

HANNAH + DAVID



# HELLO!

We are a fun-loving family who values faith, education, and each other. We have a healthy and strong marriage with opposite personalities that balance each other out—plus, we get to push each other outside of our comfort zones. It's a lot of fun!

We are thrilled at the idea of adopting a child and are confident we can provide a loving, stable, joy-filled home. We look forward to visiting zoos, museums, and exploring all the theme parks once they are older. If you are comfortable, we'd love to connect with you and build a relationship. We are happy to provide regular updates, photos, videos and even visits. We aim to be real and authentic in every aspect of our life.

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# HOW WE MET

*Told by Hannah!*

David moved from his home in Northern Ireland to Illinois in 2011. He began attending a pastoral training at my church, where I worked at the time. We met the first day he arrived, and part of my job was to help him get settled. We started dating about six months later. After dating a little over a year, David proposed, and we were married in July of 2013, surrounded by family and friends.



Our wedding day

## WHY WE CHOSE ADOPTION

We'd love to be parents and grow our family, but so far we've been unable to naturally conceive. We both grew up with adopted cousins and we also have a number of friends who have grown their families through adoption. We're way more excited about adoption than pursuing fertility treatments.



# OUR VALUES

## FAITH

We each have a personal relationship with God, and our faith guides how we love, face challenges, and hope to raise a child—with grace and kindness.

## KINDNESS

We love to care for and help others, especially in times of need. We enjoy making others feel valued.

## EMBRACING OTHERS

We value our differences and what makes each person unique—no matter their culture, race, or heritage. We all have purpose and meaning.



London



Ireland



Swimming with dolphins

## OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO TOGETHER

- **Travel and explore new places!** Our favorite city is London, but we more frequently travel within the United States.
- **Attend musicals!** Whether it's a large professional production or a small community one, we frequently support the arts.
- **Relax at home!** We love to cuddle up on the couch with a British TV show, a cup of Irish tea, and a "biscuit."
- **Play games with family and friends!** We have an ongoing Rook competition with Hannah's parents and also play UNO with family friends.



# MEET HANNAH

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

**Siblings:** One older brother and one younger sister

I grew up in Illinois. I have wonderful memories of summers spent at the neighborhood pool with family and friends, family reunions with all of my cousins, my parents reading books aloud before bedtime, and playing with our pet guinea pigs. My mom homeschooled my brother and me. As a child, I played soccer and tennis and took piano and violin lessons.

I taught elementary school for six years, but now I teach English as a Second Language to adults who have immigrated to my community. I enjoy meeting people from all over the world and learning about their cultures. Once we adopt, my plan is to become a stay-at-home mom. I may possibly keep one class that meets six hours a week.



Game night with friends



A few of my friends

## FUN FACT

I taught in Honduras for two years!

## THINGS I LOVE

Beautiful sunny weather

Completing puzzles

Going on neighborhood walks

The movie *Anne of Green Gables*

Mint chocolate chip ice-cream



I teach private piano lessons

# MEET DAVID

**Occupation:** Executive Consultant

**Degrees:** Master of Theology, Bachelor of Engineering

**Siblings:** One older brother and one older sister



I grew up in Northern Ireland. I have great memories of family holidays in Spain and England, as well as holiday seasons with my extended family—especially my cousins. As a child, I was always interested in working with my hands, building go-karts or tree huts, and helping my dad with DIY projects. I also enjoyed spending summers helping my uncle on his farm.

I work as a consultant with a couple of business owners, helping them scale their businesses and oversee their leadership teams. I enjoy helping people reach their goals. I work from home and have control over my schedule. Once we adopt, I plan to take a few weeks off.

## FUN FACT

When I was younger,  
I use to do a  
little magic!



Scooter ride with a friend



At my uncle's farm

## THINGS I LOVE

Asian food, such as Thai  
James Bond movies  
Watching live theatre  
Visiting theme parks  
Traveling to new cities



