

Eliot & Lydia

Hoping to Adopt



A Letter *To You.*

We may not know your name yet, but we are thinking about you—with care, with compassion, and with deep respect.

This book will tell you about our life and the love we hope to offer a child, but before any of that, we just want to honor YOU. It takes strength to even explore adoption, especially when your heart is likely breaking in ways that no one else can fully see. We can only imagine the emotions you're carrying and the weight of the decisions in front of you. Our hearts break with you for the pain and difficulties that may have brought you here. We don't pretend to fully understand your experience, but we want you to know that you are loved. You matter. We are proud of you.

No matter what path you choose, please know we are praying for you—for comfort, peace, wisdom, and assurance along your journey.







Our Story

We first met around 2015 through shared friends who played ultimate frisbee, board games and had Bible Study. After several years and becoming best friends, we began dating in the fall of 2019. Our relationship was and is a natural fit. We are united in values, faith and life goals. We simply love doing everything together.

We got married August 29, 2020. Our marriage has helped us grow even stronger in our relationship.

Whether it's cooking, landscaping, serving in ministry, or traveling together, we simply enjoy life side by side.

We communicate well. We trust wholeheartedly. We are committed to each other to the very end. We have no secrets between us and love making each other laugh. Our personalities balance each other well. Even when life brings challenges—like our journey through infertility—we lean on our faith, one another, and the support of our amazing family and friends.

Our home is filled with love, peace, grace, and laughter, and we are ready to share that with a child.





Meet Eliot

- **Outgoing, and confident** — Eliot is a people person. He is quick to welcome others and cheer them on boldly. He has no problem being in front of a crowd and his friendly demeanor and humor makes friends quickly.
- **A heart for youth** — Eliot has a BA in psychology and works with Youth For Christ as a Campus Life Director. At church or work, he is passionate about walking alongside teens and pointing them toward Christ.
- **Faith-filled, calm, and steady** — Eliot's relationship with God guides how he lives and loves. Scripture grounds him to be ready to help others. Eliot has a calming presence in difficult scenarios. Whether he's mentoring students or helping a sibling through a tough time, he leads with love, patience, and purpose.
- **Fun-loving and active** — In his free time, Eliot enjoys playing disc golf, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and hosting game nights with friends. He's playful, thoughtful, and full of life.





Meet Lydia

- **Friendly and nurturing** — Ever since Lydia was young, she's had a nurturing spirit and a natural ability to care for others. Lydia thrives in deep connections. She is the kind of person who makes people feel safe and cared for. She's warm, encouraging, and loves to open her home to others.
- **A heart for youth** — Lydia loves working alongside Eliot in ministry with kids. Students flock to her because they know they will be seen and loved. Her favorite part of ministry is mentorship.
- **Grounded in faith** — Lydia's relationship with God gives her resiliency through all circumstances. Christ gives her peace when challenges arise as well as joy and worship during times of blessing.
- **Musical and Fun-loving**— Lydia loves to sing and play guitar and piano. She serves as a worship leader at church. Her favorite activities are volleyball, pickleball, wake surfing, group games and traveling. She also loves quality time with friends and her nieces and nephews.

Our Home

We bought our house in 2022 and dove right into making it our home. In the first few months, we renovated most of the house—painting, updating floors, and adding touches that made it our own. We did a lot of the work ourselves and loved envisioning, designing, and remodeling it side by side.

Our home has 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with plenty of space to grow our family. We've turned one of the bedrooms into a cozy nursery and we are excited to fill it with books, toys and snuggles.

We love to host family and friends, whether it's game nights, celebrating birthdays, and having long conversations. We've worked hard to create a space that feels peaceful, safe, and welcoming to everyone who walks through the door. It's the kind of calm, loving environment in which we look forward to raising our children.



Our Families



Eliot is the fourth of seven siblings and was raised on a farm in Ohio. His family is full of laughter, hard work, strong committed relationships and is rooted in faith. With 8 grandchildren—and more on the way—there's always a cousin to play with and fun to be had. Eliot's family has been incredibly supportive of our adoption journey and can't wait to welcome another little one into the mix. One of our nieces was adopted two years ago, and she has been one of the sweetest additions to our family!



Lydia is the middle of three siblings and grew up in a small town in Ohio. Her family leads by example with their strong faith in God. They are tight-knit and love spending time together—playing games, celebrating holidays, or enjoying quiet evenings around the table. There are no grandchildren yet, so everyone is especially excited to welcome a little one into the family. Lydia's parents and siblings are overjoyed at the thought of becoming grandparents, aunts, and uncles for the first time!

Some of Eliot's Completed Bucket List



Finish 2 half marathons
and several tough
mudder/savage races!



Survived camping in
the wilderness!



Visited Israel and
rode a camel!



Led a program team
for YFC Camp!



Some of Lydia's Completed Bucket List



Go to Kauai, Hawaii
with Eliot's brother
and sister-in-law!



Feed a giraffe!



Go to an
Ohio State University
Football Game!



Go Skydiving!





Family Christmas



Kids Lydia used to babysit that we still get to have overnight occasionally!



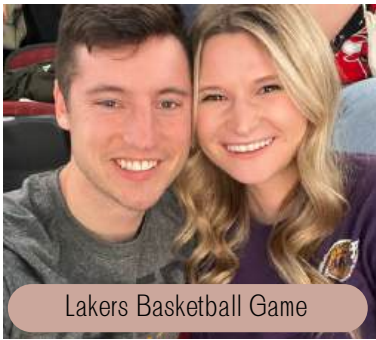
70s theme party with family



Costume Party... Won a trophy!



Escape Room Accomplishment!



Lakers Basketball Game



Nephew Snuggles



One of our favorites...
Sushi with friends and family!



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We know there's no way to truly befriend someone with a few paragraphs and pictures, but we are truly honored you read all the way to the end!

If you choose us to raise your child, we promise to love them for exactly who they are. We will nurture their gifts, celebrate them and their adoption story, and do everything to support them in becoming who God created them to be. We will raise them in a home filled with joy, stability, and faith—a place where they know they are loved not only by us, but by the God who made them.

Whether you desire an open or closed adoption, we are ready to walk that road with you with honesty and deep respect. We are committed to keeping our word. We will speak of you with honor knowing you will always be a part of them and their story.

With love,
Eliot & Lydia