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WELCOME

We are Scott, Josie, Derek, and Drew

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and read our story. We have been praying for you as you walk through this journey of choosing a family for your child. We are Scott and Josie. We're both originally from Illinois, but have settled down in rural Oklahoma where we enjoy homestead life.

We've always known that adoption was what God called us to do and how He wanted our family to be built. Adoption was never a second choice or backup option for us. We adopted our oldest son, Derek, from Hong Kong in September 2017 and our youngest son, Drew, domestically in 2019. We are all so excited to add another member to our tribe.

We are a transracial, adoptive family and have taught our children that families don't have to look the same to love each other. We also believe adoption is a beautiful picture of the Gospel, of God adopting us into His family. Our experience with adoption has been a huge blessing and we wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

We truly believe that God will give you wisdom and strength as you look through profiles of couples that could be your child's parents. Regardless of your ultimate decision, we are so grateful that you are willing to consider us. We will continue to pray for you and your baby as you seek to make the best decision for you both.

Scott and Josie



OUR STORY

meet us

We met through our church's young adult single's group and started dating in November 2009. Our relationship got very serious very quickly and we got engaged January 29th, 2010 after 2 months and 1 week of dating. We married exactly a year later on January 29, 2011 and are blessed to still be together over 15 years later.

We were initially drawn to each other because we felt the other was very kind, a good listener, and seemed to genuinely care about the other person's life. What continues to draw us to each other is the commitment and bond we have. We're continuing to learn what it means to truly live out the vows we made on our wedding day. We've walked through good times and hard times together and have grown stronger together as a couple and family.

We've gone through many things as a couple. We've moved, put down new roots, and added family members. We've also faced medical challenges and deaths in the family. This has only deepened our love for each other and improved communication even more as we seek to parent our children and love each other well.

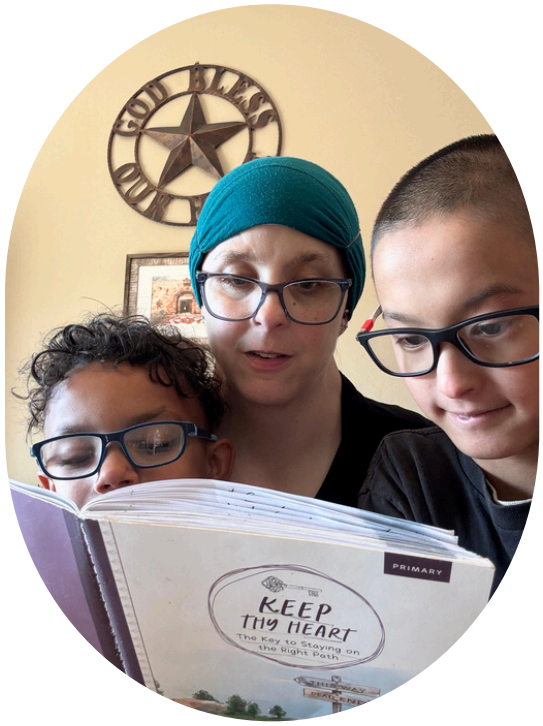
Every challenge we've encountered, we've faced as a team, knowing that with God, we can make it through with our family unit being healthier and more connected than before.



At our church



At a friend's house



Doing our Bible study lesson together



Family vacation!

our family's values

Our faith is the most important thing to our family. It is our foundation. We believe in loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, obeying His commandments, and loving our neighbor. We strongly value our faith, family time, honesty, and service to one another.

We have a motto of "head down, hands dirty", meaning we are focused on loving God and our neighbor by helping one another and serving where we can. If someone needs help, we try and help if we can. It's a value we want to pass down to our children. If we are not pouring our lives out in service to God and others as a living offering to Him, we are not stewarding the life or resources God has given us well.

Another motto we have as a family is "we stick together." We want our children to remember that, no matter what else happens, our family will work together, stay together, and be okay.

We are intentional with each other and invest in our family by spending time together, reading, playing, doing fun activities, going on vacations, and making memories together.



loving, caring, comical

JOSIE

about me

I grew up as the third of 6 children in Peoria, Illinois. I enjoyed being a part of a large family, where I was taught that children are a blessing. I couldn't wait to have a family of my own. With that, my family is my greatest passion. I love being my husband's biggest cheerleader and helpmate, caring for our home, and instilling faith and godly values into the lives of our children. It's the best, most rewarding work, and totally worth every hard moment.

