



Sarah & Dakota



NCA FAMILY ID #2087076

Thank you for taking the time
to get to know us!



WE LOVE EXPLORING
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



HELLO!
WE ARE

**Sarah &
Dakota**

ALONG WITH
OUR PUPS
MOCHA AND COOPER

Dear Expectant Mother,



We cannot begin to understand what circumstances have led you to this decision, but we are praying for you, your child, and your family. There are so many challenges and emotions involved with adoption and this life-altering decision, and we are praying that you experience so much love and support no matter what decision you make.

Very early on in our relationship adoption has been a part of our conversations. Adoption has always been something that has been on both of our hearts. It has always been a matter of when, not if, and we are so excited that the 'when' is happening now!

**WE ARE BEYOND
EXCITED TO BE
PARENTS, AND
WOULD BE HONORED
AND THRILLED IF YOU
CHOSE US TO RAISE
YOUR CHILD.**

**We are open to the
level of openness
you are comfortable
with and look forward
to getting to know
you better!**



How we became US!

We met on Christian Mingle. Dakota was the first to reach out. He messaged Sarah his favorite Bible verse and his profile picture was of him holding a salmon in the river. Our first date was at Starbucks. We were both super nervous at the beginning of the conversation, but we ended up talking until the Starbucks closed! A little over a year later we got married.



ABOUT OUR LIFE TODAY

A year into our marriage we decided to start trying to have kids but ran into infertility struggles after trying for over a year. We already knew we wanted to adopt, so we decided that maybe God was calling us to adopt sooner than we expected!

From the beginning we just clicked, and we spent all our free time together! And even to this day we still enjoy spending time together above anything else! Now we have been together for almost 5 years, married for almost 4 years. It has been full of excitement, adventure, and challenges.

YET, DESPITE WHAT COMES OUR WAY, OUR LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO ONE ANOTHER HAS CONTINUED TO GROW!

We have seen God work in ways we could only imagine and our faith and trust in Him has grown as a result.



Quality we value in others:

INTEGRITY • KINDNESS • LOYALTY • GENUINE • TRUSTWORTHINESS



ENJOYING AN
ALASKAN CRUISE



US AT A
PAINTING STUDIO

Values we hope to share with our child

We value our **FAITH** and we desire to share having a personal relationship with Jesus with our child.

We value **COMMUNICATION**, and want to create an environment where each member in the family is safe to share openly and honestly about what they are going through.

We value **HARD WORK** and want to encourage and empower our child to pursue their interests and work towards their goals.

We value **FUN**, and want to instill a sense of play and joy and laughter with our child.

We also value **TREATING PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT, AND WANT OUR CHILD TO FEEL THAT FROM US** and to learn how to treat others that way.





I am excited to see Sarah as a mom.

LOVING OUR CHILD WILL COME EASILY TO HER, AND WHENEVER OUR CHILD IS GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT, SHE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THEM THROUGH IT. I KNOW SHE WILL LOVE OUR KIDS WELL AND STAND UP FOR THEM.



SARAH LOVES TO RIDE HORSES

Meet Sarah

THOUGHTS FROM DAKOTA

When I first met Sarah, I thought that she was really shy, but she was also a really good listener and not judgemental. It took her a little bit to warm up to me but when she finally opened up, I knew she was the one! I liked that she had strong values that matched my own. I knew that I wanted to marry her when I saw how she was around her family and how she made me feel a part of her family. I also loved seeing how she saved all her memories when she showed me her scrapbooks and journals.

I love how Sarah believes in Jesus and seeks to have that personal relationship with him. I also love how she values her relationships with her family and friends, and how she actively works at strengthening those relationships. She really loves people and works at showing them she cares for them.

Sarah is adventurous and enjoys seeing/doing/trying new things, and I love seeing the joy on her face when she experiences those new things.

