



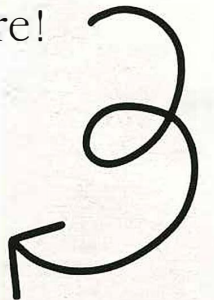
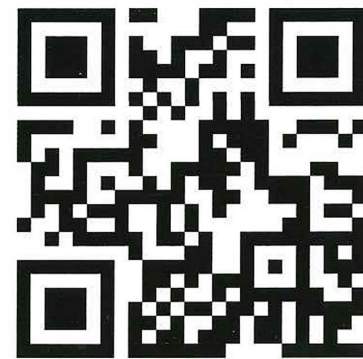
Joel & Alex

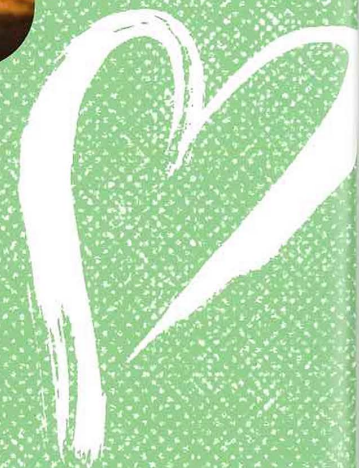
hello

We hope that this book will give you a little peek into our lives and the life that your child will have if you choose us. We know that this is a hard decision, but regardless of your circumstances, you want what's best for your child and their future. That's the mark of a good parent and we applaud you. We are praying for peace and joy as we both navigate this journey.



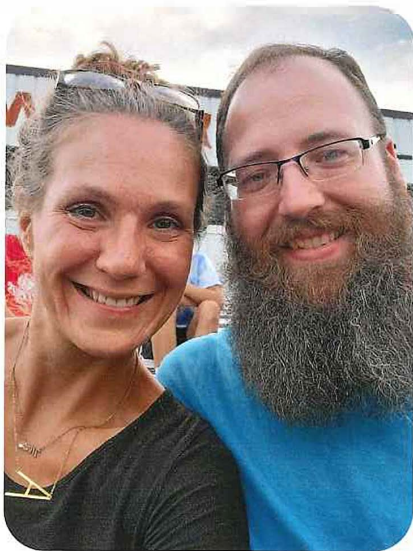
You can watch a video
about our family here!





Our names are Joel and Alex, we have been married for 9 years, and have a 5-year-old son named Aquilla. We brought him home from the NICU through foster care and adopted him a year later in 2021.

Our Christian faith is very important to us, and it's our goal to keep God and his word at the center of everything we are and do. We are not big travelers (although we enjoy it) or fancy spenders, but we live a happy life full of family time, creativity and small adventures. We believe in kids spending time outdoors, flexing their creative and imaginative muscles and learning in wholesome, fun ways. We love reading books, playing with Lego, drawing, painting, watching a good movie, listening to music, dance parties in the living room, home cooked meals together at the table, and trips to the park and library.

