



Jim & Keadron



Dear Birth Mother,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to get to know us. We know the decision of choosing a family to love and parent your child is a huge one. We really admire the courage and selflessness it takes to make a decision toward adoption, and hope to honor that decision by making parenting our child (children) a top priority in our lives. Both of us have had very interesting and rich lives seperately - lives that we are proud of. When we married, we immediately started talking about our desire to share the gifts of our collective wisdom, experience and love of family through adoption.

We have worked hard to become healthy stable individuals and to create a strong marriage where we love and support each other to be better people. We do this by making God our first priority, and our family second. As a couple, we spend a lot of time together enjoying shared interests - cooking together, hiking, walks with the dogs, traveling, going to church , spending time with family and friends , and even snuggled on the sofa with a stupid movie. We both have adventurous spirits, but are balanced by being very grounded and practical. We make decisions together focusing on not just what we want, but what we feel like is in the best interest of our family. This means we model a lot of grace, flexibility and compromise.

We have created a life where Keadron can stay at home with children when they are young, which we see as an opportunity to give a child the best possible start. As parents we feel like our job is to discover who God created our child to be and to support and foster their growth into the best version of themselves. We intend to help our children develop the skills necessary to be successful in the world, to be kind, and to honor God in their lives. We both value education as an ability to grow and challenge us. While we will make the funds available to send our children to college, if they want to be motorcycle mechanics, or rock stars...we would support that too. We want our children, above all to know that God loves them, that we love them, and that they are on this earth through no accident. We want them to feel empowered to live their lives in a way that they feel content, proud of who they are, and that the world is a better place because they are here.

Blessings,

Jim and Keadron



Jim is a remarkable person. He is loving, hard working, and incredibly loyal to those he loves. Jim was raised a southern gentleman in Tennessee and Virginia, which is evident by his manners and those 'sirs and ma'ams'. He left home to join the US Navy at 17, where he served six years, and traveled the world. He married and put himself through college in his 30's while working fulltime at an oil refinery. He received his BS in chemical engineering in just 4 years and started his engineering career in New Mexico in the nuclear field (yes, he's that smart) . While there, his wife of 12 yrs was diagnosed with a terminal illness, and he cared for her faithfully until her death. After several years, Jim decided he needed to move forward in his life and signed up for a 50 mile hike in Patagonia, Argentina. Soon after he and Keadron met. Keadron found those baby blues irresistible, as well as his loving, generous nature, his intelligence, and sense of humor. Jim has advanced rapidly in his career and after eight years with the same company, took a management position which moved us to Texas in January. Jim is enjoying being a new Texan, and looking forward to growing our family. He will be an awesome dad!







Keadron is a fifth generation Texan. She was raised in DFW, in the same house by parents who are still married. She left Texas for New Mexico at 18 to study fine art and photography. After college she returned to Dallas and worked as a rug designer, a textile and antique photographer, a rug store owner, and a professional organizer. She also worked at a church leading 13 short term mission trips to Mexico and Peru. She moved to Santa Fe, NM to complete her Masters in Counseling & Art Therapy. While in New Mexico the doors opened for her to begin counseling there - first at a Christian Counseling agency, and then in very busy private practice. She loves counseling both children and adults helping them live healthy happy lives. Keadron loved her life but continued to pray that the Lord would give her a family. When she met Jim she knew he was who she had been waiting for. Jim was instantly smitten with her sense of independence, and her caring spirit. Keadron makes everyone she meets feel important. When they moved to TX, she decided to take a break from counseling to write a book and start their family. She looks forward to this next chapter as a another great adventure!

The Dogs

Hallelujah was adopted by Keadron and is an amazing therapy dog. He is a four year old lab mix who thinks he is on the earth to be loved on. Hal was a good companion for Keadron while she was single but fell in love with Jim and Hayley and loves being part of a family.

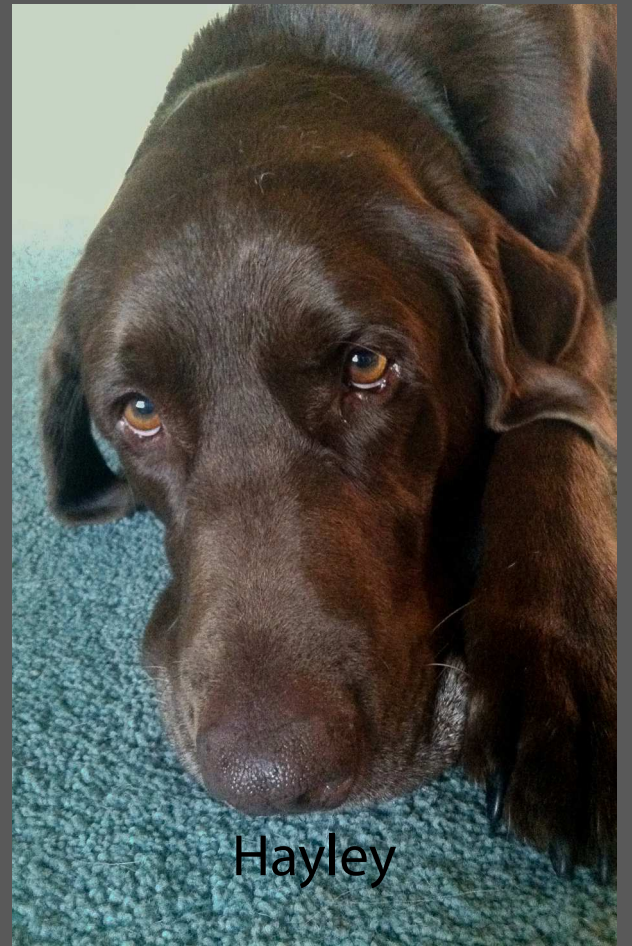
Hayley was adopted by Jim the summer before he met Keadron. She is a 7 year old chocolate lab with a laid back, easy personality. She is a very patient mama dog, looking after everyone. While she is quite a bit bigger than Hal, she usually lets him have his way. She loves that Hal and Keadron are spending their days at home. She is a very family oriented dog.