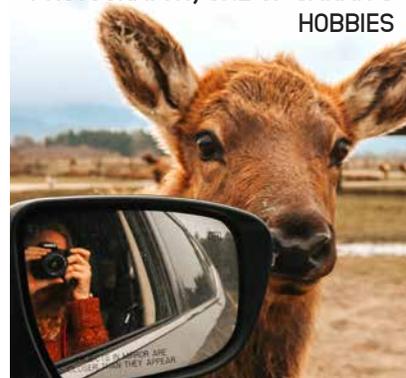


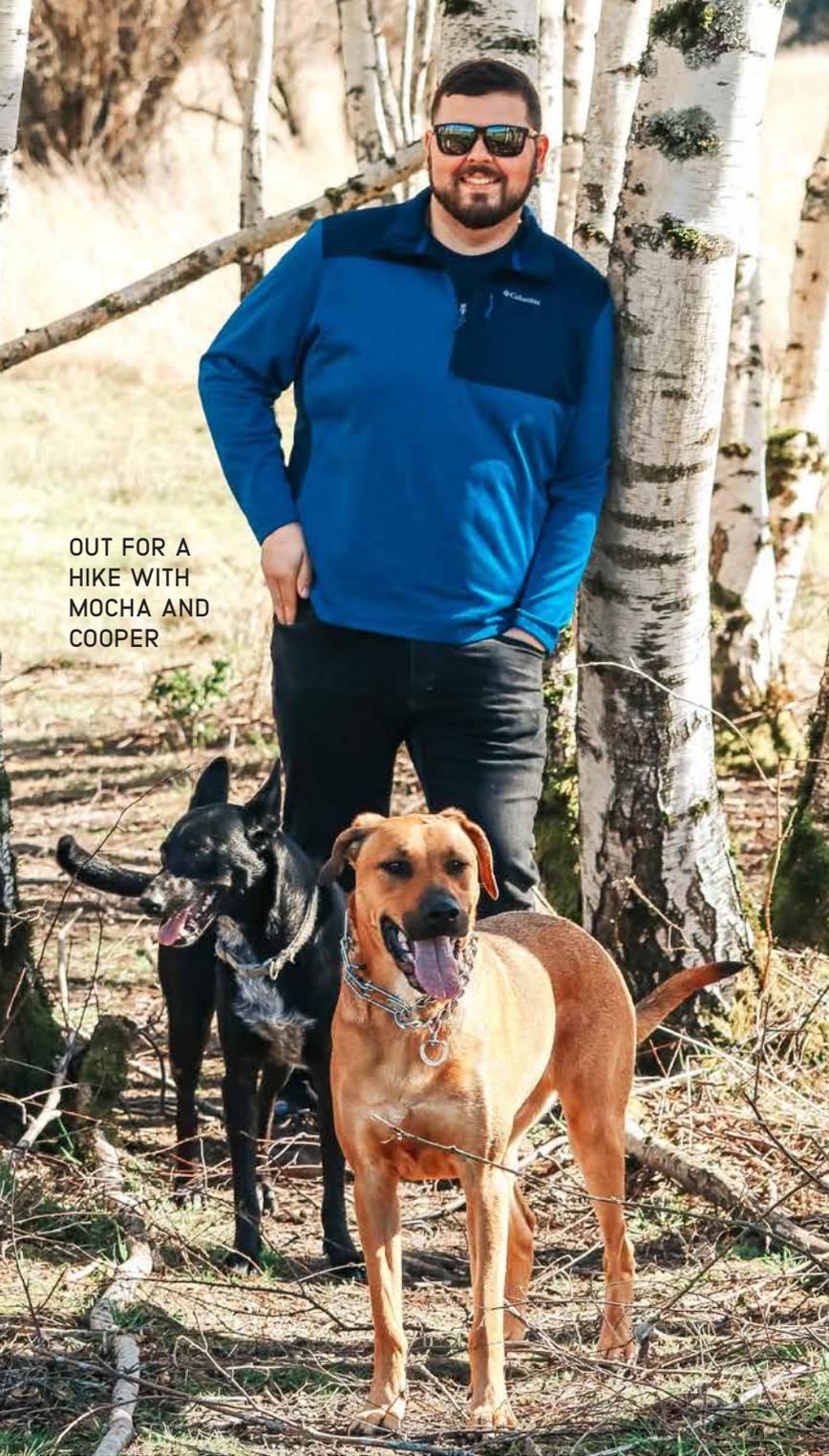
Sarah's Fun Facts and Favorites

- **HOBBIES:** Riding horses, reading, hiking, camping
- **FAVORITE FOOD:** Nachos, coffee with vanilla creamer
- **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** A good book
- **CHILDREN'S BOOK:** *Amelia Bedelia*
- **VACATION SPOT:** Anywhere on a cruise
- **DREAM JOB:** Equine therapy
- **SEASONAL ACTIVITY:** Corn maze and pumpkin patch
- **FAVORITE MEMORY:** Growing up in the Amazon Rain Forest in Ecuador when I was 9-10 years old
- **PLACES TO TAKE MY CHILD:** The ocean



PHOTOGRAPHY, ONE OF SARAH'S HOBBIES





OUT FOR A HIKE WITH MOCHA AND COOPER



DAKOTA LOVES TO FISH

Meet Dakota

THOUGHTS FROM SARAH

When I first met Dakota, I couldn't help but notice how genuine and open and real he was. What you see is what you get with Dakota.

