



Marcia & Ryan



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Hello!

WE'RE SO HAPPY YOU'RE TAKING A MOMENT TO
GET TO KNOW OUR FAMILY, MADE UP OF

Ryan, Marcia and our daughter, Mia.



HAYRIDE AT
THE PUMPKIN
PATCH

From the beginning of our marriage, we've been drawn to adoption as the way to grow our family and were incredibly blessed to become parents through adoption 6 years ago. Now we're ready for our adoption journey to continue yet again.

**Thanks for using this
book as a first step**

IN GETTING TO KNOW US.





OUR Story



We met while working at a

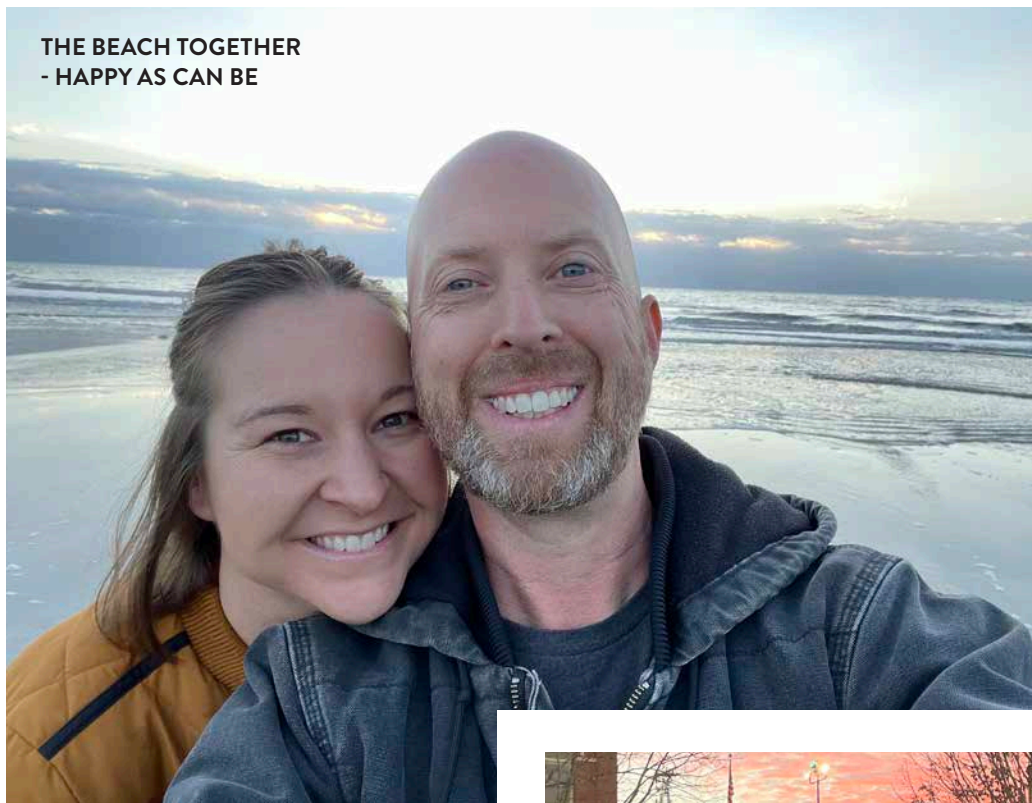
SMALL AIRPORT, WHILE WE EACH EARNED
OUR PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENSES.

On the day we met, Marcia wrote in her journal that meeting Ryan felt very important and as we worked together over the next year and then started dating, we became inseparable. We laughed all the time together, and were married on a sunny day, with a sweet, small wedding in the woods behind Marcia's parents' house under a canopy of trees. After 15 years of marriage, we still laugh and smile all the time, looking to each other as partners in adventure and comfort when times aren't easy.

EXPLORING A FORT IN THE MORNING
WITH COFFEE TOGETHER



THE BEACH TOGETHER
- HAPPY AS CAN BE



We have a strong, stable marriage and hold certain routine, simple things as prized gifts. For instance, each Friday night, it's movie and take-out night on the couch, followed by stove top popcorn with yummy seasonings. On Saturday mornings, we eat fluffy eggs with toast, and then sip coffee as we talk about the weekend to come. We divide up household chores evenly and talk about everything together, from something hilarious we saw that day to something frustrating at work.

Even when we learned we couldn't have children "the old-fashioned way" (biologically), we moved toward adoption together, with open hearts and readiness for God to open this next chapter in our lives together.



DATE NIGHT IN OUR
HOMETOWN



Marcia

LYNN

WHAT RYAN SAYS
ABOUT HIS WIFE



Marcia is my best friend
AND THE LOVE OF MY LIFE.

People often ask me if she's always smiling and my answer is "Yep!". She's kind to everyone she comes into contact with. I feel lucky to be married to such a God-fearing, intelligent, and hard-working woman. **We have so much love for each other and for our daughter. I can't wait for us to share that with our growing family.**



MARCIA LOVES
BEING A MOM

MARCIA LOVES THE
FLEXIBILITY OF WORKING
FROM HOME 2 DAYS A WEEK





WE LOVE TAKING WALKS TOGETHER AS A FAMILY - EVEN ON VACATION



MARCIA SIPPING HER COFFEE BEFORE THE DAY BEGINS

Fun Facts



BEST PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD:

Library - books are full of possibilities!

