

VERNON & BEFEKADU

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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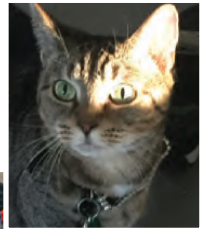


ABOUT US

Befekadu is originally from Ethiopia, and Vernon is a Washington, DC, native. We met 12 years ago at a convenience store. Cliché, right? From that day on, we were inseparable. We dated for a while before becoming exclusive, and that was where we knew we wanted to be together forever. We have traveled the world, from Dubai to Europe and back to Befekadu's hometown in Ethiopia. Vernon was able to meet his family and learned new ways of life. Vernon knew this was his future husband, and Befekadu did as well. Experiencing the motherland together changed both of our lives forever.

OUR HOME & PETS

We live in a very cozy home in a quiet and small community just outside the city with a great outdoor living space surrounded by a privacy fence. We have local recreation and parks for nice long walks and playgrounds where our future child will be able to interact with other children. We have two indoor cats, Zoey and Saint. We have had Zoey for 12 years and got Saint four years ago.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We come from large families, and we definitely know we want to raise a little one ourselves with the values we have learned from them. We will focus on building structure for our future child with lots of love. We are open books, so we would love to share those moments with you if you're interested, we would also love to learn about what's important to you for your precious child.

OUR LIFE
TOGETHER



GET TO KNOW

B E F E K A D U



OCCUPATION: Food management services

EDUCATION: Bachelor's

RACE: Ethiopian American

RELIGION: Orthodox

SPORT: Track

FOOD: Ethiopian, American, Mexican

HOBBY: Traveling

TRADITION: Celebrate all major holidays

MUSICAL GROUP: BTS, TLC, Backstreet Boys, Destiny's Child, Jonas Brothers

MOVIE: *Home Alone*, *Bridesmaids*, all Madea movies

DREAM VACATION: Greece, Norway, Switzerland, Japan, Australia

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *The Masked Singer*, *The Haves and the Have Nots*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math, social studies

BOOK: *The Rosary*



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V E R N O N



OCCUPATION: Luxury appliance sales

EDUCATION: Diploma

RACE: African American

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Football

FOOD: Italian, Ethiopian, Asian

HOBBY: Traveling, weight training

TRADITION: Celebrate all major holidays

MUSICAL GROUP: Destiny's Child, SWV, En Vogue, Shalamar, Boyz II Men

MOVIE: *Coming to America*

DREAM VACATION: Greece, Bali, Hawaii

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Game of Thrones*, *Hannibal*, *The Haves and the Have Nots*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English, science

BOOK: *He-Motions*

OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS



Since we come from such large families, we have lots of traditions we always look forward to. Since Befekadu is Ethiopian, his Christmas is celebrated in January and Vernon's Christmas is in December, so we celebrate Christmas twice. Vernon's family always picks a family member's home, and they host breakfast and the unwrapping of gifts on Christmas Day. Then we pick another family member's home to have Christmas dinner at.

Befekadu's family keeps the celebration at one family member's house. It is a big event celebrated at one location all day long with the Ethiopian traditions of ceremonial coffee, dance, music, and entertainment. Our family is so excited about us bringing home a child we can raise as a village. We want to introduce your child to a lot of culture, love, and colorful moments to remember.

We often have movie nights with our families, and BBQs are a normal routine in the summertime. We have a closed back yard with a privacy fence, so we normally host the best parties with plenty of room outside. Befekadu has 11 nieces and nephews, and Vernon has 9. There is endless adventure for these little ones to explore safely.



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EXPECTANT
MOTHER



We are overjoyed at the thought of you considering us to raise your beautiful baby boy or girl. We never thought we could ever have this opportunity as gay men, and we are so grateful for the beauty of adoption. The chance to become parents would be a dream come true.

We have such a strong family base, and our village as a whole will raise and support your baby more than you can imagine. Our dedication and devotion will shine brighter than the sun. Should you choose us, your baby will be loved to the moon and back. We promise you that with all our hearts. If you consider us as your choice as adoptive parents, we will not disappoint you. We just want to be up front and transparent. We would be a safe and secure choice for your child.

We have been together for 13 years and married for one year so far. We love each other unconditionally, and your child will be loved the same way. Being a multicultural household, we are open to continuing your culture to always keep your child close to his or her roots. We look forward to meeting you and your little blessing.

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