



RUTH & NATE

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WE LOVE FAMILY ADVENTURES

HI THERE,

WE'RE

NATE, RUTH, & IVY!

We have been praying for you for many years. We don't know exactly what you are feeling or thinking, but if you are reading this then it's clear you are wise, loving, brave and strong. No matter what you decide in this process, we pray that you would know how loved you and your baby are. Life can take us down so many roads that are unexpected and scary, but we believe beauty can come from the darkest of times. In December 2019, we found out we could never have children biologically due to a genetic disorder. Our hearts were broken, but God never left our side. Soon after that, God opened the door for us to start the adoption process. Through the adoption of our first daughter, Ivy, in 2022, we witnessed firsthand the beauty and blessing of adoption for everyone involved. Adoption is truly a miracle! We are longing to adopt again as we don't feel our family is complete yet, and we cannot have children biologically.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us more. We are praying you know how deeply loved you are!



OUR STORY



RUNNING RACES TOGETHER ALWAYS
REMINDS US OF HOW WE MET!



We met in 2015 while camping with friends and running a trail race. Before we met, our mutual friends warned Ruth not to fall in love with Nate. Ruth was adamant that would not happen. Boy, was she wrong! We immediately connected over our love for adventure and our faith. We got married in August 2017, and we moved to Utah in 2018. We've always enjoyed doing outdoor activities together like running, biking, playing pickleball and hiking. We both love God, and our faith has been our rock as we've walked through various seasons of life. We live in a quiet neighborhood near the mountains, and we spend a great deal of our time outside. Ruth's brother and his family live down the road, so our daughter, Ivy, spends a lot of time with her cousins. Ruth stays home full-time with Ivy, and Nate works from home with a flexible schedule, which allows us to do lots of activities together as a family. Because Ivy loves being active, most days involve walks, playing at the park, or going on hikes. We spend a lot of time with friends and family, and everyone is very excited we are growing our family through adoption! We are very involved in our church, and we have a group of friends who come over every Wednesday for dinner.

ABOUT MY WIFE RUTH

Ruth is fun, strong and deeply caring. She has a huge heart for others and goes out of her way to make sure the people around her are taken care of. I was first attracted to Ruth because of her faith and how intentionally she loves others. Ruth has the biggest and brightest smile I have ever seen. It lights up a room and her laughter is contagious. She enjoys running, biking, weight training and staying active. Baking and writing are a few other activities she loves. Ruth is a strong and capable woman and the joy of her life is being with children. She has taken to motherhood naturally, and watching her play and interact with Ivy has been a source of joy for me. Ruth is constantly in-tune with what Ivy needs, and from my home office, I hear Ivy having fun playing with her mama. Ruth has always loved children even prior to motherhood with nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

Until the end of 2023, Ruth worked full time as a consultant in the technology industry. She was very successful in the business world, but she has chosen to use her strengths for our family instead. Ivy and I are so blessed by Ruth's decision to care for our family.



GETTING TO SEE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS MAKES EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT HIKE WORTH IT



RUTH LOVES CHARCUTERIE AND SNACKS FOR DINNER



TRAIL RUNNING HAS QUICKLY BECOME A PASSION AS RUTH LIKES TO EXPLORE THE MOUNTAINS ON FOOT



MOMMY AND IVY ARE ALWAYS GIGGLING TOGETHER

DREAM JOB
I would love to write books one day!

SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY
I played soccer all through college, and it has taught me so much about myself and life.

FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTIST
Jervis Campbell and Mat Kearney

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT
Anywhere in Europe, the culture and food are my favorite!

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Chapstick or lotion. I don't like dry skin, haha!

BIGGEST SOURCE OF INSPIRATION
Seeing how God has carried me through trials in my childhood/ life and how He has never left my side. That strengthens me to get up each day and keep fighting.

FAVORITE DESSERT
Mug brownies that Nate makes for me. I always top them off with a huge dollop of whipped cream.

ABOUT

MY HUSBAND

NATE

Nate is hands down my favorite person in the world! He is a true adventurer and thrill seeker.

