

BRENT & LISA



Our Story

Hello! We're Brent and Lisa. Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about us. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to be considered as part of your adoption plan, and we hope to meet you soon!

Our story began in college, where we met during our sophomore year in 2002 through mutual friends. For spring break that year, everyone took a trip to visit Lisa's family in Florida. We were in the same car for the 12-hour drive back to Virginia, and we talked the entire way. It didn't take long for us to realize we wanted to spend our lives together.

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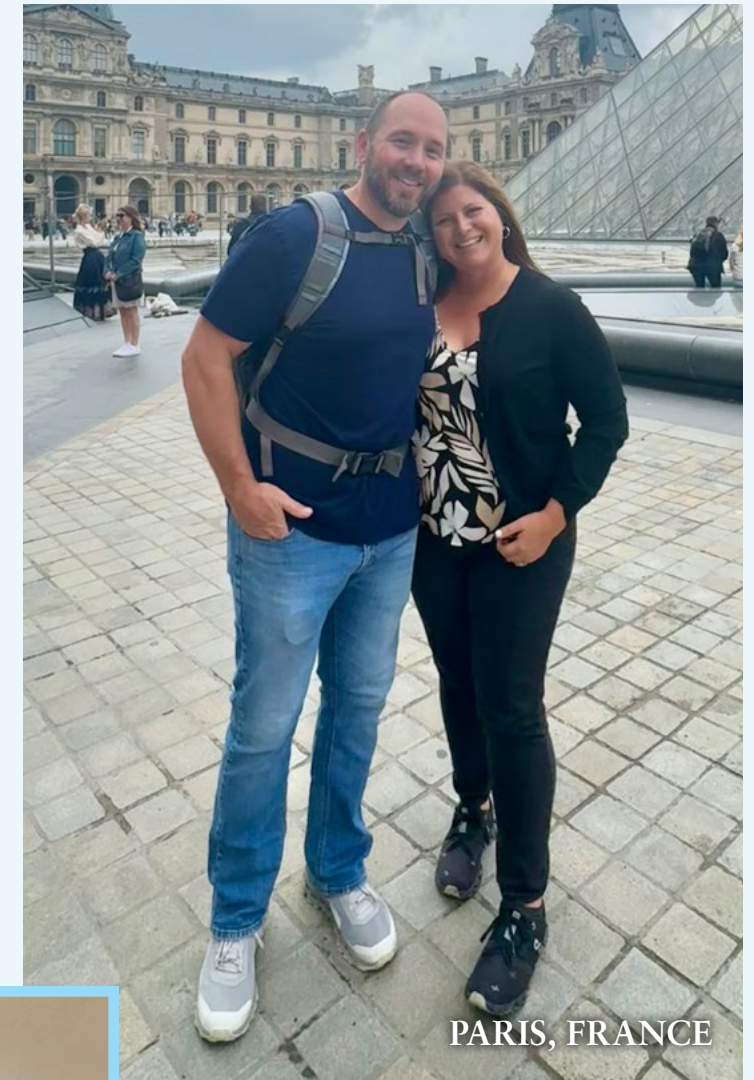
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Shortly after we got engaged, and while we were still in school, we discovered we were expecting our first child. It was a surprise, but one we embraced wholeheartedly. We got married during spring break of 2004, finished the semester, and moved to Florida. Seven months later, our beautiful daughter, Charissa, was born.

The early days were challenging, but we've never regretted them. Lisa completed nursing school and became a labor and delivery nurse, while Brent joined Lisa's family's produce business. Our family grew further with the arrival of our sons, Lewis and Bobby.



PARIS, FRANCE



COOKING CLASS IN ITALY

Adoption has always been something we've felt called to. We've fostered twenty children, and while we've loved getting to know the children and their families, the primary goal of foster care is reunification, and we are grateful to have been part of many positive outcomes. We've maintained contact with several of the families and are hopeful that adoption is part of God's plan for us.

ABOUT BRENT BY LISA



Brent is a deeply caring and thoughtful man. He is a natural leader in both our home and in our community. As a dad, he's intentional and loving, always taking the time to guide, support and have fun with our kids. He's also an incredibly devoted and thoughtful husband. He seeks to love and serve me, showing patience and gentleness and a true commitment to our marriage. His faith in God is at the center of his life, and he strives to live that out daily.

Brent is an elder at our church and often counsels friends and family members. His wisdom and compassion are truly gifts, which is why he is currently pursuing a degree in pastoral counseling. Professionally, he is the COO of my family's produce business, a position he worked hard to grow into. Starting as a truck driver, he has steadily taken on more responsibilities through the years. Brent is an understanding and generous boss who leads with integrity and encourages others to grow alongside him.



While Brent has had success professionally, his greatest pride comes from our marriage and children. His family is the heart of his life, and he can't wait to add a new member to love and cherish. Above all, Brent's strong work ethic, humility, and love for God and people make him an incredible boss, dad, and partner in life.



ABOUT LISA BY BRENT

Lisa is the most loving person I know. Her deep compassion for others, especially those in need, has shaped who she is. During college, she volunteered with underprivileged children and took mission trips to Guatemala, where her desire to love like Jesus grew. She has a heart for serving and caring for others, which led us to foster care and has been a cornerstone of her incredible motherhood.



Lisa was once a labor and delivery nurse but chose to be a stay-at-home mom while our kids were young. She still occasionally serves as a birth support person for friends and family, is involved in our church, and works one morning a week in accounts payable for our family business.

Lisa has homeschooled each of our kids at different points, supporting our son with learning disabilities tirelessly, and managing our family with grace and organization. She's been a constant presence at every event, never missing a moment. Her love for our family, her belief in God, and her compassion are the driving forces behind her life.



