





*We met in college and got married in May of 2012. Sam graduated with her Bachelors degree in Biology and Education shortly after we married and Seth recently completed his Masters degree in nursing management. Our relationship is one that is built on faith and trust. On our wedding day we vowed to stick together through it all and while our lives have not always gone the way we hoped, our marriage has remained strong and we could truly not be happier than we are when we're together.*

*We always knew that we wanted children, and planned to adopt. We were blessed with 2 beautiful little girls biologically but after the loss of our twins at 24 weeks gestation we knew that it was time to start working toward something we'd always wanted...to adopt! We are surrounded by wonderful people, including our 2 daughters that cannot wait to join us in showering another baby with love!*

## About Seth

*written by Sam*

When I married Seth, I married my best friend. I didn't know it at the time but I also married a man who was going to be my rock through some of the toughest times. He is funny, he is hardworking, and he is the best dad. His work as an emergency room nurse is just one example of how much he cares for people. He leads our family to love God more and to stop and enjoy each and every day! He loves to read and can be found daily reading huge piles of books to our girls. If he's not reading to them he's playing with them or making up silly songs. I am so thankful God chose Seth to be my forever and I know that he will, without a doubt, love a new baby with the same fierce, protective, loyal love he already shows us.







## About Sam

*written by Seth*

I have been incredibly blessed to be able to call Sam my wife for almost 8 years!

We have had many ups and downs during our marriage but have loved each other through it all. Sam is an incredible wife and mother who brings out the best in everyone around her. She is highly motivated in everything she does and drives our family forward in all areas of life. One example of this was her ability to teach and care for junior high children from a variety of backgrounds, races, and income classes. She now uses her energy to guide, love, and teach our girls to love God and to love those around them. She loves showing them new crafts, sharing her love of animals with them, and giving them a real excitement about life. I am confident she will show the same love to any child that God chooses to bless us with!

## About Our Girls

*Addy is our spunky, smart 5 year old. She loves preschool and anything "arts and crafts". She absolutely adores babies and cannot wait to be a big sister again!*

*Lainey is our sassy, crazy 3 year old. She loves her zebra, making up crazy dances and any kind of snack! She thinks being a big sister means getting a pink carseat like Addy's but we still think she'll be pretty good at it!*





# Seth's FAMILY



When Seth's family is together you can usually find a sports game either being played or watched and you can ALWAYS hear someone singing something! It is not unusual to find a number of them gathered around the piano singing anything from hymns to the Beatles! Seth is the oldest of 6 siblings. His sister Lindsey, her husband Kyle and their son Murphy (the girls' only and favorite cousin!) live in IN but we still see them quite often. "Aunt" Kristy comes over once a week for dinner and to play games! His brother, Luke is getting married soon and goes to school in Chicago. His youngest 2 brothers were adopted into their family 14 years ago. Torence is 16 and plays every sport! Tayshaun is 14 and loves to play tag and hide-and-seek with the girls. Seth's parents live 15 minutes from us and we go to the same church so we see them quite often - they love their grandchildren and cant wait to add to their family!



# Sam's FAMILY



Sam's parents, Geoff & Angie, also live about 15 minutes from us and they are always willing to help out in any way possible. Our kids are currently their only grandchildren and they love them like crazy! Sam's sister Ali and her husband Jason also live very close and we see them quite often. Josh, Sam's brother, lives in North Carolina with his soon-to-be-wife Katie. Josh comes home several times a year (him and Addy are best friends!). When the family is all together we love to spend time at "the farm" (a lake and chunk of land they own) kayaking, fishing and riding 4-wheelers. We also enjoy playing games and eating...so much eating!





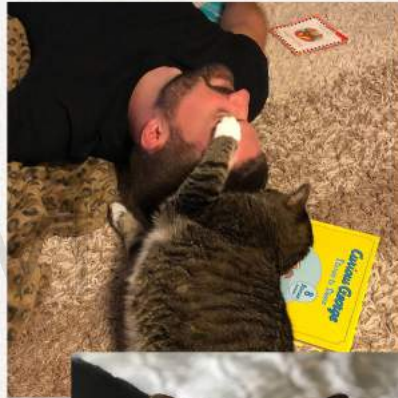
# *Our Family*



Things we love: Zoo visits, reading books, baking, swimming, visiting all the local parks and libraries, and just being together! We are members of all the local zoos, playhouses and museums. We love to explore together and learn new things.



## *Our Pets*



Zeke, our 6 year old cat, was rescued from a shelter as a kitten. He is super playful and also super lazy!

Kiwi is a crested gecko - he's still just a baby but the girls love to "find his sneaky hiding places" every morning when they wake up! The girls absolutely adore animals and cannot wait to add a dog to the mix someday!





We know that life will not only be made of happy moments, but we promised to each other and to our girls to cherish the ups and support each other through the downs. We make that promise to you and your child now. We will strive to make everyday a day that grows us, teaches us, and makes us love each other more. We can't promise to be perfect parents, but we can promise to try everyday to be the best parents we can be. We can promise to make sure that every child of ours, regardless of how God gave them to us, goes to bed every night knowing they are special, they are loved and they are worthy of that love.

*We can't wait to hear from you!*  
*Sam & Seth*