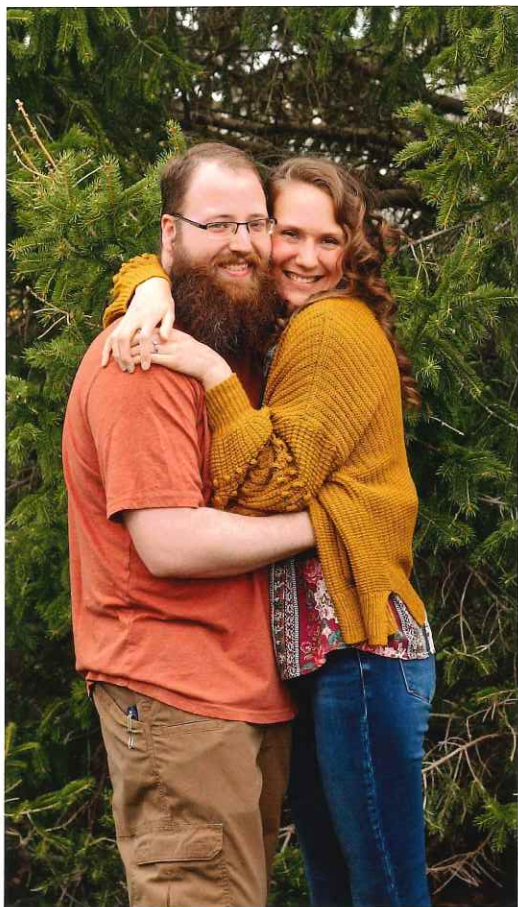




Although we've always dreamed of having a family and raising children, we have been unable to do that biologically. It's a hard reality at times, but we believe it has always been God's plan for us - that rather than bringing biological children into the world, we open our hearts to those who are in need of families.

Alex's greatest dream in life has always been to be a mother, and Joel is a wonderful father. We love children and love being parents, even in the difficult times. We believe adoption can be a beautiful way to show the love of God and to bring families together.

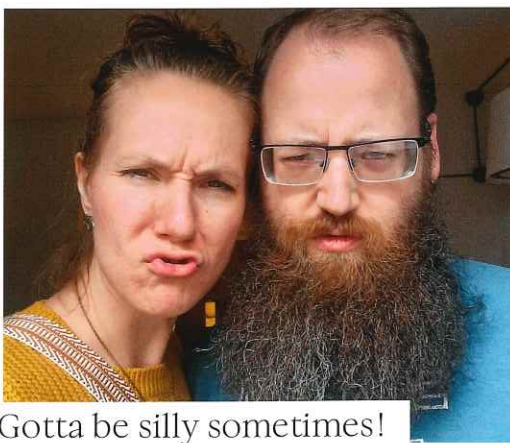




Our home



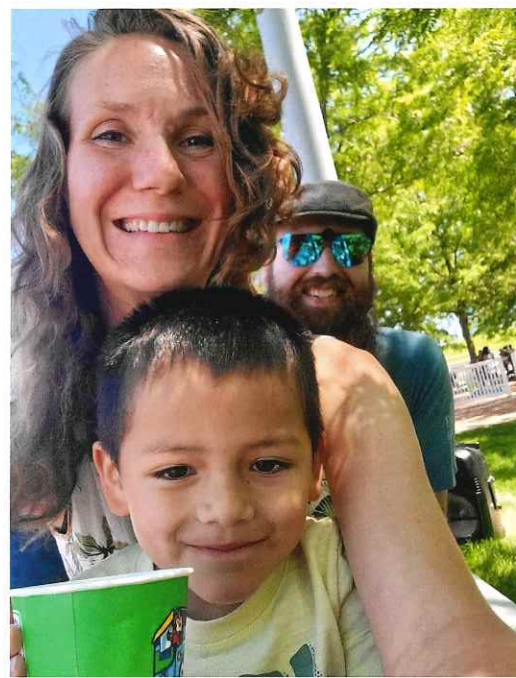
Building with Lego



Gotta be silly sometimes!

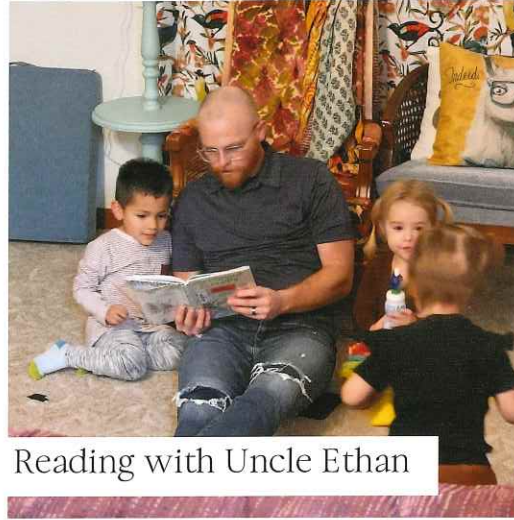


Snack time!





