



Kurt & Tara

WE ARE EXCITED TO "MEET" YOU



hi mama,
thank you for taking the time to “meet” us!

We are so thankful that you would consider us, as you make this important decision; and we are excited to share a little of our lives with you. It is our hope and prayer that you can clearly see who we are as a family, as you look through our pictures and read about us.

We hope that our faith in the Lord and our love for one another are obvious to you; and that you know how hopeful and excited we are to welcome a new little one into our family. We certainly know that this is a difficult decision for you.

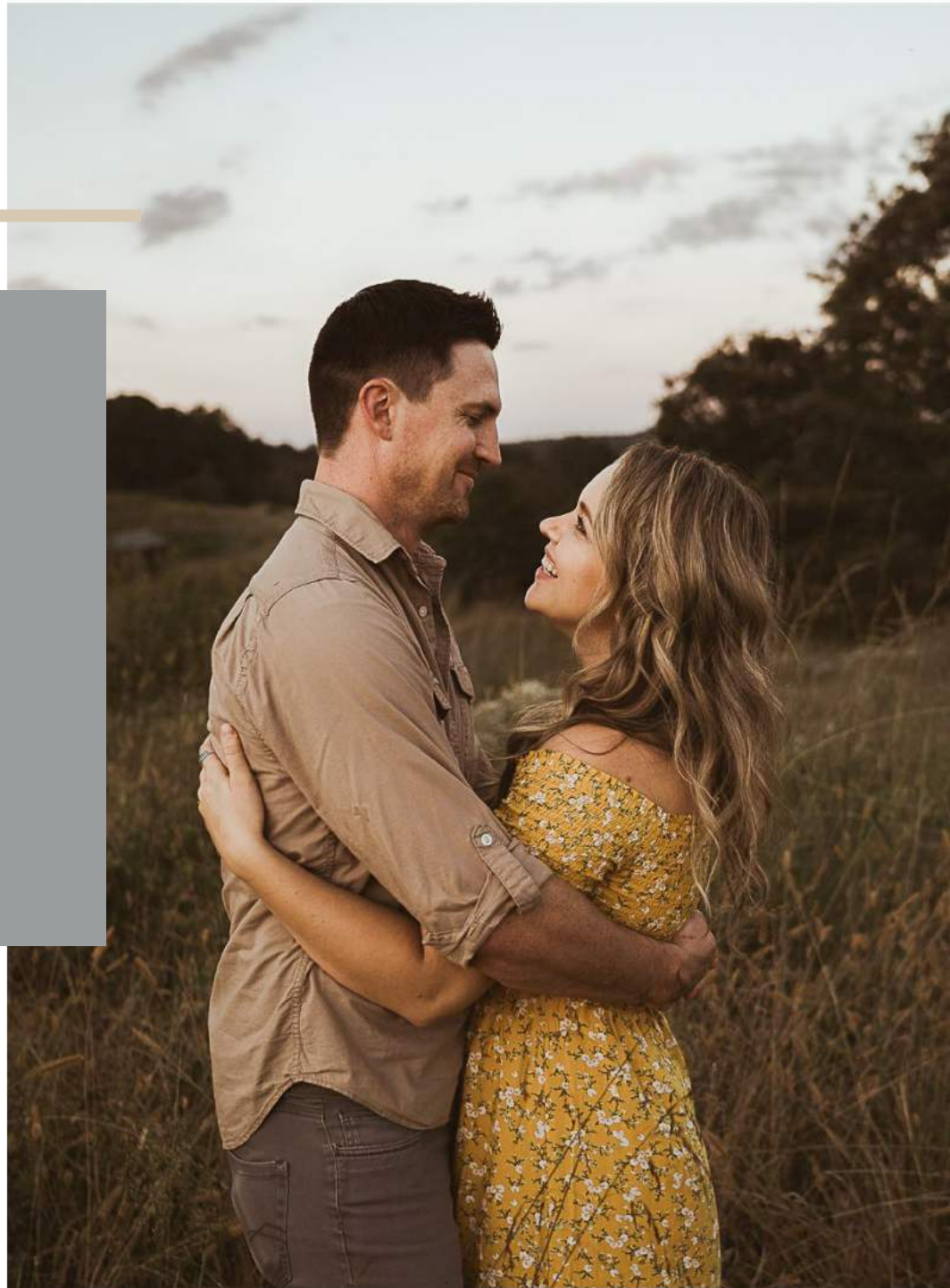


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We admire your strength and the love that you have for your child in making an adoption plan. We consider it a great privilege it is to be considered by you; we do not take that honor lightly. We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to get to know us

