

MARK & SARA

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HELLO FRIEND

Thank you for taking the time to view our book. We know that life has brought you to an unexpected place, but we believe God has a purpose for your life and this child's life. Know that we have prayed for you, the reader of this book, that God would give you wisdom to make the best decision for you and this child. We hope that as you view our book, you'll be able to see the love we have for God, for each other, and our family and friends. Growing our family has been a long journey, but we believe that God has led us to this point. We are excited to become parents through adoption. Should you choose us to be this child's family, we have a lot of love to give, as do our extended family & friends. We thank you for considering us. God bless you.

MARK & SARA



Boston

Coffee in Newport, RI



Office Christmas Party



Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference



Easter Sunday at church







OUR STORY

We met in a Facebook group in April 2020. During the Covid lockdown, we got to know each other very well via video chat. We bonded over our faith and the recent loss of both of our fathers. We had our first date in June, got engaged in September, and got married December of that same year! God truly brought us together at the right time and we are so grateful. When we were first married, we lived in New York State, near the Adirondacks. We loved the area and the people there, but we were far from any of our family. In October 2024, we made the move to Southeast PA to be closer to family. We bought a house in April 2025, and we love our quiet neighborhood. We walk our neighborhood daily and enjoy getting to chat with neighbors. We enjoy exploring our local area, and taking day trips and vacations. We love spending time with family, and our future child will have seven cousins eager to meet him or her! We're also very involved in our church, and our small group gets together for dinner and Bible study every other Monday. The other couples in the group all have small children and have been praying & supporting us in this journey! We both work from home for the same company. When we become parents, we plan for Sara to be a stay-at-home-mom.





Newport, RI



MEET SARA

I grew up in upstate New York with my parents and two sisters. I'm in the middle of three girls. Both sets of grandparents and most of my aunts, uncles, and cousins lived nearby and I was raised with a love for God and family. My parents and grandparents were strong in their faith and involved in our church, and that helped shape who I am. I still enjoy being with family and serving in the church. I love to cook & bake, and host friends and family in our home. I have many indoor and outdoor plants, and love to see them grow and flourish. I also enjoy crocheting and creating things for my friends & family, and reading a good cozy mystery. I have wanted to be a mom as long as I can remember. My mother was a stay-at-home-mom, and that's something I desire.

Disney World



Sara at Her Cousin's Wedding



Sara and Her Younger Sister



WHAT MARK SAYS ABOUT SARA

Sara is an amazing person with a kind and caring heart. She always finds ways to connect with others, check in with them, and care for them. She is multi-talented and always learning. In the past year she learned to crochet and made many hats and items as gifts. Also she has learned more about house plants and has a green thumb. She has the heart of a servant and serves well at church in our tech booth but also loves to serve our families, especially find ways to care for and have fun with our nephews and nieces. Sara is always patient with me and others through the ups and downs in life.





Being silly



MEET MARK

Growing up I always enjoyed being creative and finding ways to apply that to different areas of life. While being creative as an adult looks different, I enjoy learning photography and taking my camera with me when I can or capturing what I see with my smartphone camera. My parents taught my sister and I what it means to work hard, the value of family, and finding ways to explore the world around us. I enjoy working with my team and other teams at work to create various documents and items that help our customers and sales team sell our products. When not working I enjoy being active. I like finding ways to get outside, explore, hike, run, bike, etc. I am also learning more about house maintenance and trying to do some projects myself. I look forward to being a dad on a day to day basis but also to creating memories with our kids, building traditions, finding fun projects to do together, traveling, going to sporting events, and other fun activities.

Milkshakes at the Farm Show



Mark and His Sister Celebrating Birthdays



Trying on Silly Glasses with Our Nephew



WHAT SARA SAYS ABOUT MARK

When I met Mark, two things became clear to me quickly: his love for God and his love for people. Mark is a kind and gentle man, always thinking of others. He's constantly looking for ways to help people, pray for people, or reach out with a word of encouragement. He's dedicated to seeking God, spending time in prayer, and serving in the church. He has such a creative mind. He loves taking photos and sees the beauty in everyday things. While he's gentle and soft-spoken, he also makes me laugh in unexpected ways, and loves dad jokes and puns. He is patient and intentional when spending time with our nieces and nephews, and they adore him. I know he will be an amazing father. I thank God often for bringing us together.



OUR LITTLE WORLD

We live in southeast Pennsylvania in a quiet neighborhood. We enjoy daily walks in our neighborhood and local parks. Our home is a 1950s three-bedroom brick ranch. One of our favorite things about our home is our large backyard. It's perfect for hosting campfires, cookouts, and playing outdoor games like badminton, cornhole, and bocce. We love getting to host family & friends. We have several different types of flowers and plants in our yard, along with a vegetable garden in the summer. Our local area has so much to offer. There are many parks, libraries, walking trails, and community events. There is culture & history to enjoy in our town and surrounding areas.



