

# KRIS *and* WHITNEY





Hi There!

**FIRST, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THE STRENGTH, COURAGE AND LOVE THAT YOU ARE DISPLAYING BY CONSIDERING ADOPTION AND FOR CONSIDERING US TO BE ADOPTIVE PARENTS.**

We are a fun-loving and happy couple, and we have been married for 6 years. We have a wonderful, adopted son named Turner, who is 2.5 years old. He is the light of our lives and keeps us on our toes!

We are committed to raising a child in a loving and nurturing environment, and we will have honesty in our home surrounding their adoption. You are an incredible blessing to both your child and to us, which we will never take for granted.

While we cannot fully understand the depths of this decision you are making, please know that we care for you and would love to talk with you about how we can honor you through our relationship with you and your child.

**OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU,**

*Kris and Whitney*



# OUR story

We first met on a blind date, set up by some mutual friends at church. We met for coffee at Starbucks, which is funny because neither of us really drink coffee! From there, we went on more dates and spent time together around friends. A lot of our friends knew each other, so it was reassuring to hear how they vouched for each of us.

*"I knew pretty quickly that Kris was someone I wanted to spend my life with. We had a very easy connection, and he revealed pretty quickly that I could trust him with my heart." - Whitney*



**AFTER 6 MONTHS OF DATING, KRIS PROPOSED AT THE GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL STADIUM, WHERE WHITNEY WENT TO COLLEGE. (IT WAS AN EMPTY STADIUM- WHITNEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN FRONT OF A CROWD!) WE WERE MARRIED 4 MONTHS LATER, AND HAVE ENJOYED 6 GREAT YEARS OF MARRIAGE SINCE!**



## WHY adoption

**ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF OUR PLAN EVEN IF WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE CHILD BIOLOGICALLY**

Before we adopted Turner, we had been trying to start a family for 3 years. We struggled with infertility and had seen a few different doctors along the way as we tried to figure out what might be causing the infertility. Whitney was diagnosed with PCOS, which can make it very difficult to get pregnant. It was a hard journey for both of us, but we had openly talked about adoption while we were dating. The emotional rollercoaster of infertility taught us a lot about how to lean on each other, and how to have hope that our family would be complete one day no matter what happened. There are many families in our church and community who have adopted children, so we have a great support system in place for our family after adoption. We know that our children will not be alone in their adoption story.

*We have learned so much about healthy adoption through our journey with Turner. We look forward to continuing to educate ourselves about adoption as we grow our family again.*



*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. – Colossians 3:14*





## MEET Whitney

*"I admire so much about Whitney. Her smile, strength, generosity, caring attitude, beauty, and her faith in Jesus are what I love about her most and what make her a great mom. She works hard at her job and works hard at home." -Kris*

I am a positive, energetic, fun person. I really love all kinds of music and am a big fan of musical theater! One of my favorite hobbies growing up was playing tennis. Our whole family liked to play, and we'd go out on warm Georgia summer nights and play together after dinner. I played on the tennis team in high school. I love to watch most sports, especially college football! I love going to games when I can- tailgating, wearing school colors, spending time with friends, and cheering together. I have always been super involved with church, starting at a young age. In middle school, I learned how to play the flute and participated in marching band in and high school.

***I did a study abroad semester in Mexico and after college, I spent almost 2 years living in Santiago, Chile and a year in Salamanca, Spain. I am now fluent in Spanish, which is a super fun life skill to have. I enjoy being able to communicate with people from all over the world! I LOVED my time living overseas and consider it to be one of my greatest life experiences. I hope to take my children to visit the places where I lived one day!***



## MEET *Kris*

*Kris is my biggest champion - he always encourages me to go after the things I want in life. It is so nice to know that as my partner, he'll be there to back me up 100% no matter what happens. He is smart, funny, caring, generous, and has a BIG heart! He loves people very well, and lives his life in such a way that places the needs of others before his own. He is a GREAT dad. He loves Turner, and plays with him in so many fun ways. He loves to take Turner on adventures too!" -Whitney*

I love being outside as much as possible, whether it is working in the yard, playing outdoor games, or sitting around a fire chatting. I also like to work in my garage and on projects around the house. I've done new backsplashes, ship lapped walls, renovated bathrooms and laundry room, and built a pergola. I like the adventure of researching and figuring out how to do something I didn't know how to do before. I like to think of myself as handy. I also love to travel. I grew up going to Maine and Florida for vacations to see my grandparents. Another hobby of mine is hospitality. I got that from my grandmother. I love having people in our home, over to play games outside, watch a movie, or have conversations. I like to be around people as much as possible. I also enjoy playing music. I have played piano since second grade. I have a very special heirloom, which is my grandmother's piano on which she taught me to play.



## MEET OUR SON

# Turner!

Turner is an absolute joy to have in our family. He is 2.5 years old (born in 2022). He is hilariously silly, but also has a huge heart! He'll take any chance he can get to love on his friends or his family, as well as his dog. He loves to play, and his favorite sport right now is baseball. He also loves to sing and dance. His favorite song to belt out is "Deep and Wide." In the summer, he really enjoys playing in water – swimming at the pool or going to a splashpad.

*He will be an incredible big brother. He has already started to identify which toys he can share with a baby brother or sister, and has inquired about having the baby sleep in his room! He has such a loving and sweet spirit, and we can't wait to see him be a big brother.*





# things we love!

KRIS LOVES:

*hosting house projects Scrabble  
Colts football Boston Red Sox baseball*



WHITNEY LOVES:

*college football (especially Georgia Tech!)  
reading cooking swimming tennis*



TOGETHER WE LOVE:

*traveling spending time with friends and family  
going to the zoo or the Children's Museum swimming playing outside*



## home sweet home

We moved into our current home about 6 months after Turner was born. It gave us more room for all the baby gear, and also for family to stay while they visit us! It has 4 bedrooms, a great loft area, and a “secret room” that Kris built for Turner to play in. It was built in 2019, and it is in a great neighborhood. There are a lot of young families, and it’s common to see kids playing all over. The neighborhood has a pool, basketball court, and 3 parks. We are also very close to a large park and splash pad, as well as an indoor play park.