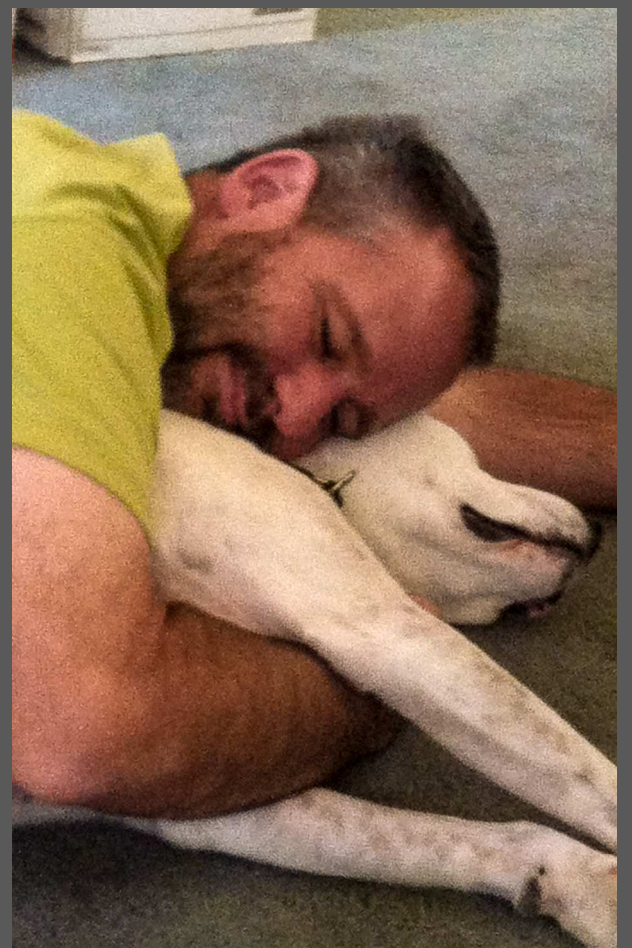
Hallelujah



Hal and Hayley on a hike



Hayley





Keadron and Jim met and had a fast romance. They just knew that it was a right fit. Four months later they had a simple wedding at their church in Santa Fe, NM surrounded by a small group of close family and friends.



And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with
all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:30-31



We both love to travel and have traveled quite a bit seperately. When we met, we discovered we both had plans to go to the Galapagos. We each had to cancel - Jim because of work, and Keadron to get married. We were blessed to take a trip this summer to Washington, the Netherlands, and Paris. We had so much fun wandering the streets, looking at art and eating great food. Its great to share those experiences as a family.



Keadron's family is very close knit. Jim and Keadron have had a good time being closer to the metroplex to spend time with them.

Clockwise from the top: Jim making Keadron's mom (also a Keadron) laugh; Keadron and her Dad; A picture of a family get together for Keadron's birthday with two uncles, an aunt, cousin, Mom and Dad, Geegee, and a young family friend; Jim hugging Keadron's grandmother (also Keadron) called Geegee by her grandchildren.



“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are gardeners who make our souls bloom.”

- Marcel Proust

Top photo is of Jim & Keadron, with Keadron's best friend (since 6 yrs old) and her mom; Bottom left Keadron with littlest son of close friends; Bottom right, hiking with friends in New Mexico.



Our adoption, remember, conforms us to Christ's image. So we will walk this path to maturity too, the path Jesus walked before us... it is hard to believe there is a kingdom waiting for us.

-Adopted for Life, pg 49-50
Russell D Moore

Thank you for taking the time to look at our book. In closing ,we wanted to share a bit about our vision for this next chapter of our lives., and our personality as a family. We are hoping to have a couple children because we feel that it is good for kids to grow up with siblings. So your child may be the first child, but not the only child we welcome into our home.

When we moved to Texas the beginning of 2014, we sold our home in New Mexico, but decided to rent until we got to know our new community a little better and could decide where we wanted to be. Currently, we are living in a 2100 sq ft. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with a fenced backyard in a quiet neighborhood that is walking distance to the top elementary and middle schools in town. We have discussed possibly purchasing this home because we like the community feel and the children playing in the streets like when we were kids. We have also discussed the possibility of purchasing a piece of land near town where we could build a home and have a small farm with animals. We will see how the Lord leads us...

In preparation for having children we have worked on a solid financial plan. We are completely out of debt and by living responsibly and below our means, we have decided for Keadron to stay home with our children when they are small. When she returns to work, her counseling license should allow her to find something that is flexible to allow for maximum time with the children. In addition, Jim has the flexibility to work from home when necessary, and Keadron's mother has already volunteered to come in for childcare once or twice a week. So our plan is to not use daycare, but to have our family care for our children until they begin school.

Our family culture is built around faith, strong relationships, and healthy lifestyle. We attend church on Sunday. We spend time cooking together, walking the dogs, and with family and friends. Our emphasis is on relationships and not stuff. We like the motto 'Love people and use stuff, Don't love stuff and use people'. We head to the farmers market on Saturdays, and out to a local farm for fresh milk, eggs, and cheese. We cook all our meals at home and sit down at the table for breakfast and dinner as a family. Do we enjoy a good burger out? Sure! We just feel there are advantages to the simpler life. We are hoping to bless our children by helping them form good character and by giving them opportunities through education, travel, creativity, sports - things that expand their world and enrich their lives to allow them to be happy and to contribute to making the world a better place.

Blessings,

Jim and Keadron



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