FAVORITE SHOW:

Great British Baking Show
and The Office

FAVORITE SHOWS TO WATCH WHILE RUNNING ON THE TREADMILL:

Chopped

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK:

"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"...tells
you so much about humanity :)

DREAM JOB:

My job now

ICE CREAM FLAVOR:

Mint chocolate chip

WHAT I LIKE TO COLLECT:

Hugs from my daughter

WHAT DOES A PERFECT DAY LOOK LIKE:

Assuming it's a weekend, I would sleep in a bit, then make breakfast with fluffy, cheesy eggs, and crusty bread. Next, we'd sip on coffee watching the day begin. On sunny days, I love to head to the park with Mia to play or check out some books at the library on rainy days. As the day winds down, I'd cook a hearty meal for dinner and watch a movie together with popcorn afterwards.

SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY:

Running



Ryan

SCOTT

WHAT MARCIA SAYS
ABOUT HER HUBBY



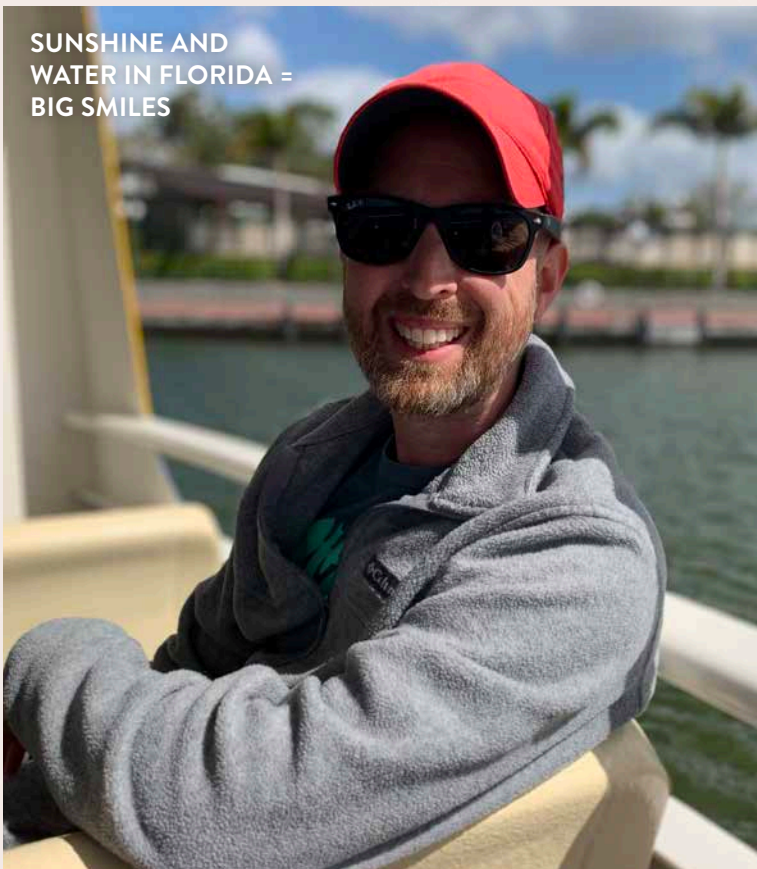
I have adored watching
RYAN BE A DAD!

He is patient and loving, calm and steady. He's a great listener and a confident man of God. One of the gifts I'm so thankful I get to share with our children is the example Ryan sets of what a good man is. I often say marrying Ryan is the best thing I've ever done. Raising a family together has become our next best thing.



RYAN LOVES LEARNING ABOUT AND
TEACHING MIA ABOUT SPACE

SUNSHINE AND
WATER IN FLORIDA =
BIG SMILES





Fun Facts



FAVORITE SHOW:
The Office

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:
St. George Island, Florida and Walt Disney World

ICE CREAM FLAVOR:
Chocolate chip cookie dough

FAVORITE AUTHOR:
C.S. Lewis

FAVORITE HOBBY:
Travel hacking and financial planning

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Home Alone (1 & 2)

INTEREST THAT HE'D LIKE TO DO MORE:
Sailing and kayaking

FEELS LUCKY TO HAVE:
Lifelong childhood friends

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD:
Our neighborhood park

SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY:
Running



THE BEACH SUNRISE



MAGIC TEACUPS!

Our Home & Community

WE LIVE IN A
FAMILY-FOCUSED
NEIGHBORHOOD FULL OF
parks, pools, and
— even a lake. —



VIEW FROM OUR LOFT, LOOKING
DOWN INTO OUR LIVING ROOM



"HANGIN OUT" AT OUR
FAVORITE PARK IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD!