and consider us as you make such an important decision. We and our family and friends have prayed and will continue to pray for you and your child. We pray that God will guide and bless you, as you choose the right family!

“LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL AND
WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH.”
DEUTERONOMY
6:5





We met each other at church youth group,

when we were in high school. We had several mutual friends, and eventually became friends, ourselves. We began to spend a lot of time together during our senior year, as we served together at church. We found so much that we had in common, and that we really enjoyed spending time together. We officially began dating after graduation. We dated for the next four years and got married after college. We have been married nearly 14 years, now! We have always enjoyed spending time together, both indoors and outdoors. We love to cook and watch movies. We also love to be outside, playing various sports, traveling, hiking, or just working on our little farm.

CALLED TO ADOPT

Adoption is something that we have talked about for many years. Of course, we know and believe that God has adopted us into His family through Christ Jesus; and that He calls his followers to reciprocate His Fatherly love to others. Therefore, we have often prayed about if and when God would call us to adopt a child of our own. Last year, as we were going through a Bible study with our Growth Group at church, God began to make it clear to us (to Tara, first) that now is the time! He gave us the conviction and direction to begin moving forward with the adoption process. Though it's been a little scary and certainly challenging, God has already shown His faithfulness and provision so much, through the kindness of friends and the guidance and wisdom of His Word and Spirit.



Tara

by Kurt

Tara is 35 years old. She is a strong, hard-working, dedicated, and creative woman. She is a woman of great faith in Jesus, and love for others. She is deeply devoted to her family and friends. She constantly gives to and serves her loved ones above herself.

Tara has a very healthy and active lifestyle. She is an amazing cook! She is also extremely creative and artistic.



Being a mother

"I love being a mom. It's such a privilege and I'm so thankful for the honor."



She is a skilled photographer, an artist, and a musician. She grew up playing sports, dancing, riding horses, playing harp in an orchestra, and doing all kinds of art. She still draws, paints, plays multiple instruments, and loves to make seasonal crafts from the plants and flowers from our garden and around our home. She also loves all kinds of animals! We have a small farm with a milk cow named Fern, 3 goats, 2 dogs, and lots of ducks, geese, chickens, and rabbits! Tara loves taking care of all the animals, working in the garden, and just spending time outside enjoying our little farm!

Tara graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary studies. After college, she started her own photography business. She has been very successful as a photographer; and has more recently started a business with our tiny farm. Owning and operating her own businesses allows her to work from home, and continue to do all the things that she loves to do, which includes being a stay-at-home mom!

Tara has always been great with kids. She has 2 younger sisters (one is 16 years younger), and she spent her teen and young-adult years working as a babysitter, a lifeguard, and a swim instructor. Now, as a mom to Thea, our 5 year-old daughter, Tara remains active, attentive, and fun! She loves to explore the outdoors, do crafts, and play with Thea and the animals. She can't wait to do all those things with our new little one, as well!





Kurt

by Tara

Kurt is so much fun to be around. His sense of humor and quick wit are what first attracted me to him when we were in high school (along with his great smile). I love how much he cares for others and loves the Lord. Kurt grew up playing baseball. He still enjoys watching baseball, and he loves the Atlanta Braves. He also loves disc golf, and we regularly walk up the road to play at a course near our home. He enjoys hiking and being outdoors in general.

Being a father

"I love all the different, unexpected ways you get to know your child and experience life through their eyes."



