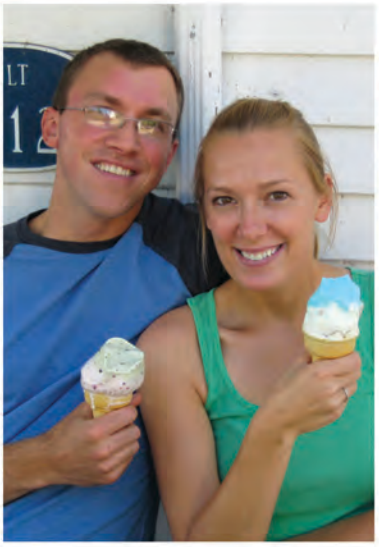
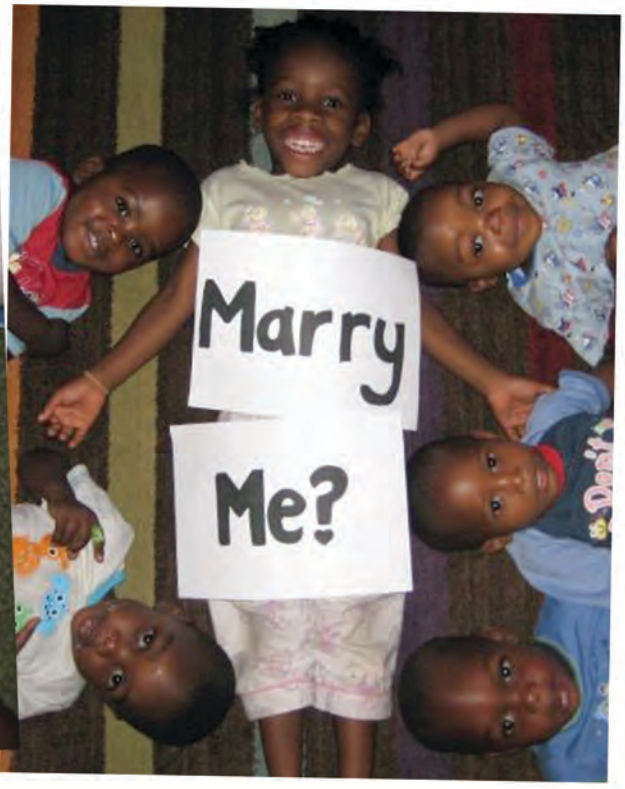
Nick & Amber

Hello! We are Nick and Amber, and we want to thank you for looking at our profile. As is likely the case with you, we are new at this, and therefore we trust that God will connect us with the brave young woman and baby that will be a "perfect fit" for us. We can only imagine how challenging and emotional the decision of adoption must be and we thank God that you are considering it. Ever since we began dating we have been looking forward to this time in our lives where we can begin a family through adoption. Now that time has come, and we hope and pray that as you get to know us through this profile you will find that we are not only well-equipped and willing, but also excited to provide the loving home your child deserves. *Thank you again for considering us!*



Amber and I first became friends when she was a junior in high-school and I was a senior. The summer she graduated from high school, much to my surprise, Amber actually approached me about dating! I was ecstatic when we got together, and over time we got to know each other very well and eventually became the best of friends. However, much to my dismay, Amber's future looked much different to her than it did to me! After six months of dating, she decided she had no immediate intentions of marriage, if any at all, and therefore, on a cold Thanksgiving night, she dumped me! I couldn't believe it! I had thought for sure that this would be the girl I would spend my life with, and there I was out in the cold all by myself! Somehow, in just six months I had fallen head-over-heels in love with her, and just like that, we were through.