At a Local Ice Cream Place



Family Badminton



Campfire in the backyard



Building a Workbench in Our Basement



Playing Cornhole with Our Niece & Nephew



Mark Grilling in Our Backyard



Acadia National Park, Maine



Camping with Family



Swan Boat in Boston with Friends



Valley Forge National Park



Atlantis Resort, Bahamas



Disney World



Shenandoah National Park, Virginia



San Juan, Puerto Rico

AROUND THE WORLD

Whether it's a weekend trip a couple hours from home or somewhere further, we enjoy getting to travel and see new places. Together we've gotten to explore national parks and historical sites such as Shenandoah, Valley Forge, Acadia, and Gettysburg. We have summer passes to Hershey Park and enjoy many visits there each year. We've tent camped with family and enjoyed exploring the lake and trails nearby. We've spent time at the Jersey Shore, and would like to visit more of the beaches there. We've enjoyed two cruises together, and loved exploring the different port cities including Old San Juan, Puerto Rico and Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. We've visited Disney World together, and hope to bring our children there one day. We have family who live on the beach in North Carolina and have enjoyed visiting them a couple of times. We have more places in the US and beyond that we'd like to see. We both have good memories of family vacations growing up, and we yearn to make those memories with our children one day.



A Visit From Good Friends From NY



Our Church Small Group



Mark's Mom, Sister's Family, and Aunt & Uncle



Mark's Family at His Sister's Wedding

FAMILY, FAITH, AND TRADITIONS

Family – We're incredibly thankful for the family and friends God has given us, and our future child has already been prayed for and will be welcomed with open arms by our loved ones and church family. We're blessed to live near much of our extended family, while others visit regularly, and we're surrounded by a supportive church community and small group of families with young children who are excited to welcome our child. We're grateful for the cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends who will love and support our child throughout their life.

Faith – We believe one of the most important things we can do as parents is teach our children to know and love God and develop a relationship with Him. Our faith is central to our lives, and even through seasons of grief and loss, we have experienced God's goodness and provision. We attend church faithfully, serve in various ministries, and are thankful to be part of a Bible-believing community where we can raise our children in faith.

Traditions - We love getting to spend the holidays with family. Whether it's gathering for swimming and a cookout on the 4th of July, or decorating Christmas cookies and attending church together on Christmas Eve, we love getting to spend special times with family. We also love gathering to celebrate birthdays. It's a joy to get together and celebrate each other!