Besides my faith and family, building relationships with people and sharing what I'm passionate about makes me come alive! I love advocating for homeschooling and adoption and sharing my experiences with people who may not know a lot about those things. There's still a lot of misunderstanding out there and I like challenging people to look at things from a different perspective they may not have considered before.

In my free time I love to crochet or listen to music or a good audiobook, especially while I'm cleaning or folding laundry.

A few of Josie's FAVORITE THINGS

MUSIC
For King and Country, and Skillet

HOBBY
Crocheting

DESSERT
Gluten-free cheesecake

COMFORT FOOD
Sushi

PLACE TO GO AS A FAMILY
Playground

HOLIDAY
Thanksgiving



Josie and the boys at the playground



Josie visiting the butterfly garden



Josie loves being a mom to Derek and Drew



Josie with one of our chickens!

MY WIFE

JOSIE

by Scott

I fell in love with Josie because of her sincere kindness to all. She is loving and caring to everyone she interacts with. She's also very social. I'm more introverted, so she balances me out really well.

I love her heart and attitude. She always has an attitude of gratitude. She's great at boosting people's day. For example, whenever we're out to eat or at a store, she's always looking for ways to encourage or compliment people, whether that's the server, checkout person, or even just someone else at a nearby table or someone that we're walking by.

As a mother, she's very nurturing with our children. She stays at home with them and loves teaching and training them in the ways of God. She loves playing games with them, especially chess, and reading to them. She also brings them alongside when doing work around the homestead and teaching them life skills, like how to care for our farm kitties or chickens.

Josie is a dedicated wife and mother. She's always there when needed and has grace, mercy, and love overflowing for all.



steady, dedicated, caring

SCOTT

about me

I grew up in downstate Illinois in a small town and rural area. I'm very thankful to have grown up in a small town area in the era before kids had cell phones and students were so reliant on computers. It allowed me to spend a lot of time developing relationships with friends and spending time outside.

I love listening to podcasts, watching baseball, and working on financial analysis and budgeting. From a family perspective, we enjoy eating out together, going on walks, and watching baseball or other videos. We really enjoy going on family vacations as well.

One of my greatest passions is doing financial coaching with others and teaching them financial stewardship and how important that is to their walk with Christ. My calling is the same as all Christians... Love God, love people, make disciples. Specifically, I am to be the leader of my family and lead them in a way that makes them draw closer to Him each and every day.

A few of Scott's FAVORITE THINGS

SPORTS TEAM
Cleaveland Guardians

HOLIDAY
Independence Day and Thanksgiving

COMFORT FOOD
Cheeseburger

PLACE TO GO AS A FAMILY
To the ice cream shop

MUSIC ARTIST
Shane and Shane

HOBBY
Podcasts (currently health/ fitness & baseball)



Scott and the boys playing battleship



Scott and Drew building a chicken coop



Scott reading with the boys



Scott visiting the alamo!

MY HUSBAND

SCOTT

by Josie

I fell in love with Scott because of his sweet personality and willingness to listen to my heart. I also love his willingness to love and serve others, as well as his ability to methodically look at something and execute a plan so flawlessly. He balances me out so well and is willing to work together using our various strengths to get the job done.

He is logical, strong, kind, and has a servant's heart. He is very protective of his family. He loves goofing around with the boys, telling them dad jokes, playing baseball, and teaching them different life skills and how to be godly men. He instills in them the importance of being respectful towards everyone, especially women, helping others where needed, and being an asset to our family, church, and community.

Scott is my rock, my steady place when life gets chaotic. He's my provider and protector. He's a dedicated husband and father.



Derek

FUNNY,
SMART,
TALENTED



Drew

GOOFBALL,
ENERGETIC,
SPUNKY

MEET OUR BOYS

We brought Derek home from Hong Kong in 2017 when he was 3 years old. He's taught us so much about unconditional love, patience, and walking through hard times together.

He's a goofball, math whizz, and chess genius. He loves reading, all things cars, Lego, and chess. His new favorite thing is origami. We're constantly impressed with how quickly and easily he picks up something and how skilled he is at it.

