New book ‘Dear Lois’ details authors’ adoption journey

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*Adoptive mother, daughter co-author new book to share story of* [*adoption*](http://www.prweb.net/Redirect.aspx?id=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5iYXJuZXNhbmRub2JsZS5jb20vdy9kZWFyLWxvaXMta2FyZW4tc2NobGluZHdlaW4vMTEyMTg5MTc2MT9lYW49OTc4MTQ5MDg3NTMxNg==)*, faith*

Although Karen Schlindwein and husband Tom went through an infertility journey resulting in miscarriage, they joyfully connected with Lois, who chose them to adopt Amalie Bowling. Two years later, a woman named Ruth chose them to raise Joseph, the Schlindwein’s second adoptive child. The couple wrote letters to both Lois and Ruth as their children grew. These letters inspired Schlindwein and Bowling’s [new story of adoption](http://www.prweb.net/Redirect.aspx?id=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5hbWF6b24uY29tL0RlYXItTG9pcy1PdXItQWRvcHRpb24tSm91cm5leS9kcC8xNDkwODc1MzI4), “[Dear Lois](http://www.prweb.net/Redirect.aspx?id=aHR0cDovL2Jvb2tzdG9yZS53ZXN0Ym93cHJlc3MuY29tL1Byb2R1Y3RzL1NLVS0wMDA5MDY3MjcvRGVhci1Mb2lzLmFzcHg=): Our Adoption Journey” (published by WestBow Press).

“Dear Lois” shares personal experiences from painful loss to the joy of [adoptive parenting](http://www.prweb.net/Redirect.aspx?id=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tL2RlYXJsb2lzdGhlYm9vaw==) – joy Schlindwein attributes to Christ. Bowling’s reflections as an adopted child emphasize her identity in Christ. Bowling and her husband, Jason, are planning a foster/adoption ministry.

“‘Dear Lois’ highlights the positives of adoption and provides readers with hope,” Schlindwein says.

The authors hope their new book will show readers that through Christ, all things are possible. They chose to write “Dear Lois” to share the hope of their faith in Christ, to honor Lois and Ruth, to share a positive and unique perspective of adoption and to raise awareness of and funds for Chosen, Bowling’s soon-to-be adoption ministry.

“Dear Lois”

By [Karen Schlindwein and Amalie Bowling](http://www.prweb.net/Redirect.aspx?id=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cua2lja3N0YXJ0ZXIuY29tL3Byb2plY3RzLzEyMDE3NjQ2MDMvZGVhci1sb2lzLW91ci1hZG9wdGlvbi1qb3VybmV5)

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Karen Schlindwein lives in Wisconsin and has been married to Tom for 28 years. Following the adoptions of Amalie and Joseph, the couple’s newfound faith in Christ led Karen to co-lead an infertility and adoption ministry. She has since counseled many through their adoption journeys. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in management and is a regional claim manager. She enjoys her family, boating, volunteering at church and at Richard’s Place – an HIV/Aids facility – and scrapbooking.

Amalie Bowling lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Jason, and has a deep passion for adoption and those who are adopted. She and Jason plan to open a foster/adoption ministry called Chosen, to show children that family comes in all shapes and sizes, but love is the most important thing. She earned biblical studies and youth ministry degrees from Emmaus Bible College in 2013. She works as a claim adjuster and co-leads a youth group with her husband. She enjoys crafting, painting, helping others, working with children and enjoying time with her family.

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