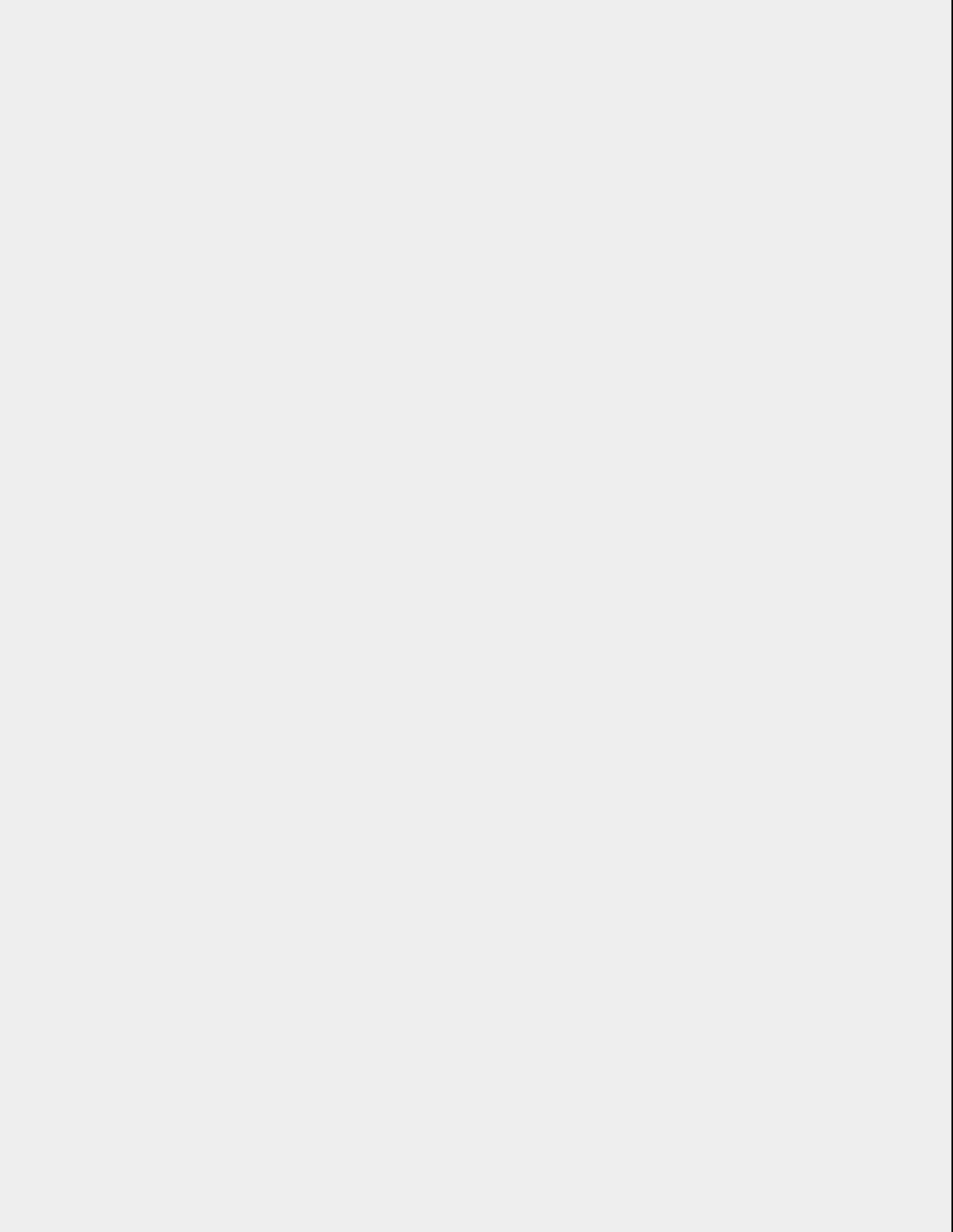




| kara + luc |





hello! we are so excited to get to know you!