He also cares a lot for people and likes helping where he can. He's very social and has enjoyed forming new friendships in our church's youth group.

Drew is so funny and is constantly doing stuff to make us laugh. He's on the go all the time and enjoys playing with his toys, going outside, coloring, and reading books. He's taught us a lot about walking through different medical situations and challenges well, perseverance, and being present in every moment.

He loves helping dad in the garage or following mom around outside as she takes care of the chickens.

We have an amazing open adoption relationship with Drew's birth family. We love them, and they've become our extended family.



Scott building the chicken coop



Derek and Drew feeding the chickens



Josie and her friend, Amber, from church



Derek and Drew at swim practice

our home + community



We've had Ziva since 2014 and Ranger since 2020.

Ziva we call "Ziva-div" (short for Ziva the Diva). She's sweet, spunky, and funny. Even though she's a senior dog and slowing down more, she still has plenty of moments where she gets the zoomies and plays around like a puppy. Ranger is our silly boy we call "Rangey B" (for his name Ranger Barret). He's a cuddle bug and loves curling up next to us or on our lap.

Both dogs are good with children, and we work hard to teach our children good boundaries and respect for their personal space.

We live in a small, rural town south of Stillwater, Oklahoma on acreage where children can play, be creative, have fun, but also learn important skills like caring for land and animals. We love the quiet country life, low crime, and opportunity to be outside together as a family.

Friday night starts our weekly Sabbath, so we do Shabbat dinner together. We always enjoy spending that time together every week, whether it's just us or with church friends. Saturday mornings are pretty relaxed as we prepare to go to church in the early afternoon. These two days are by far the highlight of our week. Sunday's are another family day where we often go for lunch or dinner and do something fun.

We home school and keep up with the typical household and outdoor chores during the week with the occasional doctors appointment or errand thrown in there. Derek does youth group on Wednesday's and Josie goes to prayer group on Thursday's.

Our village is our church family. They're some of the most genuine, loving, kind people you will ever meet. They truly are the hands and feet of Yeshua (Jesus), willing to drop whatever they're doing to help someone in need, whether that's bringing them a meal, helping with a house project, or praying for them.

our hobbies

In Scott's free time, he likes working outside clearing land. When he's not doing that, he's either in the garage organizing, putting something together, or working inside on a spreadsheet for the household or church board.

Josie likes spending time outside with her chickens, crocheting, or listening to a good audiobook.

As a couple, we like relaxing on the couch talking or watching a Youtube video, whether that's a message from a Pastor, something health related, or a DIY video for a project we want to work on.

We love our hobbies because they give us outlets to be creative, but they're also very productive.

We use our weekends as family time. We'll do stuff together around the house or go do an activity like mini golf or walk around a park or the zoo.



Passover meal with friends and family

OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS

We look forward to our annual camping trip each year. We, along with our church family, observe the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) and spend 10 days camping, socializing, worshipping, and discussing scripture. It's so much fun!

The Biblical Feasts are special days to us that we get to celebrate every year. We especially look forward to Passover and Sukkot. For Passover, we have a special meal and watch The Prince of Egypt movie. For Sukkot, we love going camping and making s'mores or eating brisket.

We love these traditions because we love worshipping God and spending time together as a family and a church body.

It wouldn't be the same if we didn't have each other and our church family together celebrating these special moments.



Celebrating Sukkot during our camping trip!

our extended family



Josie and her siblings

Even though we don't live close to our extended family, we are very intentional with staying connected to them. Josie calls or text her mom, siblings, and other extended family multiple times a week. Her mom especially is very involved in all her grandchildren's lives and comes to visit a few times a year around our birthdays. Scott will call or text his mom, dad, and brother every couple of weeks. Even though they aren't as involved in our lives, we love each other and make the most of the times we are able to be together when we visit. We typically try and arrange a video call with family on the boys' birthdays as well, and always include Drew's birth family in these.

We go back to Illinois every year or two for Thanksgiving, and typically try to stop in Springfield, MO, to visit Drew's birth family on our way there or back. We consider Drew's birth family our extended family and they have been wonderful to us. We text multiple times a week with them, and they are so gracious to send care packages for us which include gifts for the adults and a bunch of toys for the boys.

Our extended family is a lot of fun, loving, caring, and protective of each other.