He pushes me outside my comfort zones to try new things and to trust God in new ways. Nate is a unique combination of exciting and calm. He has a gentleness about him that instantly attracted me to him. Patience should be his middle name! He exudes peace and tenderness. Ivy is 100% a daddy's girl. If she falls down or has a boo boo, she immediately crawls into her daddy's arms. She knows he will tenderly care for her needs. I have loved watching Nate become a dad. He teaches Ivy so many new things and is the first to offer to change a diaper, take Ivy for a walk, or feed her. He is such a servant leader to our family. In his free time, Nate enjoys being in the mountains whether he is skiing, biking or hiking. He is an extremely skilled outdoorsman! One of his greatest joys is taking Ivy and I along for adventures. Nate also enjoys reading and learning. Nate is a remote manager at a software company, and he has excelled greatly in his position. His company is very supportive of families by offering adoption support, 3 months of parental leave, and ongoing flexible work schedules.



FROM DIRT BIKING TO MOUNTAIN BIKING, NATE LOVES THE THRILL OF EXPLORING ON 2 WHEELS



NATE ENJOYS TRAIL RUNNING AND HIKING IN HIS FREE TIME



SKIING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIG PART OF NATE'S LIFE AND HE CANNOT WAIT TO TEACH OUR KIDDOS



IVY LOVES PLAYING
IN THE WATER WITH DAD

DREAM JOB

Since I was a little kid, I've always wanted to be a jet fighter pilot.

SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY

I grew up dirt biking but have since switched over to Mountain Biking. I enjoy being in nature and the thrill of riding.

FAVORITE DESSERT
Ruth's homemade chocolate chip cookies!

FAVORITE ICE CREAM
Mint Chocolate Chip

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Downhill Skiing. Utah has some of the best snow on earth!

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE KIDS

I can't wait to take our kids hiking up Mt. Olympus (here in Salt Lake City) when they are old enough to make the trek!

BIGGEST SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

God's unconditional love for me displayed in so many ways each day.

MEET
OUR DAUGHTER
IVY



AS YOU CAN TELL WE ALL LOVE HIKING



FAMILY TRIPS TO THE BEACH!

Ivy is 14 months old, and she has such a fun and lively personality.

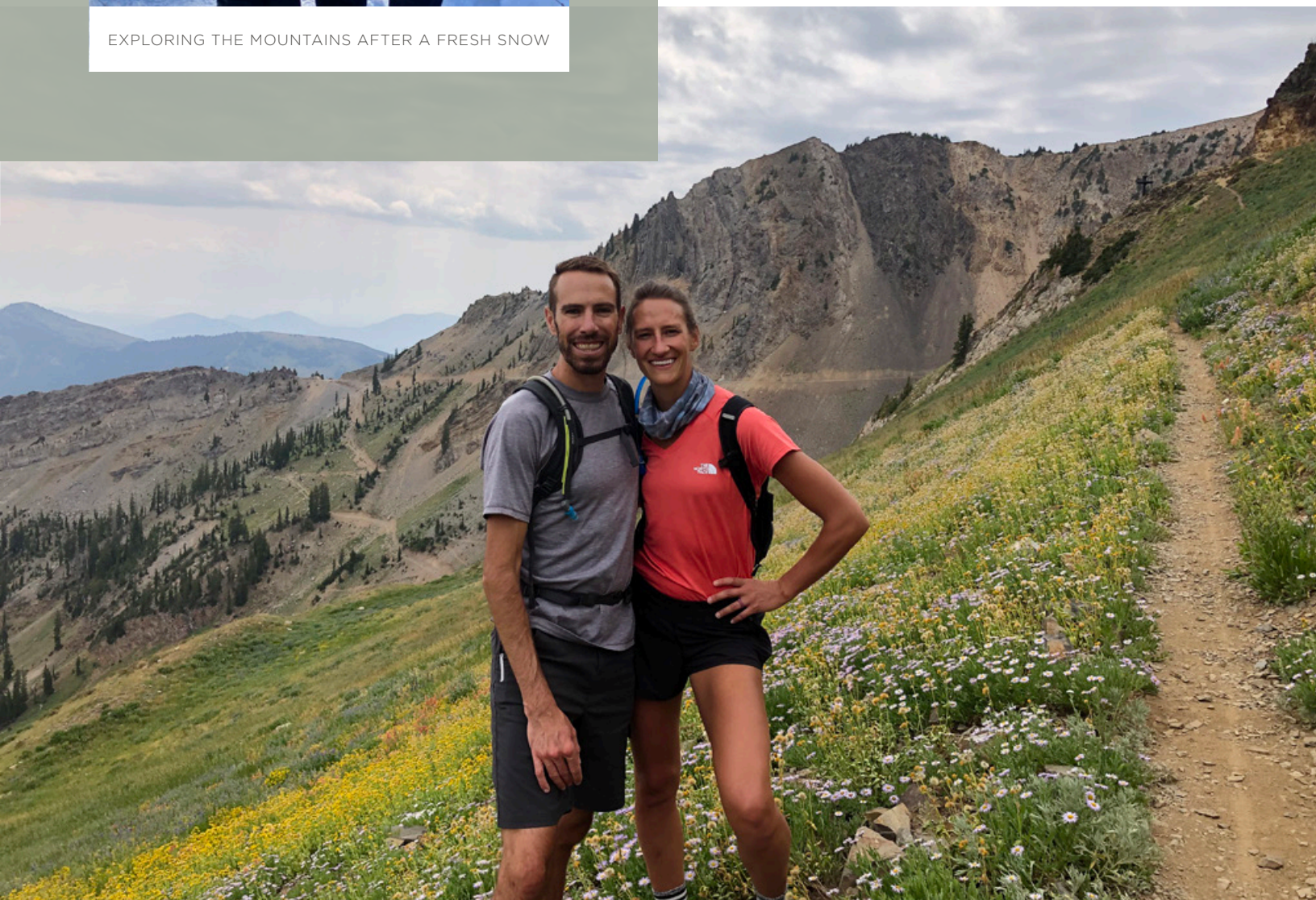
She loves the outdoors, the park and books. Ivy has a tender heart, and we cannot wait to see her become a big sister. Ivy was adopted in October 2022, and we got the phone call about becoming a family the day she was born. Ivy is half Filipino, and we love to celebrate her heritage through books, music and food. We have an open adoption, and our relationship with Ivy's birth mama is mutually respectful and beautiful.

