



Marvin

Kelli

Job Description:

Senior Application Engineer

Head of Technical Services at a Public Library

Education:

B.S. Engineering Emphasis Electrical, Minor History

B.A. English Literature & Masters of Library Science

Favorites:

Dream Vacation
Scotland

Dream Vacation
Safari

Hobby
Photography

Hobby
Reading

Memory with Spouse
Big Family Vacations to CO & TN

Memory with Spouse
Climbing Mt. Katahdin in Maine

Sports Team
Boston Red Sox

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Video Game
Medal of Honor

Video Game
Lego Indiana Jones, Batman, Star Wars

Children:

None

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What Led Us to Choose Adoption to Build Our Family

After we got married, and were on the road to starting a family, we never considered the possibility of not being able to conceive.

After years of disappointments and infertility treatments, we took a look at our lives and we knew that we wanted to raise a family-thus beginning our journey into adoption. We did not take this step lightly. We prayed and talked about it, because this is definitely a life altering decision, affecting our lives, the child, and the birthparents. We are fortunate to have friends and other acquaintances that have adopted or are currently in the process. We know that our child will not be alone, and will develop relationships with children of similar background thus providing a close support system for the child and for us.

Hobbies and Special Events

We share many similar interests, the love of reading, watching TV and movies, camping, sitting in the backyard with a roaring fire, geocaching, and travelling. Geocaching has led us to a whole network of new friends these past couple of years. We have also enjoyed taking our nieces and nephews on these adventures. Basically, geocaching is using a hand-held GPS to find containers and such around the world and then report your finds on a website. Our eyes have been opened to so much more around our area that we didn't know about -- historic trails and markers, hidden woodlands, bike trails, towns off the beaten path, etc.

Along with geocaching, every July we go camping with our Church for a weekend. This is a special time, of relaxing, exploring new territories, playing games, eating-more eating and in the evening having praise and worship together. It is a blessed time to enjoy the outdoors and spending time with our friends. Another big event that we enjoy is our Church's annual dinner theatre. Every September we are heavily involved in the production at our church. We work behind the scenes with Marv working his magic with the Sound system and Kelli helps with publicity and dinner service during the productions.

Our House and Neighborhood



We live in Ohio and have recently moved to a nice 1 1/2 story house in the country, situated on about 4.5 acres of land with a small pond. The floor plan is open with access to a front porch and a back deck. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms, plus a full unfinished basement. Our landscaping is well established with seasonal flowers and trees. Our property borders fields with the backyard bordering woods.



Our Home

While we are not in town, we are on the out skirts of a small college town that has a very nice home town feel. The whole community comes out on Friday nights to support the football team and everyone knows each other. There are several local playgrounds and a community pool that is always filled with kids during the summer months.

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



On the Dock

Some of the annual events that bring the community together are a local fishing derby and the annual Blaze of Lights parade and festival. Every May the fishing derby is held at one of the community parks with chances of winning prizes for catching tagged fish. Every Thanksgiving brings the annual Blaze of Lights Parade. This is a large parade involving nearly the whole community that ends with the lighting of the downtown Christmas displays for the upcoming season.

While living in the county and near a small town it is comforting to know that we are also close to two larger cities that offer all the shopping, restaurants, and medical facilities that one could want.

Our Extended Families



Marvin's Extended Family Gathered for a Family Dinner

We are close with our families and are blest they offer us so much support and guidance. We are fortunate to live near Kelli's family in Ohio, and even though Marvin's family lives farther away, we still manage to stay in touch.

Marvin is the eldest of 3 with the rest of his family living in the beautiful state of Maine. We make it a point to travel to Maine and spend time with his parents and brother and sister families about every 15 months or so. Since we do live so far away from Marvin's family we do stay in touch via phone, email or using Facebook. Marvin has family members who have been involved in the adoption process, either being adoptees or successfully adopting infants themselves.

Kelli is the youngest of 3 girls. Since singing together in church and going on family vacations, she has shared a special bond with her sisters. That relationship has continued with the growth of their families by watching and spending time with her nieces and nephews. We are fortunate that Kelli's family lives close by, with her parents living in the same town, her middle sister Terri and family living on a farm in a nearby town, and her oldest sister and family down around the Dayton area. Kelli's family celebrates together whenever they can, especially during the holiday seasons.



