



TRAVIS and SONYA

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*Hello* - IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

While we have yet to officially "meet" you, we admire your courage as you open the pages of this book to consider adoption for your child. How we wish we could chat over a meal and look you in the eye instead of typing these words. **We are excited and humbled you are taking the time to get to know us. Thank you.**

We have been praying for every expectant mother looking through our book, including you, and praying for the child God already has planned for our family. We know God's hand is in this process so wherever your path takes you, we are praying you have peace and you know you are deeply loved.

We don't pretend to know the heartache you are experiencing as you make this decision but we do understand grief. God used our infertility to draw us closer to Him and boldly placed adoption on our hearts. **And now I can't imagine our story being written any other way.**

We hope this book gives you a little glimpse into our beautiful life in Littleton, Colorado. We will continue to pray for good health and protection for you and your child.

Our hearts are with you,

TRAVIS *and* SONYA

# OUR *story*

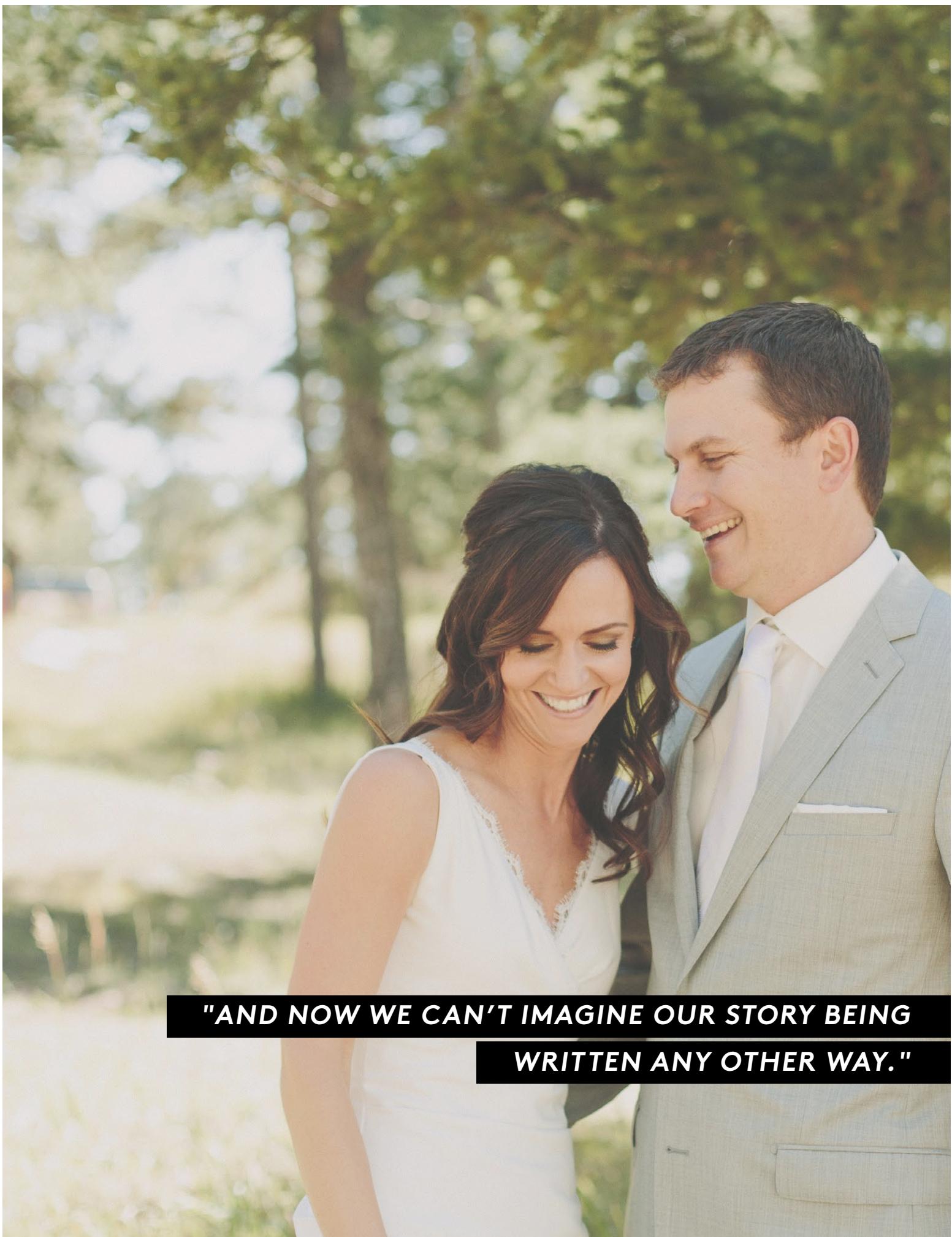
Travis and I met when we were in our early thirties at a church group in Denver. With a mutual love for the mountains and all things outdoors, we formed an instant friendship. When Travis (finally!) asked me out, I think we both had a feeling this would become something pretty special. On our first date, we went fly fishing and spent all day talking. We were drawn to each other's hearts and to the love we shared for our families, friends, and the Lord. A year after our first date, we married in the mountains.