*One of the things that appealed to us about our neighborhood was the diversity of families. On our street, we have families from Colombia, India, and Senegal. There are several biracial families, and we know of at least one other family who has a transracial adopted son.*

## OUR FUR BABY

# santiago

Santiago is 3 years old, and came to join our family in April 2021. He is a soft-coated Wheaten Terrier with lots of energy! He loves playing with Turner, and has always been gentle with Turner and his friends who visit. He'll give anyone that comes through the door a "Wheatie Welcome."

He loves to play outside with balls and bubbles, and he especially loves when Kris turns on the garden hose.

*We know he'll be just a gentle and sweet to a new baby as he was when Turner was born.*





## in this family...

- we love first
- we say "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you"
- we celebrate each other's differences
- we stick together
- we give lots of hugs and kisses
- we find ways to laugh every day





## OUR *extended family*

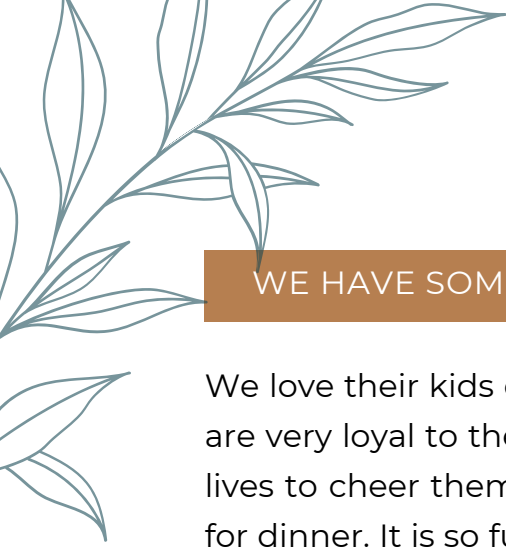
WE BOTH HAVE VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR EXTENDED FAMILY!

None of them live in Indiana, so we do our best to keep in touch with them regularly. Whitney has 2 brothers, one of whom is married with 2 daughters. Kris has 2 brothers and 1 sister, who are all married with children. In total, we have 7 nieces and nephews on their side! Both sets of our parents demonstrated healthy marriages, being willing to work through hard times. They are all Christians, and they taught us a lot about faith and what it looks like to live as a Christian. We learned about hard work, generosity, forgiveness, love, grace, and patience through the models they set for us.

## WE LOVE BEING AN UNCLE AND AUNT!

When we are together with nieces and nephews, we try to recreate what our parents did for us - creating memories, rather than just giving gifts. Our goal is to let our nieces and nephews know that we love them and will always be there for them. We want them to know that they can turn to us if they need help or advice. Since we don't get to see them tons in person, we FaceTime a lot!





# OUR friends

WE HAVE SOME VERY DEAR FRIENDS THAT ARE BASICALLY LIKE FAMILY TO US!

We love their kids dearly and consider them to be like nieces and nephews for us. We are very loyal to the kids in our lives, and it is a big joy for us to be extra adults in their lives to cheer them on and love them. We love having our friends and their kids over for dinner. It is so fun to watch Turner play with all of his friends, and we always have a blast laughing together. These are the people who loved us and supported us through the adoption of Turner. When we got the news that Turner was being born, they drove to our house to help get it set up for his arrival.

*They've helped to babysit, bring meals, buy diapers, and offer hugs when it's needed.*



# our adventures



WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO TRAVEL!

We usually take 4-6 trips a year to visit extended family, in Georgia, Maine, Boston, and Virginia. We like to take small weekend trips when we can, and we'll definitely continue this once we have another child.

Whitney was able to live in several different countries over the years, including Mexico, Chile, and Spain. Kris loves to travel the world too and see as many new places as he can! We like to visit new countries together, as well as revisit places that are meaningful to us.





# Ten fun facts!

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1 • Whitney is fluent in Spanish.

2 • We all love to sing and dance!



3 • We like to have dinner together every night and share about our days.

4 • We love to visit new places together and explore!



5 • We take a vacation to Maine every summer with the Dunlop family!

6 • Kris recently auditioned to be on "Wheel of Fortune."



7 • Turner might be a leftie - we're still trying to figure out his dominant hand.

8 • Turner's first visit to a MLB stadium was to watch the Atlanta Braves!



9 • We recently got to see Danny Go live - one of Turner's favorite YouTube shows!

10 • Kris is SCUBA certified!

# our promises

From us to you and your child



**We promise to** raise your child in a loving and nurturing environment.

**We promise to** be honest with your children about their adoption.

**We promise to** continue to have a relationship with you after the adoption, in whichever way is healthiest for you.

**We promise to** honor you in the way we talk about your love and strength.

**We promise to** do our best to always learn more about your children's heritage.

**We promise to** have people in our lives from the same background as your child.

**We promise to** figure out the best plan to raise your child with loving, open relationships between all of us.

If you are open to getting together in person, we would love to meet 4 times per year! Depending on your location, we would be able to drive to you two times per year, and could invite you to the Indianapolis area for the other 2 visits. We would be open to exchanging phone numbers with you and staying connected through calls and text messages. We would be happy to share pictures at your request!

Kris and Whitney



# Adoption



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