Edwin and Carrie Lyons of Salt Lake City are turning a tragedy into a legacy of hope with a journey of a lifetime, a 1000-mile bike ride from Salt Lake City, Utah to Omaha, with the dream of raising money for an adoption as well as for cancer research.

In 2008, the couple lost their first child, Christian, to pre-term labor. Carrie was diagnosed in 2009 with endometrial cancer, which ended their hopes of another biological child.

This year, with the support and assistance of many generous people, they are beginning the process of adopting an Ethiopian child.

“So many dreams exist in the world; dreams of extravagant vacations; dreams of rewarding careers; dreams of health; dreams of a home; dreams of just being able to live,” they said. “We dream of giving to a human being, hope. We dream of giving an infant a chance they may not otherwise receive. We dream of introducing a new culture to our family. We dream of waking each morning with an opportunity of raising a child. Lastly, we dream of a time when people will no longer have to hear the words, ‘you have cancer.’”

Beginning the ride on June 16, the two arrived in Grant on the evening of June 23, spending the night with Ron and Mary Kent, parents of their friend, Jessica.

The Lyons have set a goal of raising $28,000, and thus far have raised half of the funds necessary to facilitate an international adoption.

Anyone seeking more information, or interested in donating can visit their blog at www.fromhealingtohope.blogspot.com or can contact them at fromhealingtohope@gpmail.com