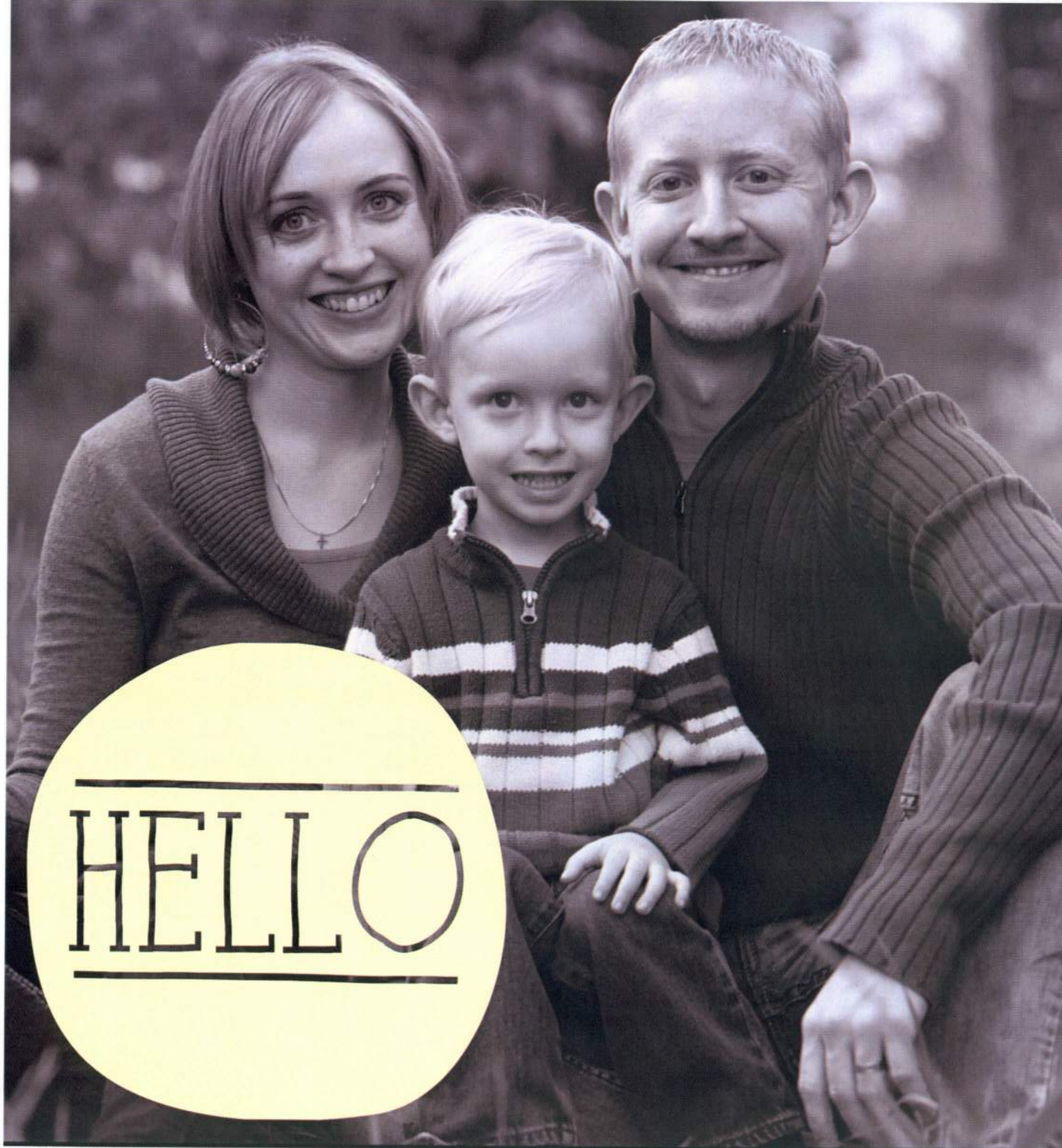




Josh and Rebekah





Hello! We are Josh and Rebekah, and we are so excited to share our lives with you through this letter!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family.

Our interest in adoption began before we had our son, Elliot.

We are grateful that God brought him into our lives, and our desire to adopt has intensified as we have followed

God's leading!

Our home is one that is filled with joy and love.

We strive to provide a loving and nurturing environment, and will do all we can to ensure that your child knows and feels the love of their birth family.

