

Jeff + Sharita





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Hello there!

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Our Note to You

We are so humbled and thankful to know you are taking the time to look through our profile. We have spent a long time trying to come up with the words to adequately describe how much we care for you and admire you for considering such a selfless act like adoption. We hope that through these pages, we can allow you to hear our hearts and desires as we grow our family. We also would love to hear your dreams for your child in hopes that we can come alongside you and make those dreams a reality.

We cannot imagine how difficult this all might be to navigate and we want you to know we are praying for peace and clarity as you move forward. We admire your bravery as you put your baby and their needs first. Your love for them and desire to see them live a full, happy life is amazing.

If you decide that we are the family you want for your child, we want you to know that your baby will be loved and cared for just as deeply as we love our current children. We promise to love and accept your child fully, just the way they are. We promise to provide for your child in every way- physically, spiritually, and emotionally. We pray that your baby will fully feel the love of God and our family. We want our home and family to be a place where they know they are safe to ask questions about their story. When they have questions about you, they will hear about the love you have for them and they will only hear your name spoken in love and respect.

We are praying for you and your baby,
and we already love you. We hope that
love is reflected in these pages.





with love,
Jeff + Sharita



Why Adoption

Although we have not had any major problems with infertility, we've experienced seasons of infertility. I (Sharita) had a miscarriage in December 2022, and we've had some extended periods of trying to conceive and being unable to. However, we have been blessed with three wonderful children whom we adore. The main reason that we want to adopt is that we truly want to be a family that loves others well, including you and your child. We know that God cares deeply for you and we would love to be able to walk this journey with you. Our prayer is that our home can be a nurturing, safe place where your child can grow into a happy, healthy, thriving adult.

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LOVE JESUS

We want our children to know who Jesus is. We know that none of us will ever love Him perfectly, but we do know that we can encourage each other to pursue deeper relationships with God. We believe that loving and serving God is the most important thing any of us could ever do.

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LOVE EACH OTHER

We give lots of hugs and kisses and say, "I love you." We believe that when we love each other, despite our imperfections, we create a safe place for all of us to learn, grow, and thrive. We are not a perfect family, and although we are each other's favorite people, we do hurt each other at times. We believe in taking responsibility for our actions or words and apologizing and making things right.

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ENJOY LIFE

We love camping together and go on trips whenever we can! We love the memories that we make when we're camping together, and we love how spending time together helps strengthen our bond as a family. We love to laugh, play games, and just enjoy nature!

Even though we grew up fifteen minutes apart from each other in Pennsylvania, we met in Abbeville, South Carolina! We both moved to South Carolina for work in the summer of 2011 and met at a mutual friend's house one evening.



Our Story

Jeff's Perspective

I immediately noticed how kind Sharita was to everyone around her. Of course, I also noticed how beautiful she was! I invited her to ride home with me when I went to visit my family. I thought many hours in the car would be a good way to get to know her, and it was! We started dating and spent lots of time hiking in areas with waterfalls (Sharita loves waterfalls), exploring small towns and cities, biking, boating, and finding authentic food.

I proposed to Sharita by a river on my parent's property. I made a path to the river with candles in mason jars and at the end set up more candles to spell out "Marry me?" at the water's edge. She said yes and I'm so glad she did! I found out later that Sharita was very anxious for me to propose and was wondering what was taking so long!



Sharita's Perspective

I noticed Jeff right away. He was mature, wise, and fun to be with. We saw each other occasionally from 2011 to 2014, but I didn't know how Jeff felt about me at all! He gave no hint about any feelings he might have. We started dating in April 2014 and dated for a year and a half until he finally asked me to marry him!

Happily Ever After

Our wedding was a very special day in May. Most of the day was sunny and warm, and almost all of our family and friends were together at a beautiful church in Pennsylvania. Sharita's uncle officiated the wedding, and everyone was so excited to celebrate with us.

We had originally planned to have our reception outside, but because there was rain in the forecast, we changed our plans and decided to have the reception inside. Thankfully we did, because over the time of the reception, it poured! The reception ended up being very beautiful inside. However, Jeff was so excited to leave the wedding and get to Hawaii for our honeymoon that we were the first ones to leave. We left even before the last guests were finished with their desserts!



We have been married for over seven years.

Our marriage and relationship are rooted in Jesus. He helps us and teaches us how to love each other well. One thing we are intentional about is continuing to date each other. We love going out for an evening alone. Recently, if we don't have a babysitter, we have a date at our house after we put our children to bed. We often just watch a movie and eat ice cream. This helps us to be friends and not only husband and wife.

We truly love spending time together. We leave our children with one of our parents about once a year and spend a day and night away, just the two of us. We love to explore new places together. We enjoy visiting new towns or cities. We also enjoy outdoor things together like hiking, biking, and boating. We enjoy going out to eat and taking time to just talk.

