



TO ADOPT A CHILD IS A GREAT WORK OF LOVE.  
WHEN IT IS DONE, MUCH IS GIVEN, BUT MUCH IS  
ALSO RECEIVED. IT IS A TRUE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.

-POPE JOHN PAUL II

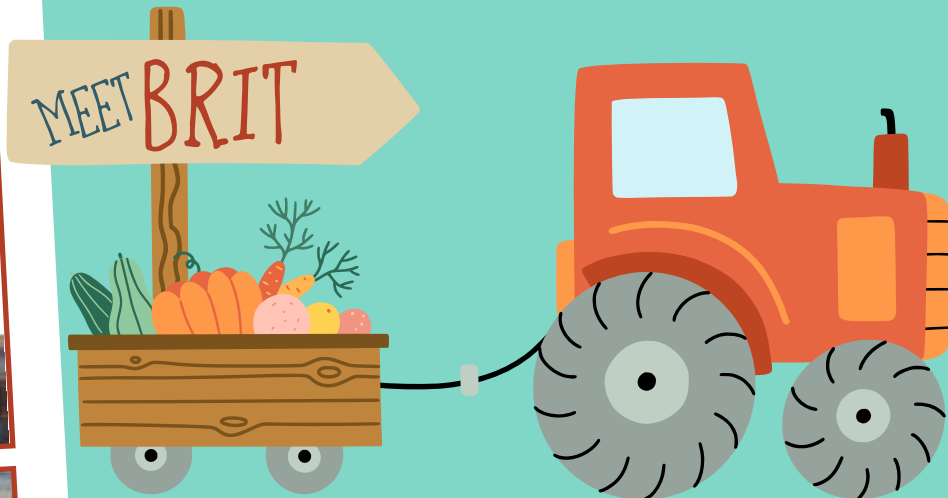


HELLO!

Thanks for taking a look at our profile. We're excited to become parents and welcome a little one into our lives.

- BRIT & ERIN





BY ERIN

Brit is one of the kindest, most gentle souls I have ever met. He works as a farmer on his family farm with his father and brother. He loves working with animals, and working on machinery. If the weather is good, you will find him outside, either in the yard, in his workshop, or out in the fields. Brit loves to be active, and is always on the go.

Brit has strong family values, and loves playing with his nieces and nephews. A good percentage of his family lives within 10 miles of where he lives, and Brit enjoys casual get-togethers with his family whenever they have free time. He has a strong sense of morals, and the only things that ever make him mad is when he sees someone taking advantage of another person, or mistreating another living thing.

*And no, his name isn't short for anything!*

## FAVORITE THINGS

- TIME WITH FAMILY
- WORKING ON PROJECTS
- BEING OUTSIDE AND RELAXING



## BY BRIT

Erin loves her work as a teacher. She works with children of all ages and from all walks of life, thanks to her profession. Erin is passionate about her job and works to develop positive relationships with her students.

Erin longs to pass the gift of love she was given by her adoptive mother and father to a baby who needs a safe, loving home. She wants her children to grow up knowing they are doubly loved, both by the birth parents, and also by herself and Brit. Her understanding of the feelings adopted children experience has given her a clarity of purpose in her desire to foster love and understanding in her family.



## FAVORITE THINGS

CURLING UP WITH A GOOD BOOK • WARM  
BLACKBERRY PIE • TIME SPENT WITH FAMILY •





We met online, and don't remember who reached out first. Our first date was kinda cliché... we went out to supper, then went and got ice cream and walked around downtown. We were both looking for something serious, and we just...clicked. We decided to get married a couple of years later, and then started looking for a home near Brit's work. In fall of 2019, we bought the farmhouse that has been in Brit's family for four generations and started renovating it. We survived living in an active construction zone during a global pandemic, and got married in our home in December of 2020.

We tried to get pregnant, but didn't pursue fertility treatments. We became foster parents for the state in spring of 2023, with the goal of finding a match through the public foster program. However, fostering was too hard on our hearts and on our extended family, so we decided to move on and pursue private adoption.