Ireland

## WHAT DAVID LOVES ABOUT HANNAH

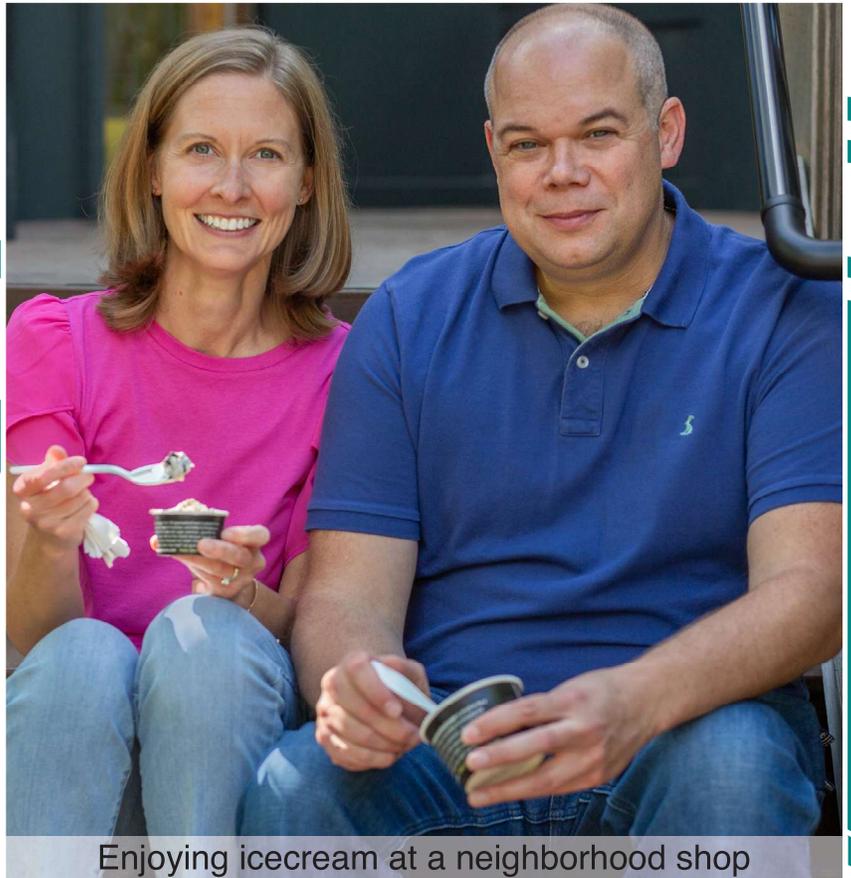
Hannah is kind, happy, and calm. She has a solid faith that challenges me to always pursue character above all else. I love how she cares for people—especially her heart for children. She enjoys teaching and wants it to be about the kids, not just the job. I have no doubt she will be there every step of the way to teach and guide your child with unconditional love.



Biking the Golden Gate Bridge



With David's parents



Enjoying icecream at a neighborhood shop

## WHAT HANNAH LOVES ABOUT DAVID

David is outgoing, kind, and caring. One of the first things he told me is that he takes life seriously, but he doesn't take himself too seriously. He has proven that to be true. David's faith in God is very practical, and he loves people in the most genuine way. He connects with young children, teenagers, adults, and seniors like no one else I know. He loves to have fun and is always ready for a good laugh! (He also has a great accent.) He will be a fun and active father.

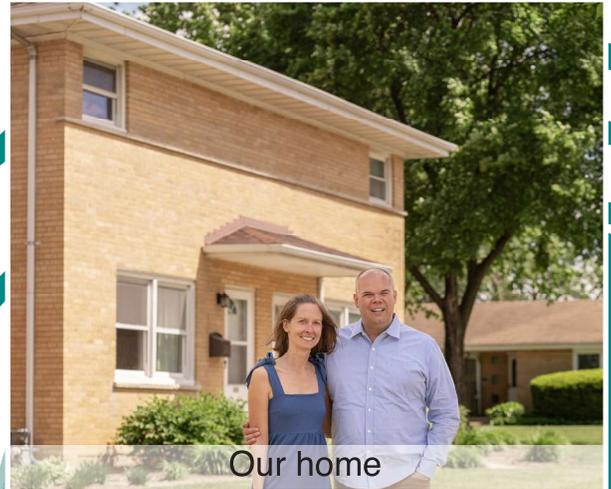
# HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a suburban area of Illinois. Our neighborhood is filled with older, well-kept homes and large, mature trees. Our home is in a school district that receives top scores from elementary through high school. We're open to public or private schools—or even homeschooling.

We're within walking distance of multiple parks, a community pool, library, coffee shops, restaurants, and the train station. The train gets us into the city in about 40 minutes, where there are dozens of museums, every ethnic restaurant you can imagine, and countless places to explore.



Back yard fun



Our home



Neighborhood playground



Local lake with walking paths and a playground



Local green space



Neighborhood pool



Local farmer's market

# FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hannah's parents live in Colorado, and her siblings live in Virginia and California. David's family all live in Ireland. Though we're spread out, we see our families regularly. Along with video chats, we frequently take trips to visit them or host them at our home. When we're together, it's always high-quality time.

We also have several wonderful friends who live nearby. Most of them have children, and we spend a lot of time with their whole families—usually at one of our homes, but sometimes on a fun adventure to the city or a local event.



WE HAVE  
THREE NIECES AND  
THREE NEPHEWS WHO ARE  
EXCITED FOR A NEW COUSIN!

# RAISING A CHILD

Parenting is multi-faceted. Sometimes you need to be a leader; other times, a friend. Sometimes you offer instruction; other times, you simply have fun. As parents, we will raise your child with three core pillars:

- Carry forward the great lessons we learned from our own loving parents.
- Be strong role models, drawing inspiration from the positive parenting we see.
- Lean on our faith in God, who instructs us to teach, train, equip, and model our values.



Family reunion with Hannah's family



Christmas celebration with loved ones



Amusement park with family



Christmas with David's family

## OUR FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITIONS

- For Easter and Christmas, we always make cinnamon rolls.
- We love having Chinese or Indian food nights with our family.
- When we visit Ireland, we always go to the North Coast.
- Every Sunday evening, we go to a friend's house for dinner and games.

# THANK YOU!

With open hearts, we thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us. Your child will grow up knowing—without a doubt—that they are deeply loved by you. Love is a willing self-sacrifice for the greater good of another, and like many relationships, that is the key to parenting.

We are committed to holding your child's hand and coaching, guiding, and loving them wherever life takes them. We promise to teach them right from wrong, listen to them, encourage their interests, and calm their fears. We will strive to set a strong example of healthy relationships, serving others, working hard, resolving conflict, and having fun. We are ready for this parenting adventure!

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