Our Niece's First Birthday



Cousins on Mark's Side



Some of Sara's Cousins

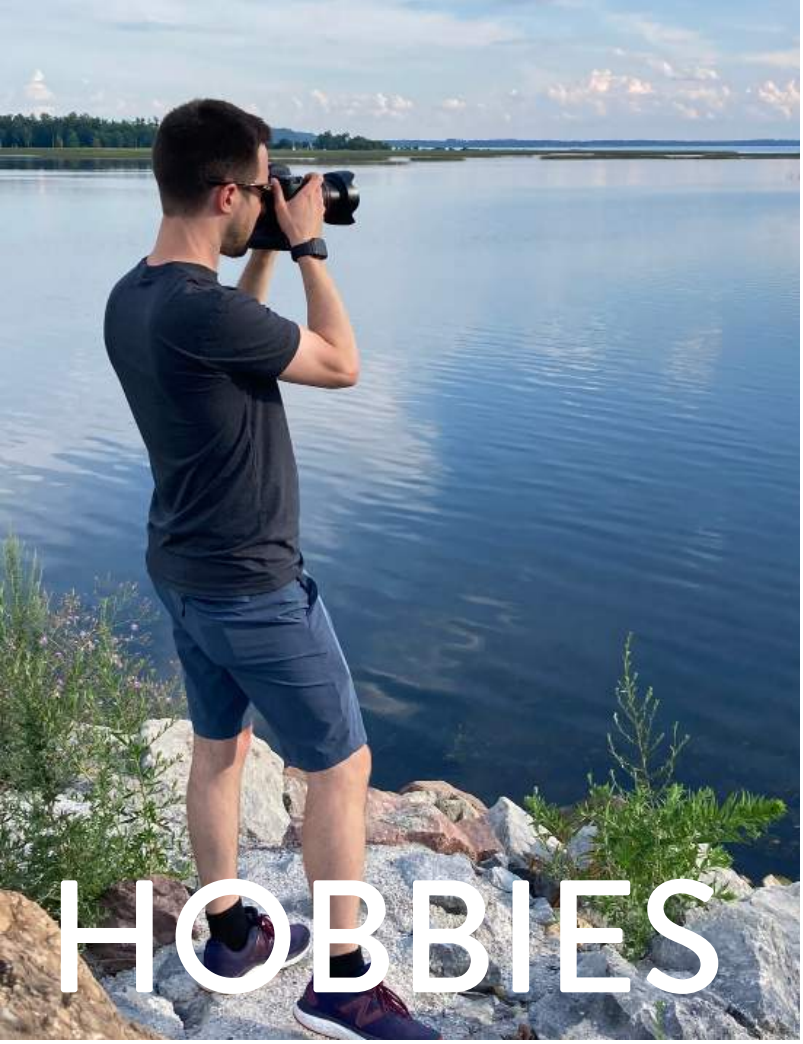


Sara's Family at Her Mom's Birthday Party



Some of Sara's Extended Family





HOBBIES



Mark Doing Yard Work

+ ACTIVITIES

We love exploring our town, state, and country and desire to do more international travel. We enjoy doing outdoor activities together. Sara has many hobbies including reading, crocheting, tending to plants, and working on our vegetable garden. Mark enjoys various hobbies like hiking, photography, running, reading, and keeping our yard looking good. In the evening we'll enjoy a TV show together or play a game of Mario Kart. We also enjoy hosting friends and family at our home, playing games, and enjoying a meal together. We serve in the tech booth at our church together and enjoy attending church fellowship events.



Serving in the Tech Booth at Church



Sara Watering Our Vegetable Garden



Mark's Half Marathon


Sara Making Homemade Bagels


Christmas Eve Choir at Church


Hiking Near Lake Placid, NY


Playing Pickleball


Sara's Blanket She Crocheted

ADOPTION & PARENTING

We believe that teaching our children about God's saving love for them and that He created them for a purpose is the most important thing we can do. We also want to give our children a childhood full of adventure, fun, love, and family. We'd love to give them less screens and more playing outside and getting to just be kids. We also desire to teach them about and celebrate their unique background and culture. This includes you! We believe that an open adoption is a great way to help our children feel connected to their roots and the culture that they came from. We desire to cultivate a relationship with you, sharing updates, photos, and phone calls. We're also open to visits, as long as you're comfortable with it. We want this child to be proud of their adoption story and where they came from.





Father's Name:
Mark

Occupation:
Engineer

Education:
Bachelor's & Master's degrees, both in Engineering Management

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1986

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 10"



Mother's Name:
Sara

Occupation:
Education Data Entry Specialist

Education:
Bachelor's in Communication & Writing

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
05/23/85

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Green

Height:
5' 8"

FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of marriage: 2020

Children: We don't currently have children, but we hope and pray God will bless us with multiple children!

Interest and hobbies: We both like to get outdoors. Mark loves hiking & Sara loves tending to her garden. We both enjoy taking walks, both through our neighborhood and at the local park. Mark enjoys photography, and takes beautiful nature photos. He likes to stay in shape and has run multiple half-marathons. Sara enjoys cooking & baking and trying new recipes. She is interested in nutrition and keeping us healthy through the food we eat. She also enjoys reading and crochet. We both love exploring our local area. Places we like to visit within a short drive include Gettysburg, Lancaster, Valley Forge Historical Park, the Jersey Shore, Annapolis, MD, and more. We also enjoy further travels. We have enjoyed two cruises together, a trip to Disney World, trips to visit family in North Carolina and Florida, and we have more trips in mind with our children one day!

Home: We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick ranch home, featuring a large backyard, perfect for children to play in. Our neighborhood is quiet and we've enjoyed getting to know our neighbors as we take our daily walks. We're also a short drive to a local park where we enjoy walking trails. It also has a large playground where we have taken our niece and nephew to play. Some of our family lives in the area, and we enjoy getting together for birthdays, holidays, or a dinner or campfire just because.

Pets: We do not have pets.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We both feel a God-given desire to be parents. As we've tried to grow our family over the last five years, we've experienced several miscarriages. After much prayer and counsel, we felt God leading us toward adoption. We have a desire to welcome children into our safe and loving home, and raise them to know and love Jesus.

Openness to birthparent(s): We believe openness in adoption helps a child feel connected to their roots, and we plan to foster that connection. We hope to share regular updates, and we're open to in-person visits. We desire to build a meaningful relationship that everyone involved is comfortable with, and that gives this child an understanding of where they came from.

Childcare plans: Our plan is for Sara to be a stay-at-home-mom.



THANK YOU

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to look at our book. We can't to begin to imagine all that you're feeling right now. We hope & pray that God will give you peace and assurance as you make this decision.

Should you choose us to parent this child, we would be truly honored. We promise he or she will be well loved, and raised in a household that loves God and loves people. We hope to stay connected with you, and will continue to pray for you and cheer you on.

Thank you for considering us. It's an immense honor.

Love,

MARK & SARA

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