About Us

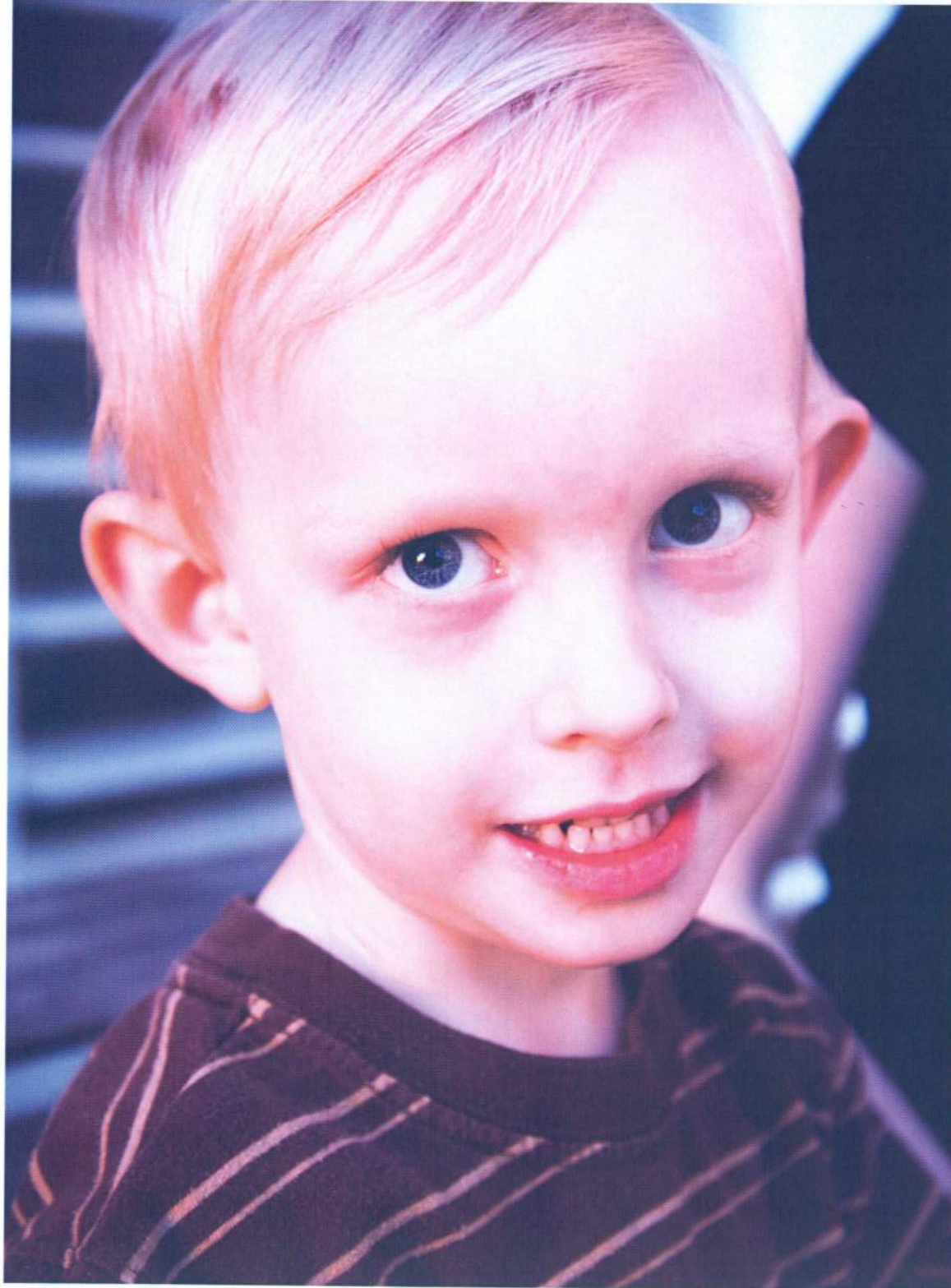
In the fall of 2005, Rebekah arrived on the campus of a small Christian college nestled in the hills of West Virginia, where Josh was attending as a junior and working as a resident assistant. She doesn't remember the first time she met Josh, but he remembers it well!