Scott's mom and brother



Scott's dad and stepmom



Josie's mom and her niece, Audrey



Josie and her dad



**Drew with his birth mom, Holly.
She is like extended family to us!**



**Our family with Drew's entire
birth family**



OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION + PARENTING

We've adopted twice already and are excited to embark on this journey again. We love children and desired to share the love we have with more children. We frequently talk with our boys about how God has adopted us into His family, just like we've adopted them into our family.

We are open to adopting transracially again. Both our boys share ethnic backgrounds that are different than ours, and we love that. Derek is Asian and Drew is African American. We've enjoyed learning about their cultures and sharing cultural experiences with them, like how to cook different Asian foods or how to care for Drew's hair.

Instead of being intimidated by learning new things or how people will look at us, we choose to see the positives and celebrate how God put together our unique family. Children are a blessing and our job as parents is to love them, raise them well, and point them to Christ.

ON OPENNESS:

We're willing to follow your lead on the type and frequency of contact you'd like. We're open to sending photos, exchanging text messages, and phone/video calls. We are also open to communicating through our agency if you're more comfortable with that. We're open to at least one in person visit a year, and are willing to consider additional visits depending on location. We've seen the beauty and benefits of open adoption with Drew, our youngest, and are comfortable with developing whatever level of relationship that you're willing to have with us, whether that's staying in touch weekly, monthly, or yearly.

family information

Scott



Occupation: Accountant

Education: Mater's

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 3/24/83

Josie



Occupation: Stay-at-home mom

Education: Associate's

Religion: Christian

Date of Birth: 12/5/89

Date of marriage: 1/29/2011

Children: Derek was born in Kowloon, Hong Kong in 2014 and came to our family in 2017 through NIghtlight's international adoption program. He is very smart and silly. He enjoys cars, reading, chess, art, origami, and playing outside. Drew was born in Springfield, Missouri in 2019 and we adopted him at birth through Nightlight's domestic infant program. He's tender-hearted, funny, and active. He loves art, reading, playing with toys, helping with the farm animals, and playing outside.

Interests and hobbies: Scott likes working outside clearing land. When he's not doing that, he's either in the garage organizing, putting something together, or working inside on a spreadsheet for the household or church board. Josie likes spending time with the kids, being outside, crocheting, or listening to a good audiobook. We like relaxing on the couch, talking or watching a movie or helpful or educational Youtube video, whether it's spiritual, DIY, health-related, or sometimes just entertaining.

Home: We have chickens, guienas, farm kitties, and two indoor dogs.
We like living in the country, but also live close enough to major cities that we can easily make drives into town for groceries or doctor's appointments. We live a short distance from our church and enjoy participating in any activities they have throughout the week.

Pets: Ziva is our female Mini Goldendoodle born in 2014. She's sweet, spunky, and adores Scott. She still gets the zoomies and can be super playful. Ranger is our male Mini Goldendoodle born in 2020. He's a huge cuddle bug, funny, and entertains us all with his goofiness. He loves his neck scratches. They are both good with children.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: After adopting Derek in 2017 and Drew in 2019, we took time to pray together, seek godly counsel, and decided we wanted to add another member to our family. We believe children are a blessing and want to share all the love we have with however many children the Lord chooses to bless us with. We feel called to raise our children to love God, love others, and live lives of service and sacrifice to grow His kingdom.

Childcare plans: In 2014, Josie transitioned to being a stay-at-home wife while we prepared for children. Once we adopted Derek in 2017, she became a stay-at-home mom and focuses on homeschooling our children and maintaining our home. That continues to be the plan as we add children to our family. We also have a wonderful community around us who will support us with meals and cleaning after we bring the new baby home.



THANK YOU

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us and for considering us. We know you didn't enter this process lightly, that you spent countless hours considering what to do and who to pick to raise your child. If you do choose us, we promise to raise your child to know about you and how much you love them. We will talk about you and pray for you.

We are excited to see what this baby inherits from you, what their little personalities are like, and who they will become. We will teach them about God, His love for them, how He formed them in your womb and how He caused our lives to intersect and brought our families together in a way only He could have done.

We pray you know how precious you and your baby are in the eyes of our Father. We wanted to leave you with a blessing we recite almost every night with our children and at church every Saturday:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace" (Deut.6:22-26).

Scott & Josie

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