



MADY + NICK

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DEAR FRIEND

Thank you for taking the time to read our story and get to know us. We know this letter comes to you in the midst of a tender and courageous season, and we are honored that you would consider us as part of your journey.

One of the deepest desires of our hearts is to be part of God's work of redeeming individual stories. We have seen Him do this in our own lives, taking the thorns and briars of grief and allowing beauty to bloom and spring up. We trust that He is at work and we pray for you often as you walk through this decision with strength and love.

As a family, we try to make every choice and funnel every decision (how we spend our time, nurture our relationships, use our resources, and live our daily lives) through what we call our funnel words. These are not just words we admire, but actions we strive to live out and pass on to our children, and to their children after them:

Love: our highest value and the foundation for every decision.

Stewardship: valuing and caring for what has been gifted and entrusted to us.

Wisdom: seeking guidance and delighting in God writing his covenant on our hearts.

Peaceable: pursuing harmony and the beauty of working towards God's restoration.

Generosity: sharing and hospitably giving of the gifts that have been entrusted to us.

These actions shape the way we live and the way we hope to care for our family. We don't take lightly the trust, courage, and thoughtfulness a decision like this takes. As you encounter us on these next pages we pray that you would find clarity and peace in wherever this journey takes you! We would be honored to know you and play a role in your story and the story of this little one.

With love and gratitude,

MADY + NICK



OUR STORY

Something funny about us is that we can't quite agree on when we first met! Nick insists it was at a middle school Halloween party, while Mady is sure it was in high school through show choir. Either way, we've known each other a long time, growing up in the same small town of Keokuk, Iowa. After becoming friends in high school, life took us in different directions—Mady to Germany and Nick to Colorado. In 2016, Nick noticed that Mady had been baptized and reached out to celebrate with her. That message sparked almost constant conversations, where we connected over theology, adventure, and our shared love of the mountains. After two years of dating, we were married in June of 2019. In our six years of marriage, we've continued to learn more about one another, often saying, "Hey, you're my best friend!" as we discover something new. Saturdays are some of our favorite times—we love making coffee, pancakes, and bacon before heading out on a hike with our dog, Willy. In 2020, we moved to Colorado Springs, where we bought a home in a neighborhood filled with some of our closest friends. Community and quality time are very important to us, and we love sharing life with those around us. Our weeks are often filled with evening walks, pickleball at the park, or gathering at a neighbor's house for laughter and conversation.

MEET MADY

CHILDREN'S PASTOR

I grew up with my parents and three younger siblings less than a mile from the Mississippi River. We spent a lot of time on our pontoon boat in the summers! My love for live music and concerts comes directly from my parents, as they took us to many concerts growing up. Living so close to Denver now means that I get to see a lot of my favorite bands at little venues! I also enjoy crocheting, embroidering, hiking, and skiing. But my greatest passion is communicating who God is to children. It is deeply humbling to hear and see God's heart for children and be part of helping them see the deep love He has for them. I love watching kids play and listening to their stories. There is truly much to learn from the way they respond in awe & wonder to God! I believe one of my callings is to walk alongside parents and kids helping them worship together and learn from one another.

What Nick Loves About Mady

Mady, Mady, Mady, what a fun gal. She's a half pint with a personality the size of an elephant! This disposition is what drew me to her way back in high school. Even then, before either of us knew much about one another, she stood out—bright, bold, impossible to ignore. I knew back in high school that I always wanted her in my life! Recently, one of the kids she works with said that her name should be “Joy,” and I would have to agree that joy is an incredible word to describe her! Her sunshine somehow manages to make every room feel lighter just by stepping into it.





FUN FACTS

Coffee shops and crocheting on a snowy day are some of my favorite days.

I lived in Germany from 2015-16 and speak German fluently!

I have hiked 17 of Colorado's 14 thousand foot mountains, Pikes Peak being my favorite.

The kids served continually teach me humility, joy, playfulness, and wonder.

MEET NICK

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

I grew up in a small town in Iowa with my parents and older brother that is 6 years older than me. I enjoyed riding my bike in the summers with my friends and coming home when the streetlights came on. I believe I had an innocent childhood that allowed for some degree of freedom that a small town was able to preserve. I believe the freedom of riding my bike around the neighborhood or playing football after school with my friends allowed me to become confident in navigating the world. I am thankful I was able to experience my formative years in this way. Now, living in Colorado Springs feels like one big park! Mady and I love to hike America's Mountain (Pikes Peak) each summer. One of our favorite things about living in Colorado is being able to see Pikes Peak everyday and see how it changes in each season. We are so excited to share these adventures with a little one. Becoming a dad is something I've always felt drawn to. I want to create the same sense of safety, freedom, and encouragement that shaped me growing up. I'm ready for the responsibility and the joy of guiding a child, helping them discover the world, and watching them grow into who they're meant to be. The idea of teaching them, supporting them, and sharing the adventures Mady and I love feels deeply meaningful to me. I'm grateful for the opportunity to hopefully step into that role.

