



Josh & Ronit

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Hello!



Welcome to our family! You, yes you. We are incredibly grateful to have you consider us for the placement of this little one. However, this is just the beginning of our story together. We can only imagine what thoughts, fears and concerns may be going through your mind. We can not fully comprehend what you have been through, but we know that God is greater. Months before you opened this book, we have been praying for you, for this little one, and for ourselves as we all step into this next chapter together. We prayed for courage, wisdom, hope, and above all, peace. We come from a larger family in Tulsa, OK with a lot of love to give! It is our prayer that we are able to welcome not only your little one into our family, but you as well (as much as you would like). There may be challenges and uncertainty ahead, but we are not easily shaken. Everyone wants their little one to be safe, loved and cared for, above all else. We hope that as you get to know us, you will see that our actions and our lives speak louder than any words ever could. Thank you again for considering us on the next step of your journey. Please enjoy exploring this book so you can learn a little bit about our family before you & your little one comes along.

Warm Wishes,

Josh & Ronit

Our Story



Every once in a while, a storm collides with a forceful wind, parting the clouds and letting the sunshine through the rain. In the turmoil, peace can be found, wrapped in God's promise of a rainbow.



In January 2021, Ronit had returned from working in Kolkata, India, brokenhearted for the women she served who were escaping sex trafficking. At the same time, Joshua felt the winds of change pulling him west, craving a new adventure away from his small Kentucky town.

We had our first date on 1/23/21—coffee and a puzzle Josh had brought. He knew Ronit loved puzzles, coffee, sushi, and ice cream, so naturally, he included all of these. Conversation flowed easily, and as hours passed, we discovered a shared love for travel, adventure, and meaningful connection. Joshua had always feared settling down, thinking married life would be boring—but with Ronit, he knew his greatest adventure lay ahead. Ronit, still healing from her time in Kolkata, felt hope return as their love grew through shared past hurts and future dreams.



Joshua proposed among the synchronous fireflies of the Smoky Mountains the summer after they met. After a cross-country road trip to decide where to start our lives together, we settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, near Ronit's family. We moved in December 2021, bought our home in spring 2022, and were married in April.

Joshua settled into a new position, and Ronit began pursuing her nursing degree. For our honeymoon, we traveled to Tahiti—swimming with sharks, scuba diving, four-wheeling, and trying spear-fishing. As we adjusted to married life, we were unsure if we would be able to have children. In the summer of 2023, we were thrilled to learn we were pregnant with our daughter Aviel, who arrived the following January and has been a pure joy.



Adoption has long been a dream for us. Our plans for a second child shifted when we discovered a pregnancy in autumn 2024 that was not viable. We grieved, but we also realized God had used that loss to prepare our hearts for adoption sooner than expected.

In spring 2025, as Aviel explored her growing personality, we took the first steps toward adoption. Together, we have traveled to nearly all 50 states and more than 25 countries, but nothing compares to this next adventure. The storms may rage and winds may blow, yet God has given us peace in every choice we have made, and we trust He will continue to guide us through the journey ahead.



meet *Ronit*

I grew up in a large family of believers and missionaries. I am the second of six children, three girls and then three boys. I have 27 cousins, seven of whom are adopted. I was never sure that I wanted to have biological children, but since I was very young I wanted to adopt. We were raised to be adventurous and hard workers. From a young age I wanted to be a missionary and after graduating from college I fulfilled that dream by joining a Bible translation organization and moving to Tanzania for six years. After my projects in Tanzania were finalized, I moved to Israel to do a Masters in 'Conflict Resolution and Mediation'. That degree opened up a door for me to work in Kolkata, India with women who had been trafficked into the sex industry. Then Covid, relocation back to the States, and an identity/career crisis. Thankfully God was faithful and provided direction and new adventures in the midst of the unknown.

