

Journeys

STORIES FROM THE STREETS AND BEYOND



LITTLE FOOTPRINTS
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



LOVING HOUSTON
ADOPTION AGENCY



Our adoption story began with our oldest daughter, Trinity telling us that she wanted to adopt. The Lord used her to plant a seed in our hearts that would soon grow. Fast forward three years, and we found ourselves surrounded by families fostering in our homeschool co-op. As I asked a lot of questions. I knew then that God was leading us to foster and adopt! While my husband Kyle and I prayed about it, God confirmed that He wanted us to be obedient, say yes, and start fostering. We did our research and prayed and we knew Loving Houston Adoption Agency was where God was leading us to begin our journey.

HIS NAME....

We got a call a few months later about a little two-month-old baby boy. When Kim Dale, the Director of LHAA, called and told us about this sweet baby boy and told us his name was Jeremiah, I knew he was going to be our forever son. Because our two biological children's names are Trinity and Noah, it was such a God thing that our next baby had a biblical name. After this, we found out his middle name is David, my husband's first name. Hearing this put me in tears. I knew he was supposed to be with us! I was able to develop a relationship with Jeremiah's birth mom, and after about seven months, she signed relinquishments of her rights to LHAA. I can't tell you how honored we were to know she trusted us to raise her son. He is so loved by her and us. We adopted Jeremiah in the summer of 2017. He is filled with joy and is an amazing blessing to our lives!

A BABY SISTER FOR MY BIRTHDAY

After adopting Jeremiah, we knew God wanted us to say yes again. Three months after adopting Jeremiah, we began our next adoption journey. Trinity had been praying for a baby sister. We got a call from Kim Dale again saying there was a baby girl in the hospital who was only a few days old and in need of a family. We immediately said yes! Not only did God give Trinity the



baby sister she had been praying for, but that baby sister was born on her birthday! My girls sharing a birthday is a beautiful reminder of God answering prayers! God is so cool!

ROLLER COASTER RIDE

Our second foster care journey was a bit of a roller coaster; we weren't sure if Jubiley was going to go with her birth dad or grandma. In the middle of our journey, God also called us to go to missions school to become missionaries in Africa. We just prayed and trusted God would work everything out. After a little over a year fostering her, we were eagerly awaiting our adoption court date. It can take many months to finally get your adoption day. We were supposed to be on a plane headed for Africa and needed to adopt Jubiley before we left. Our incredible ad litem was able to get a court date to request an expedited adoption day. The judge was amazing. He heard our story and said he would do whatever it took to get this baby girl adopted. Our ad litem said in 30 years he had never seen this happen. In the spring of 2019, we adopted Jubiley.

HE STILL HAS OUR YES.

We serve a Big God who can do anything. Miracles still happen! Our story is still continuing with Loving Houston. We are so grateful for Kim and Martin and all the staff. Foster care and adoption have changed our lives in the best way possible. Through this journey, we learned the importance of our "YES" to Jesus!

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

