



Throughout our journey of wanting to be parents, all we kept hearing from our family, friends, and even the Lord was in HIS right season it will happen. Our hearts became weary after hearing this for almost four years. We took a break from fertility treatment and sought the Lord for our next direction. "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

NEW SEASON BEGINNING

During this season of waiting, we lost one of our prayer warriors and greatest supporters when Pete's mom passed away in the summer of 2014. We took the next year to heal and allow the Lord to speak peace into our hearts. Then, we heard Him tell us to research adoption agencies, and we were led to Loving Houston. After we heard Kim speak on their mission to minister to the men, women, and children on the streets who desperately need Jesus, and after Jennifer listened with such compassion and love as we told her our story, we knew immediately this was where God intended us to be and a new season was about to begin.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS

We were licensed in February 2016, and it wasn't long before we received our first placement, a pair of siblings, who entered our home and immediately filled it with so much joy. They thrived and instantly bonded with us, but it wasn't long before they left to live with a family member. We cried as we prayed God's protection over them. Our home was empty once more, but we would never forget those little ones we loved so much. About a month later, we received a call about a two-year-old boy. We didn't realize how much our lives would change when we said yes. We saw this special boy go through so much at such a young age. We loved on him, prayed over him, and prayed with him. We comforted him as he navigated through night terrors and big emotions after visits with his biological mother. We were in the trenches with our little guy.

WERE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

We would go on to say yes to two more placements at the same time. Our home was full of laughter and little feet running everywhere. This season was amazing yet heart-breaking, stressful yet joyous! When we said goodbye to our sibling sets one by one, God revealed something to us: we were making a difference, even though it didn't feel like it at times. We were showing



the love of Christ to His children even though we felt they may have been too young to see it.

OH BABY!

Our home was down to one, our oldest son. Then the call about a two-week-old baby boy came. Pete and I were nervous. An infant?! On our way home with him, we didn't say a word to each other. Somehow, we knew this case would be different. As we walked this journey out, we formed a great relationship with his biological parents. Once they knew the possibility of reunification was slim, they said they would love for us to adopt their son—a tremendous blessing and honor! We adopted our son at nineteen months old the day after Valentine's Day 2019.

LOVE ISN'T ALWAYS EASY

In the midst of his adoption journey, we received a call about a two-month-old baby girl. We immediately said yes! On a cold, rainy night, we met our princess. Two infants—what?! How? Would we be able to make this work? The Lord gave us the strength, passion, and wisdom to do so. However, while we were welcoming our daughter, we had to say goodbye to our oldest son. This was gut-wrenching, yet we knew the Lord was in control. He was moving all of us to the next season in our lives. Our oldest son was our longest placement, and we had given him our all. We pray for and think of him every day.

THE STRUGGLE IS WORTH IT

We were given the gift of adopting our daughter two months after adopting our son. We are blessed with our "twins" – just four months apart. They are the joys of our life – rambunctious, loving, full of energy, and such a blessing! God is simply amazing. He weaves and binds things together. He allows seasons to change to benefit His children. We may not see it as we struggle through the transitions, but if only we keep our eyes on the One who is in control of it all, we soon see the bigger picture and know that in HIS right season it will happen.

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