While I was switching career paths and pursuing nursing, I met Josh. At 37-years-old I had all but given up on having a family of my own. It has been an incredible adventure to transition from single and traveling the world to being a wife, mother, and nurse. It has been a fulfillment of dreams that I thought might not be for me. Throughout my adulthood I have pursued a relationship with Jesus, language learning, and outlets for caring for others. I have had the privilege of living in multiple foreign countries, communicating in the local languages, and learning different customs and cultures. I utilize all of those skills in my daily life to love others, care for my patients, and pursue relationships in my community. I look forward to sharing this warm and loving home with a new child and getting to see the fulfillment of another dream that I had laid aside.

Josh says

Ronit is the best person I have ever fully known. Her kind heart, natural beauty, and sense of adventure is endearing & filled me with excitement as I drew near. I am most impressed by her ability to comfort children of all ages while simultaneously being a protector, defender, and advocate against danger. As time has gone by, I have grown deeper in love with her, as we grow with, pray for, and support one another and our family. I can not wait for what life has for the both of us.

Fun Facts

- I love learning languages. I can speak Hebrew and Swahili and am learning Spanish!
- Going on long walks is a delight. I can easily build new friendships through long walks and talking about our lives.
- Learning new things is my favorite hobby. I keep going back to school for one thing or another.
- I want to learn how to fly a plane by the time I'm 50!





meet Josh

I am a Certified Nurse Anesthetist and 41 years old. From a very young age, I always had a passion to care for people. When I was in the first grade, I was drawn to Nathan, a boy in my class who was in a wheelchair, born without the use of his legs. I would help him navigate the halls and playground. He was the first friend I ever called on the telephone. In the 4th grade, my best friend was Kendall, a young man who was born with hip dysplasia, who walked with crutches until middle school. My friend Diana, a dwarf as well as my friend, Erica who was deaf taught me what it means to be a true friend. I found an honesty and vulnerability in their weaknesses. Having been a hospital patient myself on several occasions, I grew evermore empathetic towards the most vulnerable. This carried on into my adulthood, as I pursued nursing, later focusing on anesthesia. I find great joy in being able to remove someone's hurt, pain, and fear.

I love working alongside the other members of our church to create a better neighborhood and a better city by seeing people how Jesus sees them, serving them as they are, and loving them in their weakest moments.

I look forward to stepping into the role as a father to our future son or daughter.

Fun Facts

- I feel closest to God when I am outdoors. Resting in the stillness under the stars. Simple joys like a campfire, lounging in a hammock renews my soul.
- I love traveling, exploring different cultures and listening to other's stories. My favorite books to read are autobiographies.
- I have enjoyed art & photography my whole life. I have an extremely diverse appreciation of music. Fugees to Alison Krauss, Tchaikovsky to John Denver, Miles Davis to Mark Isham, Beyoncé to Olivia Rodrigo. Etta James to Illenium. Each artist has a story to tell.
- I love watching hockey live and I am a huge fan of trivia with friends.

Ronit says

Josh is the most thoughtful and caring person I've ever met. When he shows you attention or care he doesn't just give you a gift. He creates an experience. The gift is given creatively with a carefully chosen presentation that communicates that you are valuable and worth his time and energy. He loves surprises and I have stopped asking where we are going or what we are doing, I get to sit back, relax, and enjoy the adventure he has thoughtfully curated for us. He is the fun one. I love that Josh has flung himself into fatherhood with his whole heart. I had all the experience with babies whereas he had none. That didn't stop him from having incredible intuition as to how to help Aviell fall asleep, how to encourage new skills, or how to comfort her when she was upset. I also love that Josh is a dreamer. He always dreams up new ways to improve our lives and beautify our home. Not only does he dream about these improvements, he follows through on them. He puts action into his plan and the results are always better than I could have imagined.



meet *our pets*

Aviel is our only child at this time and she will be two in January 2026. Aviel is strong, independent, outgoing, empathetic, gentle, and caring. The first time she kissed anyone it was her newly-born cousin who is eight months younger than her. She is always on the lookout for any animals or babies that she can cuddle. She is naturally very gentle with all living things. She rarely takes more than two minutes to warm up to strangers. She has so much love to give, she will cuddle whatever is in her arms, including a blueberry if that is what has just brought her joy. She is also very drawn to music. She dances the moment there is music playing, sits and pounds on the piano with Mama, has some amazing unrhythmical drum skills, and has always been calmed by hearing her parents sing. We can't wait to see her pour her loving care and attention on a little sibling.

