

THE "O" family



Hi there!
Welcome to a peek into our family!

We're a family of five- Husband, Wife, and three beautiful children. We live in small town Iowa on a few acres of wooded land overlooking a river.

We live a simple life. We serve Jesus the best we know how. Love each other the best we can. Serve where and when we can. Hug each other often. Say "I love you" everyday. Sometimes we argue and then we apologize. We are not perfect, but we do our best.

As you get to know our family, know this, we are here with open hands and open hearts. We are open to any gender or race of child. We are open to meeting you and your family, if circumstances allow us too. If you'd rather not, that's okay too. We're new at this adoption process, but we're here, willing and ready for where ever God leads.

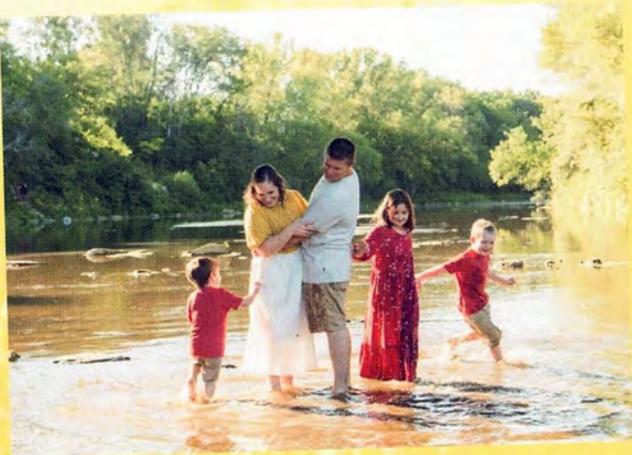
We pray you find peace with the decisions you choose, whether its our family or another family. As parents all we want is the best for our children and we'll do all we can to give them that.

Now, if you'd like, come and meet our family!

this is us

Derlyn & Lucinda
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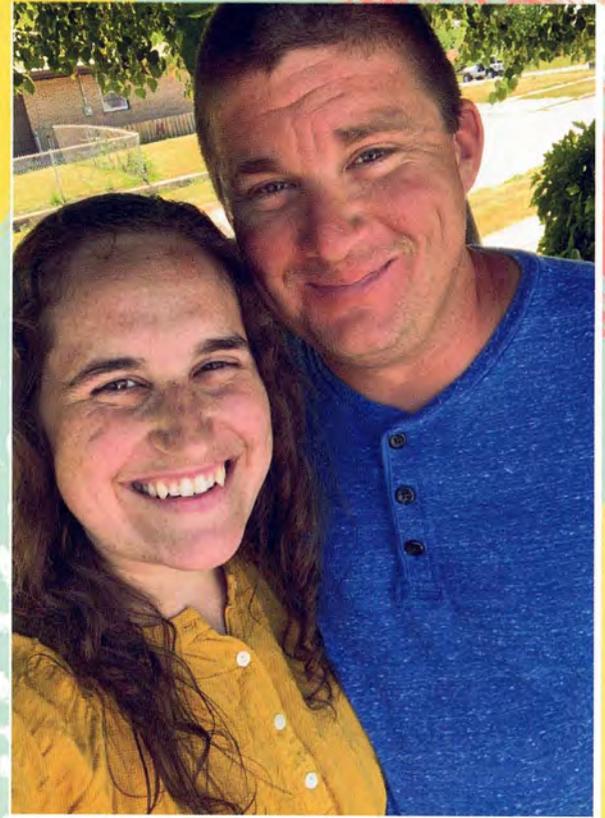
Makensie- 2013
Skyler- 2015
Avery- 2017



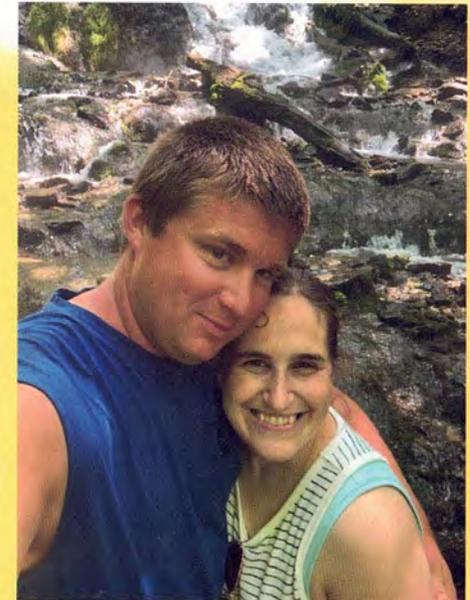
our story

We were married on a beautiful day in June of 2012, surrounded by family & friends.

