FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED

AND THE LORD HAS
GRANTED ME MY PETITION
THAT I MADE TO HIM

1 SAMUEL 1:27



We are excited to be a part of this journey with you! We wanted to start off by sharing our "why" story with you. From the time we met, we both had hearts for adoption and knew God was calling us but did not know to what extent. We unfortunately cannot have children of our own due to health reasons, but as we prayed about what to do, God kept reminding us about adoption. We then realized that God has been calling us all along to grow our family by adoption. We are once again ready to follow His plan for our lives by growing our family through adoption. We pray that we are the family that you choose, but know that we are praying daily for you either way!

ABOUT JOSH





Joshua is a fantastic husband and father. We work, play, and laugh together daily. He is my rock and he never ceases to amaze me. He's compassionate yet strong. He's loyal and honest. He is an awesome dad to Immy. She thinks the world of him and she has become his whole world! He is truly one of God's greatest gifts to both Immy and me. I cannot wait to see him as a dad of two and how much fun he will create for Immy and her sibling!

-STACY

Josh grew up in a very close knit family. He is an only child but was raised with his cousins close by and his parents have been married for 35 years. Josh's parents have always taught the importance of family and love. Josh loves to hunt and work with his hands. He graduated college in 2015 with a degree in Informational Technology and minored in Business and Math. He currently works in the IT industry. He is also very active in the Media Ministry at church and is a deacon. His newest venture is raising chickens with the help of his daughter, Immy.

ABOUT STACY



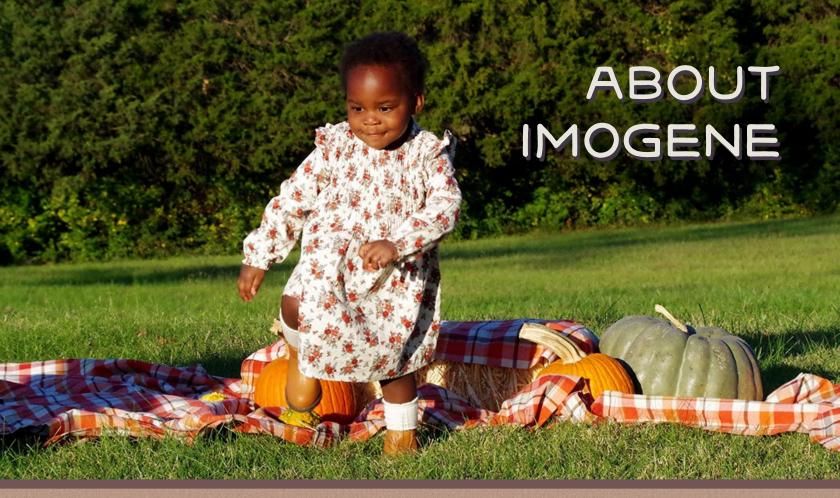
Stacy also grew up in a close knit family. She has one brother who absolutely adores Immy! Her parents have been married for 34 years. Family has always been very important to her, and regardless of where she's been in life she keeps them as a top priority. Her favorite time of year is fall. She loves swimming and kayaking, but she also loves to cuddle up inside with a blanket, a cup of coffee, and a good book. She is also an avid Disney fan! Stacy graduated in 2016 with her degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. She currently teaches third grade and crafts for friends and family on the side!





We grew up about 2 blocks from each other and went to the same elementary school but did not officially meet until college. Josh worked on the Media Team at church and Stacy sang in the worship band. Josh mentioned to a couple of mutual friends how pretty she was and they were set up on a blind date. Stacy's grandmother knew from the beginning that we would marry and began urging Josh to propose anytime they went to visit. After 4 months of knowing each other, we went to visit her grandmother, and it was at that time Josh asked Stacy to marry him. We married the following year at the church where we met.

Together, we love to travel, camp, gather with friends and family, and spend time with our dogs. We also take time out to do small things together, like going on spontaneous dates, watch movies, and play games as a family, and try ultimately to treat each other with love and respect. We are excited to give our unconditional love to another child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption once again!



Our first child, Imogene or Immy, was born in Fall of 2022. We met her at one week old in the NICU. She was born two months early and had been struggling. We never left her side from the moment we saw her as we knew she was meant to be in our family forever. After doctors told

us she could be there for weeks, we brought her home 4 days later. She has surprised so many by how many accomplishments she has achieved in her short life. She is now two and is wild and crazy just like her mom! She loves to talk and play not only with her toys, but with her dogs too! Imogene has been so sweet and caring and we know that she is going to make the BEST big sister!





OUR HOME

We live in a semi-rural area. We live on 20 acres with lots of room to play! Our home is a two story and has 4 big bedrooms. Josh's parents live here with us to help take care of Immy. Josh's grandfather lives in an in-law suite on our property as well! Our favorite place at our house is outside because there is so much room to play and raise our farm animals!



















We have two dogs. AJ, 8, is our Terrier mix. We found her at 6 weeks old and is Miss Independent. She is the guard of the house as long as they don't come in! Sandor, 7, is our German Shepherd/Mastiff mix. He was a rescue and is the biggest lap dog! He loves cuddles and to be pet and is a hater of our barn cat. They have both adapted well to having someone smaller than them to play with!



JOSHUA'S FAMILY

My parents have been married for 35 years. My paternal grandfather lives on the property with us in his own home. We live one town over (about 5 minutes) from where my grandfather lived as a child. I am an only child.





STACY'S FAMILY

My parents have been married for 34 years. My grandma lives in Illinois and we do visits at least 4 times a year. My brother is 28 and we've always been really close growing up. We take time every Friday to meet up with my family and have dinner and visit with them so Immy still has a close relationship with them since they don't live with us.









ADVENTURES

Together we love to travel and do missions locally and globally. We camp multiple times a year and our favorite place is Branson, MO. We also have property on a lake that we also use for hunting. Recently, we had the opportunity to go to Africa and record Bible stories for tribes in their heart language. We are hoping to make this trip every summer and take our little ones once they are old enough as well.





















OUR PROMISE TO YOU...

We love being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home! We are very excited to be adopting again and have so much love to share for this child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and you. We will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted and your child. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you.

Thank you for taking the time to read about us!



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