We love spending time together and have many similar interests and also love indulging in our own hobbies. We make a great team and truly balance each other out. We have built our marriage on trust, openness, honesty, faith, silliness and a whole lot of grace!

Shortly after getting married, we discovered we were unable to have biological children. Through much prayer we decided not to pursue fertility treatments and both felt like God was opening our hearts to another path, adoption. We realized it didn't matter to us how our family started, we were just excited to start a family.



Amy Lynn Photography



# meet SONYA

BY TRAVIS

Sonya is beautiful inside and out. She makes every day more enjoyable than the last. I love that she is one of the smartest people I know but also one of the silliest. She has supported, encouraged and challenged me in a way that makes me want to be a better man, husband, and father. She has a heart for Christ and it shows in how she treats and cares for others both at her work and the way she pours into her family and friendships. **She loves big, cares deeply, and is such a wonderful mother.** You will most likely find her thinking up new activities for them to do together each week, walking to a park or hanging out in playgroups.



CHILDHOOD: GREW UP IN THE MIDWEST HELPING HER GRANDPARENTS ON THE FARM  
FAVORITE ACTIVITY AS A KID: FOLLOWING HER 3 OLDER SISTERS AROUND  
BECAUSE THEY WERE THE COOLEST  
FAVORITE MOVIE: ANY AND ALL CHICK FLICKS  
CAREER: ONCOLOGY DIETITIAN AT A CANCER CENTER (PART-TIME)



# meet TRAVIS

BY SONYA

Travis has this peacefulness about him that is infectious. He is confident about God's promises and love for us. He's the calm to my spicy and has such a fun, dry sense of humor! The kids in our family think of him as the fun uncle. Travis is incredibly patient and always supportive. **He is a wonderful, compassionate dad.** He works hard to provide for our family but I love that he never brings work home. When he is home, he is engaged with both of us and is the first to start making us all dinner or get down on the ground and play or read to Wyatt. Watching him with our son melts my heart. Wyatt adores his "papa".

CHILDHOOD: GREW UP IN ONTARIO, CANADA AND MOVED TO COLORADO WHEN HE WAS A KID  
FAVORITE ACTIVITY AS A KID: PLAYING HOCKEY WITH HIS 2 YOUNGER BROTHERS  
FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE: DIE HARD  
CAREER: SALES MANAGER IN TECH/CABLE INDUSTRY

# meet OUR KIDDO



## WYATT

Our son Wyatt joined our family at birth through the gift of adoption. He is an energetic 1.5 year old and so full of joy with some sass on the side! His smile is contagious and his laugh will make the grumpiest person smile. He is very observant and loves to watch people and take it all in. He is the most affectionate little boy and loves to snuggle or hold hands. He loves music, throwing balls, exploring the outdoors with us, reading and absolutely adores our golden retriever, Ruby. He's always up for an adventure and is truly the best hiking partner! **We are excited for the day when Wyatt gets to be a big brother.**