When conflicts come up, we are always quick to have open, honest conversations and resolve any disagreements. We have found that giving grace and asking for forgiveness quickly is always the best way to move forward.



My Husband, Jeff

Jeff is hands down my best friend. He knows everything about me, and he still loves me! He is very loyal and I know that no matter what happens he will never leave me. He always initiates working through misunderstandings and prioritizes our marriage. He still pursues my heart and takes me on wonderful dates and sends me flowers even after almost eight years of marriage. He takes very seriously his job of caring for me and the children. After our oldest daughter was born, I was really struggling with insomnia. When one of the children would wake me up at night, I had an extremely hard time going back to sleep. So Jeff took over the night duty! He was the one to wake up to help the children at night when they needed anything. Even now, he still takes care of the children when they wake up at night so I can get more sleep, and it means so much to me. Another thing I admire about him is that he is conscientious. One example of this is that he is very careful to watch the speed limit. He is also quick to apologize when he has done something that hurts or offends someone. He truly is a man of God, and it is obvious in the way he makes decisions every day.

Jeff is a wonderful dad. The children love it when we can go outside to watch for Dad to get home from work. As soon as they see him drive up the road, they run over to the driveway and wait for him there. He stops his vehicle, and they all try to talk to him at once. Jeff does well at including them in the work he does around the house. They love helping him wash the van, clean the garage, and work in the garden. In the evenings, he plays soccer and baseball with Isaiah, pushes the children on the swings, and takes them on walks and to the park. He loves our children so much, and they adore him in return.

More About Jeff

SINCERE, TRUSTWORTHY, STEADY



I ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. MY HOBBIES INCLUDE GOLFING AND RUNNING. ONE OF THE THINGS I ENJOY DOING WITH MY WIFE AND CHILDREN IS CAMPING AND EXPLORING IN STATE PARKS. WE LOVE TO TAKE THE WEEKEND AND FIND A NEW STATE PARK TO EXPLORE.

I work as a Manager at a Hydraulic company. We repair a lot of farm equipment and construction equipment. My job is very family friendly and I can take time off whenever needed, which I plan to do when we adopt so I can help at home and bond with our new baby.

There are many things from my childhood that influence the way I parent and even the things I do with my children. Growing up my family would spend time camping and I have great memories from those times. We love doing the same with our children. My parents love God and each other and were good examples to us. My family almost always ate dinner together. My mom did not have a career because she wanted to be at home, caring for her children. Even though she is very intelligent and could have had a great career, being there for us was more important to her. My dad worked Monday to Friday but was almost always home by dinner time. Sharita and I are thankful we have been able to do the same for our children.

FATHERHOOD



I believe my greatest calling is to be a good husband and father. I'm looking forward to holding a baby again and enjoying the daily interactions we will have as they grow. I'm looking forward to seeing them grow into the man or woman God created them to be. I love seeing children's personalities develop and learning about their interests. My greatest prayer for my children is that they grow up to know and experience the love of Jesus. I pray that God would show them the purpose that He created them for. I know that in Him they can have a great purpose in life and live fulfilled. I know they will have challenges but with Jesus, they can overcome them!



My Wife, Sharita

The thing I admire about Sharita more than anything is how kind and compassionate she is to the people around her and how she loves Jesus! She is one of those people who is so kind that when someone is hurting they are drawn to her because they know she will care. She is a gifted teacher. Before we had children she was a school teacher and now she teaches our children so much. One example of her compassion is when she was a teacher she had a student who was behind in her work and needed to catch up. Sharita started meeting with that student at 5 AM until she was caught up with her work. Sharita is a committed Christian, and I'm so thankful she takes the time to pray for me and our children. She is always sacrificing her time to take care of us and just naturally puts others before herself.

Sharita is one of those moms who is always there for her children. For example, our five year old son is just starting school and was a little scared of going to kindergarten. Instead of forcing him to go, Sharita went to school with him multiple days and stayed in the back of the classroom until he was okay with her leaving. She is the kind of mom who cancels her career so that she can be a stay-at-home mom even though she is a great teacher and enjoyed her job so much. She has this tradition of reading books to our children after their naps, and they love it! She allows them to help her in the kitchen even though they make a huge mess. She plays with them on the playground, plays soccer with them, does crafts with them, goes swimming with them, and explores with them. She is a loving, nurturing mother, and a fun mother at the same time!

More About Sharita

MOTHERHOOD

ACTIVE, OUTGOING, LOVING



MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO INVOLVE MY HUSBAND AND KIDS. WE DO FAMILY CAMPING TRIPS A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR AND ALWAYS MAKE AMAZING MEMORIES. I LOVE TO GO ON DATES WITH MY HUSBAND. ANY ALONE TIME WITH HIM IS SPECIAL. WHEN I HAVE FREE TIME I CHOOSE TO READ, GO HIKING OR JOGGING, REORGANIZE THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE, OR GO OUT SHOPPING.