What Mady Loves About Nick

Oh my goodness.. What to say about my very best friend!! I guess I will start with the reason he became my all-time best friend. Nick carries himself with incredible playfulness. His sense of humor is one of my favorite things about him and what ultimately attracted me to him! He is adventurous and discerning. This part of him pushes us to try new things together. He is driven and seeks to do the things he is passionate about with excellence.





FUN FACTS

I really like to cook, and one of my favorite meals to cook is roast chicken.

I often experiment with and try new hobbies. Right now, I am into mountain biking.

Goth Babe is my favorite musician, and their concert at Red Rocks was the best concert I've ever been to!

Jack London is my favorite author. "Call of the Wild" is my most-read book!

OUR LITTLE WORLD

While hiking and enjoying the great outdoors of Colorado, we will often look at each other and say “We live in the best state!”. We love Colorado and our home in Colorado Springs! And we specifically love our little neighborhood in central Colorado Springs. We are about a 15 minute drive from any local attraction but we also live 1 mile walking from Palmer Park, a nature park in the middle of Colorado Springs. We have a hiking trail in Palmer Park that we do at least 3 times a week with Willy, you can see pictures of this trail in our family photos! Our neighborhood is called the Cragmor and some of our closest friends live just down that street in either direction from us. This makes our neighborhood a popular hangout spot for our community and friend group! Living life with people in close proximity to us is really important.

We attend a Church in southern Colorado Springs, called Restoration Anglican Church. One thing that excites us about Restoration is the way the church lives life with those in close proximity! Restoration partners with a local elementary school and a ministry for single moms, both of which share a neighborhood. Our Church community is racially, economically, and politically diverse. We see great value in worshipping and living alongside those who are different from us. We have much to learn from those who do not look like us, think differently from us, and see the world through different eyes. And we love seeing how God unites all of us through the love, forgiveness, and compassion of Jesus!



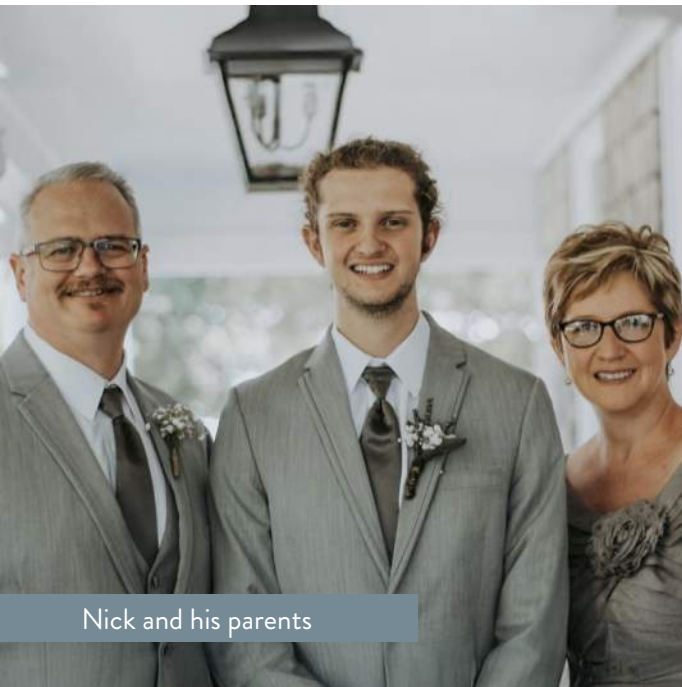


MEET WILLY

We share our home with our dog Wilson, more commonly known as Willy! He is named after Wilson Peak in the San Juan mountain range. Willy loves walks, naps, and playing with his best friend Indigo at the park near our house. One thing we love about Willy is his gentle nature. Dog trainers would call him a “middle of the pack” dog because of his patience, adaptability, and playfulness. All of these things make him great with kids, we love watching him interact (mostly snuggles) with our friends’ kids!

FAMILY + CONNECTIONS

Our community means everything to us! In this adoption journey our community has been supporting us through prayer for months now. This village of people has been and will continue praying and longing with us for your story and the story of this little baby. We all are humbled to play a small role in God's of redemption and restoration. Our village is ready to welcome, love, support, and champion this little one. Although we do not live in Iowa where our immediate families live, Mady's mom visits Colorado about 3 times a year and we go back to visit family in Iowa at least once a year. Mady's parents also have plans to move to Colorado in the next year so that they can be closer to their grandchild!