We have two Dogs: Emerson & Cash. Emerson is an 8 year old Blue Heeler. Named after the Author, he is a sweet yet grumpy ol' boy. He likes to grumble about waking up, the temperature, his food, his bedtime. Everything. He is the sweet old grandpa we love and put up with, as time has made his grumpy spirit somehow more endearing.

Cash is our Black lab. Named after the musician, Cash was rescued from a home that kept him locked up outdoors with little food and less shelter. He came to us with Entropion (a condition where his lower eyelid folds in on itself.) We made sure he got the surgery he needed and has been a happy boy ever since. The sweet pup is a marshmallow and lets Emerson get his way. He is a true pacifist and loves Aviel.







Ronit's parents host dinner every Monday



Ronit's parents with Aviel



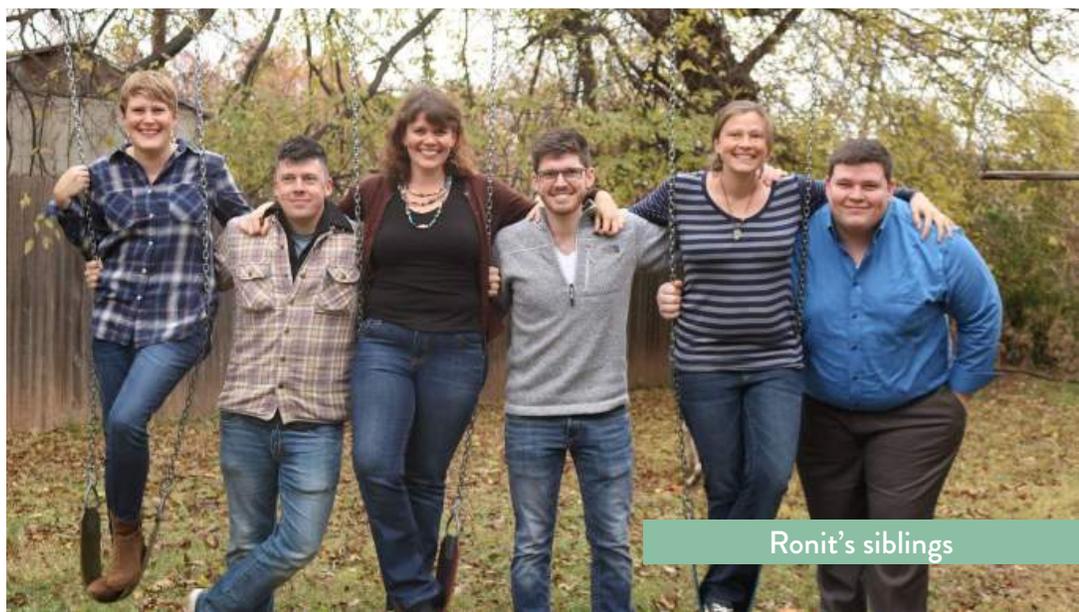
With Josh's best friends

get to know our

family values + *traditions*



Hitting the slopes!



Ronit's siblings



Hosting house church



Ronit's mom with Aviel



Josh's siblings

We are blessed with a lot of family in the Tulsa area. Aviel has six cousins in Tulsa and eight cousins around the States. Ronit's parents live a mile down the road and Aviel spends a lot of time with them, 'Baba' (Ronit's dad) is one of her favorite people and she regularly puts her hand to her ear and pretends to call him. We have a family dinner at Ronit's parents every Monday.

Our church community is our second family and we have been able to form very close ties with several families in our church, including with others who have adopted. We volunteer with them, go out to eat with them, and have even gone on vacation with the other family with whom we host a house church.

Josh's sister and extended family live in Ohio and we try to visit them at least once a year. Our best friends are also considered family and even though they live far from us currently (Arizona, Ohio, Australia, Mexico, etc.) we make efforts to visit them and create space for them to visit us as often as we can.