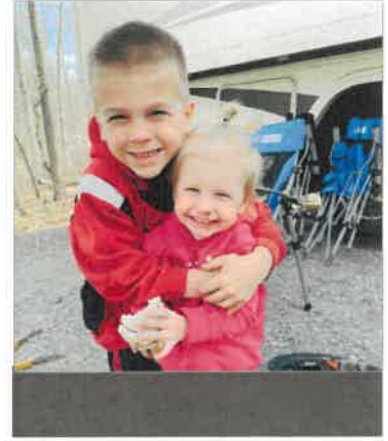
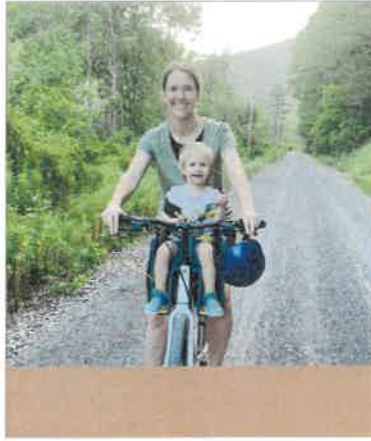
I'm so excited about having a little baby to love and care for. Newborn babies are so incredibly precious. I can't wait to watch our children love a new baby. Our children love each other so well, and I'm excited to see them welcome a new sibling into their little sibling group. My greatest prayer for my children is that they will grow up to love Jesus with all their hearts and love the people around them. I pray that they will know and believe that they are so loved by God. I pray that even when hard things happen, they can truly believe that God is with them.

I'm a full-time stay-at-home mom, and I love it! Well, I love it most of the time. There are days when making meals, settling fights, and doing laundry get monotonous, but I love what I do and wouldn't trade it for the world. I am so thankful that I get to be with my children every day! I love being able to be the one to hold them when they get hurt, fix their lunch, have them help me when I'm doing laundry or making food, and spend time playing with them.

I grew up with my mother and father, and they were both very involved in my life. I had, and still have, a close relationship with them. I'm so thankful they took the time to pour into their children and teach me about God and life. Because of how they parented me, I desire to be a parent who is invested in the lives of my children, takes time to talk and play with my children, and loves them well. Growing up, I always wanted to do something great with my life. I thought I would surely find some way to really impact the world. However, as I get older, I see that I haven't done anything with my life that people around the world, or even around my state, know about. But I'm also realizing that sometimes the greatest things we can do with our lives are never really noticed. So, if I could get to the end of my life and have Jesus and the people around me say that I truly loved them well, that would be the greatest accomplishment I could ask for.



Our Children



We are so incredibly thankful for the children God has given us. We absolutely adore them and love being their parents. We love watching them learn and grow. We love spending time with them. We love being able to be the ones to provide for them and tuck them into bed at night. Although we occasionally get a babysitter for date nights, we are almost always with our children. We believe that children thrive best with consistency and love, so we try to keep our routines, keep the children with us as we're doing life, and keep loving no matter how many messes they make!

Isaiah is five and a half years old. He just started kindergarten and is definitely a natural leader. He is very enthusiastic and friendly and loves to be with people all the time. He enjoys sports, Legos, biking, swimming, climbing trees, and hammering boards together with his little hammer and nails.

Aleah is four years old and she loves life! She loves to laugh and enjoys playing with her dolls and toys. She loves to make crafts with her craft kit and is always happy to help make food in the kitchen.

Anneliese is two years old. Even though she is young, she is very independent. She likes to try to do almost everything by herself. She loves playing on the playground and being with her siblings.

All three of our children love to swim, so in the summer, we will often go swimming together. We enjoy bike rides and walks in the evenings. We also enjoy vacationing with our extended families in the summer as well as camping in state parks with just the five of us. Most years we go to a house by the lake with one side of the family and then a cabin in the woods with the other side of the family. We love reading to our children and they look forward to the quiet times we have when we cuddle up on a bed or the couch and read through one of their favorite books.



Home Sweet Home



We live in a fairly new two-story home in a small, friendly neighborhood in Pennsylvania. Our house has four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. We have a small basement where the children ride scooters, throw soft balls, and jump on old mattresses. We want our house to be a place where love is shared and good memories are made. We make those memories in our house by eating good food together at the dinner table, reading books, playing games in the living room, and playing hide-and-seek as a family.

Our house is on one acre of land. The children love to play outside on the swing set, in their fort in the trees, and on the waterslide. We all love to spend time outside together in the evenings sitting around the campfire, working in the garden, playing soccer, and giving the kids rides on the swings.