We met through mutual friends in 2010. We had a 1,000 mile long distance relationship, until Derlyn moved from his hometown to be closer to Lucinda. We've been married 10 years, with lots of goodness, some hard ship and lots of love in those years. We love spending time together, seeing new places and trying new restaurants, always together. We have our moments, but at the end of they day, together is where we want to be!



Our first photo together.



MEET *Derlyn*

Husband and father, Derlyn is the rock of the family. Always steady, always providing, always loving. He loves his people fiercely and will do anything for them. He provides for his family by working in a cabinetry shop where they stain, paint, and varnish kitchen cabinetry.

In his free time, you can find him working on projects around the house, spending time with the children, or watching NASCAR.



MEET *Lucinda*

Wife and mother, Lucinda keeps the home. As a stay at home mother her days are spent making food, caring for the children, homeschooling, and taking care of the daily home chores (Derlyn helps her too!). She enjoys a good, deep conversation, adventures of any kind, loves learning about anything, enjoys a good board game, and likes to go hiking and exploring. She enjoys taking her children on mini adventures around our little town. In her free time, you find her relaxing with a good movie or book with a cup of tea in hand.



MEET Makensie

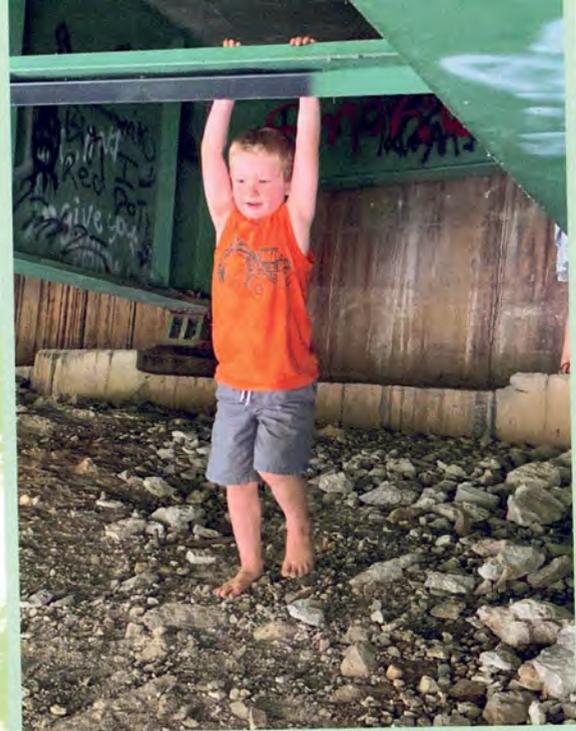


Makensie is our oldest daughter. She is driven and determined. She loves painting, is constantly drawing, dancing, and creating. She doesn't mind getting dirty, and is up for most adventures! Like her dad she is fiercely protective and has a fire that can change the world.



MEET Skyler

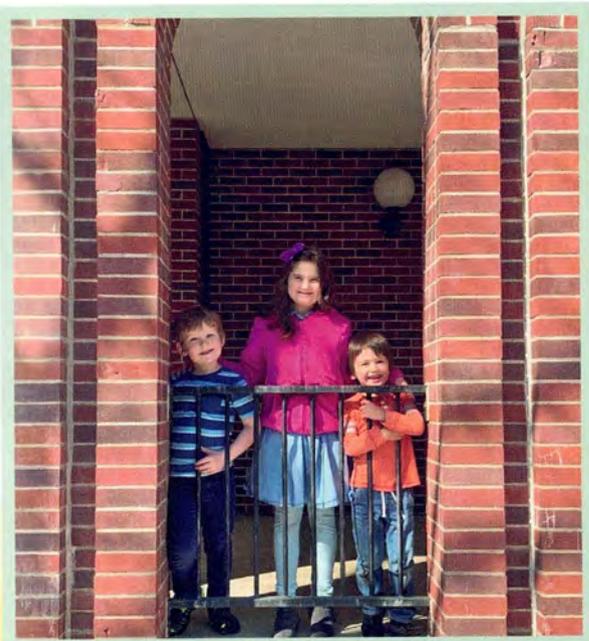
Skyler is our fearless, but sensitive middle son. . He loves playing outside, tractor pulls, whoopie pies and can often be found snuggling his cat! He likes anything with speed and an engine and is always ready for a snuggle. He's our most outgoing child and is the first to make new friends.