He also loves to write stories and poetry, and he recently became a published children's book author. He attended Atlanta Christian College while we were dating in college. He graduated with a degree in Biblical Studies and was a youth pastor for 13 years. In August of 2022, he became the lead pastor of our church in our hometown. I am so proud of him for following his calling and being a man of faith.

He is a very involved dad and while I do most of the daytime parenting while he's working, he comes home ready to help, play games, and cook dinner together. We usually take walks with the dogs and often play disc golf together in the evenings. He loves our family deeply, and I am blessed to do life with him.

“Watching him become a dad again will certainly be one of the biggest highlights of our marriage.”





Meet Our Girl

THEA

Thea is our biological child, and our only child. She is 5 years old. She is smart, energetic, and funny! She loves to paint, color, do crafts, read books, watch movies, play barbies, and go outside to play with her parents and her animals. She especially loves all her baby bunnies, chicks, and goats that are born on the farm. She enjoys helping her mama take care of them all. Thea also loves to play with her friends from church and all her cousins, when they come over or we go to their house.

Thea is very excited to have a new baby brother or sister! We all pray, together, for this new baby, every night. We have explained adoption to her, and she is very happy about it. She cannot wait to be the best big sister!

her favs

- playing outside with all her animals!
- painting, playing barbies, and reading
- playing with her friends and cousins





WHERE WE
LAY OUR HEADS

GEORGIA

We live in a 2-story home on 4-acres of land. We have a small pasture and yard, where all of our animals live. We also have some woods behind our house, and a small creek that runs through the back of our property. We all live on the main floor of our home, while Tara's mom, Valerie (or, "Nana") lives upstairs in her own apartment.

We live in Georgia, between two small southern towns. One known as the "Hollywood of the South" due to many television shows and films being filmed here in recent years.

For that reason, our area is continually growing and developing. Really, we are right on the edge of the city and the country, so we have a lot of options of things to do. Thea loves to go to our local libraries to do story time and for arts and crafts days. She also loves the little childrens bookstore, that has secret rooms and fun activities all the time. We often visit local parks, coffee shops, hiking trails, and disc golf courses, as well.

Our home is very kid-friendly. We have lots to do both inside and out. We have an entire play-room, complete with a hidden door that leads to a secret play room under our stairs that we call the “Hobbit Hole.” Outside, we have swings, a club house by the creek, and so many animals to play with. We also have two dogs that love to play and go on walks. They are great with kids, and with all the other animals. They even help watch over the baby bunnies and goats when they’re born!



With Tara working from home, we don't need child care. Though, when it is necessary, Nana loves to babysit! While we live in a good school district, our plan is for Tara to homeschool our children.





“CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE. BUT AS
FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE
LORD!”

– JOSHUA 24:15

Real Life

We have always enjoyed being outside. We love to travel, camp, hike, and explore new places.

We also love sports, and recently we have started playing disc golf, since we have a few different courses around our town!

We also spend a lot of time at home. There's always a lot to do around the farm! On the weekends, we spend most of our time outside working in the yard or the woods, or building or fixing various things for our animals. In the evenings, we always have home cooked meals, together. We enjoy watching movies, reading books, and playing board and card games. On Sundays, we go to church in the mornings. We also have “growth group” with some of our church friends on Wednesday evenings. Every night before bed, we read books or a Bible story and say our prayers together.



We live near all of Kurt’s family. His brother, wife, and their four kids live about 10 minutes away. His sister and her three kids live 10 minutes the other way, right beside his dad (“Papa”) and step-mom (“Big Mama”). So our new baby will be able to see and play with grandparents and cousins all the time! We get together with them all regularly.



We all go to church together (the church that Kurt is the Pastor at), and we often get together for birthdays, holidays, or just the occasional “hang out” time.

Tara’s mom lives upstairs in our home. Her dad lives in North Carolina, with her step-mom. Her sister, Tess, and Tess’ husband, Eric, live in Tennessee. We see them several times a year, whether we go to them or they come to us.