We have good relationships with our neighbors and know them by name. There are a few other families with young children who live in our community, and we enjoy spending time with them. We often go swimming, to the park, or apple picking with our neighbors. We live in a farming area, so while we live in a small neighborhood, our neighborhood is surrounded by fields and woods. It's a very quiet, peaceful area and we love being able to see stars at night and sit around the campfire.



We love the area we live in and we are thankful to be close to so many family members. We have no plans of moving and would love to continue to invest in the lives of our neighbors, friends, and church. We want to be community builders. We are always open to whatever we feel God is calling us to, so while we have no plans on moving, we also hold our home, community, and family with open hands.

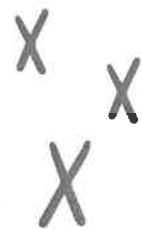


Jeff's Family



Sharita's Family





Jeff's Family

Jim and Lois are my parents. They are wonderful parents and grandparents! Keith is my oldest brother. He is married to Anna and they have six children; Michael, Jackie, Drew, Julia, Isaac, and Joseph. Their youngest child is six years old and was adopted from China. Jason is my twin brother. He is married to Rosene. They have four children; Grant, Addy, Lilly, and Micah. My sister, Michelle, is married to Jeff. They have five children; Maya, Joshua, Damien, Kai, and Mckenna. Joshua, Kai, and Damion were all adopted and seem to be adjusting well. Mckenna's adoption date is coming up soon, which we are all looking forward to. My sister, Jodi, is married to Kenton. They have six children; Ava, Logan, Serena, Clair, and twins, Regan and Brielle.



Sharita's Family

I grew up as the oldest of seven children! Obviously, our house always had lots of action. My mom and dad, David and Kathy, loved each other and loved Jesus. Even now, my siblings and I share close relationships with our parents. My sister, Esther, is married to Clifford, and they have two boys. Edward is two years old and William is nine months old. My brother Sheldon and his wife Tiffany live in Kenya where he is teaching school. They are expecting their first child in 2023. Next in line is my brother Laverne. He and his wife Christy are expecting a baby in 2024. I also have three siblings who are not married yet named Mike, Wilma, and Justin.



We spend time with some of our extended families at least once a week. We have good relationships with our siblings and our parents. Our children love to play with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. When our whole family gets together it is a lot of children, and they have a great time. Our extended families are completely supportive of our adoption. They are always ready to help us in any way we need. Sharita's younger sister who has no children helps us a lot and takes our kids to the park and for ice cream. We know she will love any addition to our family! Our parents are all very involved in the lives of their grandchildren and are looking forward to loving another child.



Holidays in Our Home

Christmas is always a big celebration in our home. We try to focus on the reason for the season and celebrate Jesus coming to earth as a baby. Of course, our kids love the gifts they get and we love watching the joy on their faces as they unwrap each one. We have a lot of other Christmas traditions like making gingerbread houses, going to Christmas light drive-throughs, and decorating the house to make it cozy and festive. We always spend time with our extended families on major holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter and our children love to be with their cousins, aunts, and uncles! We also love watching fireworks on the Fourth of July! Before they start, the kids run around trying to catch fireflies. Some years are more successful than others, but it's such a fun memory we can tuck away each year.

We like to make birthdays special! One tradition that the kids love is that they get to invite whoever they want to their birthday party. It's always fun to see who they invite and see their excitement as the day gets closer. Of course, we have a birthday cake, party hats, yummy food, and sometimes a piñata at the party.



Thoughts on Education



Our oldest son is currently attending a private Christian school and we plan to send our other children there as well. We want our children's teachers to be people who love Jesus and are teaching truth. We also feel like the school we have chosen is academically strong, and our children will be able to be challenged there. We love the family feel a smaller school has compared to a large public school.

We want to support our children's transition into adulthood, whether or not it includes college. No matter what they decide, we want them to always know they have our support and we will always be there to encourage them along the way.





We want to say thank you for taking the time to get to know us. If you have come to the end of this profile and feel like you have questions to ask, we would love to answer any of those questions for you and get to know you as well! We want you to know that we truly appreciate you and love you and your baby. If we are chosen and given the immense honor of raising your sweet child, we promise to care for and love them in every way, no matter what. We would love to give them a home and a family where they will thrive and grow up knowing that their story started with the deep love you have for them.

We believe that God has a good plan for both your life and your baby's life. We are committed to praying for both of you, and we hope that you can feel God's peace as you consider what is best for your future and your baby's future in the days ahead.

with love
Jeff + Sharita



A photograph of a family of five walking away from the camera on a grassy path in a park. The father is on the left in a light blue shirt and dark pants. The mother is in the center in a long, patterned dress. Two young girls are on the right, one in a pink dress and one in a blue dress. The background is filled with tall, leafy trees under a bright sky. The text "You Are Loved" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font in the center of the image.

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