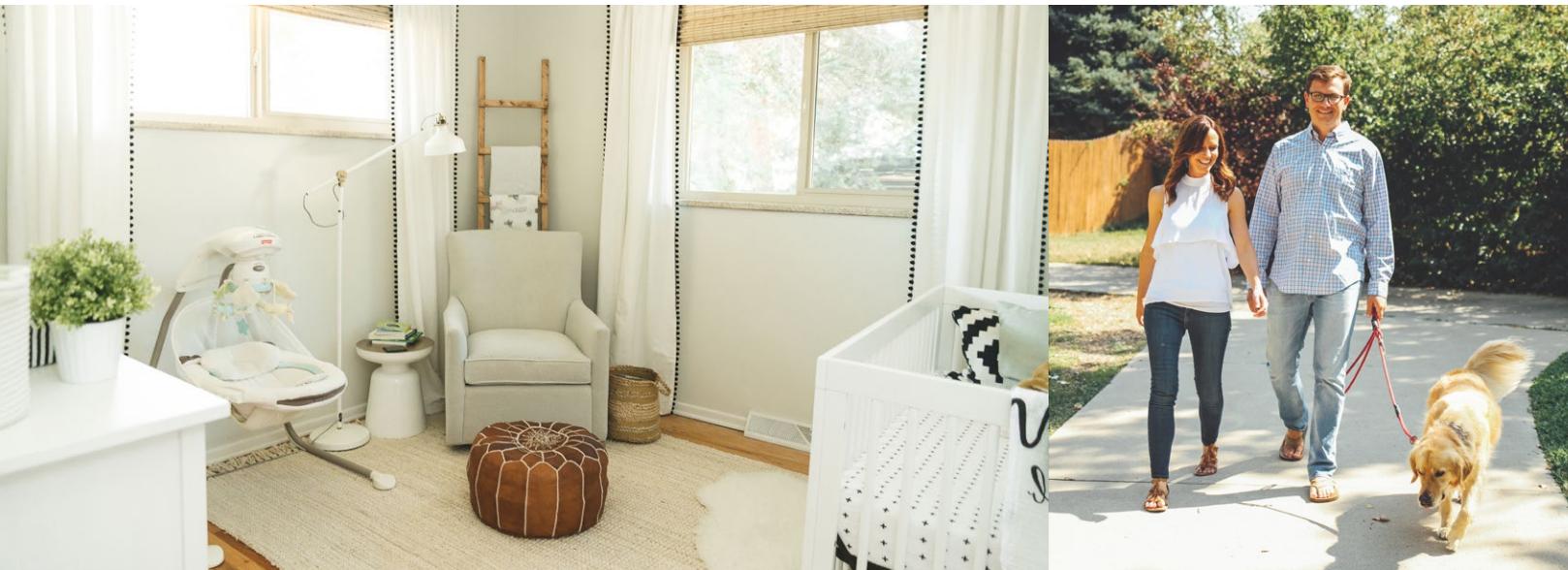
WYATT + RUBY





## home SWEET HOME

We have a one-level ranch with a completely open floor plan, which we love! We've done many projects in our house--turning it into our home. Our covered patio and fenced in yard make a great spot for summer hangouts and bbq's. While we love exploring, we love doing life together in our home.



We aren't too far from our church and we love our church community. Many families have adopted and we even have a monthly get together with all families touched by adoption or foster care. It really is a fantastic support system.



## WE LOVE WHERE WE LIVE!

We live in a fantastic neighborhood that is close to hiking paths, parks, a children's museum, farmer's markets in the summer and a library which we visit weekly with Wyatt. Also located in Colorado's top school district. We are excited to continue growing our family in this community. Plus, Travis's mom lives down the street!

## THINGS WE LOVE

*Travis loves*

- playing hockey
- coaching hockey
- skiing
- fly fishing
- house projects
- building furniture
- BBQ's at home
- making homemade pizza on the grill

*Sonya loves*

- gardening
- baking
- trying new restaurants
- designing projects for Travis
- running
- reading
- music
- spending time with girlfriends

*Together we love:*

- camping, hiking, exploring the outdoors,
- snowshoeing, backpacking, stand up paddle boarding, spending time with friends and family,
- and traveling



# our FAMILIES

## SONYA'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Family is everything to me. I have three older sisters who are my best friends. They have blessed me with 10 nieces and nephews whom we adore. A favorite moment from our wedding is when they all performed a choreographed dance for us...it was the sweetest! Wyatt gets so much love from his cousins when we're all together. They are so excited to have another cousin to love and have been praying for us. Most of my family still lives in the midwest, but we are intentional about seeing each other as much as we can. We all get together for holidays and other trips throughout the year. My parents recently retired and moved near a beach in South Carolina which has been a wonderful place to visit! Our typical family gathering is generally focused around food, music, and games. Even though there are miles between us, my family will always be an active part of our life and they are beyond excited for us to grow our family.