Whether through her work in children's ministry or her continued support of the families we fostered, Lisa's kindness and sacrificial love have made her an incredible wife and mother. Any child who comes into her life is blessed by her love.



THE OLDER SIBLINGS



CHARISSA

Charissa is studying interior design at the same university that we attended two decades ago. She's excited about the idea of welcoming a new sibling into our family. Charissa has always had a heart for children, loving to spend time with them and working with kids of all backgrounds, including those with special needs. She is eager to share that love with a new sibling.

Lewis is a teenager who is active in the church youth group, enjoys fishing, and works at a local horse barn. He also volunteers weekly in our church's children's ministry, where he enjoys mentoring younger kids and helping them grow in their faith.



LEWIS



BOBBY



Our son, Bobby, was passionate about fishing, played guitar, and loved Jesus. Bobby had dyslexia and other learning disabilities, and Lisa homeschooled him – they shared a close bond. Tragically, Bobby passed away in an accident. We miss him deeply and cherish the time we had with him.



OUR HOME



THANKSGIVING IN OUR BACK YARD

In 2014, we bought a home we love. It's spacious with four bedrooms, an open layout, a pool, and a large backyard where we've created countless memories. We often host Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, which have become cherished family traditions.



4TH OF JULY

We live in a family-friendly community where kids play together, especially at the playground just across the street. We are friends with many of our neighbors, and they gather for fun events like a snowball fight day and an annual crawfish boil. Most evenings, there's a neighborhood dog walk that brings everyone together.

We're also lucky to have a state park less than a mile away, where we enjoy taking walks and spotting deer and other wildlife. Plus, with a boat ramp just outside our neighborhood, we love taking our boat out on the water for fishing trips. Our area also offers excellent educational opportunities, with A-rated schools, as well as charter and private school options, all just a few miles from our home.



BRENT MAKING DINNER FOR HIS PARENTS ON OUR BACK PORCH



BAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES TOGETHER

We're so excited to welcome a child into our home and share all of the beauty, fun, and love that our community has to offer.

OUR Family

Brent and Lisa are both from large families and our kids have 20 first cousins. We are thankful to have many of them nearby, three of whom joined our extended family through adoption. These cousins, ranging from infancy to young adult, are an important part of our daily lives. Our family spends a lot of time with them, playing, having weekly dinners, celebrating holidays, and just enjoying each other's company.

We know our extended family will be excited to welcome a new family member, and they can't wait to share their love.

Through all of life's ups and downs, our family remains close-knit. We enjoy spending time together – whether fishing on our boat, playing pickleball, or hosting church events at our home.



COUSINS ON THANKSGIVING IN OUR BACKYARD



LISA WITH HER PARENTS AND SISTERS

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FAMILY TRIP TO VISIT OHIO GRANDPARENTS



LISA AND SISTERS AND BABY NEPHEW

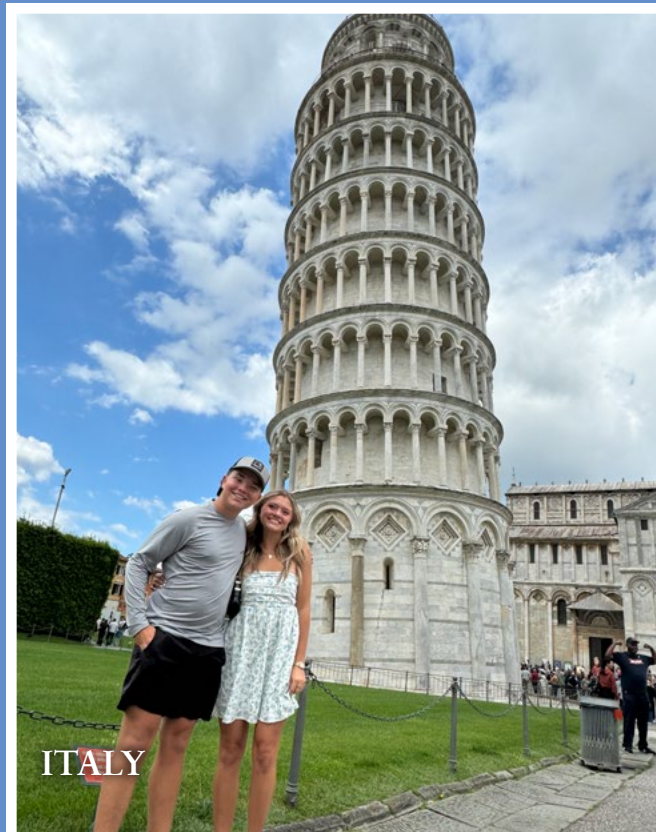
Our Love of Travel & Community



We're very involved in our church, which is multicultural and full of amazing families. Brent serves as an elder and works with the youth group, while Lisa has served in the kids' ministry, on the welcome team, and in the women's Bible study. It's a place where we build strong connections and share in the joy of supporting one another.



We love to travel. Our family has been fortunate to visit places like England, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Costa Rica, and many parts of the U.S. These trips are more than just vacations – they're opportunities to experience new cultures, try new foods, and build lasting memories together. We believe that travel broadens our kids' perspectives and strengthens our family bond.



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As we look forward to expanding our family again, we feel more ready than ever. We believe that adoption is a beautiful way to grow our family, and we are excited to share our love and home with a new child. We are ready to embrace all the joy, challenges, and growth that come with welcoming a new family member. We know this journey will be one of love, understanding, and connection, and we are eager to build a life together full of shared memories, laughter, and support.

Thank you again for considering us. We are so humbled by the opportunity to be part of this process, and we hope to walk alongside you as we create a future together. We can't wait to meet you and begin this next chapter of our story.

Love,

Lisa & Brent





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