Well, the years went by, and our paths would cross fairly frequently. We ended up attending the same college, and usually spent summers together back in our hometown. We remained best of friends over the years, and though I met several really neat girls during that time, I could never accept the idea of being with someone other than Amber. The combination of her faith in Christ, her enjoyable personality, her beauty, and her sense of humor was unbelievably attractive to me, and I was relentless in my desire to one day get back together with her. One day I heard a statement that became my life slogan. A man had said, "It's better to want what you don't have, than to have what you don't want...it's better to desire the unattainable, than to attain the undesirable." That statement resonated within me, as I knew for sure what, or who I wanted... AMBER! Through much prayer and often revisiting that quote, the next ten years found me unshakeable in my pursuit of Amber. Several times I revisited the subject with her, and just as many times, she dismissed it! She was as persistent as I was, and she wanted to remain single!

Well, I was continually forced to leave the situation in God's hands, and over the years I found that His hands are the best place to be in such difficult situations. Through many unexpected circumstances, God eventually answered my prayer. Over the years I had learned that the best possible outcome would be for my feelings for Amber to be mutual with her feelings for me. That had been my prayer, and I was confident that one way or the other, God would answer it in His time. Well, on July 18th, 2008, He did just that. Out of the blue, my phone rang... and it was Amber. She had changed her mind about me, and a year later we were married! We have now been married for three years... and we mutually agree that they have been the best years of our lives. Yes, God is good, and He has a plan for even the hardest times in our lives!

Let me introduce you to my best friend, Nick. From the moment anyone meets Nick, it is obvious that he is a strong, confident, and joyful person. His love for life radiates into those around him, and he loves to be a blessing to others. As long as I have known him, two things have been present in Nick's life. First has been his diligence to place God at the center of his life. Nick's faith is demonstrated in his relationship with others every day, and he loves to see others grow in their faith as well. The second area of Nick's life that I've known from the beginning was his desire to follow in his father's footsteps and become a firefighter. Nick has a wonderful relationship with his dad, and as such, wanted to be just like him! After much training and patience, in 2006 Nick got the call he was waiting for, and as a professional firefighter/paramedic, he has a career that could not fit him any better. As a firefighter, Nick needs to be strong, smart, and brave in even the most extreme situations... three qualities that come easily for him. His commonsense and street smarts are exhibited every day at work, and the people he cares for often thank him for his quick intervention and his compassion for their pain in their emergencies. Nick is so thankful to have a job that he absolutely loves. His job not only provides financial security for us, but also affords us the opportunity to spend a lot of time together, a benefit we thank God for every day. On his days off, Nick always makes time to be with me, and we frequently go for walks or visit friends and family. When I'm busy and Nick has free time of his own, he usually can be found outdoors somewhere! He loves to hunt and fish, and especially enjoys taking others with him! Through his time spent in the outdoors and his many exciting encounters while at work, Nick has a ton of stories that he loves sharing with friends and family. Due to his incredible sense of humor he is often asked to tell these stories, and he always has his audience on the edge of their seats! Quite simply, Nick loves to love people, and as a result, they love to love him. His loyalty, affection, and wisdom make him the best friend a person could have, and I am thrilled to be his wife! I cannot wait for him to be the father of our children!

I can sincerely admit that Amber is the girl of my dreams! One of the things that attracted me so much to her in the first place was that she didn't simply play hard to get, she was hard to get! You see, Amber has desired since childhood to go to Africa as a missionary, hoping to serve the many needy children who live there. When Amber graduated college in 2005, my desire was that she would "settle down" back home, and then maybe we could get back together. Wow, was I wrong! In fact, when she returned home from college, she started raising money to go to South Africa! Six months later she boarded a plane and flew half way around the world...out of my life, and into the arms of those who needed her more than I did. She worked full-time as a volunteer for a ministry called "Door of Hope," a non-profit organization that takes in abandoned children and provides a loving atmosphere for them, desiring to place them in a "forever home" of an adoptive family. Initially, Amber intended on staying in Africa for six months, which was very hard for me, knowing that she would be in a very cruel part of the world. However, after six months, I was shocked to hear that she extended her term to a full year! She had decided that she was where God wanted her, and there was nothing anyone else could do about it! After her year term, she returned home, and you can guess what was on my mind! Well, you might also guess what was on her mind...she decided to go back to Africa! After raising support she again returned for another year, serving the children she loves with all her heart. After returning home from her second term, Amber was asked to commit to a three year position at Door of Hope. Through much prayer and seeking God's will, she felt God was now calling her to start a family of her own. I'm so blessed to be an integral part of that family! Her love for children and those who are in need is contagious, and she now actively serves in our church's nursery, as well as in different women's Bible study groups. She also volunteers in the cuddler program at our local hospital, caring for the needs of premature babies. Her independence, her compassion, and her faithfulness to God and her family make her the best wife I could ever have. I can't wait for her to be my partner in parenting the child/children God brings into our home!