We are so thankful and humbled to know that you are taking the time to get to know us through this book!

Our hope is that it gives you a real glimpse into who we are, the life we live, and the love we have to offer!

our note to you

We understand that adoption is not an easy decision and cannot imagine the weight that you have felt leading up to this point. We are incredibly encouraged by your selflessness to place your child's needs before your own. We have always dreamed of having a home where there are children running around, with laughter around every corner and love filling every room. We truly believe that love creates a family - not DNA, and we would be absolutely honored for you to consider us as the adoptive parents for your child. We love adoption and we are so excited to build our family in this way!

luc and kara





**Adoption reminds us of the heart of God,
as He adopted each of us into His Kingdom.**

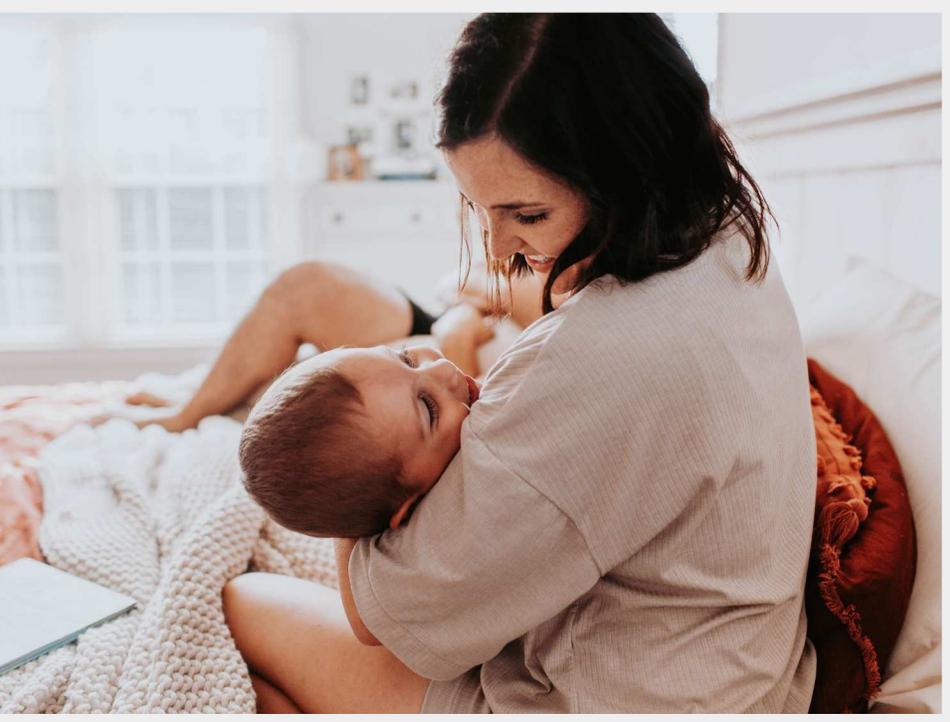


our hearts for adoption

At a very early age, I knew that I wanted to adopt. I had the opportunity to travel with my dad to many different countries and to many different states and serve people from all different cultures and backgrounds, some orphans and some in the system of foster care. This not only led me to want to adopt, but also propelled me into what I wanted to do with my life. I went to college and became a social worker. When Luc and I met, I learned that he had been majorly impacted by serving as a camp counselor to underprivileged kids for a summer and felt the same desire as me. We both knew that our lives were going to be majorly impacted by adoption. I also have multiple extended family members who have adopted, and I always loved watching our family grow in that way. – Kara



We are already
so thankful
for the ways
adoption has
been such a big
part of our
family. We
adopted our
daughter, Ellie,
through foster
care.



We are very open
about adoption in
our home and
celebrate
the different
ways that a child
can become part
of a family!

our story



we met in high school!

