

# HELLO FROM



## ISAIAH & ANDREW

Dear Expectant Mother,

**W**hat you are reading is probably the most important thing we will ever put into words. We hope that we can communicate to you just how much your decision means to us. We are incredibly excited for the opportunity to open our home to a child and grow our family. We are inspired by your courage and overwhelmed with gratitude that you'd consider us for such an important responsibility.

For over fourteen years we've been building a life together, finishing our education, making lifelong friends, traveling, cooking, laughing and sharing the most incredible adventures. We are easy-going, loving, caring and warm. We are blessed with successful careers and an abundance of love in our lives and very much want to share that with a child. Thank you so much for reading this letter and considering including us in your journey.

*View of Memphis from Mud Island*

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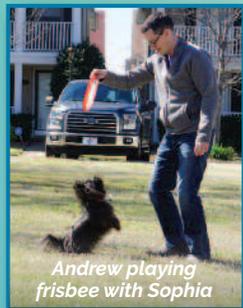
# ABOUT US

We met in 1998 when we were sophomores in high school in Van Buren, Arkansas. We quickly became friends and remained friends into college. In 2002, after our freshman year, we knew our relationship had evolved beyond friendship and we started dating. We've been inseparable ever since and we were finally able to get married on August 5, 2015. We have two small, sweet dogs: Zoe and Sophia. They love children and children love them.

We moved to Memphis, TN in 2006 for Andrew to attend medical school and Isaiah to begin teaching. We fell in love with the city and decided to stay. We live in a diverse community in the heart of vibrant downtown Memphis. At home, we enjoy cooking together, reading, watching movies and having friends and family over. We also love going out to new restaurants, seeing an occasional movie on the weekends or catching some

live music at one of the many venues in Memphis. When the weather is nice, we love to be outside. We walk, bike and play frisbee with the dogs.

Together, the two of us have travelled to 43 states and have recently returned from Puerto Rico and Montreal. We love to explore unique places and immerse ourselves in different cultures. We want to share our love of travel with our child and hope to explore more of our country and the world when he or she is old enough.



Andrew playing frisbee with Sophia



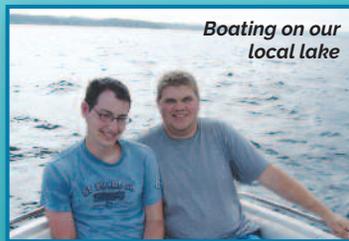
Visiting Montreal



Diving in Puerto Rico



Zoe



Boating on our local lake



At a Memphis Redbirds game



With friends (including our judge) at our wedding



Isaiah with his parents & brother



Andrew with his parents

## OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Both of us were born and raised in western Arkansas and most of our family still lives there. They live less than 300 miles from Memphis, so we are able to see them frequently. Andrew was raised in a very loving home with younger brothers, Adam and Matt, and younger sister, Kari, who now has two young children. His father Darrell owns an auto repair shop and his mother Marcie, who trained to be a teacher, stayed at home for Andrew and his siblings. His parents have been married 35 years. Isaiah was raised with his younger brother Jacob, and has a seven-year-old nephew. His parents, Philip and Cheryle, have been married 38 years. His father is a middle school principal and his mother recently retired as a dental hygienist.

Having lived in Memphis for over ten years, we've made many close friends here that we consider our Memphis family. Several of our friends live within walking distance of our home, including a couple that also have an adopted son. We meet at

our local pizza place every Wednesday, where several families in our neighborhood congregate. Our friends also rotate hosting Sunday dinners in our homes where we cook and play card games, hanging out and having fun together.



Andrew with his sister & cousin



Segwaying with Isaiah's cousin in Chicago



With friends from the Ronald McDonald House

## ABOUT ANDREW BY ISAIAH



keep them healthy. He is a doctor specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. After earning his Doctor of Medicine he worked for several hospitals and now works for a Children's Research Hospital. He is also part of a group medical practice in Memphis.

He is empathetic and caring, and has a huge heart. He is a natural caretaker and nurturer. I'm so proud of his accomplishments and feel fortunate to have found my soulmate. I can hardly wait to grow our family and have our child experience what an incredible dad he will be.

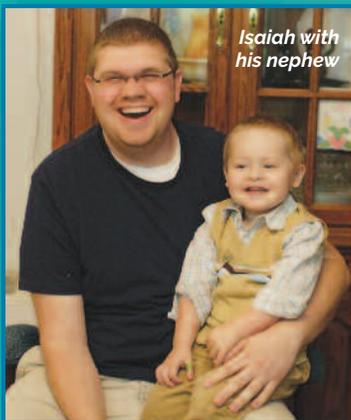
Andrew is smart, talented and funny. He is also the most dedicated and determined person I know. When he decides to go after a goal, he keeps going until he accomplishes it. When Andrew was a child, he taught himself to play the piano, and he still plays today. Commitment is evident in everything he does, which is just one of the traits that will make him a great father. Andrew is also a talented artist and chef. Probably my favorite thing about Andrew is his wit. He has a great sense of humor that always seems to pop up at the perfect time.