I knew I wanted to marry Dakota pretty early on because I saw the integrity that he has. I quickly realized that Dakota wasn't the type of person to say one thing and then do another.

I love how Dakota is always "all in" in whatever he does. Whether it be work, house projects, helping out our friends, or spending time with our dogs, he is fully present and whole heartedly engaging in that. I love how passionate about life he is! He embraces life and brings so much joy and laughter to ours!

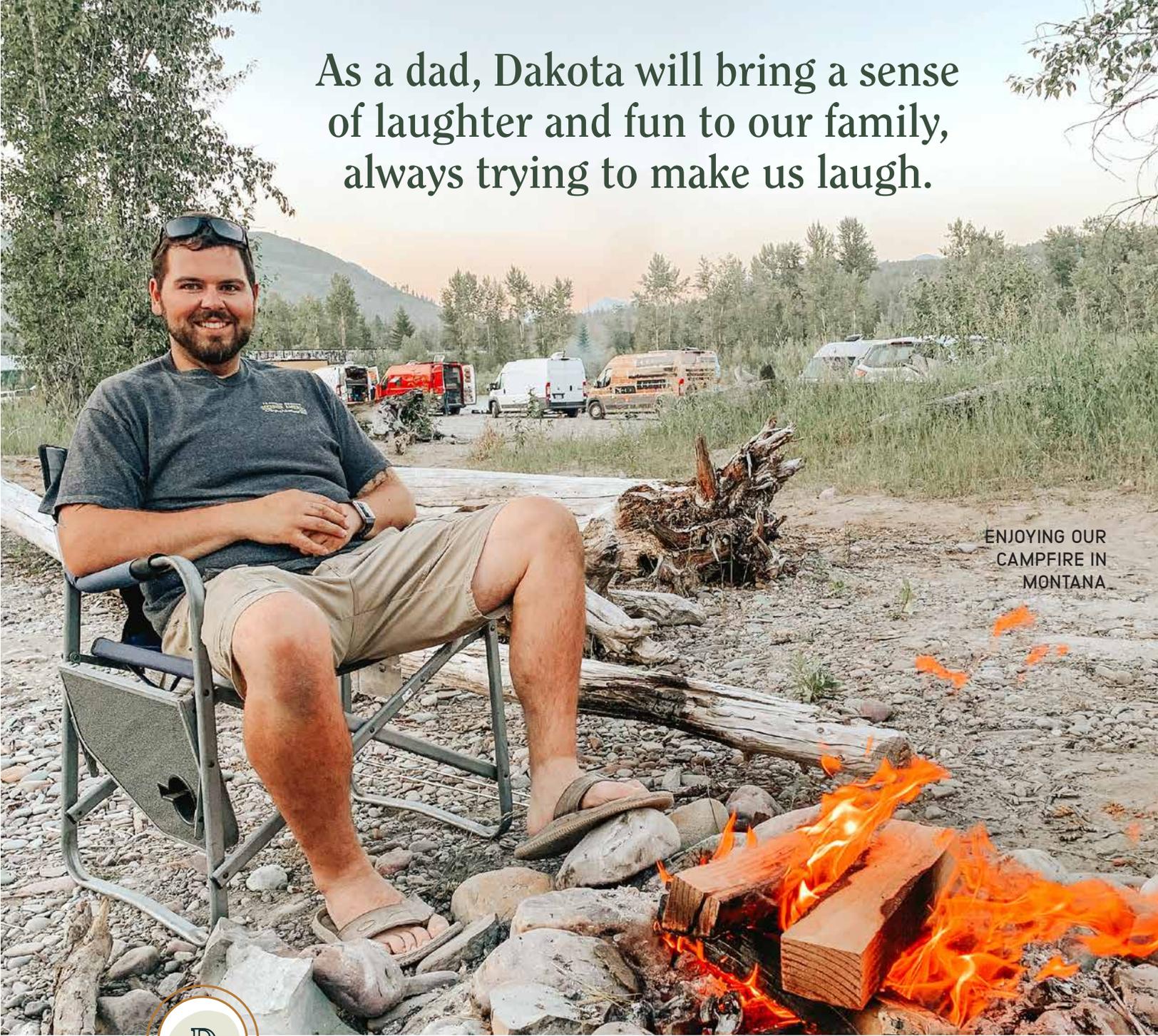
I also love how he is going to be such a great dad! Already, all of our friends' kids adore him and love following him around! Dakota will bring a sense of security and safety, always solving problems and finding solutions to whatever comes up. He is already such a committed husband in our marriage, and so I know he will be a committed father. I cannot wait to see him taking our kids fishing, or playing with them and their toys, or rocking them to sleep.



