDUCATION: JURIS DOCTOR
RELIGION: CATHOLIC
DATE OF BIRTH: 11/05/1979
HAIR COLOR: BROWN
EYE COLOR: HAZEL
HEIGHT: 5' 5"

Date of marriage: 6/14/2008

Children: Clarence is 11 years old. He's achieved a brown belt with black stripe in taekwondo and he's involved in archery and soccer. Clarence has a great sense of humor and is surprisingly perceptive. He's excited to be a big brother soon!

Interests and hobbies: Faith, family, hiking, baking, reading, working out, travels and family game nights.

Home: We have a homey four-bedroom house with lots of room. Our neighborhood is typical suburbia. In warm weather the neighborhood kids ride around on their bikes, everyone says "Hello!" when passing on the sidewalks, and (almost) everybody has a dog.

Pets: Kitten is a sweet and friendly cat. She loves babies, although she tends to avoid toddlers! If you lie on the floor Kitten will cuddle with your hair. We call her "Kittenypup" sometimes because she follows Sarah around the house like a puppy dog.

Openness to birthparent(s): We believe that any child we have should be given the opportunity to maintain a relationship with the people who love them. This includes biological family. Yearly visits, shared photos, and FaceTime calls are all options we are open to. Collaboration and finding mutually agreeable opportunities to maintain the relationship would be the key.

Childcare plans: Childcare is available while teaching at Sarah's school, so she will continue teaching her class, and she will otherwise work from home.

