Joe & Hillary

About Us

Our names are Joseph and Hillary. We first met at a church Bible study in the summer of 2009 and started dating right before parting ways to return to our separate colleges. Our coming together couldn't have been more unexpected, but we are thankful that we crossed paths when we did.

We've now been together for the last 8 years and have been married for a total of 6. Time flies! We are both extremely similar and extremely different individuals. Opposites attract, right? Hillary loves to engage in meaningful conversations, enjoys video editing, reading, and works as registered nurse at a nearby hospital. Her dream is to use her nursing skills overseas or in a U.S. ministry someday. Joseph is a man of few words who has worked as a mechanical engineer for the last 6 years. He's naturally curious and is always learning. He's really a renaissance man of sorts. He's tackled all of our home renovations, has big plans to build an airplane (or two), and has kept his 1994 Toyota Corolla (a.k.a Tina) running for the last 15 years.

We've been described as old souls and share the same subtle quirky sense of humor. The Office is our favorite show. We both enjoy traveling, strong coffee, Thai food, family time, and taking walks down our country road with our goldendoodle, Phoebe. We also love to dream about the future and often set and work towards goals concerning early financial independence/retirement – we plan to retire before 40 so that we can spend more time with our children when they are young. Our desire is to be intentional with the life we've been given and to open ourselves up to new experiences. Life is far too short not to make the most of it.

About Joseph
(written by Hillary)

Joseph is the most real and genuine person I had ever met and is extremely responsible. He doesn't live to people please and is accepting of who he is. He has always made me feel safe and secure. I knew I could trust him from the moment we were first together and it's been that way ever since. His zeal for learning and discovery is inspiring, and he always challenges me to try new things.

As a Parent-- Joseph can't wait to teach our future children new things. Despite his quiet presence, kids are naturally drawn to him. He is also a huge softy when it comes to babies. We spent much of our first year together babysitting my nieces and nephews. That was the true test of our relationship. Despite the many meltdowns and failed nap times, he was usually met with instant respect and was always the favorite.

About Hillary
(written by Joseph)--

Hillary is a rare gem. She places strong value on family and friendships, and will fight tirelessly and selflessly for those that she loves. She is creative and imaginative, with strong convictions. We are both dreamers, and one of our favorite things to do together is to talk about novel, outside-the-box ideas for our future. We both enjoy travel and learning about other cultures, and look forward to exploring more of the world together with our children.

As a Parent-- Hillary is so excited about becoming a mother. She can't wait to learn and grow with our children, raising them into responsible, independent adults. I know she will be unwavering in her devotion and love to them, supporting them through good times and bad.

Family

(Hillary's Side)

Hillary's parents and siblings

Hillary is the 4th of 6 kids. Her childhood was filled with activities such as making home-videos, singing, lots of imaginative play, and many dance parties in the kitchen. She likes to blame it on her mother's Sicilian influence, but they're a loud bunch, and it's not unusual for them to break out into singing or dancing. They love to be together and are also extremely close with their extended family. Between her two oldest sisters, she has 9 nieces and nephews (and one on the way!). She likes to think she's a professional aunt since becoming one at the age of 17. Her parents have now been married for 38 years and are beyond excited to have another grandchild that lives nearby. Family get-togethers and holidays can be loud and crazy, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Joseph's side of the family

(Joseph's Side)

Joseph is the middle child between an older brother and younger sister. Though there are only 3 children in his family, he has a very large extended family (34 first cousins) that he grew up seeing on a regular basis at holidays and family reunions. He was taught a lot of handyman skills by his dad, and was instilled with a strong work ethic from both of his parents. He had a pretty traditional family upbringing; eating dinner at the table every night, taking regular vacations to new places, and attending church weekly. His parents have been married for 33 years and have lived in the same house since Joseph was a baby. They currently have one grandchild whom they adore and eagerly anticipate more grandchildren in the future. Since they only live a 10 minute drive from Hillary's parents, we look forward to our children getting lots of attention and family time from both sides of the family.

Grandma Dorothy enjoying grandson Henry.(Joseph's side)