## our FAMILIES

### TRAVIS' EXTENDED FAMILY

My family loves to joke around and when we are all together you can count on having a side ache from so much laughter! We enjoy friendly competition whether it's Fantasy Football, games, or pond hockey at Christmas. My mom lives close by and is very involved in the day to day of our lives, especially with our son. When I was in college, my father passed away suddenly. It was tough and we always miss him, but it also pulled us together and showed us all the importance of family. I have two younger brothers and both are married. One lives in the area and we see them often. My other brother lives out of state with two young kids but they visit often and we travel to them as well. All of the kids are under the age of 3 and looking forward to another cousin to join the crew. We are blessed to have the rest of my family (cousins, grandparents, aunts/uncles) live within 5 minutes from our house. Everyone was so supportive when we brought our son home and excited for us as we continue to grow our family.







# our FAMILY INFORMATION

## TRAVIS

OCCUPATION: Sales Manager  
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts  
RELIGION: Christian  
DATE OF BIRTH: Aug 29, 1981  
ETHNICITY: Caucasian  
HAIR COLOR: Brown  
EYE COLOR: Blue  
HEIGHT: 6'0"  
GENERAL HEALTH: Excellent

## SONYA

OCCUPATION: Oncology Dietician  
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science  
RELIGION: Christian  
DATE OF BIRTH: July 24, 1980  
ETHNICITY: Caucasian  
HAIR COLOR: Brown  
EYE COLOR: Hazel  
HEIGHT: 5'4"  
GENERAL HEALTH: Excellent

**DATE OF MARRIAGE:** September 13, 2014

**CHILDREN:** Wyatt; Born March 24, 2018; adopted at birth. Loves music, throwing balls, our dog, holding hands, exploring the outdoors. He is observant, sometimes shy until he feels comfortable with you and full of immense joy.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** We adore camping, hiking, exploring the outdoors, snowshoeing, backpacking, stand up paddle boarding, spending time with friends and family, traveling together.

**HOME:** Single family, spacious ranch home with a large, fenced in yard and covered patio. Close to hiking paths, parks and great schools.