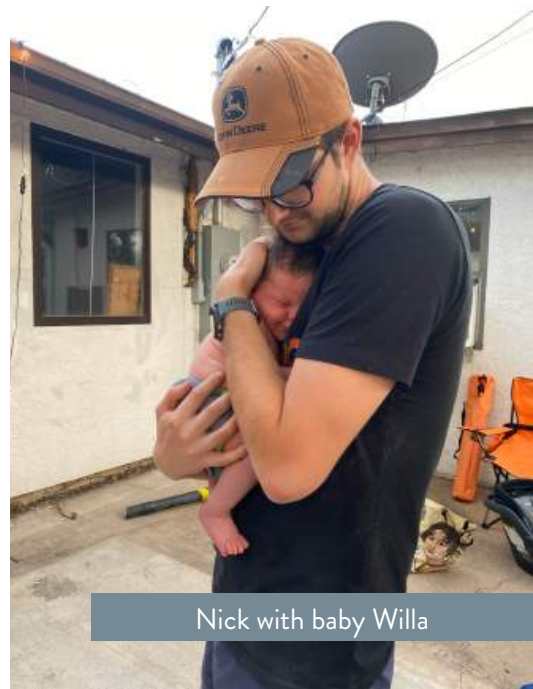
Nick and his parents



Neighborhood friends



Mady's family



Nick with baby Willa



Best friends!



Friends Amam & Austin



Mady and her Mom



Mady with Mom & Siblings

TRADITIONS

In the fall we watch college football on Saturdays with friends. Go Hawks!!

During Advent in December we have a tradition of fasting from electric light in the evenings. We light our house with candles as a reminder that the light of the world, Jesus, is coming!

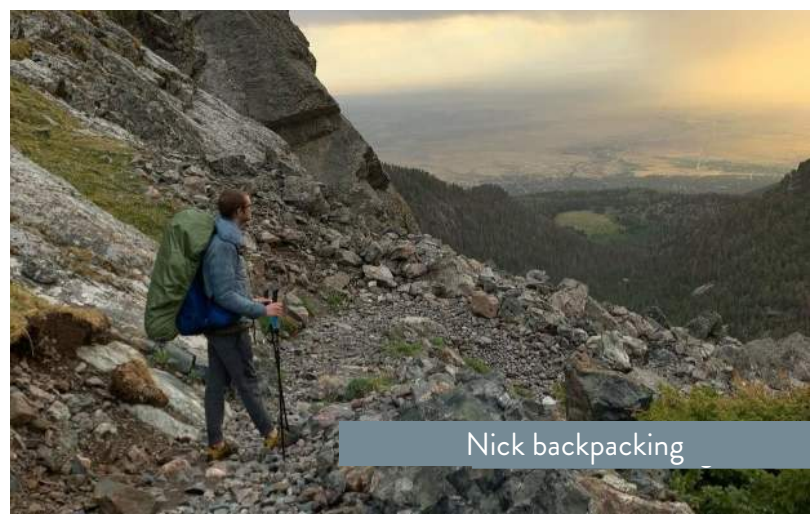
Easter is our favorite holiday, and we have many traditions surrounding the Resurrection. One of our favorites though is making/eating deviled eggs and strawberry cake!



Willa's Baptism



Family in Colorado Springs



HOBBIES

+ ACTIVITIES



Visiting Germany



Nick with chas tree



Hiking Mt. Holy Cross



Travel in Europe



Pickle Ball!

FAMILY + ADOPTION

What an honor and privilege it is to share in God's heart for children. In our parenting we hope that we can reflect God's desire for kids to flourish under his love and care. We recognize that partnering with God's good purposes for his children means continually coming back to the reality that they are in fact children of God and people of great worth. As we parent through the lens of patience, kindness, and gentleness, we are excited to watch our kids play, explore, and grow in their identity, gifts, and unique story.

We recognize that our baby's family of origin and the story they carry will be part of them. With that, it is important for us to raise them to know the role you play in their unique story. We would love to know you and for this little baby to know you, to create a loving and healthy relationship with you and share their adventures and growth. Our prayer for an open relationship is that it would give our child a strong sense of who they are, where they come from, and how deeply they are loved—by you, by us, and by so many others in their life.





