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Adventure comes in many ways, in many personalities and with a knock at the door. Tiffany was an accomplished travel agent and I was an accomplished firefighter. She traveled the world and took droves of people with her. I dedicated my life to rescuing others from the perils of danger. We loved every moment of our lives, but it only included the two of us. Over time we adopted the "personalities" of Carl and Ellie from the Disney movie, "UP." We found ourselves traveling all over the world and going on our greatest adventures together, all without the company of children.

Over the years, we had seemingly resolved that the life God had ordained would only include the two of us. But, our infertility wouldn't become our defeat, it would become the passport to our greatest adventure yet. With much encouragement from family and friends, we entertained the possibilities of foster care and ultimately adoption. This first step came with its own challenges and tears. Disappointment and fatigue would take us captive, leaving us wondering if we had made the right decision. So, we waited and prayed, asking God to provide a way and He did. God had called us into ministry, where I left the fire department and became a local pastor. Tiffany would continue in travel, working from home and partnering with me in ministry. God worked wonders and orchestrated what would be a beautiful convergence of four people who would become one family. Our two beautiful children would be here soon.



Knock, Knock, Knock... "Good afternoon. My name is Russell, and I am a Wilderness Explorer..." I'm kidding. Had it been Russell from "UP" we would have been just as happy, but in that moment, God introduced us to Aiyana and Zeke. We were without words as we were looking at the most beautiful children that God could have ever given us. Children who needed a forever home. This was a profound moment that would take us on our greatest adventure. An adventure that has been full of laughter and even more tears. An adventure that has taken us to the tops of mountains and to the bellows of rough seas. An adventure that we would willingly embark on time and time again. Our greatest adventure came by saying "yes." "Yes" to the unknown, "yes" to life beyond trauma, "yes" to loving two precious lives. "Yes" to FOREVER.

Ellie once wrote a note to Carl saying, "Thank you for the adventure. Now find another adventure." This is exactly what we plan to do, living life to its fullest, never missing a moment, and forever giving thanks to God. In partnership with Daybreak, we will have the opportunity to share our story and be a part of the wonderful adventures God has in store for this ministry and this community.