



Cody
and
Rachel

Hello



Thank you for using your time to look at these pages.

Your courage in taking this step is amazing to us. Your generosity in choosing adoption is incredible.

We recognize the challenges you are facing now, and we would like to help you in this time with any of these challenges that we can.

This decision you are facing in choosing a home for your child must be overwhelming, so we hope you find something here about us that you connect with. We don't want you to feel alone in any of this, and we hope you know we are here to come alongside you now.

This is our family. As a family, we value time together and we enjoy making memories with each other. We like to celebrate with fun outings rather than gifts. We like helping others in our community and in other states and around the world by going on mission trips together. Finally, we believe God's own love for us is described in the Bible as a kind of adoption, where He invites us to be His children. We are eager to demonstrate God's love to you and your precious child, by inviting both you and him to be part of our family.



A little more about us:

- we love Family Movie Nights at home
- Cody likes to always arrive 10+ minutes early
- Rachel makes great chocolate chip cookies
- the girls love wearing dresses and getting muddy equally (and often simultaneously!)

Our Beginning

We met in 2008, when Cody moved with his ranger job to Rachel's hometown and visited her church one Sunday. After spending time in the company of friends for a summer, we began dating. Two years later, just as Rachel was finishing up graduate school for her teaching career, Cody proposed one rainy afternoon on a mountaintop. Our summertime wedding was made extra special by the fact that Rachel carried flowers grown by her mom. During the 10 years of our marriage, we have enjoyed working on our fixer-upper home, going on missions trips in different states and countries, and hiking in as many national parks as we can. We've also welcomed the births of two daughters, and the addition of two cats.



Sunset in Grand Teton
National Park



Abrams Falls in
Great Smoky Mtns
National Park

Cody

His favorites:

- cream soda in glass bottles
- Marvel movies
- wood working projects
- being outdoors
- spending time with his girls



A note about Cody, by Rachel

Cody's best qualities have root in his Christian faith. He is patient, disciplined, kind, and honest. Every task he applies himself to, whether in his job, on a project at home, or washing the dishes, he genuinely does to his best ability. His job as a ranger is very exciting and adventurous, which suits him perfectly! He is never too tired to play with our girls, or to help me around the house. His colleagues are glad to work with him, his friends are better for knowing him, and his family is blessed to have him lead us through life. Being his wife is a tremendous gift; he makes me feel so valued, and so cared for.

Rachel



Some of Rachel's favorites are:

- reading
- baking and crafting with her girls
- finding a great sale
- seeing new places with her family
- Marvel movie dates with Cody



A note about her, by Cody

Rachel does it all. Her Master's Degree is evidence of her intelligence. As a high school English and Spanish teacher, she brings out the best in other kids. As a mother, she brings out the best in our kids. And as a wife, she brings out the best in me. She is my adventure buddy. We love exploring God's creation and showing our kids the amazing things God made for us to enjoy. I do my best to help around the house, but who am I kidding? I never quite get it right. She makes our house run and she makes it extra welcoming with the time she puts into growing several different kinds of flowers and with good cooking. She is everything and more in this family.

Our Pumpkin Pie - she loves school, dress up clothes, stories, and snacks. She is a little shy, but is also very adventurous and athletic. She's been praying a lot for "baby brother" to come home soon.



Our Girls



Our June Bug - she loves her big sister, dress up clothes, dolls, and snuggles. She is a very good sharer and hugger. She tells us a lot that she is excited to be a big sister and to help take care of her new brother.

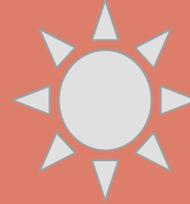


Cody's family -
his parents, his sister, his two nieces, and his nephew

Rachel's family -
her parents, her sister and brother-in-law (+her doggy nephew), her brother, her
grandmother, her aunt and uncle and two cousins



More about our extended families



Our families are thrilled to be expecting a new member soon! Both sets of grandparents are very involved in our children's lives. We are also very close, though not geographically, to our siblings, so when we all get together a few times each year we really have a great time!

Also, we are a family that has already grown by adoption in the past: Rachel's aunt and uncle adopted biracial African American twins (a boy and a girl) five years ago. These two are especially excited to gain a new family member, because they look forward to connecting over having adoption in common. Further, concerning race representation in our family, Cody has a biological nephew whose father is from the Philippines. Rachel also speaks Spanish fairly well and has been teaching it at the high school level for several years, plus lived for a summer as a student in Chile during college. Your child will have people of multiple social and ethnic backgrounds to connect with and learn from as he grows up.

We feel very supported by our families, and hope that you soon do too!



We built this room especially for your child. We filled it with special items so you can know how special he is to us: Rachel's father's childhood dresser, Cody's family rocking chair, paintings done by Rachel's great-aunt, toys and books chosen especially by our daughters. Your child is already so loved by us and we hope that is demonstrated here!

Baby's room - our favorite DIY project yet!

Our home of 10 years and counting



We live on a quiet road set back in the mountains, so we get to enjoy a lot of birds singing in the morning and deer walking past in the evenings. The girls really like playing outside and going for family walks or bike rides through the neighborhood. Inside, they also enjoy playing in their shared bedroom and in their playroom. Our home isn't fancy, but we take pride in keeping good care of it, planting flowers outside, and being together for home-cooked meals both in the kitchen and on the deck.

Our closing promise

We are a family built on love, giggles, gifts of experiences instead of things, and even more love. It would be our deepest joy to have the opportunity to share that love with your child. We will love your child so deeply, and we are so excited to watch him grow into his own person as we support and nurture his dreams. Know that you are continually in our thoughts, and that we are so grateful for you taking the time to turn these pages. We are hopeful that our coming family photos will have a precious new face in it.

Sincerely,
Our family





Christmas morning fun!
(Though the girls were probably having more fun than their cats were!)

Hiking while on a mission trip in Alaska



Summer swimming
in our favorite lake!

Waterfall
chasing
in N.
Carolina
after a
snow ski
trip

