



Jeff and Beckie



Let all that
you do be
done in love.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to read our book. We can never fully know what you are walking through, but we know it takes great courage and love to consider adoption. We honor your choice to give the gift of life to your sweet baby.

We are Jeff and Beckie from Wisconsin, where it's never too cold for ice cream! Our daughter, Sage, joined our family through adoption after years of infertility. We have a special relationship with her first-mom and sisters. We are ready to welcome another child into our home and give them all the love and support they need to reach their dreams.

Here you get a peak into our lives. It would bring us joy to know more about you too. Our hope is for an open adoption so our child knows their story and their entire family. We would be honored to welcome you into our lives as well.

Please know that there are many people praying for you, including us! We trust God and his good plan for our future as well as yours.

With love,

Jeff and Beckie

It started with a
blind date...





our love story

Jeff drove from Wisconsin to central Illinois to take Beckie out for coffee. A mutual friend thought they would make a great couple, and she was right! Jeff loved Beckie's dark brown eyes, and Beckie loved Jeff's questions.

There was a year of long-distance dating, which led to marriage in May 2016. We both work for a Christian organization and mentor college students.

Early marriage was full of travel, making life-long friends in a new city, and a quest to find the nearest Chick-fil-A. But there was heartache as well.

We didn't know the road to children would be a difficult one. We grieved the pain of not being able to conceive for 4 years. Our friends, church, and family supported us greatly during this time.

God healed our hearts and gave us the desire to build our family through adoption. The ups and downs of the last 8 years have strengthened our relationship.

In 2022, Sage joined our family, and we also gained a relationship with her birth family. Sage is part Native American (Miami Tribe). We are more compassionate people due to the joy and heartache of adoption. 5

A portrait of a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a red, textured sweater. She is smiling warmly at the camera. The background is softly blurred, showing vertical lines that could be part of a window or door frame.

meet Beckie

Beckie is a lover of

pastries, flowers, Beyoncé and friends. Her friends say she is a great listener and a natural leader. She is the queen of DIY projects and finding treasures at local thrift stores. She loves to dance and shop with our daughter.

Age: 36 years old

Education: Bachelors degree in Special Education, Low-vision and Blindness

Career: Pastor for college students

Religion: Christian

Favorite TV show: The Great British Baking Show

Favorite food: chocolate croissants and decaf coffee

High school activities: cheerleading and show choir

Hidden talent: knows all the lyrics to 90's pop music

from Jeff:

"Beckie is lively and keeps things upbeat at home. She teaches Sage and is a hard worker. Everyone is her friend. I love going on walks and talking with her. She even plays nerdy board games with me."





Jeff is smart, caring, and

an avid reader. He comes from a small town (it has zero traffic lights!) and has a close family. He enjoys playing the piano and playing outside with Sage. He looks forward to sharing the joy of camping with our kids. His happy place is in the woods or on a lake.

Age: 39 years old

Education: Bachelors degree in History of Science

Career: Pastor for college students

Religion: Christian

Favorite TV show: Big Bang Theory

Favorite food: nachos

High school activities: musicals, cross country, band

Hidden talent: carves amazing Jack-o'-lanterns

from Beckie:

"Jeff is a wonderful husband, father, and partner. He surprises me with notes and flowers and has taught me many things about nature. I love cooking with him. Plus, he gives the BEST hugs! My heart swells when I see him with our daughter. She adores him!"



meet Jeff



Zoo lights!



Hiking in Colorado



our adventures are



Playing in the fresh snow



Sage's dedication at church

She's our queen



California beaches



better with kids!



We love the park



Sage at our family farm

Jeff's family

It's a gift to live so close to Jeff's family! His parents come over to help in the garden or just to spend time together. We love to visit Jeff's sister's family. Our nieces are creative and fun! Our favorite family tradition is the annual family pool party and shrimp boil. Members of Jeff's family are adopted too.



We love spending time with Beckie's family, especially her nieces and nephews. Her mom and step-dad often help with home improvement projects and babysitting. Our favorite family tradition is Thanksgiving dinner at her aunt and uncle's home.