DAKOTA PLAYING WITH HIS TRUCK COLLECTION



As a dad, Dakota will bring a sense of laughter and fun to our family, always trying to make us laugh.



ENJOYING OUR
CAMPFIRE IN
MONTANA



Dakota's Fun Facts and Favorites

- **WHAT YOU LIKE TO COLLECT:** Toy trucks
- **HOBBY:** Fishing, golfing, camping, vacationing
- **FAVORITE FOOD:** Mexican food
- **FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Anywhere on a cruise
- **DREAM JOB:** To become a district manager with Waste Connections
- **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My family
- **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Point Break (the new one not the old one)
- **ICE CREAM FLAVOR:** Coffee ice cream
- **ACCESSORY:** Trucker hats (I have 15+ hats)
- **PLACES TO TAKE MY CHILDREN:** Road trips (when they are older)



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Our Home

AND OUR FURRY FRIENDS

We live in a 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom Rambler. In 2020 we remodeled our home, and we have plans to eventually add a second bathroom turning it into a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom Rambler. Our home is cozy and inviting. We really want it to be a space that people are comfortable visiting us in. Eventually, we would like our home to not just be a safe haven for our kids, but also be a place where they want to bring their friends. We have a nice spacious back yard with a separate dog run, so our dogs have their own space. There is a garden and a giant cherry tree with hammock swings hanging from it as well.

There is a diverse mixture of people who live here and several of the families have young children. Our neighbors are all polite, and everyone watches out for each other's property. We live about five minutes away from a huge park with a play ground, walking trails and a lake. I (Sarah) used to play there as a child, and we cannot wait to bring our future kids there to play!



Mocha is an 8 year old Border Collie mix. She loves cuddling, going for walks and car rides, and chewing on her bone. She is very calm and absolutely adores babies!



Cooper is a 3 1/2 year old Ridgeback Hound/ Doberman mix. He loves playing with his "squeaky toy", playing with the neighbor dog, and taking naps on our bed. He is playful and loves going on adventures.



OUR BACK YARD HAMMOCK SWING

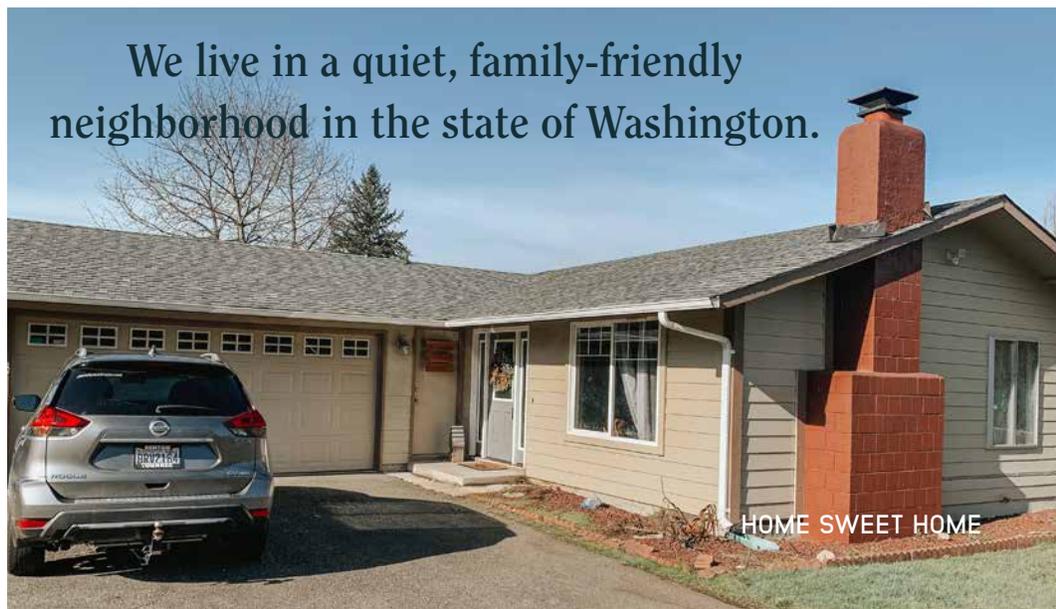


OUR KITCHEN



WHERE WE LOVE TO GATHER

We live in a quiet, family-friendly neighborhood in the state of Washington.