OUR FAITH

Our faith has carried us through various seasons of life. We feel blessed by the ways that God has loved us despite our failures and shortcomings. Because of that, we want love to be at the forefront of our lives. We desire for our children to always know that God loves them and their value and worth is not dependent on what they do or achieve in this life. When we found out we have permanent infertility, it caused us to question God's goodness, yet from the brokenness and grief, God has taught us a great deal about Himself and His plans. We know that even when we cannot see what He is doing, He is at work for our good and His glory.



EXPLORING THE MOUNTAINS AFTER A FRESH SNOW





WE LOVE OUR HOME AND FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE A PLACE TO CALL OUR OWN



EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, A GROUP OF FRIENDS COME OVER FOR DINNER

OUR HOME

We live very close to the mountains and spend a great deal of time exploring them. Our neighborhood is full of families, and Ivy loves playing with the other kiddos. There are 2 parks around the corner that we frequently walk up to as a family! We love our home as it is a place of rest and comfort for us. We have a large open kitchen and living room, and we are thankful to have a space to host friends and family frequently!

We love that Utah offers all 4 seasons. When it snows, you'll find us skiing or snow shoeing, and when the weather is warmer, we're either hiking, mountain biking, or trail running.

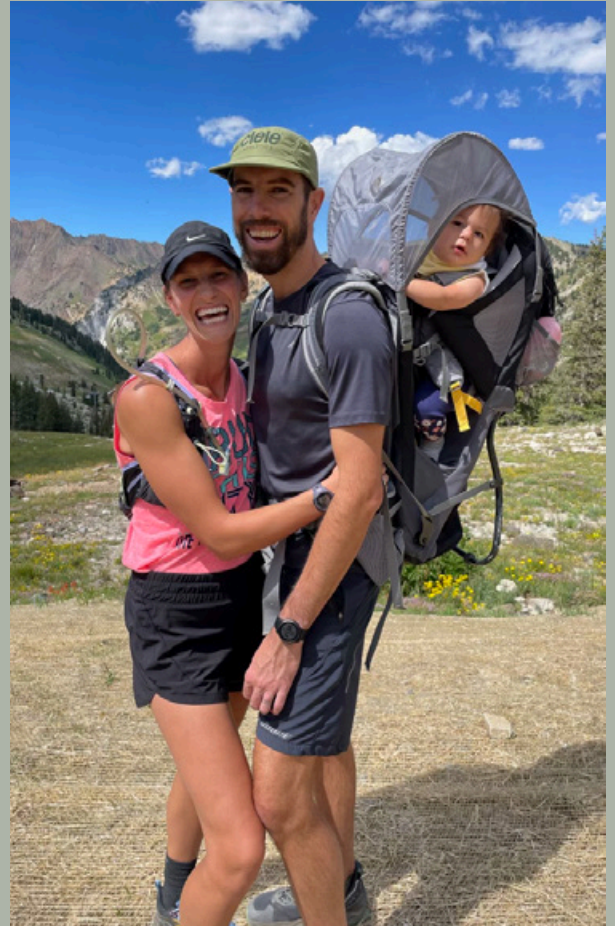
We live close to Ruth's brother and his family which allows us to get together for dinners or for playdates. Since we live just outside a city, we have a great zoo and aquarium nearby which is really fun as Ivy loves animals! We love to stay active, and our home is the perfect base camp for all our adventures!



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS FAMILY FRIENDLY

OUR HOBBIES

We love being active and exploring the outdoors. Nate grew up in a small mountain town and an appreciation for nature was instilled in him at a young age. Ruth is newer to outdoor activities as she primarily played organized sports growing up. Together many of our hobbies now include hiking, mountain biking, trail running, snowshoeing, and skiing. We also love to listen to music as a family and read. Nate enjoys books about theology, adventure, and history, and Ruth enjoys chicklit, psychology and parenting books. We both love to bake (aka Ruth bakes and Nate partakes). We host friends and family for dinner frequently, and love to play games and pickleball with them!



WE LIVE VERY CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS AND SPEND MOST OF OUR FREE TIME EXPLORING THEM