Andrew was raised with three younger siblings in a large, close-knit family in Arkansas. His family owns a lot of land so he and his brothers and sister would ride their bikes and ATVs over acres of hills and forests. He spent holidays with his entire family, a tradition we continue to this day.

Andrew loves children—so much so that he made it his career to



## ABOUT ISAIAH BY ANDREW



Research Hospital as I do, as a researcher. He devotes part of his free time volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis.

Isaiah enjoys cycling, photography, gadgets, computers and traveling, and he can't wait to include a child in these fun and interesting hobbies, along with following their interests, too. He loves to read—keeping up with current events, technology and travel. When he has an interest, he researches it with passion, and loves to share his knowledge. He has a special knack for teaching kids. He taught his nephew how to play the video game Angry Birds when he was three. I know any child he cares for will enjoy having fun while learning, too.

him, and people always know they can rely on him. He is kind but never a pushover, fighting for what he believes is right. He is incredibly thoughtful, always there to help his family and friends and being the 'good advice' guy for almost everyone he knows.

Isaiah grew up with one younger brother in a small, close-knit family in Arkansas. Isaiah loves to travel—a trait he inherited when his family took two- and three-week long annual summer vacations. He learned to cook from his mother and got his appreciation for music from his father. Both of his parents taught him the importance of education and character, and were actively involved with him in Boy Scouts; these will be wonderful values he will share with our child.

Isaiah received college degrees in biology and psychology, and after graduation spent time teaching in areas of Memphis that did not have enough teachers. Now he also works at the same Children's



Isaiah is a wonderful partner and husband, and I know he will be a great father, too. He's always been very focused on taking care of those close to



*Our community of Mud Island*

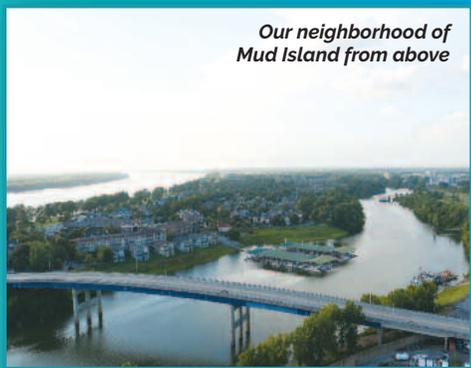
# OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live on Mud Island, a diverse community between the Mississippi and Wolf Rivers in Memphis. Our home is very large, with plenty of space to grow our family and lots of books and toys. We have two bedrooms that we are making into a bedroom and playroom. We have a very large back yard and directly behind it is a large community playground. We are surrounded by beautiful parks, and our community has a warm, small-town feel that include a Spanish language child care center and a Montessori school. Our neighborhood was designed to be walkable and it is common to see children playing in their front yards and parents pushing strollers down sidewalks.

Memphis is a thriving city known for its great food and friendly people. We are fortunate to have one of the top-rated zoos in the country, a children's museum and a huge city park that has many recreational spaces and facilities (it is five-times larger than Central Park in New York City!). Memphis also has excellent cultural attractions and festivals. It is a great place to raise a family.



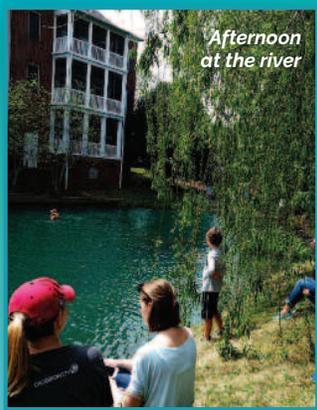
*Our home in winter*



*Our neighborhood of Mud Island from above*



*Neighborhood playground*



*Afternoon at the river*

# OUR VISION OF PARENTING



*At the Memphis Children's Museum with our nephew*

Our parents, relatives, coworkers and friends are all thrilled by the possibility of us expanding our family, and we are fortunate to have such a strong support system. As parents, we want our child to grow up questioning and exploring his or her world. We want our child to experience diversity and culture and to love learning. We believe children thrive when given some freedom as long as there are boundaries and constant love and support. We endorse positive reinforcement and setting examples of good behavior and character. We can't wait to share our love of travel with our child and believe experiencing new places will enrich and educate them. Our lives are happy and fulfilling and we feel we have so much to share with a child.



*Best wishes, Andrew & Isaiah*

## THANK YOU

The responsibility of nurturing a child to adulthood would be the greatest privilege we could imagine being a part of. Again, thank you for reading about us and we hope we are able to hear more about your dreams for your child soon! We can be reached toll free at **1-888-292-6565** or by email at [ani.adopt@gmail.com](mailto:ani.adopt@gmail.com). You can also reach our warm and helpful adoption attorneys, Karin Stoeckenius and Holly Wotherspoon at **1-800-U-Adopt-US (1-800-823-6788)** or email them at [info@adamsromer.com](mailto:info@adamsromer.com). You can also visit their website at [www.adamsromer.com](http://www.adamsromer.com).