MEET Avery



Avery, our youngest son. He is always making us laugh with his silly faces. He loves doing anything his siblings are doing, yet also enjoys playing quietly by himself. He's our talker, always talking to someone or himself (especially during naptime). He's also shy in groups of people and can be found hanging out with Momma when he doesn't know people.



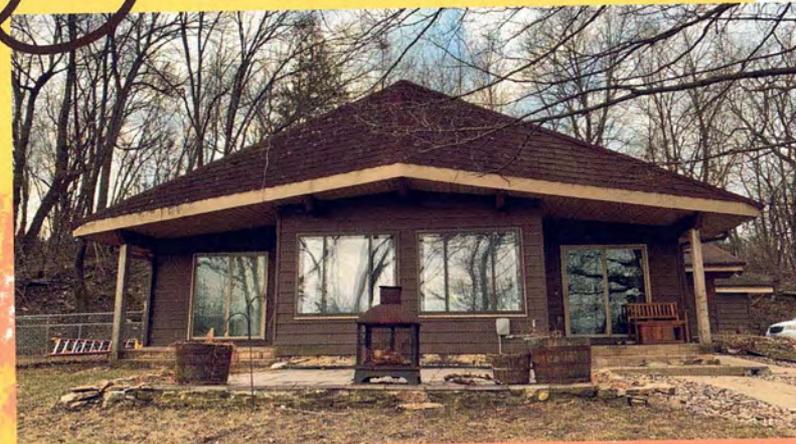
The children are all excited to welcome a new baby brother or sister into our family. We've been open with them about the adoption process as we walk through it. They each have friends their age that are adopted and have attended several of their friend's adoption.





OUR

home



We live on a small acreage, alongside a beautiful river and woods all around us. We live just inside the city limits of a tiny town of about 300 people. We have a larger town just 10 minutes down the road with all the things we need- grocery stores, hospital, entertainment and restaurants.



I babysit a couple days a week for a friend, so you'll see her in some of our photos. She fits right into our little family and we love having her come over!



We have a patio where we often make hotdogs and s'mores for Sunday evening supper.

Our home is modest and humble. We have four bedrooms, one full and one partial bathroom, kitchen and dining room, and a large living area. Our favorite feature of our home is the massive windows in the living room that overlook the river and front yard. Baby Dear will sleep in our room.



UNO & Catan are some of our favorite games to play as a family.

ABOUT *our* family

This is us. We live a simple life. A day in the life is very simple. Derlyn works while Lucinda tends to the children and the home. We spend much of our time outdoors, exploring the river and woods. Our favorite time of day is when Daddy comes home from work, so we can eat dinner together, and spend the rest of our day as a family.





*We love traveling and hope to travel many places in the coming years.

* Birthdays are celebrated with family and going out to eat with Mom & Dad.

* Christmas morning we read the Christmas story, open presents, and have a special meal for lunch.

* We always hug and kiss each other good-bye before leaving the house.

* We do our best to teach our children to love Jesus and follow his example.

*We attend a small non-denominational church, where you'll find us most Sunday mornings.

* We were raised Mennonite. While we no longer practice that religion, we have family and friends that still do and we love them dearly.

Lucinda's Family

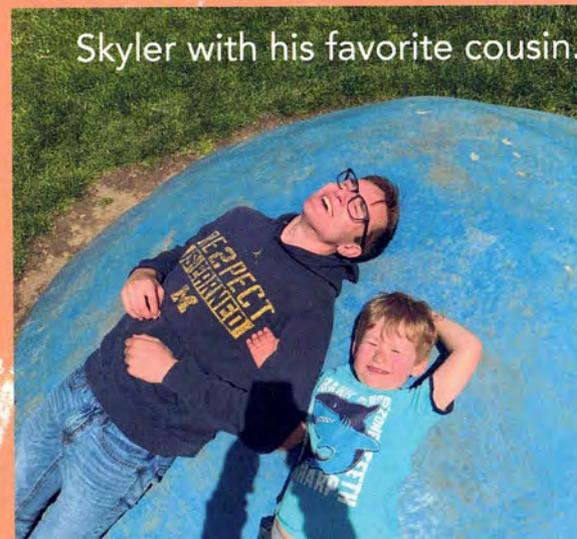


Lucinda's family is the bolder and louder of our two families. Lucinda has 2 brothers and 3 sisters. We are all married with children of all ages. As you can see, there are lots of cousins and and we're all excited to be adding some new additions in the near future! Most of my family lives near us, with the exception of two siblings who live out of state. Despite the distance, we still keep in touch, talking or video chatting weekly. You'll often find us at my parents place gathered for a meal or just because we want to see each other again! There's never a dull (or quiet) moment when we're all together and we wouldn't have it any other way!