We have been so blessed with family and friends! Amber and I each grew up in homes where our parents abided by a simple statement found in the Bible... "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Our parents held fast to that standard with their own lives, and through modeling Godly behavior they have instilled in us a similar desire.

Nick has one sister, Kristina, and one brother, Shawn. Both siblings live within a few miles of our home, and we treasure the amount of time we are able to spend together! Nick's sister, Kristina, and her husband Francisco have two children, five year old Katrina and two year old Samuel, with a third baby on the way! We love spending time with "the kiddos," and are blessed to be close enough to play with them often. We look forward to the day where we can introduce Katrina and Samuel to their new little cousin! Shawn and his wife Leanne are actively involved in our small group Bible study, and Shawn and Nick work together at the Fire Department. Shawn and Leanne recently adopted an African American girl named Noelle. She is almost nine months old and so much fun! We love spending time with "the kiddos," and are blessed to be close enough to play with them often. We look forward to the day where we can introduce them all to their new little cousin(s)!

As far as Nick is concerned, his dad, Ron, has earned the title "World's Greatest Dad" for as long as he's been a father. His accomplished career as a firefighter afforded him the opportunity to spend a lot of time with his wife and children, and he did just that! As an avid outdoorsman, he now loves taking his grandchildren fishing and teaching them about God and His wonderful creation. Ron has the gift of telling stories, and loves sharing memories with anyone he meets! Nick's mom, Dorothy, has recently had her title changed from "Mom," to "Nana!!" Dorothy LOVES being a grandmother and she takes her new position seriously! All the grandkids absolutely love their Nana! Dorothy, with Ron's help, currently teaches the five year old Sunday School Class at their church, a task she looks forward to every week.

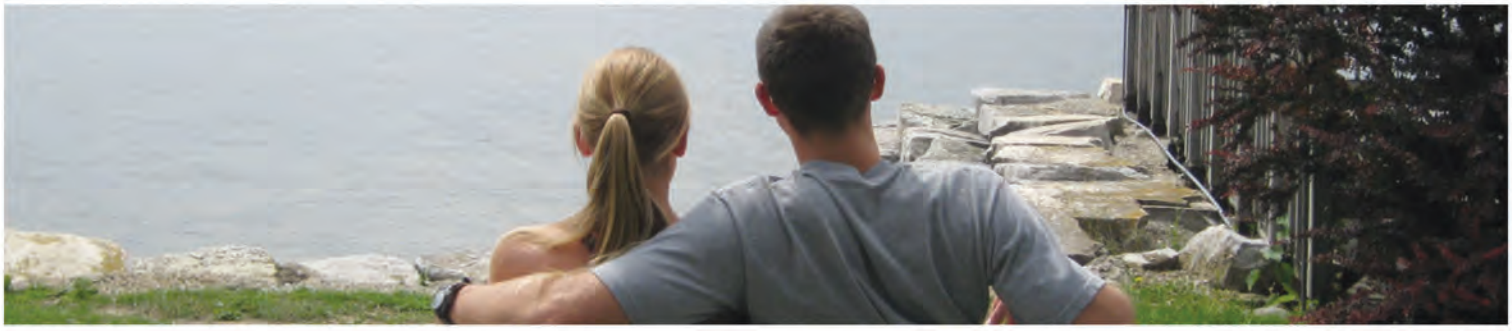
Amber also grew up in a God-fearing home with a loving and supportive family. Amber is the oldest of four children, with three brothers, Sheradyn, Kameren, and Brandyn. Sheradyn currently works as a graphic designer in Madison, but makes it a point to come home several times throughout the year to be with family and friends. Kameren is currently in the Navy, proudly serving his country... and we are proud to have him as a brother! Brandyn lives in our hometown, and he and his wife Kimberly look forward to becoming an uncle and aunt!