HOME SWEET HOME



DAKOTA'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY



THE WHOLE FAMILY AT SARAH'S SISTER'S WEDDING



MEET THE
FUTURE
COUSINS
AND PLAY
MATES!

Meet our Family

I (Sarah) am the oldest of three children. My parents have been married for 32 years. Both Dakota and I are close with them. Right now they are living in CA for my dad's job, but we have the guest bedroom set up for them when they come visit. We also visit with them a few times a year and I call my mom at least every Thursday. I have a younger brother and younger sister who are both married. From the moment we started dating, Sarah's family adopted Dakota into their family as their own. They are all so welcoming and accepting and they are so excited to welcome our new baby into their family! Sarah's mom also plans on nannying for us a couple times a week while we both work.

I (Dakota) am the youngest of 4 children. My parents have been married for 36 years. Both Sarah and I are close with them. They live about 15 minutes away from us and we visit with them a few times a month and I talk to them daily. I enjoy going bass fishing with my dad. My dad was also adopted when he was a child, so he has a unique perspective and ability to relate to our child that we think will be special for their relationship. I also have two older sisters and an older brother who are all married and each have a couple children of their own.



Our Thoughts on Parenting



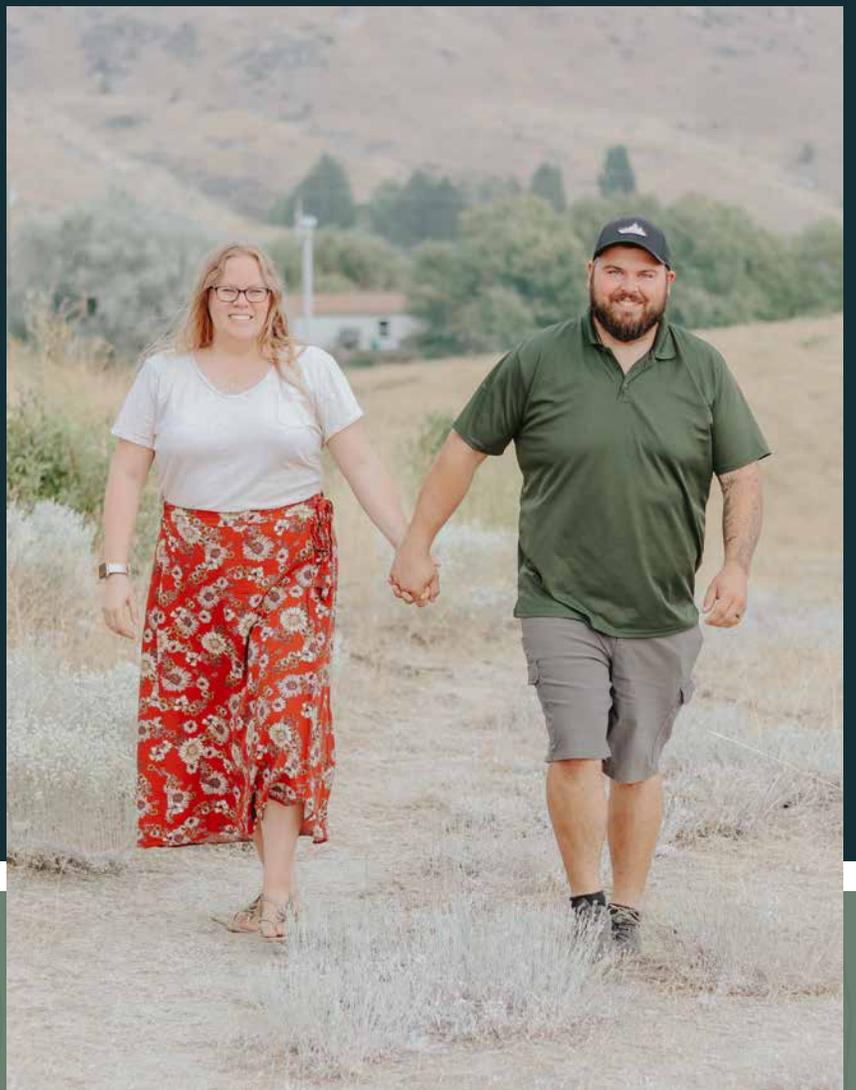
THE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST

It is our desire that our children know that they are unconditionally loved, by us and that they know they are loved by God. We want to communicate with our child that they are safe, and loved, and wanted, and that they belong always, and nothing can ever change that.