Our family uses 6 languages: Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Filipino, ASL, and English.

Beckie's family

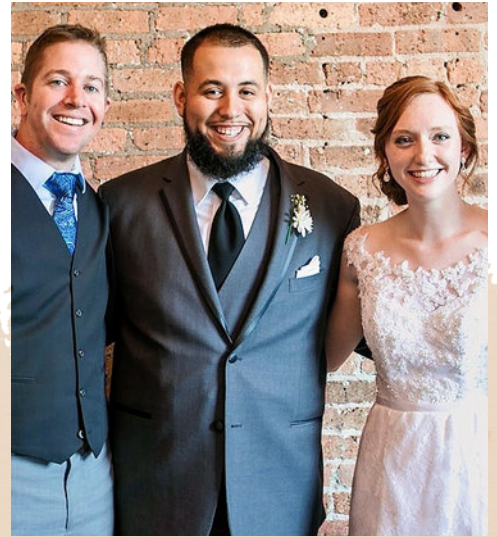




Moms day out
with Grace



Romin & I threw a
baby shower



Officiating Ruben
& Katie's wedding

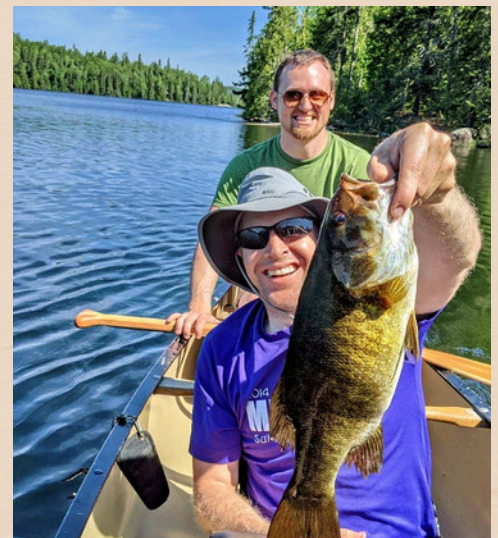
Our friends are



Visiting Anneth
in Seattle



Megan adopted
sweet Jordyn



Jeff in his happy
place



Mens camping trip



Coffee with Kristin



Going away party for Jihae

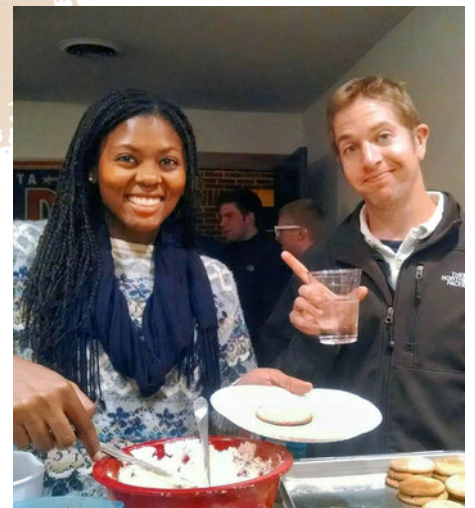
like family!



Jeff making Mongolian food



Mia's birthday



Work party with Tiffany



Welcome to



our home



home sweet home

We are blessed with a spacious home on 2 acres of land. We enjoy hosting friends and family for meals and games. Sage enjoys "cooking" with us too. We spend lots of time playing outside, walking to the park, and reading books. Jeff makes maple syrup from sap from our maple trees. Sage loves animals! We visit our neighbor's horses and bring them carrots.



our community

Our city is one of our favorite places on earth! The downtown has a huge farmer's market, a zoo, and beautiful lakes. We are outside year round and enjoy canoeing, hiking, biking, and skiing. We love to pick apples and blueberries as a family. We grow apples, peaches, and pears in our yard. There are state parks nearby for a fun camping adventure. We regularly interact with friends and family who are adopted or have adopted children. Our church is multicultural. We love living in the same city as family!

our promise

**We promise to teach our children
about their story, cultural identity,
first family, and the love of God.
Our home is a place of peace where
all people are welcome, celebrated,
and fed delicious food.**





...and Sage!