TRADITIONS

At the center of everything we do is our faith and belief in Jesus as our savior. We are redeemed by his sacrifice and free to love others as a result. Our values also center largely around family, community, and creating global good by loving others, bringing a small piece of Heaven here to earth. We achieve this by keeping family at the center of our lives best seen through our weekly family dinners. We focus on our community by partnering with our church to fill the void left by inadequate government programs. We create global good by volunteering for mission trips and by supporting our missionary friends who feel called to serve full-time in the mission field. Our ethos is of thoughtfulness, respect, and compassion.



Our Home at Sunset



We have a large park five minutes from our house



Ronit parents backyard swings



We have an aquarium 15 minutes from our house

Our Little Part of the World

We live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We live near the Arkansas river that cuts through the city and has 100's of miles of trails along either side for biking or running, and parks for kids to play at almost every mile. We live just about a mile down from the largest free public park in the whole country; The Gathering Place. We also have a lovely neighborhood with several families with young children and we go on walks daily. When the weather doesn't accommodate walking around the neighborhood we have The Discovery Lab (a type of children's museum) just a couple of miles down the road, or there is an aquarium and a zoo, each about a 15 minute drive away.

My (Ronit's) parents live a mile down the road from us and have an open door policy and a great back yard. There is a little library between our house and my parents house that I grew up walking to all the time and I look forward to walking there with my kids to check out books.

Our church is within a 5 minute drive from us and we have been able to connect with a diverse group of people through our church community. Pursuing adoption has opened many doors to more relationships and community through our church as there are several families that either foster or have adopted. We hold a small church group in our home every Sunday and love hosting.

We have a cozy 1950's Ranch Style home. Since moving in, we have replaced the roof, overhauled the garage, which has become Joshua's workshop, replaced the entire HVAC system, as well as the hot water heater. Our next project includes redoing the backyard, to create an "end of day" oasis.



Josh loves fishing



Live music is one our favorite events



Playing board games



Scuba diving!

Hobbies & Fun
We both have a deep appreciation for travel, music, and unique international food. We also love exploring new things. Simply put, Ronit and I love engaging in activities that move us, change us, or help us connect on a deeper level with our friends and loved ones. We enjoy simple pleasures like our morning and evening walks as a family, board games, and really good coffee to start our day. We love a good road trip. Anything fun and creative, we are down to try!



Skiing with Ronit's family



Volunteering with our church



We love camping, especially in hammocks



We love staining glass and pottery



Childrens museum fun!



Teaching Aviel to be safe with fire



The tunnel of trees on our street



parenting + Adoption

We are excited to take this next step. Our approach to parenting is balanced. We balance gentle parenting (i.e., we listen, guide, encourage and praise our children) with authoritative parenting when their safety is at risk. Strict decisive instructions are critical if there is an immediate danger. However, more often than not, slowing down and listening can do much more good. Our goal as parents is to encourage our children to become well-adjusted human beings. We want to encourage each of our children to ask questions and stay curious. Responding with “because I said so”, does little to build the confidence of the child. Surely, as time goes on, our adopted child may have questions about you, their past and their biological family. We are committed to keeping the communication lines open as long as it remains an edifying and healthy place for our child. Abuse of any kind from anyone will not be tolerated. We don’t anticipate that being an issue. Therefore, we look forward to having you be a part of our son or daughter’s life as much as you would like to. We will still be their parents of course, but we will make sure you have multiple opportunities so see your little one as they learn & grow (especially if you live in the area). If you live outside of the Tulsa region, we are happy to share photos, videos and set up scheduled video calls. Transparency, respect, and communication will guide our relationship moving forward.