FAMILY & the holidays

We love holidays! We always have lots of get togethers and celebrations around Thanksgiving and Christmas! Our town has a big Christmas parade and that we always go to with my family. We always go see the fireworks on the 4th of July, as well. At Easter, we have big egg hunts with our family (and of course, we let our bunnies play, too)! But most importantly, we always make sure to remember the reason why we celebrate any holidays or special occasions – because of God’s love for us and all the blessings that He has given us in our lives.

Overall, both of our families are very supportive and encouraging to us. They are amazing grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. Our family is so full of love! Thea absolutely loves spending time with our families, and we know that our new baby will, too!





There are currently 8 cousins in our family. Kurt's sister has 3 girls - Sadie (12), Mary Ella (10), and Evelyn (6). Kurt's brother has 4 kids - Liam (12), Eric (10), Charlee (9), and Hazel (6). Thea is the youngest cousin (5). They are a tight-knit group of best-friend cousins! They love playing together at each others' houses during family get-togethers and holidays. The older cousins take such good care of the younger ones. And all the cousins absolutely love whenever a new baby cousin comes around! They all can't wait to meet little cousin number nine!

THE Cousin Crew



We have an awesome community of friends.

With being so involved at our church, we have a group that we get together with weekly – either at our home or at one of theirs. We have meals together, play games, and grow in our faith in Jesus, together. We also have other friends at church and outside of church. We regularly have friends come over and we go to their houses, as well. Many of them have young kids, as well; and they all love to play together! All of our friends are so supportive of our adoption. They have either donated money to our adoption, helped us to raise funds, or just been our “Prayer Warriors,” as we’ve gone through this process. They can’t wait to meet our new baby!

“Even halfway across the country, they hold some of our most cherished and steady friendships. I am always glad to have someone so grounded, willing, and dependable in my corner, ready to speak truth. Every child deserves this very presence, and every friend is lucky to have it.”

- kind words from our friend Ashley

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SO THAT YOU LIVE IN
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THE SPIRIT YOU
RECEIVED BROUGHT
ABOUT YOUR
ADOPTION TO
SONSHIP. AND BY
HIM WE CRY, "ABBA,
FATHER."

- ROMANS 8:15





in the future

We don't have any immediate plans to move or change our current situation or lifestyle. However, we are always open to the possibility of God sending us somewhere else to follow Him in that place, at that time. We constantly seek His will and do our best to just follow Him in faith. Wherever we are, we know that God has called Kurt into ministry to preach His Word and help others to grow in their faith. Tara is a gifted homesteader and photographer, so she will certainly continue those endeavors for the foreseeable future, as well. In any case, we will follow the Lord and honor Him in all things. That means that we will seek to love our family and others around us, no matter where we end up.

Above all, we want our children to always know that God is first and foremost in our lives. God created us, loves us, and gives us hope and a purpose through His Son, Jesus. We always hope to instill faith and love for Him into the lives of our children. More than anything, we hope and pray that our children follow Him, and whatever calling He gives them in their lives. We know that will involve serving and loving others and doing good in the world around them. We aim to teach our children to be smart, creative, thoughtful, and kind in all that they do, so they can honor God and bless others. For this reason, we believe in being very involved in our kids' lives, through homeschooling and helping them to interact with others and the world around them in a healthy fruitful way, as Jesus teaches us to do.



we want you to know

We want to thank you so much, again, for reading about our family, and considering us to adopt your child. We want you to know that, whatever you choose, we support you and will continue to pray for you. We know that you are doing the best you can to make the very best decision for your child.

Finally, please know that if you choose our family to adopt your child, we promise to love and care for him or her for the rest of our lives. We hope and pray that our adopted child always knows how much God and we love them. We also will be intentional to help this child to understand the love that you have for them, that led you to choose adoption for them. We plan to talk about the beauty of adoption with this child, so that they understand how wonderful of a thing it is to be loved so much by God and so many people. We hope, as well, to have an open adoption, where you and this child can talk and interact in a healthy way, that is beneficial for both of you. We would all love to have a great relationship with you, in the future!

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you and give you wisdom in this decision!

Kurt & Tara

“I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM
FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY
MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE
WONDERFUL,”

NIV 139:14 PSALMS