WE LOVE PLAYING PICKLEBALL WITH FRIENDS





OUR FAMILY

WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FAMILIES!

They are a huge part of our lives. When we have a chance to travel or take a vacation, 9 times out of 10, we plan a trip with our families because we truly adore being with them.

We live in the same town as Ruth's brother, so we spend a lot of time with their family hiking, playing at the park, and having meals together. Ruth's parents are frequent visitors as they cannot get enough of their grandkids. Whenever we are together we love to make food, explore the outdoors and play games. Ruth's family is loving, goofy, and supportive!

Nate's family is made up of adventurers! We go on camping trips with them about once a year, and every time we are together we explore or try something new. Nate's family loves to swim, camp, and play card games. No matter where we are, we always end up finding a pickleball court to have a friendly competition. Nate's family is exciting, driven, and encouraging!



ENJOYING SOME ARIZONA WARMTH WITH NATE'S PARENTS



CELEBRATING IVY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH RUTH'S PARENTS



GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH NATE'S NIECES AND NEPHEWS



SPENDING TIME WITH RUTH'S FAMILY IN THE MOUNTAINS



CINNAMON ROLLS ARE A HOLIDAY FAVORITE



HIKING WITH THE LEAVES CHANGING COLORS



RUNNING A TURKEY TROT TOGETHER, LAUGHING EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SO TIRED

TRADITIONS

We love traditions because they create special ways for us to connect as a family.

Every Thanksgiving we run a race together with family and friends, and at Christmas, we love to bake cookies and cinnamon rolls (a tradition Nate has been doing since childhood). Every Fall when the leaves change colors, we do a particular hike to a small lake surrounded by aspens up in the mountains. The colors are incredible!

THOUGHTS ON

PARENTING & ADOPTION

Parenting is such a humbling experience. We have learned a great deal in our short time being parents to Ivy. The most important thing to us is that our children know their intrinsic value and worth. We believe God has made all of us with a special purpose, and we want our children to grow up hearing about their unique gifts and strengths. We believe childhood is meant to be full of joy, hope, adventure and learning. We love family traditions-whether it is running a Turkey Trot at Thanksgiving, baking Christmas cookies, camping on the beach with Nate's family, snowshoeing with Ruth's family or snuggling up for movie night with a yummy dessert. When our kiddos grow up, we hope they have a love for the outdoors, adventure, and people. Most importantly, we pray they know they are created in God's image.