Eventually the Lord led us together, and we got married 7 years ago in a small town in Iowa, surrounded by our family and friends - on a typically windy day in Iowa. :)

Never too old to ride the dino at the dinosaur park! :)



We enjoy riding bikes together!



In April of 2011, God blessed us with our son, Elliot. He brings joy and a sense of adventure to our lives! He's a very conscientious, caring child, and will make a great older brother!

Elliot loves super heroes like Spider-Man, playing with cars, trucks, and making paper airplanes, riding his red tricycle, and playing with his cousins and friends. He would probably live outside all the time if we let him! :)

A regular prayer of Elliot's at bedtime is that God would give him a "baby brother or a baby sister" to love. :)

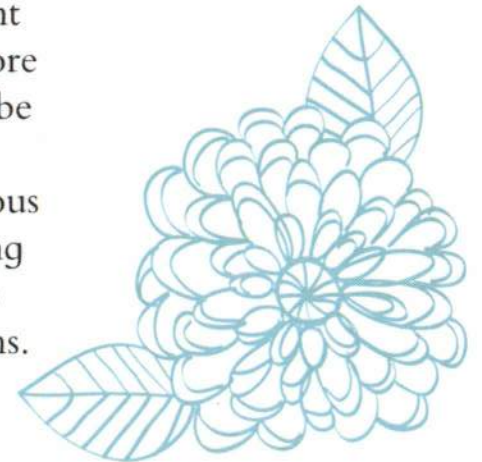




We are grateful to be parents! We take seriously the responsibility that God has given to us as parents to love, nurture, and teach our children about Jesus' love for them. Our desire is to raise each of our children with a strong sense of identity, and we think one of the best ways to do that is through open adoption. We want to openly and honestly answer any questions that our children have, and help them to know how much they are deeply loved and cared for by their birth family.

What's Important { to us }

One of our interests is learning about other cultures. Our love for children is not dependent upon the child's skin any more than whether the child will be tall or short! :) We enjoy spending time going to various cultural events, and spending time with our friends who have other cultural traditions.





I am a pastor of a non-denominational church, and I love having a flexible schedule to spend time at home with my family throughout the week. Teaching others is my passion, and I enjoy seeing the potential in others, even before they see it. Some of my hobbies are playing the piano, running, and keeping up with college sports.

Meet Josh

by Rebekah

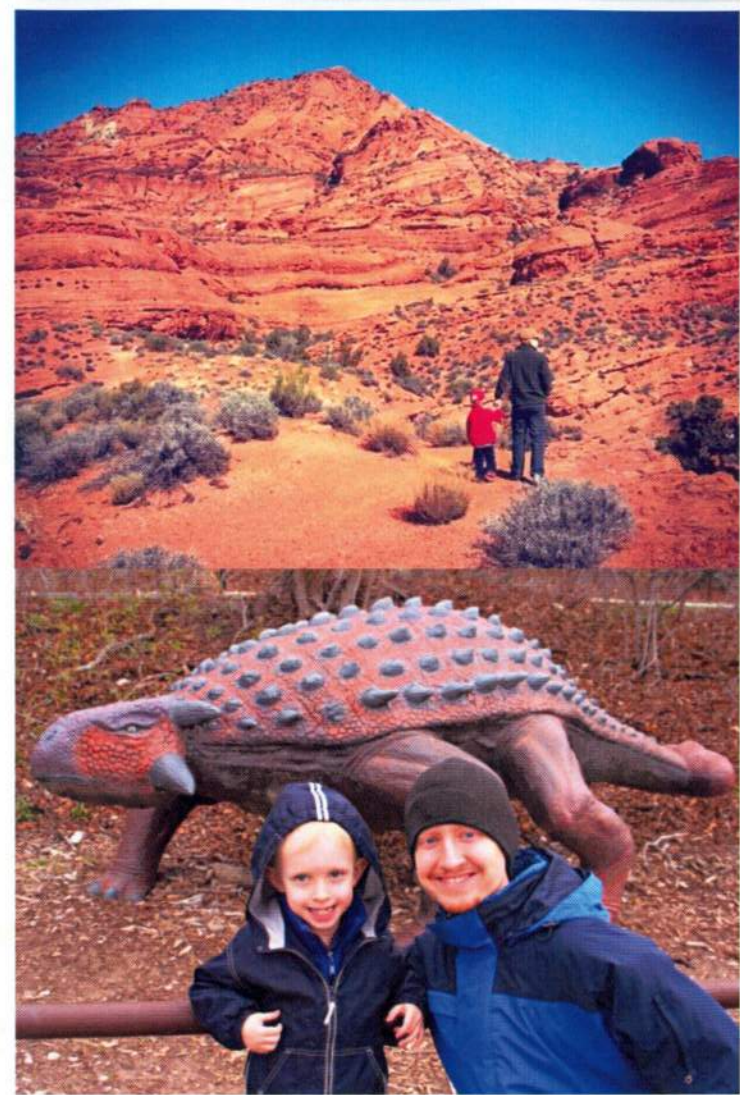
Josh is a great leader of our family - spiritually, by praying regularly with both Elliot and me about anything and everything, and teaching us more about the Bible in everyday situations.