We were in the 11th grade when we met. It was hard not to notice Luc. He was the class clown, always making a joke and getting everyone to laugh. We later went to prom together senior year but didn't start dating until after high school. We went to different colleges and did the long-distance thing for about a year but quickly realized we were in different seasons of our life. We stayed friends from a distance until our junior year where we went on a mission trip to Russia together. The Lord did great things in both of us that summer and continued to grow our friendship. We became official later that year when Luc knocked on the door of my parent's house with a poem of our love story and a pizza asking me to be his girlfriend again. We dated for six more months until he proposed.

our wedding day was so much fun!

There were so many nerves involved, yet so much peace. Our wedding was held at our church, and we had a big tent set up in the backyard. During the ceremony, we had a time of worship and the gospel was shared. It was all so amazing. As much as we loved the ceremony, the reception was probably our favorite. We had a fondue reception with a swan cheese sculpture and chocolate and cheese fondue. We wanted a party, and a party is what we got! Everyone danced for hours, and we had one of the best choreographed wedding party dances that everyone still talks about. There was even a kids tent with chocolate chip cookies and milk "shooters".



our family



1 We value having a personal relationship with Jesus.

We keep him at the center of all we do. We want our life to reflect His love and kindness.

2 We value family and loving others well.

We want to serve others well, always putting their needs above our own and treating others the way we want to be treated.

3 We value gratitude and choosing joy.

Even on the hardest days, we always want to focus on the good, knowing we always have something to be grateful for.

We value hard work.

Whether at home or at work, we believe that “teamwork makes the dream work” and we want to give each day all we’ve got!

We value integrity.

We focus on dealing with the heart over outward performance. We strive to listen well and be there for each other, our family, and friends.



values

driven
outgoing
supportive
loyal



luc

in kara's words

Luc is a good time! He is a lot of fun and is a total jokester. He is optimistic and driven. When he sets his mind to something, he won't give up. He is extremely smart and is constantly searching and seeking knowledge. He is loyal and loves people well - I am so thankful I get to do life with him.

Luc is a great dad who loves to wrestle and be playful. He is always intentional and takes time to read to the kids and teaches them silly facts. He is a safe place, and the kids know they can trust him. He constantly affirms them in who they are and his love for them. Our kids love when their daddy gets home from work each day!

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

Growing up, most Saturdays my family would celebrate Four Sport Saturday. We would all go to the park and play basketball, baseball, soccer, and street hockey. This might be the fondest memory of my childhood because I'll never forget the fun I had with my father. Once we were tired, my mom would bring us drinks and a snack. These days impacted me greatly and taught me that spending time with your kids is the most important part of parenting.



HOW I SPEND MY DAYS

I am a Mortgage Broker. I have four employees and I can work anywhere that has internet access and phone service. I love what I do. Having an amazing team to work with gives me a lot of flexibility in my schedule so I can keep family first. I love spending time playing with my kids. I also enjoy doing Crossfit and JiuJitsu. Fantasy Football is a fun hobby of mine. I am also interested in investing and real estate stocks. I love being active in our church, helping out and serving in whatever way I can.

I love spending time playing tag or hide and seek with my kids. Family time is my favorite time. I love being able to impact my children's lives. It is so rewarding to invest in your kids and watch them grow. It is probably the most fun and challenging mission in life!

friendly
dependable
fun caring



kara

in luc's words

Kara's greatest gifts are her strong moral character and willingness to help everybody she can. She is constantly looking for ways to make the world a better place. First, she did it by serving the community as a social worker and now she does it by being the best mom on the planet. She stays up late at night reading mom blogs and books to find the best strategies to raise kids and is always looking for ways to make life and learning fun for our kids.

Kara loves spending time with the kids and doing little crafts with them. I think what she loves most about parenting is getting to nurture the kids. She loves seeing all the new milestones that come with each kid as they grow up and she is always their biggest cheerleader.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

I was raised by two strong individuals who loved me well. They taught me how to be secure and confident in who I am. They led me to Jesus and taught me that He is at the center of it all and that everything else is secondary. They also taught me about forgiveness and when we mess up, to fess up and move on - to never stay down but to always keep pressing onward. I have a great relationship with my parents and hope to provide the very same with my own kids.