Family Information

Date of marriage: 04/02/2022

Children: Aviel is our only child at this time and will be two in January 2026. She is strong, independent, outgoing, empathetic, gentle, and caring. The first time she kissed anyone it was her newly born cousin, eight months younger than her. She is always on the lookout for any animals or babies she can cuddle and is naturally very gentle with all living things. She rarely takes more than a few minutes to warm up to strangers. She has so much love to give that she will cuddle whatever is in her arms, even a blueberry if it brings her joy. She is also drawn to music—dancing the moment it plays, pounding on the piano with Mama, showing off her unrhythmic drum skills, and always calmed by hearing her parents sing. We can't wait to see her pour this same loving care on a little sibling.

Interest and hobbies: We both have a deep appreciation for travel, music, and unique international food. We also love exploring new things. Simply put, Ronit and I love engaging in activities that move us, change us, or help us connect on a deeper level with our friends and loved ones. We enjoy simple pleasures like our morning and evening walks as a family, board games, and really good coffee to start our day. We love a good road trip. Anything fun and creative, we are down to try!

Home: We live in a peaceful neighborhood, in a cozy two-bedroom, two-bathroom home. We've lived here for nearly four years and have spent that time building relationships and community with our neighbors. There are so many kids in our neighborhood and we picture our little corner becoming the street hockey/street basketball corner of our neighborhood as these kids grow up together since there is very little through traffic of vehicles. We are a very short drive from Ronit's parents, the Gathering Place, Discovery Lab, so many small parks, a zoo, and an aquarium.

Pets: We have two dogs: Emerson and Cash. Emerson is an 8-year-old Blue Heeler. Named after the author, he is a sweet yet grumpy ol' boy who likes to grumble about waking up, the temperature, his food, and his bedtime. Everything. He is the sweet old grandpa we love and put up with, as time has made his grumpy spirit somehow more endearing. Cash is our Black Lab. Named after the musician, he was rescued from a home where he was kept outdoors with little food and shelter. He came to us with Entropion (a condition where his lower eyelid folds in on itself), which we had surgically corrected, and he has been a happy boy ever since. The sweet pup is a marshmallow and lets Emerson get his way, and he loves Aviel.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Ronit has a lot of adopted cousins and always wanted to build her own family through adoption as a result. Josh sees adoption as a beautiful way to care for someone at the hardest point in their life. We love the caring heart behind adopting into one's family and we love that it reflects our own adoption into God's kingdom. We can all look and think differently from one another, but we are all family under Christ. We would love for our family to reflect Christ in this way.

Openness to birthparent(s): We've spent a lot of time reflecting and praying about what openness could look like in our adoption journey. It's deeply important to us that the birth family feels valued and connected. We hope to share regular updates—through photos, letters, phone calls, or emails—as the child grows. We're also open to in-person visits throughout the year, especially for special milestones and moments. Our desire is to build a meaningful, respectful relationship that feels natural and supportive for everyone involved. We truly believe that openness can be a beautiful way to expand our family and give the child a deeper understanding of where they come from and how deeply they are loved by everyone.

Childcare plans: Ronit is the primary caregiver when Josh is at work. Ronit works three 12-hour shifts a week. While Ronit works Aviel is taken care of by either Ronit's parents, Ronit's Aunt Mary, or our nanny, Olivia. All of these backup caregivers love our child and are excited to love and care for another child when we adopt. On days when Ronit is working and Josh is home, is great at being a stay-at-home Dad too.



Mother's Name: Ronit

Occupation: ICU Nurse

Education: BA Linguistics, BS in Nursing, MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediation

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 09/19/1984

Hair Color: Brown | **Eye Color:** Hazel | **Height:** 5' 4"



Father's Name: Josh

Occupation: CRNA (Nurse Anesthetist)

Education: Masters of Science with a focus in Nurse Anesthesia

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 02/26/1984

Hair Color: Brown | **Eye Color:** Blue | **Height:** 6' 0"



Thank You

We are sinners saved by grace. We are imperfect. We will make mistakes. The road ahead will have difficulties. But our heart's desire is to fulfill God's calling "To look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27b. We promise to love you right where you are. We promise to love and guide this child their whole life. We will encourage Christ in them and support them becoming all that God has created them to be. Thank you so much for your gift and the choice you are making to include others in the life of this child.

We are with you,

Josh & Ronit

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