I appreciate Josh's optimism in life! He has a deep faith in people even long after others have given up on them.

I didn't realize how self-sacrificing Josh was until we had Elliot. He's definitely a hands-on dad! The first week after Elliot was born, Josh spent a lot of time "skin-to-skin" with him and developed a very strong bond. The number of diapers he's changed is certainly equal to the amount that I have! :)

Josh is very disciplined with his time, however, his work is not without play! His schedule is never too full for his family. He has a home office and is so gracious to allow many interruptions and impromptu play times (making and playing with paper airplanes, or playing ball) with Elliot.

I'm so grateful for the husband and father that God gave to me/us and for Josh's desire to please God in everything he does!





I am a stay-at-home mom and I LOVE being able to spend each day with Elliot! I enjoy reading to Elliot, going for walks, and having him as my sidekick when I'm cooking. Making healthy, yummy food is a passion of mine, and I enjoy growing various vegetables in our back yard garden. I love reading, especially true stories about people who have defied the odds and overcome challenging situations in their lives!

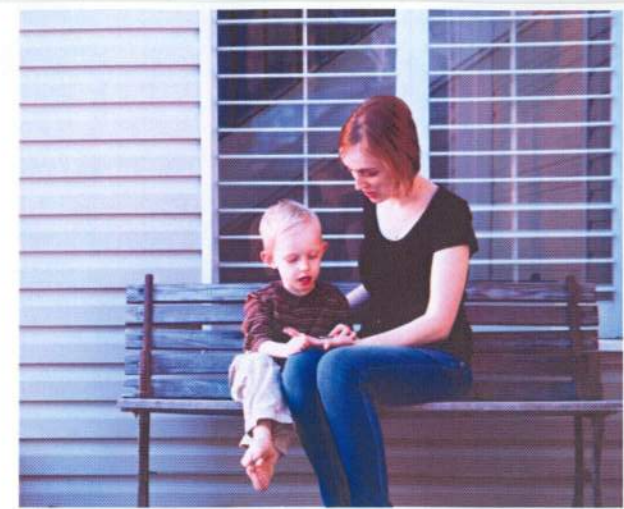
by Josh

When Rebekah and I met in college, her love for God and others made me want to spend as much time with her as possible. She quickly earned the reputation of being the best cook on campus, and everyone loved her maturity and how humble she was with anything she did.

Since our college days, she's become a wife and a mother who loves God and those around her on an even deeper level. When someone asks me for help, I naturally want to think through all the details and then make a decision. Rebekah immediately offers her love and help when she sees someone in need.

After our son Elliot was born in 2011, it was very important for Rebekah to bond closely with him in as many ways as possible. With all the time she still spends reading books to Elliot and playing with him, she also manages to find time to talk and counsel other ladies with the struggles they are facing.

Everything she is able to do as a wife and mother is because God has poured His love into her heart, and she never hesitates to pour that love into everyone He brings into her life.



Get to Know Rebekah



One time Elliot dug a hole in the garden big enough for him to sit in!



Elliot's tractors helping out with the excavation work. :)



Our Home

We live in a spacious home in Utah in a quiet, safe neighborhood. We enjoy having people in our home, where we gather for Bible studies, craft activities for Rebekah's friends, or to visit and share our lives with each other (and play!).

Our large backyard is a great place for kids to play. When Elliot has friends over they love playing with Elliot on our swing set, or digging with him in the sand box to make sand castles. One of Elliot's favorite things to do in our yard is dig in the dirt for worms, and play with them for a little while before setting them free to their worm homes again.