HOW I SPEND MY DAYS

I have my degree in social work and worked up until having Brady but am currently a stay-at-home mom. I am so thankful and blessed that I can stay home with my kids and love every bit of it. I love connecting with people and going on coffee dates. I am close with family and love spending time with them. I love serving at our church. I love worship and quiet time with Jesus. I enjoy running and find it to be a stress reliever. I enjoy interior design and have loved renovating and restoring homes within our business. I enjoy traveling and learning about different cultures.

I absolutely love being a mother! I am so excited to be adding to our family. Learning and growing in love with another addition to our family is pure bliss for me. I look forward to watching Luc be a dad to another child and I can't wait to see my children embrace a new sibling.



as a
couple



time together is always time well spent

We love adventures! We love to travel and experience new things together. We can also appreciate some friendly competition with a good board game or nice game of putt-putt golf. We love eating takeout, especially Mexican food, while watching a good movie. We also enjoy renovating houses. This is a big part of our work, but we consider it to be one of our hobbies as we love doing it and enjoy doing it together. We have worked up to five rentals and currently one flip.





our kids

We love to go to the park, visit with family, ride bikes together, bake sweets, play sports, and explore new places like zoos, museums, and splash pads. On stormy nights, we have a fun tradition that we always have a family movie night. It's one of the kids' favorite things - family movie, pjs, and popcorn with sprinkles!



crosby



Crosby is four years old. She is an extreme extrovert. She is hilarious and full of life. She is the type of child that will make her presence known and has never met a stranger. She is more on the emotional side and feels deeply. She loves being the oldest and when asked how many siblings she wants, she always replies "100!". She is very excited about adopting again!

ellie



Elliott, or Ellie, is our sassy girl. She is three years old. She is super loving when comfortable and is a little nurturer. She loves baby dolls and stuffed animals. Ellie is adventurous and independent. She loves being the boss. She is little for her age, but she makes up for it in her sheer determination. She wants to have another baby sibling to take care of.

brady



Brady is our chill child. He is two years old and loves dinosaurs and imaginative play. He is a momma's boy through and through but does love to wrestle with daddy. He is very adaptable and happy. He will be a great big brother and is excited about having a new sibling!



our home

Our home has five bedrooms and four bathrooms. We have two separate living spaces which has given us the ability to have a big playroom downstairs, which the kids love! One of our favorite things about our home is our backyard. We have a huge backyard which has allowed us to have races, games, and inflatables. We also have a back deck that is great for entertaining, and we just recently added a big fire pit and hot tub. We have put the fire pit to good use, roasting a marshmallow before bed each night with the kids.

Tennessee is absolutely beautiful! We take advantage of all the amazing things it has to offer!



Our community has a small hometown vibe but has enough people that you don't know everybody. It is growing and is one of the top places people are moving to. It has low crime rates and people are very friendly. It has a local university that has brought in many young people. Our downtown area has recently been revamped, including amazing renovations to our public library which we have taken advantage of, as well as new parks and nature trails.

Our home a place of peace and of joy.

We love having the door open for others to come and have fun while being loved on. Most of our fondest memories have taken place within our home. We have watched our children grow and imagine here, we have cast vision for our family and all that we feel Jesus calling us to, and we create lasting friendships and community within these walls.



luc's family

My side of the family is pretty small. My family is from California, where my grandparents are from and where my two living grandmothers currently reside. My parents are Blake and Angie and I have one brother named Quinn. Quinn is married to Katie, and they have two daughters. Madison is two and they just had a baby named Natalie. My parents' greatest pride in life were me and my brother and our children are no exception. They love playing and exploring with our kids. They have created countless memories with them simply by being available and ready to go on adventures. They encourage and cheer for them which we are so grateful for and love that each of our kids get so excited to play with "Nana" and "Papa"!