CELEBRATING OUR FRIEND'S TRADITIONAL VIETNAMESE WEDDING CEREMONY WAS SO SPECIAL

We believe in open adoption, in whatever form it takes. We have an open adoption with Ivy's birth mama, and we talk to Ivy about her first mama nearly every day.

We follow the lead of Ivy's birth mom, and we have developed a beautiful and mutually respectful relationship via letters, photos and text messages. Our deepest desire is to honor birth families and their role in our children's lives. Adoption is a complicated but beautiful thing, thus we speak about it frequently with Ivy even though she is very young. We want her to grow up knowing her story and for her to have space to ask questions. Ivy is part Filipino, and we want to celebrate her culture. We incorporate Filipino books, food, and music into her daily life. Ruth's mom has learned to make a traditional Filipino dish called Adobo, and it is **AMAZING!** We believe it is extremely important for children to learn about where they come from, what makes them unique, and who their family is. We will always strive to honor and respect you and to celebrate the gifts of our children! We will seek to continue learning and growing as we are on this journey of parenting our children through adoption.

FAMILY INFORMATION



FATHER'S NAME
Nate

OCCUPATION
Manager of Client
Implementations

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science

RELIGION
Christian

DATE OF BIRTH
07/07/1986

HAIR COLOR
Brown

EYE COLOR
Hazel

HEIGHT
6'3



MOTHER'S NAME
Ruth

OCCUPATION
Mom

EDUCATION
Master's of Business

RELIGION
Christian

DATE OF BIRTH
03/12/1989

HAIR COLOR
Brown

EYE COLOR
Brown

HEIGHT
5'10

Date of marriage: 08/05/2017

Children: Ivy was born October 17, 2022, and she came to our family through adoption. Ivy is a spunky, energetic and very loving little girl. She enjoys spending time outdoors, playing at the park, music and books!

Interests and hobbies: Nate is a true adventurer at heart. He loves exploring the mountains on foot or bike. He also loves to read and learn. Nate loves showing Ivy God's creation-they often go on hikes together! Ruth played soccer in college, so sports and fitness are a huge part of her life. She loves baking and having friends over. Being a mom is one of her favorite things on Earth! Together we enjoy hiking as a family, listening to music, family bike rides, playing pickle ball and spending time with friends & family. We spend a lot of time in the mountains which are near our home. Health and nutrition are a big part of our lives, and we love taking care of our bodies!

Home: We live in a cozy neighborhood about 15 minutes from the mountains and Ruth's brother and his family. There are 2 parks around the corner from our home that we walk to regularly with Ivy. Our house has 3 bedrooms and plenty of space for friends and family to visit. We always want people to feel welcome and as if they are at their own home. We love our house as it is a place of rest and comfort for us!

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? Due to a genetic disorder, it is impossible for us to have biological children. We know God does everything for a reason, and becoming parents through adoption has been the biggest blessing of our lives. We don't feel our family is complete yet, and we believe children are a gift from the Lord to be treasured and cared for abundantly.

Openness to birthparent(s): We want as open of a relationship as you would like. We'd love to include you in our family through bi-annual visits as schedules allow and with pictures, letters, and texts. We will do our best to respect your wishes as we all navigate this relationship. We have an open relationship with Ivy's birth mama, and we deeply care about her. We have followed her lead as her desire for contact has fluctuated over time.

Childcare plans: Ruth currently stays home full-time to care for Ivy and will continue doing so with our next child.



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IN CLOSING

If we're honest, adoption wasn't our first plan for starting a family. Our infertility could have led us down a dark road of demise, but instead, God used the beauty of adoption to change our lives forever. Becoming parents through adoption is one of the most miraculous, heart changing things we have ever experienced. God has made His plans clear in our life. We can never have children biologically, and we believe we are called to adopt another child.

We are so humbled by your willingness to get to know us and hear about our life. We may not understand exactly how you feel or what you are going through, but we do believe God has a plan and deeply loves you. Your life and your baby's life have so much value. We promise to honor you in all things and to love your little one with every fiber of our being. We are praying for you and your child, and we hope you know how deeply loved you are.