Kelli's Extended Family During the Holidays

With both sides of the family we often sit at the table and start playing games of all sorts. Card games and board games are the favorites of all. We will often have get togethers around the holidays that will involve a walk around the neighborhood after a home cooked meal. This will be followed by an afternoon and evening of games and playing the Wii with grandma and grandpa.

Our Pets



Our Three Cats: Depot, Barney & Wookie

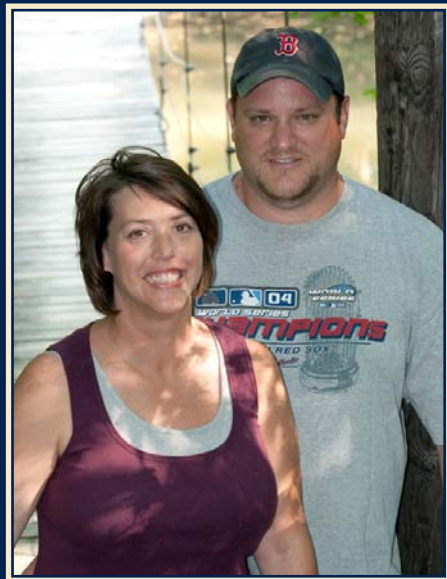
We currently have 3 cats, whom some would classify as spoiled. Depot is our social and nosey one. Whenever someone comes to our house, she's right there to greet them. She has a wonderful personality and plays well with our friends' children. Wookie, can be a little more shy, but she is a special one. She likes to fetch, and when we say it's time for bed, she runs into our bedroom and snuggles right in. Barney is our vocal one. Being the only male, he sure has a lot to say. He was a stray that we adopted, and he has managed to melt our hearts. Our cats are an important part of our family, providing us with much comfort and joy.



Relaxing at Home



Site Seeing



Taking a Walk

Marvin & Kelli



Vacation Fun by the Water



Out in the Snow



Enjoying the View

Dear Birthparent(s),

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We have been married for almost 10 years, and some days it seems like yesterday. We unexpectedly met at church- Marvin was born in Maine, graduated from college in Texas and finally found employment in Ohio. Talk about a journey. We quickly discovered we shared a lot of similar things-our birthdays for one, how is that for fate. But we also shared the love for reading, movies, music, and sports. Things that we find we still love to do today.

We both have steady jobs and enjoy our work. Marvin does a little travel as an engineer but often works from home during most weeks. Kelli's job as a public librarian is three-quarters time and will allow for her to be a part time stay at home mom. Kelli's parents are looking forward to being able to babysit one day a week while they can.

We want you to know that we promise to raise the child in a loving and Godly home, a home filled with laughter, security, and opportunity. We are fortunate to be surrounded by a strong support system of family and friends. Rarely a weekend goes by that we do not spend time with our friends and their kids. Often this involves going to local high school sporting events or just sitting around the fire ring on the weekend. We are looking forward to raising a child, experiencing the newness of life and the fresh outlook a child brings into a home.

One of our favorite times is a weekly get together at McDonald's. Every Wednesday we are part of 4-6 families that get together at the local McDonald's for an hour or two. This tradition was started by a previous generation and has been passed down to us. None of us are related but we are all friends with various backgrounds. It is not uncommon for there to be 10 people there ranging from newborn to 85.

We look forward to introducing your child into our extended family. Our parents are excited to become grandparents again, and they look forward to loving on a new grandchild. Our siblings are also looking forward to doting on a new niece or nephew. Family has been a big part of both of our lives. Kelli comes from a small family that has been taking vacations together for 30 years. We value family connections and we know that not only will we be adopting, but our whole family will as well.

We know that this child will have questions regarding their birthmother and we want to be open and honest with them regarding their adoption. We plan on creating a scrapbook of their adoption so they can have pictures to show who they are as a baby and where they came from. We also realize that you will want to know where your child is and how they are doing, so we want to work with you on what you are comfortable with. We will be taking lots of pictures and will also be sending monthly letters detailing the child's progress as they grow into adulthood.

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