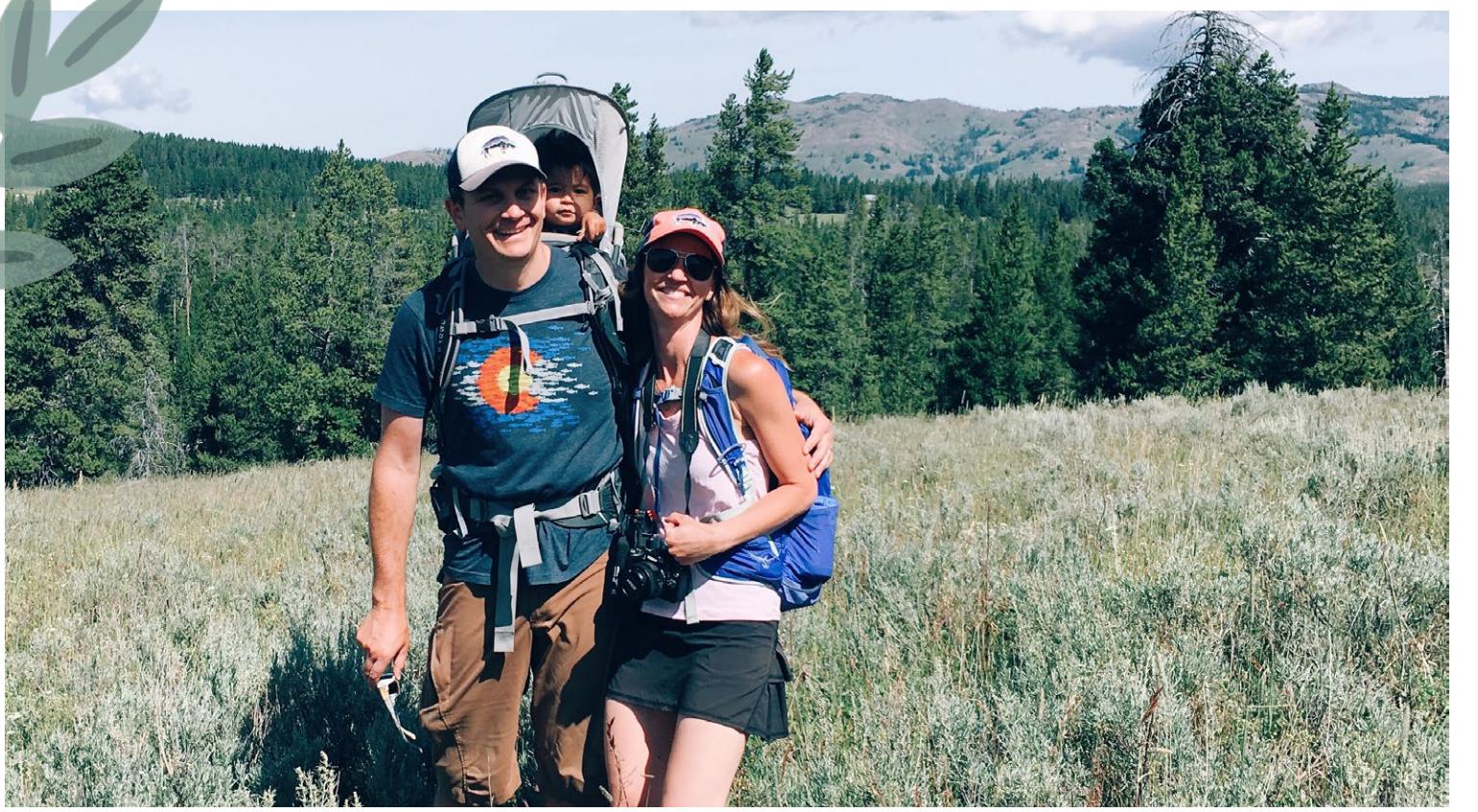
**PETS:** Golden retriever, Ruby. Great with our son, loves anyone and everyone who will pet her. Eats all of our socks and prefers carrots for a snack.

**FINANCES:** We are blessed to be financially comfortable to be able to provide for all of our children's needs.

**WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUILDING A FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION:** Family has always been our #1 priority. We were unable to conceive to have biological kids and were blessed to adopt our baby boy and experience the joys of parenthood. God's hand was in our story all along. We would like to adopt again to grow our family and give Wyatt a sibling.

**OPENNESS WITH BIRTH FAMILY:** We support open adoption and will honor and respect the level of openness you desire. We want to work together to create the best plan for our child so they understand their story. We would love to at least be able to share and receive pictures. Regardless of the plan we decide on together, we will always stay true to our word and hope our relationship will grow over the years.

**CHILDCARE PLANS:** Sonya will take 3 months maternity leave and Travis will take 2 weeks paternity leave. Currently, Sonya works part-time and is home part-time with our son. Wyatt goes to a church daycare down the street on the days Sonya is working. We will continue with this plan once we bring another baby home.



## our PROMISES

We can't pretend to understand what you are going through but if you choose us to parent your child we would like to share a few things on our hearts: *We live our life and our relationship with hands wide open. While our journey hasn't always been easy, we have peace about allowing God to lead us. We are joyful in our marriage whether things are easy or hard. We always prioritize each other first, are quick to acknowledge our own shortcomings, and work to be better every single day.*

### **WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE YOU SOME COMMITMENTS AS WELL:**

- We will love your child without end
- Your child will know how much you love them
- We will always stay true to our word
- We believe in the beauty of open adoption but will respect and honor the level of openness you desire. We are open to sharing photos, updates and visits.
- We have a strong support system and will raise your child in a vibrant community of friends and family

Thank you, again. We are praying for you as you make this brave decision. With all our love,

*Travis, Sonya and Wyatt*



YOU HAVE TURNED MY MOURNING  
INTO *dancing*.

PSALM 30:11