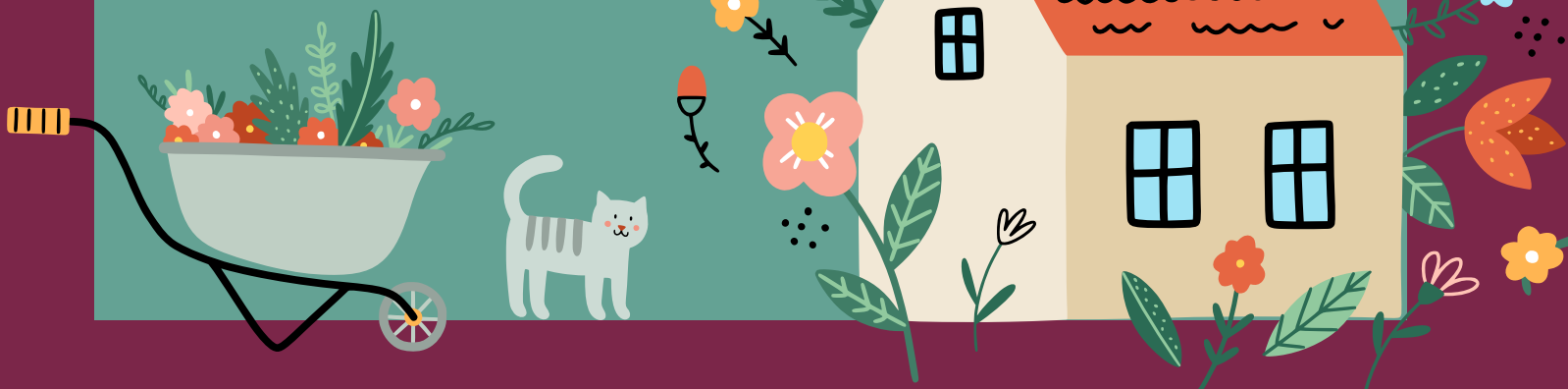
Neither of us had ever been married before, since we both firmly believe that marriage is for a lifetime, and want to follow in the footsteps of our parents and grandparents. Erin's parents have been married for over 60 years!



# OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY

We have always talked about adoption as part of our family plan. Both of us have a number of adoptees in our extended family, and Erin is an adoptee herself. We decided early on that we would try to have children, but if we weren't able to conceive naturally, we would pursue adoption, rather than pursue fertility treatments.

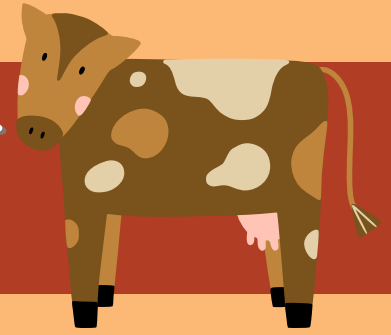
We would be open to an open adoption, with photos and phone/video calls, and want you to feel 100% comfortable with whatever level of communication and contact we all agree to. Our extended family has both domestic and international adoptees, and our family is not limited to one race or ethnicity. Our family believes love comes before all, and wants to welcome a little one into our lives.







# BRIT'S FAMILY



Brit's family is very close. They are close both physically and emotionally, with a big cluster of family living within a 20 minute drive of the farm. Brit's parents met in high school, and have been married since they got out of college. Brit is the youngest of four children, with two older brothers and a sister. Brit's oldest brother is married with three young children. He is a successful banker and lives near Brit and Erin. Brit's only sister lives in Colorado with her husband and two small children. She works on political campaigns and is a partner in her practice. His last brother is a farmer and works with Brit and their father on the family farm. He lives nearby with his two young children.







# ERIN'S FAMILY



Erin has two much older brothers, so much older that she pretty much grew up as an only child. Her parents met and married while in their teens, and built a successful life together. They live on a family farm about 3 hours from where Brit and Erin live. Erin grew up in a very loving home, and some of her best memories are of watching her parents dance together to country music in the living room. She never lacked for anything, and will make sure that her future children have the same opportunities. Erin's oldest brother has been married for over 30 years, is a very successful engineer, and has an adult daughter and son. Her middle brother built a successful law practice, from which he retired in 2023. He has been married over 25 years, and has two adult daughters and a son. Erin's family talks on a regular basis and sees each other as often as possible. As an adoptee from an open adoption, Erin also maintains contact with her two older biological siblings, and her biological mother is deceased.



