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If someone had told us 14 years ago that we would be a part of the amazing adoption community and that we would be celebrating National Adoption Month as a

family of four, I would have called them crazy and probably laughed. Thank God that His ways are always better than ours because our lives have been forever changed and I could not imagine a greater gift than our two incredibly precious daughters.

AT A CROSSROAD

Our journey starts like so many others. Years of struggling to become pregnant, seeing countless doctors and specialists, only to be told that the chances of having biological children was slim to none. We were at a crossroad in our life. We had been invited to attend the Annual LHAA Gala by some friends and we decided to join them, not knowing that the course of our lives was about to change. We signed up for the classes in the Spring of 2013 and began "considering our options!"

A LEAP OF FAITH

Fast forward to August 2013. We had completed the classes and were taking our time completing our paperwork because we were still on the fence about adoption versus invitro. One night we grabbed each others hands and prayed that God would give us clear direction, and boy did He answer our prayers immediately. The next day I received a call from Kim Dale with LHAA. She said that they had two little girls, sisters, that needed placement. These sisters were two years old and nine months old, and they were strictly foster. At the time, we were not 100% sure we wanted to do foster care but we told her that we would pray about it, and pray we did! We felt a resounding "YES" from God and the next day I called



her and said we would take them in. On September 9th, 2013 our doorbell rang and in an instant, our entire world changed!

THE JOURNEY OF ADOPTION

We knew that day that they were to be our daughters, but little did we know that the next 22 months were going to be some of the most difficult, yet rewarding, times of our lives. We experienced struggles and trials that I didn't even know existed; but for so many who walk this journey, they are all too familiar. We cried, laughed, felt extreme frustration at "the system," and fought the hardest battle we've ever fought, BUT GOD! Our faith was surely tested and out of the fire two people became a family of four. On May 8th, 2015 our adoption was finalized and our two baby girls were now officially ours.

I would not change one thing about our journey because it is a testament of God's goodness, grace, mercy and faithfulness. His word says that "He will give you the desires of your heart," and we are living proof of that. I am so glad that we took a step of faith and went to the Gala with our friends. I am so beyond grateful for the entire staff of LHAA for being His hands and feet. We are a proud LHAA Rescue Family and we will continue to pray for and support those that are already Rescue Families and those that God is bringing in.

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