Father's Name:
Nick

Occupation:
Financial Advisor

Education:

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
06/19/1997

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
6'1"



Mother's Name:
Madylin

Occupation:
Children's Pastor

Education:
Bachelor's in International
Studies: Communication
Minor in German

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
09/12/1997

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
5' 1"

FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of marriage: 06/08/2019

Children: 0

Interest and hobbies: Nick is funny, adventurous, and kind. In his free time he enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, and trail running; anything that gets him outside and in the mountains! Nick also enjoys cooking dinner and trying new recipes for Mady and himself. Mady enjoys eating the food Nick cooks, especially his burrito bowls, chili, or burgers... YUM. Mady also enjoys being outside, hiking or skiing. Together we like to play pickleball with our neighbors. When Mady is not outside she is crocheting or embroidering something with a good cup of coffee. Mady is joyful, silly, and energetic.

Home: We live in a little neighborhood in central Colorado Springs in a three-bedroom and one-bathroom house. Mady loves house plants and Nick loves local art so when you step inside our home you will find a space that welcomes you with lots of greenery and water color prints! One selling point for us with this house was its proximity to local parks. There are three parks that we can walk to from our home, Portal Park, Danville Park, and Palmer Park. We love to walk around Portal Park with our neighbors. We often see kids playing basketball on the park's court, or riding bikes around the sidewalk that loops the park. Our neighborhood is an interesting mix of growing families, college students, and retired people who have lived in the neighborhood most of their lives. We've built strong relationships with our neighbors and feel lucky to be surrounded by such a friendly community. One of the BEST burgers in Colorado Springs is just down the road, a little food truck called El Chapin. Roadrunner Pizza down the street also gives out a neighborhood discount for those of us who live nearby.

Pets: Silly Willy! He loves making new friends, dogs and humans alike! Willy is a big boy, part great pyrenees, quarter anatolian shepherd and quarter akbash. He is playful, sweet, and gentle. He has several doggy friends in the neighborhood that he plays with and we like to take him on long walks together either in the morning or evening.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Both of us have always had a deep desire to be parents, and we truly cannot remember a time when we didn't dream of being a mom and dad. Long before discovering our infertility, we both felt drawn to adoption. For Mady, one of her core childhood memories is playing with her baby dolls and stuffed animals, imagining them as her adopted children—she even created birth certificates and adoption papers for them! We began trying to grow our family in 2021, but after struggling to conceive, we paused to focus on our careers. In 2023, when many of our friends began growing their families, we sought medical answers and learned that Nick has a rare condition called CBAVD. That diagnosis was heartbreaking, and we grieved the loss of the hope to conceive children biologically. Yet even in the pain, we turned to God, trusting His plan for our story. Through prayer, fasting, and seeking His direction, we felt Him nudging us back to adoption—something we had dreamed about since dating and engagement. Returning to that conversation was both comforting and exciting, and it has only deepened our conviction that adoption is a beautiful way to grow our family.

Openness to birthparent(s): As we learned more about infant adoption, we were deeply drawn to the beauty of not only welcoming a child into our family but also having the opportunity to know and love a birth mom. We have many friends and family members whose lives have been touched by adoption—whether as adoptees, adoptive parents, or birth moms—and we see how much love, life, and hope can come from these stories. We are humbled and amazed at how God creates beauty out of pain and brokenness. Please know that we pray for you often. It is our hope and desire to build a relationship with you in whatever way you feel most comfortable. From the beginning of this journey, we have felt especially called to supporting birth moms and ensuring they feel valued and honored. We also want our child to grow up knowing the incredibly important role you play in their story. To that end, we would love to share photos, letters, and updates so you can see your child's milestones and growth. Our prayer for an open relationship is that it would give our child a strong sense of who they are, where they come from, and how deeply they are loved—by you, by us, and by so many others in their life.

Childcare plans: Mady and Nick will share responsibilities in caring for our child, with Mady serving as the primary caregiver. Mady's job provides great flexibility—she works from home on Mondays and Thursdays and has Fridays off. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we are able to adjust our schedules so that one of us is always available to be present with our child. In addition, we plan to use part-time in-home childcare as needed, ensuring our child is always surrounded by consistent, loving care.



THANK YOU

The greatest piece of parenting advice we've ever received is simple yet profound: love. Love is our highest value, and cherishing and treasuring our children will always be both an honor and a joy. We know that parenting also requires patience, kindness, humility, and forgiveness—and we believe all of these grow out of a foundation of love. We will make mistakes along the way, and we promise to model humility by apologizing and extending unconditional forgiveness. We will need help, and we promise to invite safe, caring adults to help support and encourage our child. Above all, we will seek Jesus and we promise to look to Him as our example of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, temperance and faithfulness. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our story, for caring so deeply about this little one, and for considering us as parents. We will love and cherish them with our whole hearts.

With deep gratitude,

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