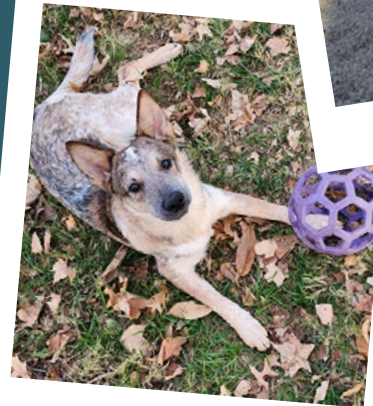




## OUR HOME

We have 2 indoor dogs, 2 indoor cats, a bunch of outside cats, a dozen chickens, and a few hogs. Our dogs are a huge part of our lives, and go with us almost everywhere, except to town. Belle loves riding in the tractor with Brit, and while Pepper isn't a very good passenger, she's always happy to be by Erin's side.

We live in the middle of nowhere on a four acre lot. On the back side of the house is over 100 acres of farmland, owned by Brit's family. There is a blacktop road running in front of our house, but the house is set far back from it, and the road isn't a safety concern. Three generations of children in the family have played in the yard, swinging under the shady trees, playing in the little forest area. If it sounds idyllic, that is because it is!



We raise our own beef cattle, and always have a freezer full of meat. We will soon have a small commercial year-round greenhouse, and will be able to have fresh veggies year-round. Our hens produce plenty of eggs to provide for the whole family as well. We like knowing what goes into our foods, and Erin learned to cook from her grandmothers, so she loves being in the kitchen.





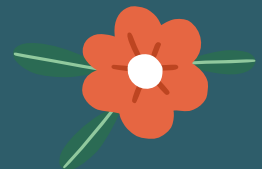
## OUR FRIENDS

Brit has several friends who he has had since his high school days, and they see each other fairly often, since he lives less than a mile from where he grew up. He enjoys going fishing and hunting with them, and seeing them on special occasions.

Erin has a few close friends that she has met through her years of teaching and she mostly keeps in touch with them digitally, though she does enjoy going out to lunch and going shopping with friends as well.



We are close to a few other couples who live in the community, and host our friends for food and game nights occasionally. While most of our interactions with friends are done digitally, we know there are plenty of people to count on if we ever need it. When we had a sudden foster placement, we were overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of support from our friends and family. We know that we will have a similar outpouring of love and support when we adopt.







We are both homebodies, and like to spend our time on the farm. When we travel, we usually go to see family here in Missouri, in Kansas or in Colorado. We also like to go see some of the natural phenomena of the world, and to study nature. We also enjoy playing board games together, and have quite an extensive collection.

Brit loves to work with his hands, and we are setting up a woodworking shop for him to make beautiful things from the almost endless supply of reclaimed wood we have on the farm. He's active in the agricultural community and attends trade shows and trainings when he has time. He also plays some on his Switch, but isn't a serious gamer.

Erin also loves to work with her hands. She crochets, makes quilts, and other crafts. She has a craft room full of supplies, and likes to explore new crafts when she can. Erin loves to cook, but isn't terribly adventurous with trying new recipes. Erin is also an active part of an online gaming community and spends an hour of her Sunday afternoons talking with other people from all over the world.









# HELLO, AND THANK YOU FOR READING ABOUT US!

I cannot imagine the whirl of thoughts going through your head at this moment in time. You are making a courageous choice in making an adoption plan for your little one. No matter if you choose us or not... thank you. As an adoptee, I can honestly say that being adopted by my parents was the best thing that ever happened to me. I've had an amazing life. I grew up with the ideal parents, never wanted for anything, and have always felt loved and appreciated. I want the same for your child. I promise that they will always feel loved and wanted, and when they go through those inevitable tough times with identity, I will be there for them, guiding them along the way. Brit and I will do our absolute best to make sure they never face hardship or lack for anything (though they won't always have the latest electronic toys...I think those limit creativity and imagination!).

If you do choose us, your child will join a family that has a long history of community ties, and a long history of doing their best to have a positive impact on the world. Both of us were taught to try and spread kindness everywhere, and leave the world a better place than you found it, morals we hope to pass on to your child. Our lives are rich with the love of nature and the outdoors. We live in a world that is removed from the dangers and hectic pace of city life, in a world where we can take our time and teach our child anything they desire to learn. Brit's calm determination and Erin's passion for always learning something new are things that can help our child be successful in whatever they choose to do with their life, and the financial support of the family will ensure they can achieve any goal they set (the grandparents have already started a college fund!).

- BRIT & ERIN



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