Pool fun at Grandma and Grandpa's



Reading with Uncle Ethan

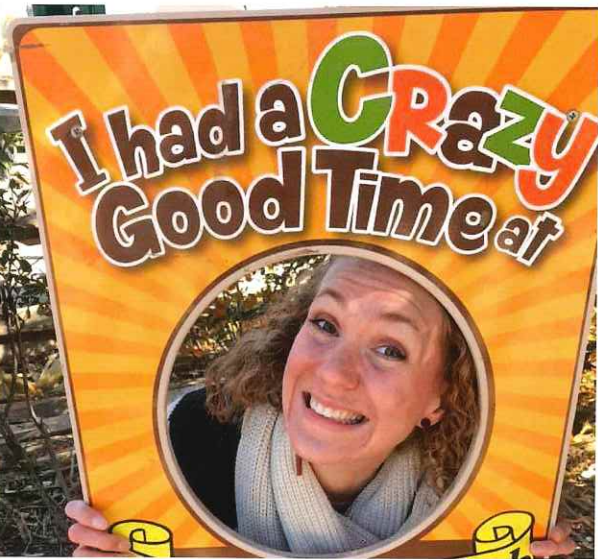


Hanging out with
Grandpa Ron





enjoy
the little
things



love these
MOMENTS



Your child will have the best grandmas!

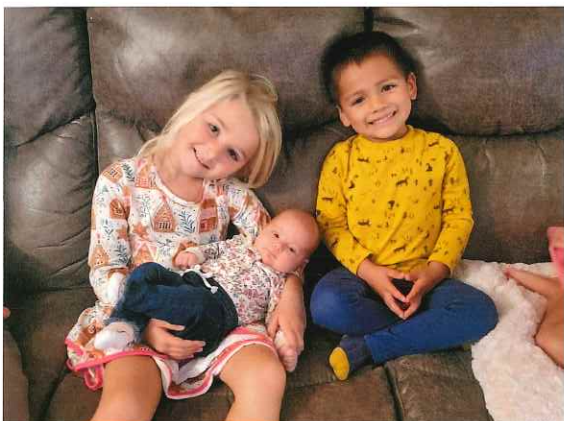


.....and grandpas!





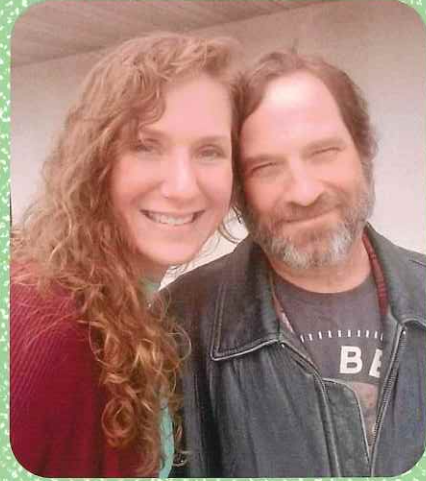
*We are
family*
spending time
with our nieces and
nephews



Meet Alex



Alex is 38, the oldest of 4 girls, and grew up in a very close-knit family. She and her sisters were all homeschooled, and spent tons of time together - creating a bond of friendship that has lasted into adulthood. She and her mom are also very close and share a lot of the same interests, such as homemaking, health, and sewing. They even started a sewing business together when Alex graduated high school! Alex is creative, outgoing and passionate. She puts her all into everything she does. Her goal in life is to glorify God and be the best wife and mommy she can be!





Alex traded in
"boss" for "mama"



Alex and Joel owned a local women's boutique, but closed their business at the beginning of 2023 so that Alex could stay home with Quill full time. It was the best decision they could have made! Now Alex is available to be with him and their future children all day, investing in them through play and simply living life together. They read books, play with play dough, cook together and play outside, as well as work together on household chores.

Once Quill starts Kindergarten in the fall, Alex will also take on the role of "teacher" as they plan to homeschool their kids - the same way they both were!





Aside from being a mommy, Alex enjoys anything creative, from knitting, to sewing, to painting her home and making decor for her walls. She looks forward to planning elaborate birthdays for Quill each year, and enjoys crocheting toys for him and making him cute, unique clothes. She spends most of her free time making things. If Alex can dream it, she will try to make it!



Growing up, Alex spent a lot of time playing "house". She and her sisters were always the mamas and they had a very large collection of dolls and accessories. They spent hours every day dreaming up stories for their pretend families and acting them out. Alex has a big imagination and loves encouraging imaginative play in their home.

