

JOURNEYS

STORIES FROM THE STREETS AND BEYOND



LITTLE FOOTPRINTS
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



LOVING HOUSTON
ADOPTION AGENCY



A couple years ago God put it on our hearts to adopt a kiddo that we could love and bless. Little did we know how deep of a work He would do in us along the journey. We moved to Houston with the vision to church plant and serve Houston with the Gospel. At that time, God had impressed upon us that we would meet someone that would know of a family that had a child they could no longer care for and that we'd adopt that child.

FROM TRUSTING TO TRAINING

Within a month of our move here we met Kim and Martin Dale through a mutual acquaintance, Rhonda and Wayne Niblack, who had adopted earlier through Loving Houston Adoption Agency. My wife and I began preparing our hearts and home as we got excellent training to become qualified foster to adopt parents via the professional and compassionate staff at LHAA. And, because of the bold ministry of LHAA we began to realize that this would not be a conventional foster to adopt journey, but rather, a journey that required Gosia and I to fully trust God allowing Him to choose for us with little of our own say in His matter.

CHALLENGE TO OUR FAITH

To be totally honest, this created in me a challenge to my faith in God and the nature of his plan. It was something that I personally wrestled with for a while; what if God's choice for us was something that we would not prefer? What if God's choice would be different than what we had desired? These were the kinds of questions that I wrestled with in my heart and that I needed the Spirit to settle.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRUST

My wife and I had been missionaries overseas in communist Europe, I have traveled quite extensively on church planting endeavors, and have done mission trips to some very difficult places. We had lived at times with no money, and at times with an abundance of resources. I had personally crossed the border of Kazakhstan and China on foot, yet for some reason I was really wrestling with trusting God and what he would do without my control.

SURRENDER TO HIS GOODNESS

Not long after that, I knew I had to settle it in my heart

*"Rescue those being led away to death, hold back those staggering towards the slaughter."
- Proverbs 24:11*



with absolute surrender to God's will and nature. I remember driving home and crying out to God "Lord, I surrender to your radical plan because I know your sovereignty is rooted in absolute grace and goodness."

"YES" BY FAITH

Not even 48 hours later, we got a phone call from Kim about an urgent rescue who needed to be placed within a couple hours. Not really knowing much about the child that God was going to bring into our home, Gosia and I said yes by faith. Before we knew it, we had a 10 month old sleeping infant brought to our home in dire need for caring foster parents with the willingness and intent to adopt. As soon as he opened his eyes, he looked at us, smiled, and God knit our hearts with his. We knew this was the good and acceptable will of God.

AN EXPIDITED FOREVER

We fostered Kaleb for about 7 months and we were told to expect longer. But, the Lord expedited the process and we were blessed to have the proactive LHAA staff working on our case. At the end of 7 months, Judge Pope ruled on our adoption case promptly and it seemed Kaleb knew exactly what was happening. He did a happy dance outside the court room! Our hearts were filled with thanksgiving and gratitude!

SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

Our goal and vision was to adopt and bless a little child, but God has turned it around and blessed us more than we could've ever asked or thought! We were literally able to act out the theology of adoption. We got to share the adoptive heart of God to Kaleb that he showed us when he adopted all of us through his son Jesus Christ.

