

Hello!

We are Scott and Jamie. and we are so very thankful that you would take the time to look over our profile and consider us as parents for your precious baby.

As we think about the incredible blessing this child would be to our family, we think of **YOU** and deeply admire the love, selflessness and courage you must have. We are hopeful that as you look over the next few pages of our profile, you will see the heart of who we are, and that it would be helpful to you as you look for the right match for your child.

We pray for God's love and peace for you as you make this difficult decision.

We enjoy doing many things together like spending time with family and friends, golfing, watching movies, hiking, traveling and just talking and laughing together. Some of our favorite adventures have been long road trips, exploring the great outdoors, and trying local restaurants.

We love being parents to our two daughters, Tori (12) and Elia (7). We are a close family and love doing things together. We have very loving extended families, who we are very close to and who live relatively near to us. We are able to spend time with them often and regularly get together for holidays, birthday parties, sleepovers at Grandma's, and school events. In addition to our families, we have great friends that have been a huge encouragement and support to us through the years.



We first met each other on our college campus. Scott was starting Medical School, and Jamie was finishing her Masters in Accounting degree. Both of us grew up in rural South Dakota and had similar interests of



We met through mutual friends at a Bible study in 2003 and were married three years later.

We love spending time together and from the start of our relationship, we have strived to be honest and have open communication. However, the bedrock foundation of our relationship is Jesus. He is what gives us strength, love, and wisdom for each new day. Life has had its challenges, including a kidney transplant for Jamie, but God has been faithful to us and has drawn us closer to Him and to each other.

Through the 14 years we have been married, we have lived the last eleven years on a **BEAUTIFUL LITTLE ACREAGE THAT SITS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL TOWN**. We have a couple horses, two cats, one dog, and our daughter Tori keeps a tortoise in her room! We love the community that we live in and are glad to be a part of such a diverse population group for a small town.

Zip line fun!

Family & Friends

As a family, we love being together, whether it's being active or just relaxing at home. Summer activities usually include sports, like softball and basketball for the girls, but with this unique summer we have been mostly doing family activities.

We have a state park about 25 minutes from our house that we often go to and do lake activities, hike, or play frisbee. Our town has a pretty 9-hole golf course that we have played many times. We like to take our bikes to the bikes trails that are just north and south of our town, often stopping in the middle or at the end for an ice cream treat.

When at home, we like to settle in for an evening tv show or movie, relax in the hot tub, or make smores in the firepit. The girls and Scott love to take their horse, Cisco, out for a walk or ride in our pasture, and each night we try to take our Labrador, Archie, out for a mile run down the road.

We have some beautiful rolling hills in our backyard that make good fun for the winter months. Scott pulls the girls on a snow tube around the acreage with his four-wheeler, and we make good use out of the hills for sledding. We like to visit the ice-skating rink in a nearby town at least a couple times a year and last year we enjoyed skiing for

the first time as a family!

With extended family nearby, our kids spend plenty of time with their grandparents, who are all very active in the kids' lives and are very excited about welcoming in a new grandchild. Scott's parents live and farm about an hour from our house. Time with them often includes lots of love, delicious food, cousin time, tractor rides, tree house fun, outside play, and many sleepovers. As Scott has two sisters nearby, we are the proud aunt and uncle of three nieces and three nephews. The oldest is eleven, and the youngest is two! We spend a lot of time together, and they are very excited to have another cousin to play with.



On Jamie's side, we have six nieces and one nephew, the youngest niece having been born in late 2020. What fun it would be to add another new little one to the family this year.

Jamie's parents are also about an hour away, and we spend a lot of quality time together! Jamie's dad was a and teacher coach for over 30 years, and he helped Scott coach Tori's basketball team. He has also taken both of the girls under his wing to teach them the game of golf! Jamie's mom was a nurse and is now enjoying more time with family as she is retired.

Time spent with Jamie's parents and family often includes a lot of laughs, fun time with cousins, good food, road trips, sports and sleepovers.

We have several close friends that we do life with, and they are all very excited for us on this adoption journey!

Scott and his sisters

Jamie and

her siblings

Jamie

depth, joy and laughter to my life.

We met in grad school 17 years ago, and I can't imagine my life without her. She is the kind of girl who thinks deeply, laughs to the point of tears, maintains longstanding friendships, is genuine, caring, and truly loves God. I would say her love for God defines most of her life.

has added so much

Every morning I see her reading and praying and writing down her thoughts. She thinks about things deeply, and I love to hear her talk about the things she has learned or read. **Genuineness and loyalty are part of who she is**, and I think they are a big reason why so many of her friends enjoy her company. Even more so I think this is why they often call her for advice or a listening ear. While she can be serious and deep, entering into deep conversations with even strangers, she can also be goofy and silly and make you laugh just because she is laughing so hard.

She is a wonderful mom and friend to our two daughters. They look up to her, laugh with her, and learn from her. She has been a stay at home mom for the last twelve years, spending countless hours with the girls, making our house a home, teaching our girls and tutoring others. She is pretty quick at solving problems and is handy with technology problems!