Both of us play the piano, and especially enjoy playing duets together at Christmas time.

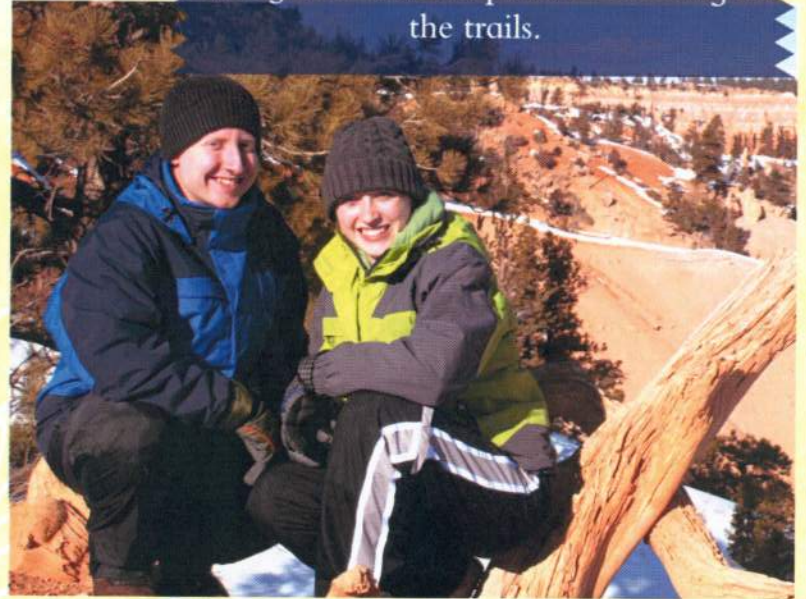


Activities We Enjoy

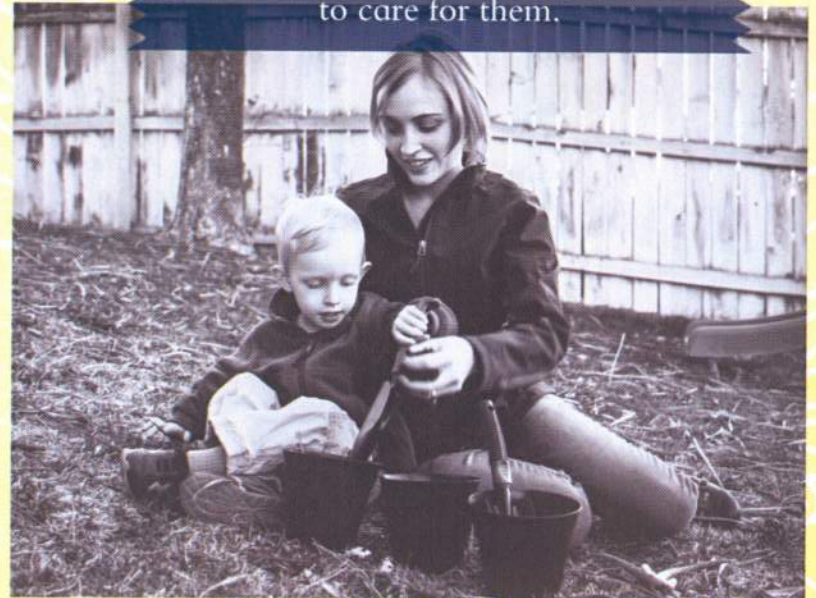
Reading lots of books!




Visiting our national parks and hiking on the trails.