We love our extended family! We enjoy one another's company and are close-knit. Both sides of our family are very supportive of us and our decision to adopt again. Our kids have such a loving support system surrounding them, and we always know we can count on our family for anything!

kara's family

Kara's Family - My extended family is quite large. We are all very close. My grandparents, Hal and Marty, love children and enjoy playing with all their great grandkids. My parents, Jeff and Kathy, have four biological children, including myself. They fostered two of my cousins, Kennedy and Camden, on and off while I was growing up, and unofficially adopted my best friend, Halston. She moved in with my parents while I lived at home and stayed until she got married. She and her husband, Stephen, have three children. They adopted their first child, Harper, and they have two sons named Jedidiah and Xavier. My oldest biological sister's name is Bethany. My second biological sister is Allyson and she is married to Matt. Together they have four children. Isaiah is ten, Allana is eight, Emma-Kate is six, and Oakley is one. I also have a younger brother named Jeffery. He is married to his wife, Catherine. My parents recently built a house with a bunch of land so between family events, bonfires by the creek, hay rides, running in the fields, or just simply playing with "mom-mom" and "big dabba", our kids are overjoyed. They impart love and wisdom constantly to each of their grandchildren and for that we are so thankful!







life is worth celebrating!

FALL FUN

In the fall, we always carve pumpkins with Luc's parents and enjoy all the fun fall things like pumpkin patches, apple cider, bonfires, and carnivals. We usually spend Thanksgiving at Kara's parents' house. We eat monkey bread and watch the Macy's Day Parade and have people over for a Turkey Bowl. All of our extended family comes over for a big meal, including Luc's parents.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Christmas is a very big holiday in our house. We bake and decorate cookies with Kara's grandmother and go check out all the lights around the neighborhood. We cut down our own Christmas tree and make homemade hot cocoa while we decorate it. We started a tradition for our kids last year where they pick a name from the local giving tree and each child buys gifts for a child in need. We also attend our church's Christmas Eve service and spend time with each side of our family sharing meals and presents.

WE LOVE ANY EXCUSE TO THROW A PARTY

We celebrate birthdays with family and friends each year. Each child gets to choose what they would like to do on their birthday, whether it's a party or going out to eat, or another fun activity. We always make the birthday boy or girl feel special and loved! The Fourth of July is Luc's mom's birthday, so we always spend the day celebrating her. We dress up, do fireworks, and enjoy a cookout.





thoughts on education

We are zoned for a great public school, but we continuously pray for God's guidance on what type of schooling our children should have. We are open to different options and will consider each one when the time comes to send our kids off to school.

We are also open to college but do not feel that it is the only way to succeed after high school. In fact, we believe that trade schools are becoming more and more needed in our current culture. We plan to encourage each one of our child's aspirations and dreams and will support them in whatever way that looks- college or not.

our faith

We believe our faith is the foundation on which everything is built so we are passionate about teaching our children about Jesus. We want them to know the truth and walk in the calling of God in their lives. We also believe that community is vital in the growing of your faith, so we are not only committed in our local church but also have our children involved as well. We hope to instill in them biblical truths from infancy to adulthood.





Our dream for our family is to be a light wherever we are.

We want to love others well and live in a way that we can show Jesus to them. We don't plan on moving anytime soon as we are extremely connected in our community and have great support through our family and church nearby. We do have a heart for the nations and underprivileged kids even in our own community, so we are still praying about what that looks like for our family in the future.



before you go



We are so thankful for you taking the time to consider our family and reading our profile. We can say without a shadow of a doubt that we will always speak highly of the brave and noble decision that you made by choosing adoption. We promise to honor you with our lips and with our actions. We promise to embrace you and your child with open arms both now and should you desire, in the future. We promise to provide a safe and secure environment for your child to thrive. We promise to teach and encourage your child to be all the God has created them to be. Finally, we as a family, promise to love your child unconditionally for all of our days.

luc and kara

