

Journeys

STORIES FROM THE STREETS AND BEYOND



LITTLE FOOTPRINTS
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



LOVING HOUSTON
ADOPTION AGENCY



Believe me when I say that we asked God multiple times, "Are you sure you don't just want us to have a bible study in our home to fellowship and eat!?" However, we were called to the ministry of fostering, and we knew it. We always thought we'd adopt someday as well, but never wanted that to be our focus, as fostering was always our first call.

THE PERFECT SET UP...

My wife Ashley and I found Loving Houston Adoption Agency after being licensed with a couple of other agencies. We finally felt that an agency "got it" and "got us," which says a lot, as we are not your average cookie cutter family. We were able to foster three precious little ones with Loving Houston before getting the call that would change our lives forever.

WE KNEW GOD HAD PREPARED US...

In April 2020, our agency informed us that there was a street mother who was 24 weeks pregnant and considering adoption. Having been offered abortion, she chose instead to make a call to Kim with whom she had previous relationship through the ministry. We didn't know the race or the gender of the baby, nor did we know the condition of the mom. All we knew was that God had prepared us for this moment. We stood at a crossroads with a decision to make. Would we say yes in obedience to God, or we would make a list of justifiable excuses and move on with our lives? We chose to say yes!

THE UPS AND DOWNS...

As you know, the adoption journey is filled with so many ups and downs and is never complete until a judge declares the child is yours. We were able to meet the birth mother through the ministry and build a relationship with her. Ashley was able to have contact with her, but there were many times mom would be unresponsive or didn't show up to the ministry.... "Did she change her mind? Did something happen?" All of the questions swirled every time.



FROM HIS FIRST BREATH

Finally, nearing the end of the pregnancy, we were able to see her again, and not long after that, mom went into labor. She contacted Ashley to come to the hospital and invited her to be in the delivery room. The kids and I watched our precious little Henry being born via FaceTime. Ashley was able to receive him and be with him from the moment he came into this world.

"I KNOW HE IS YOURS..."

After the first night in the hospital, the birth mother asked to talk to Ashley and said she wanted to hold him. Ashley agreed, and while holding our sweet boy, she said "I know he is yours. I hear you with him, and I already know this was 100% the right decision."

INSTANTLY IN LOVE

Henry came home a day later, and instantly we were all in love with new baby brother and son. I know it's cliché, but he is a blessing to our family and no doubt is OUR SON. The official adoption day was January 13, 2021. Without the ministry of Loving Houston, our son Henry wouldn't have a testimony of God's grace and mercy.

GOD HAS STIRRED OUR HEARTS AGAIN...

Fast-forward 2 years, even after moving to the Dallas area, we reached out to Loving Houston, as God has stirred our hearts for adoption once again. Our family is so grateful for Loving Houston because they are the hands and feet of Jesus.

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





A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

I would like to personally invite you to partner with us in the outreach to the at risk children in Houston, Texas and beyond. We need prayer partners, families to help care for children, volunteers and those who would like to partner financially. Would you please pray about how you can be a part of our team? Thank you so much for your consideration.

May God bless you as you help us reach Houston by reaching those most vulnerable.

HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

PRAY for this ministry

VOLUNTEER at our weekly outreach

BECOME LICENSED as a foster/adopt family

DONATE to this cause

TO MAKE A DONATION

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GIVE VIA PAYPAL AT www.littlefootprintscm.com

or

MAIL A CHECK TO: Little Footprints
P.O. Box 70348
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LITTLE FOOTPRINTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY, HOPELESSNESS AND ABUSE BEFORE IT DUPLICATES ITSELF IN THE NEXT GENERATION

- Partners with community organizations and area churches to provide tangible help to the children and families with items such as: diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, pregnancy tests, prenatal vitamins, etc.
- Offers referrals to mothers for needed services.
- Offers services to mothers who are incarcerated.



LOVING HOUSTON ADOPTION AGENCY

SERVICING FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIONS

- Trains and licenses Christian families to foster and adopt.
- Assists birthparents with short-term and long-term placement options.
- Offers a positive alternative to the state system through licensed Christian homes.
- Works with the courts and attorneys, fighting for mom's voice to be heard in the courtrooms.
- Brings awareness to the local church on topics such as:
 1. The plight of the orphan.
 2. The need for additional Christian homes.
 3. Ways to get involved.

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