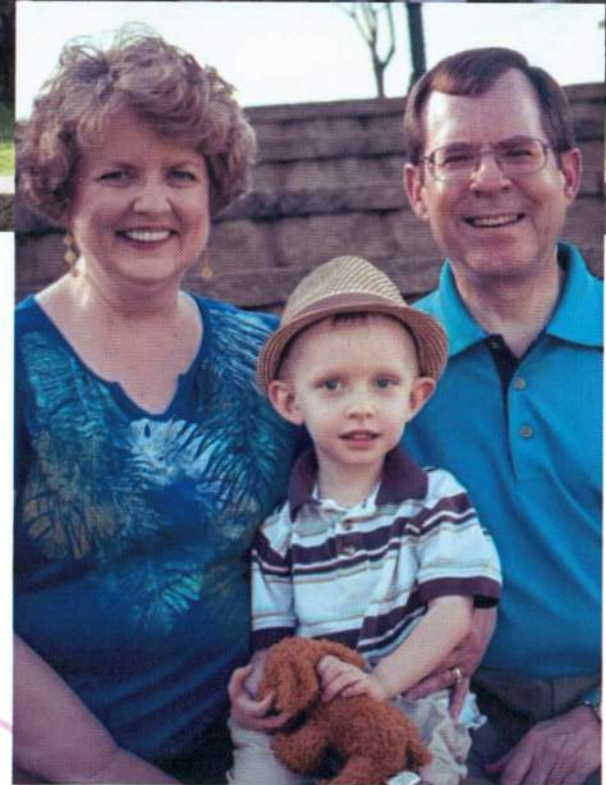
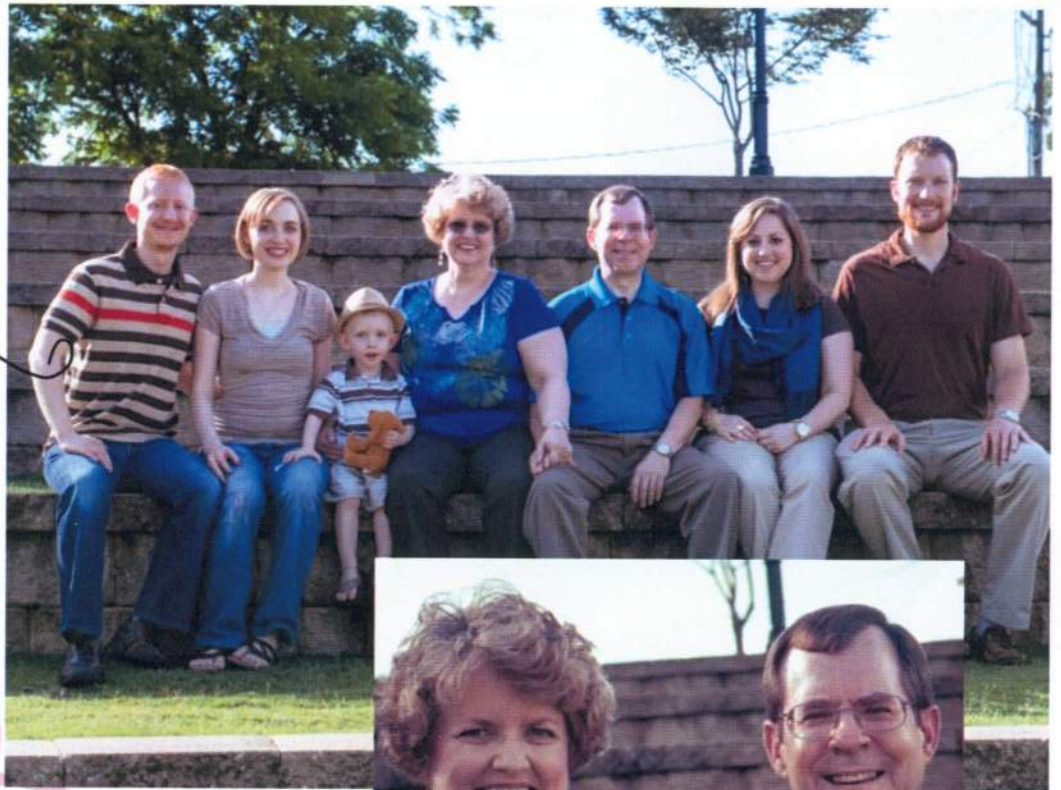
Learning about plants and how to care for them.



A photograph of a family playing soccer in a backyard. A man in a green jacket and blue jeans is kicking a silver ball. A woman in a dark jacket and blue jeans stands in the background. A young child in a blue jacket and khaki pants is running towards the ball. The scene is set in a grassy yard with a wooden fence in the background.

Josh played soccer in high school & college
and loves teaching Elliot how to play!

Family



Josh's Family
"Papa and Grandma"



LIVE
Love
LAUGH



Top: Rebekah's parents ("Grandpa and Grandmoo") and family at her sister's wedding
Bottom: Rebekah with her sisters

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We love being parents, and we are so excited to have another child. With God's help, we will raise your child with the same love and dedication with which we are raising Elliot. We want your child to know that you made the most selfless decision because you love them so much.

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