Amber's father, Stuart, is well known for his diligence and integrity as "a man after God's own heart." Stu loves the Lord with all his heart, and loves his neighbor as himself. For the last 25 years he has faithfully served nearly every week at different elderly nursing homes where he ministers to them by teaching the Word of God. He looks forward to becoming a grandfather, and Nick's niece and nephew have given "Grandpa Stu" some great practice! Amber's mother, Dawn, is also eagerly awaiting grandparenthood! She works at a local elementary school and LOVES children. In fact, she simply loves life, and her ever-joyful demeanor makes her a pleasure to be around. She is the "arts and crafts" queen of our family, and she is always willing to help those who need it.

Beyond our family we have a host of friends that are more like "family" than they are "friends." We are so blessed to have a never-ending supply of support and encouragement from them. We host a small group Bible study every week, and it has been a joy to see God growing our group with babies! We are currently expecting four newcomers into our lives, and we look forward to raising them together.

We live in a wonderful, diverse community, with two great school districts. We recently purchased a very nice and spacious house in a quiet neighborhood. It is a very nice home for us, with great neighbors, including several children. Across the road from our house is an elementary school with a playground, tennis courts, and an outdoor swimming pool. The quietness of our neighborhood makes it a great place to go for walks and bike rides, as well as take our dog, Jory, on adventures. Jory is a rescue dog believed to be a German Shepherd/Golden Retriever mix, and she is the best dog a family could ask for. She is very affectionate, laid back, and excellent with children. She loves going for walks and swimming at the nearby river, and we look forward to having children to join us on our adventures with Jory! We plan to live in this community for the rest of our lives, and we are more excited than ever about what the future holds!

In light of the future, Jesus once said, "Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." We are confident that you can relate to the fact that each day has its own troubles. We take comfort, though, that Jesus did not limit His discussion on the future to those sobering words. Jesus added to that thought a concept that we believe to be true. He said we should seek first to know God and to obey Him, and when we do, God will be faithful to provide for all of our needs, both present and future. Amber and I have wonderful aspirations of what we hope our family will be like over the next several years. We plan to have several children, both adopted and biological. We plan to continue to live in this great community, supported by friends and family. I plan to remain a firefighter until the day I retire, and Amber plans to be a stay at home mom soon...in fact, the sooner the better!! However, as you certainly know, our plans for our future often change due to unexpected circumstances. I would love to be able to tell you that I will always be making as much money as I am right now... but that might not be true. I would love to tell you that Amber and I will always be healthy and strong, but I don't know what will happen tomorrow. I do know, though, that God is faithful, and He will provide. He has proven that time and time again in our own lives, and therefore, we have placed our faith and our future in His Mighty and loving hands. While we don't know what His exact plans are, we do know this; He has placed within us a desire to raise a family, and we will provide a loving atmosphere regardless the circumstances that come our way. We are excited to see what God has in store for us!



We want to thank for taking the time to get to know a little bit about us. We would love to get to know you, and are praying with confidence in God's timing that He will provide for us, and for you as well. Whether you feel led to choose us to be the parents of your child or not, we want to thank you for being so brave and loving for your unborn baby. *Thank you, and God bless!*