It is so important to us that we connect with our child before we correct. We want to honor our child's feelings, meet their physical and emotional needs as best we can, support them in the hard moments, pursue attachment with them, and empower them to be who God has called them to be. We cannot wait to nurture their strengths and interests and see what sparks their curiosity. We also want to have an open line of communication with our child where they feel safe to share anything with us.

SOME INTERESTS AND PASSIONS THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE WITH OUR CHILD ONE DAY IS A SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND A LOVE OF LIFE!

We want to share that sense of wonder and excitement with our child when we go exploring.





Diversity and Open Adoption

WE VALUE BOTH AND APPRECIATE THEIR IMPORTANCE

We are really excited to welcome any child into our home, and are supportive of all races. We already are intentionally becoming a part of diverse communities and we will continue to seek out communities that represent our child's race. In our area, there are so many different festivals and community events that represent so many different cultures. We love learning about and experiencing the different cultures around us and are excited for our child to experience them as well.



Depending on your comfort level, we would also like to keep an open relationship with you. Whether that be occasional pictures and texts, or monthly video calls. We want to respect your privacy, and where you are at, and want to hear what level of openness you would like. It is important that our child knows their "roots" and we wish to share with them their entire story of adoption and the courage and selfless love you had for them to place them with us.

About Us at a Glance





Father's name: Dakota
Occupation: Truck Driver
Education: Some College
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: 12/07/1994
Hair color: Brown
Eye color: Hazel
Height: 5"11

Mother's name: Sarah
Occupation: Counselor
Education: Master's Degree
Religion: Christian
Date of birth: 08/19/1993
Hair color: Blond
Eye color: Hazel
Height: 5"7

Date of marriage: 12/12/2018

Children: No children

Openness to birth parents(s): We are as open as the expectant mother is comfortable with. We would love to keep in contact by sending regular texts/emails to the expectant mother as well as phone calls.

Interests and hobbies: Together we enjoy going on road trips, traveling to new places, visiting historical sites, going camping, going on walks, taking our dogs to the beach, going to farmer's markets, going to the movies, watching a TV show at home. Dakota enjoys bass fishing and salmon fishing, going for walks, hanging out with friends, golfing, relaxing at home. Sarah enjoys meeting friends for coffee, going on walks, reading, crafting, and horse back riding.

Childcare plans: I (Sarah) am planning on staying home full time until our baby is 6 months old. Then I plan on working very part time, only 1-2 days a week and having my mom nanny for us during those days.

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Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? I, (Sarah) have always wanted to adopt. It was something the Lord placed on my heart a long time ago, and it's stuck with me ever since. Dakota's dad was adopted, and so he already had a personal tie to adopting from his dad's experience. We have talked about adopting ever since we started dating. Our plan was to adopt after we had a couple biological children, but since dealing with infertility for the past 2 1/2 years, we decided that maybe God was calling us to adopt sooner than we expected.

Pets: Mocha is mostly black, with a white strip running down her chest, 8 year old Border Collie mix. She loves cuddling, going for walks and car rides, and chewing on her bone. Cooper is a reddish color with a black nose, 3 1/2 year old Ridgeback hound/Doberman mix. He loves playing with his "squeaky toy", playing with the neighbor dog, and taking long naps on our bed.

Our Heartfelt Thank You



WE CANNOT WAIT TO START THIS ADVENTURE WITH YOU

Thank you again so much for sharing your time to get to know us a little bit more! We hope that you were able to get a glimpse of who we are as a family.

We cannot wait to become parents and shower our love on our child! We promise to love our child without measure. We want to instill in them that our home is a safe, secure base where they can receive love and support and encouragement so that they can then go out into the world and accomplish whatever they set their minds to!

Our love for your child extends to you. You will be an honored member of our family. We are praying for you to have peace and love and support as you decide what is best for you and your baby.

With love, 

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