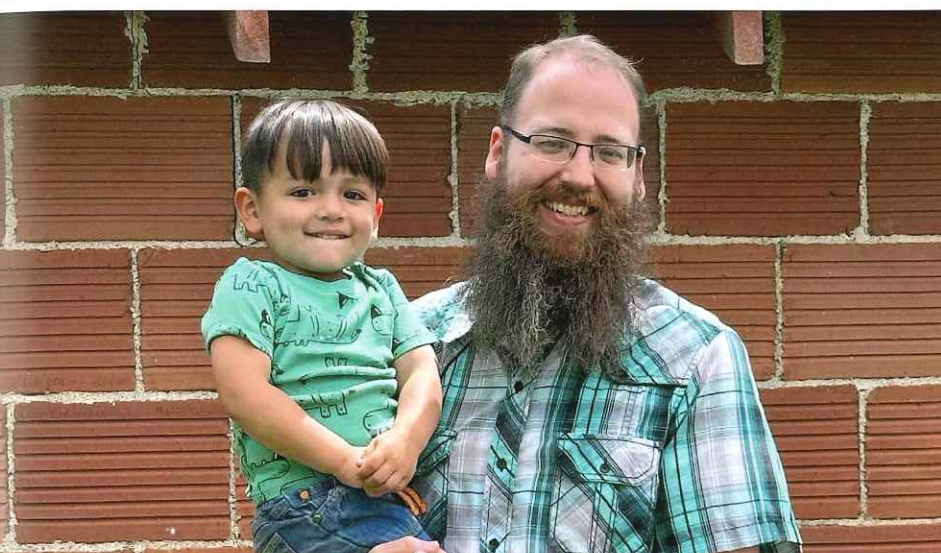
Meet Joel

Joel is 35, the middle child and has 4 brothers, 3 of whom are married with children. He and his siblings were homeschooled and involved in sports, but Joel's passion is making things. He has an art degree and currently works as an engineer. He is a hard worker and loves what he does,

but his goal is to work for himself, creating his own products from home, and having a more flexible schedule for his family.

Joel is quiet, thoughtful and intelligent - but he has a really fun and silly side and he's always interested in learning and trying new things.







Joel is able to put his creativity to use, constantly problem solving and creating new products in his job as an engineer. But his passion is bringing his own ideas to life. He enjoys working with many materials such as wood, metal, leather and 3D printing, and is in

the middle of a large shed renovation on their property. He's turning it into a workshop for himself, as well as an art room for Alex and the kids. Joel envisions many cozy nights in the shed as a family, working on projects together. Creativity is in Joel's blood, and he hopes to pass that love onto his children.





Joel makes a simple breakfast for their family every morning before he goes to work, but on Saturdays it's a tradition for him to make a big brunch with fluffy pancakes or waffles, eggs and bacon. He loves experimenting with different flavors and techniques and often comes up with fun ideas like miniature pancakes with a fried apple on top. His newest pumpkin spice pancakes are the current favorite! Joel enjoys many different cuisines and likes mixing foods together to create something new. In his single days, he was known for the various, delicious cheesecakes he took to events, and ways he customized sandwiches and pizzas at work to make them even better. Now Quill enjoys helping Daddy in the kitchen on Saturday mornings, as Joel helps him measure, dump and stir ingredients.



Meet Quill



Aquilla (Quill for short) is a typical 5-year-old boy who loves cars and trucks, jumping, climbing and being active. He also has a very sweet, soft heart, cares for his little cousins and gives the best hugs and kisses. Quill's the family snugglebug and is always ready for a cuddle! He's really smart and people often comment on how mature his conversation is. He really loves to talk, learn and use big words!







If you choose us, your child will always know their story. We want them to feel confident in who they are, in the love of their first family and the love of their adoptive family. We want them to be able to know you, if that's something you want as well. Regardless, we will always foster feelings of confidence, love and security in them, and help them discover who they are and how to fulfill not only their dreams and desires, but most importantly, God's plans and desires for them. They will be loved and supported unconditionally as long they live.



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