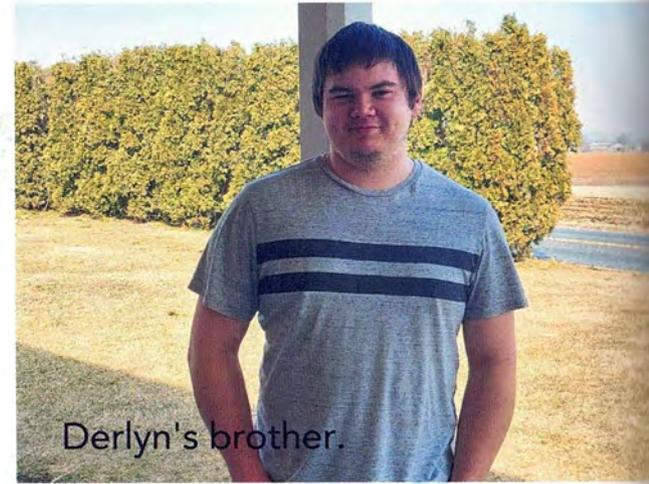
everyday
HAPPINESS



The children (and cousins) with their

Derlyn's family

Derlyn is the oldest of four siblings- 2 brothers and one sister. We come from opposite families, Lucinda's is large and loud, Derlyn's is wonderfully small and sweet! All of Derlyn's family lives back in his hometown, so we don't get to spend near as much time with them as we'd like. We go see them once or twice a year and Grandma & Grandpa come see us a couple times a year. We are grateful for phone calls and video chatting to keep us connected.



Derlyn's brother.



the first time we got to meet this baby in person- she's a doll!

Beach trip! Derlyn's parents live a few hours from the beach, so we often go when we visit in the summertime.



Derlyn's parents.



Derlyn's brother.



Derlyn's sister.

Fall party
with our
church
family.



Skyler &
Grandpa can
often be
found
together.



Christmas Eve
light tour in
our little town.



Adding some
fun to our
family photos

MAKE LIFE
Skyler
joyful

why adoption

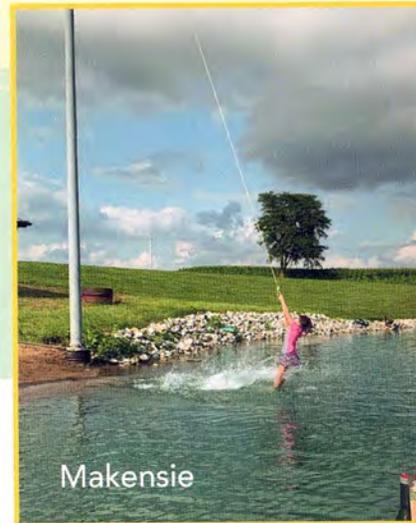
Adoption was placed on Lucinda's heart as a teenager. We discussed adoption before we got married. Fast forward 10 years and 3 beautiful children later, here we are, introducing you to our family. Along with those beautiful children came months of severe morning sickness and severe postpartum depression, which got worse with each child. This played a role in how we would expand our family, but even in the middle of all that we often felt the call of adoption. After prayer and careful consideration, we felt God calling us to adopt. Here we are, open hand and open hearts, ready for wherever this journey takes us.



Skyler

These lake photos are from what I call a "favorite" day. We were visiting my sister out of state, both sets of grandparents were along. We swam all afternoon and then had supper by the lake.

The two oldest conquered heights and jumped off the high dive!



Makensie



This is our family.
This is us.

We can't make a lot of promises, but
we can make one.

We will love your child with every fiber
in our body. He/she will be surrounded
by family and friends who will love
him/her to pieces. This we can promise.

As a Mom and Dad of three, we know
love doesn't divide, it multiplies. We
are all so excited to welcome another
member into our family!

Thank you for taking the time to get to
know our family! We pray God will
grant you wisdom and peace as you
make decisions for your child.

With Love,
Derlyn & Lucinda
Makensie, Skyler, & Avery





THE *Lord*
WILL
guide
YOU ALWAYS

ISAIAH 58:11



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