I love that she has so many interests; that she loves to read and often has more than one book going at a time, that she's up for a run or a round of golf or game of basketball, that she loves to explore nature, that she teaches the girls, and continues to learn the piano, that she's silly and smart, that she loves people, and mostly that she loves and follows Jesus.



Scott reflecting while on a mission trip in Haiti.

She has had her challenges in life, most notably a kidney transplant after our first daughter was born. Although she is in excellent health now, that adversity strengthened her, our marriage, and her faith. Her endurance through that was an encouragement to me and so many others. I know she is a wonderful mom and that she longs for and looks forward to being that to an adopted child, and I am excited to watch her in that role.

SCOL When God gave me He gave me the biggest blessing of my life. We have been married for 14 years, and he is still the most genuine, kind, and humble friend I have ever known.

To know Scott for very long is to know that his faith and family are most important to him. I have seen him daily on his knees in prayer, often for the needs of others. I have seen the many thank you cards from patients thanking him for his listening ear and prayer, and I have cherished the nights through the years that he has worked on scripture memory with Tori and Elia, read to them, and prayed with them.

Scott's love for his family and his hard work ethic are obvious by the way he uses his time. After a hard day's work, he is ready, almost always with a smile, to not put up his feet, but to head outside and play with the girls. He might help them with a horse ride, a sled ride, play little people, throw the baseball, put together a campfire or even help me in the kitchen with supper and cleanup. He really is a selfless kind of person.

Scott is also friendly, fun and easygoing. He makes friends quickly, is easy to be around, and is always up for an adventure. Many people consider him a close friend in whom they confide, and I have been blessed and changed by his listening ear and gentle spirit. His adventurous and easy-going personality have brought us many fun times and many lasting memories.

I wouldn't call Scott an extreme adventurous type, but his willingness to try anything and be up for anything at any time have expanded his interests from farming, to horses, to football, to golf, to hiking, to boating, to traveling, to reading, to overseas medical mission work...I could go on about how wonderful a person he is, but I will sum it up by saying he is the kind of person who blesses others just by being himself.

He would make a wonderful father to your child and love them with the love that he has shared so freely with all of us.

5 THINGS

Quality time with family and friends

making memories

Reading a good book Traveling getting away and

Being

active

Faith—deepening her faith in many ways

Gardening & Farming

> Sports of any kind

Spending time with friends

Medical

Missions

Traveling with family



Tori

Tori, who is 12, is our oldest daughter. She is beautiful inside and out. With her thoughtful and kind heart she has taught us so much along the way. She is a friendly girl, with a gentle spirit, who loves horses and sports and being with her family and friends.

She is very easy to be around, loves music and looks for ways to be creative. Tori has been a very easy going and loving daughter and has been a truly wonderful big sister to Elia.

Although the two girls are five years apart, ever since we brought Elia home, Tori has been playing, teaching, and watching out for her little sister. I know she would be so loving to another brother or sister.

After 5 years of parenting one child, Elia, who is now 7, was certainly a sweet blessing to us. She is a little girl, who loves pink and was born with a twinkle in her eye. Her quick wit and hunger for adventure make her so much fun to be around.

She has a very kind heart and is also very thoughtful. She is a tender-hearted girl, who empathizes easily with others and cares deeply about her pets and saves her money for kids with cancer.

To say that both girls are extremely excited to welcome a new sibling into our home and hearts would be a big understatement. They ask us every day about the adoption.





Jamie and our dog

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We hope to offer...

From the beginning of our relationship, adoption has been on our minds as something we wanted for our family. If fact, early on in our marriage, shortly after Tori was born, we were in the process of adopting from Ethiopia. During that time, the Ethiopian adoption process came to a standstill, and we decided to try for a biological child and were blessed with Elia.

We love being parents and have long wanted to expand our family. Both biological children and adopted children are precious to God and to us. We hope as parents that we can show our children how deeply loved they are and give them a firm foundation of God's love and our love.

We are not perfect, but by the grace of God we will love them, support them and encourage them. We will give them our time and prayers. We will help them fulfill their God given hopes and dreams.

Scott is a Physician and has a steady job that will help support physical needs as well as helping with college financial needs if they would so desire. We know that raising a child requires more than just the two of us, and we feel grateful to have such supportive, engaged and caring family and friends that are walking right alongside us. In every way that we can, we want your child to flourish. Because of that and because we know that this child will always be a part of you, we are open to an open adoption plan. We would love to be able to keep the lines open with you and share pictures and milestone updates as you prefer. We want to give this child everything we can and that includes the love of his or her biological family.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We look forward to getting to know more about you and your hopes and dreams for your child. Thank you for making an incredible, life giving decision in choosing adoption. What a gift you are giving to your child and to some loving family. Our hearts are with you as you walk this journey and our prayer is that you would have peace and hope in your heart as you continue to show such selfless love to your precious baby.

With Hope and Love,

Scott, Jamie, Tori, & Elia