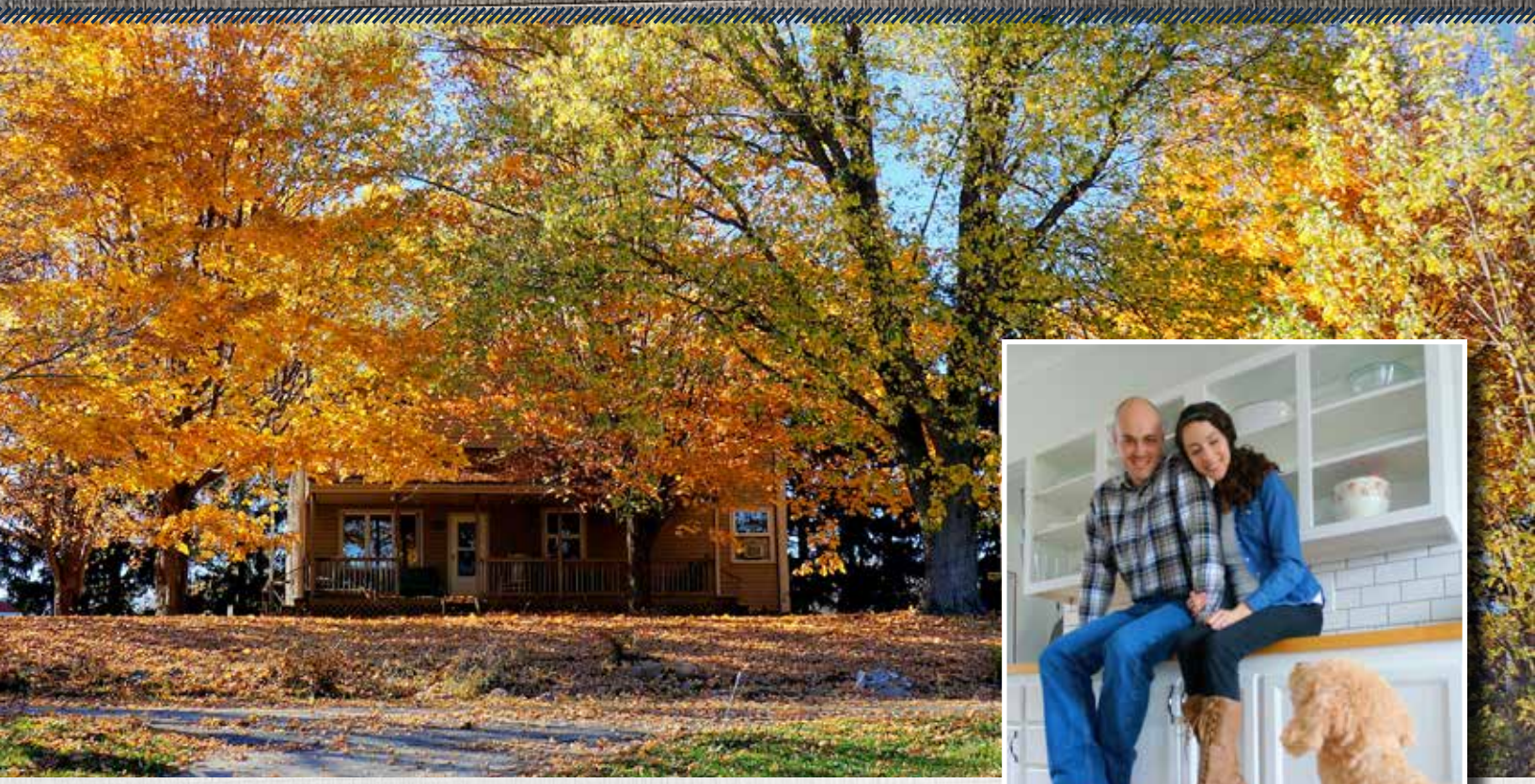
Vacation with Joseph's siblings and their spouses.

Our nieces and nephews (Hillary's side)

Summer fun with family at our home. (Hillary's side)

Meeting up with old friends.

Enjoying a meal with Joseph's work friends.



Our Home

Our home has been a labor of love for us. We've been renovating our old farmhouse for the last 5 years and it's been exciting to see the progress we've made. We've recently turned a 3 bedroom house with one full bath, into a 4 bedroom house with two full bathrooms. The possibilities are endless. One of the things we love most about our home is its unique personal style, tall ceilings, large front porch, and quiet country feel.

The house rests on two acres out in the country on a dead end road. It's the perfect retreat outside the city and has plenty of space for bonfires, family camping, and for climbing trees. Our neighbors across the road have an amazing forest with trails, a small pond, and berries that they allow us to pick during the summers. Every year we have a neighborhood get-together during the summer where we share food and good conversation. We have some egg-laying chickens and plan to plant an extensive garden when the renovations begin to slow down.

Hillary

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Education: Bachelors in Applied Linguistics, Associates of Science in Nursing

Favorite TV Show: The Office

Favorite Food(s): Sweet Potato Fries, Panang Curry, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

Hobbies: Video-editing, organizing, decorating, reading

Bucket List: Volunteer as a nurse overseas, film a documentary, learn to sew

Little Known Fact: I wanted to be a ventriloquist when I was younger. I was actually pretty decent. :)

Joseph

Occupation: Engineer

Education: Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Favorite TV Show: The Office

Favorite Food: Almost everything

Hobbies: All things engineering, especially aviation

Bucket List: Travel internationally on a home-built airplane

Little Known Fact: I was the marching band field commander in high school.

Dear Birth Parent

From the moment we made the decision to adopt, we've prayed for you. We pray that God would give you strength and peace throughout your journey, and that He would graciously lead us to one another. While we don't know you yet, we hope that we'll have the honor of meeting you in the near future. Thank you for allowing us to share our story.

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Why Adopt?

We've always wanted to have a big family. Joseph used to tell his friends in college that he wanted 10 children. Hillary also had plans to have a large family much like the one she grew up in. She would often tell her roommates that she would love to adopt from all over the world if she had it her way. It wasn't until a year or so after we were married that we'd realize that having biological children wouldn't likely be our path. While that season was extremely difficult, adoption had always been something we desired and planned to do. We're extremely excited about beginning this journey and feel so blessed that we have the opportunity to experience the miracle of adoption. Honestly, we're so grateful! God is good!

Our Promise

We are committed to unconditionally loving your child, raising them in a stable, Christian home, and providing them opportunities to explore the world and meet people of many different backgrounds. It is our goal as parents to raise children who are kind, confident, open-minded, and strong in their values and beliefs. We will do everything we can to support their pursuit of their goals and whatever their dreams may be.

Thank you for considering us as parents. Above all else, we hope and pray that you are able to find the right adoptive family for your child.