There are sidewalks connecting every home and yards just flow from one to the next. **At Christmas, the homes are adorned with twinkly lights and each Halloween, the sidewalks are filled with families dressed up for trick or treating.** Ryan's parents live in our same neighborhood with their own pool. It's so special to be able to walk up for family birthdays and holidays, or just stop by after Mia's day at school for a visit. In the summer, we spend all of our free time at the pool, splashing and playing with cousins who live close-by. **The parks are also a special treat, often full of laughing kiddos for Mia and our future children to play with.**

We love our neighborhood!

Even though we make plenty of wonderful memories together at home, we enjoy traveling to experience new and different places together throughout the year.



Whether it's beaches, Walt Disney World, historical landmarks, or the mountains, we love the relaxation and excitement of exploring different places. Our family loves the whole travel experience, from the airport and planes to long road trips, just being together along the journey is the best part of all.

THE GOOF



READY TO EXPLORE
SWISS FAMILY
ROBINSON, MARCIA'S
FAVORITE SPOT AT
DISNEY



WE LOVE SUNNY DAYS IN FLORIDA TOGETHER





Mia,

OUR DAUGHTER

IS A SMART AND
FUNNY 6-YEAR-OLD.



We have no doubt that Mia
WILL BE AN AMAZING BIG SISTER!



EXCITED TO START
FIRST GRADE!



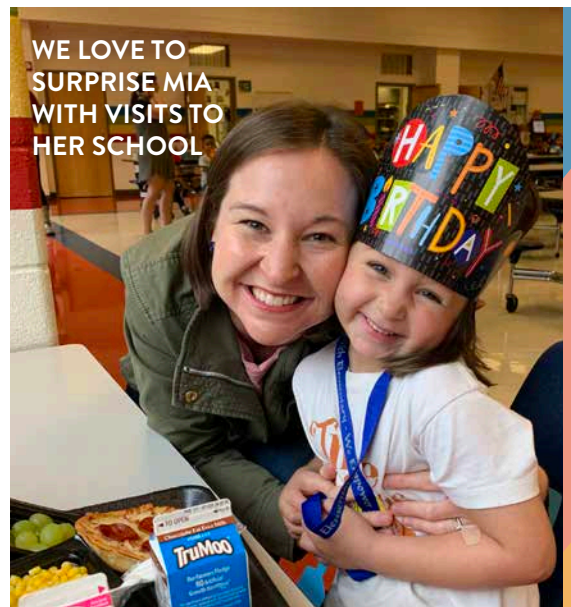
READY TO LOVE
A BABY BROTHER
OR SISTER



When we were given a blank picture frame one time, she drew a picture of her holding her baby brother or sister that we'll adopt some day to fill the frame. That picture sits on Ryan's bedside table as we all look forward to meeting that special baby some day.

Mia loves animals and is often heard shouting, "can I pet your dog?!" to neighbors as they walk by our house.

WE LOVE TO
SURPRISE MIA
WITH VISITS TO
HER SCHOOL





LESSONS

we will teach

YOUR CHILD



APPLE PICKING AT
THANKSGIVING



Love God

Love each other

Travel often

Keep learning

Stay healthy

MEET OUR DOG, Belle!

She's a wiener
dog.

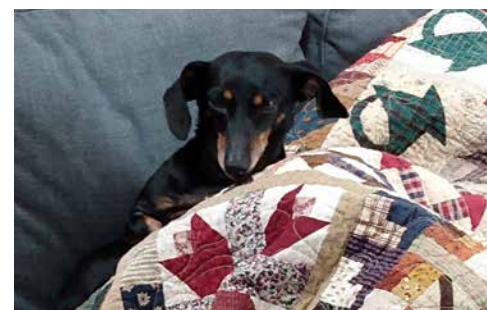
Belle loves to cuddle.
She's just adorable
and sweet. She is
gentle and so good with kids.
Mia and Belle are two peas in a
pod. We love our Bellie Wellie!



BELLE IS SUCH A GOOD SPORT



100% CUDDLES, 100% OF THE TIME



BELLE LOVES CUDDLES



MARCIA'S MOM
HAS LOVED THE
WATER HER
WHOLE LIFE

Meet Our Extended Family

OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES ARE FULL OF
FUN AND FULL OF LOVE!

With a growing bunch of cousins just waiting to play with another addition to the group, our future child will be hugged and smiled at constantly whenever we all get together. Just as when we brought Mia into the fold, our families will welcome any adopted child with so much love and support, he or she will always feel completely welcomed and loved.



WE LOVE TO GO TRICK OR
TREATING IN A BIG GROUP
WITH RYAN'S FAMILY



SAY "CHEESE!"

We are lucky to spend a large amount of time with our parents, siblings and their families. Not only do we get together often in each others' homes, but we also vacation together, usually to the beach in the summer or the mountains for Thanksgiving.

**We feel truly
blessed to be a
part of our family.**



FAMILY VACATION IN
BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA
AT THANKSGIVING



RYAN'S PARENTS LIVE IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE JOIN
THEM FOR WALKS



MARCIA'S SISTER HAS A NICE
BEACH HOUSE WHERE WE LOVE
TO MAKE MEMORIES

Fun Family Traditions



BEACH TRIP EVERY SUMMER

DECORATE THE HOUSE FOR
CHRISTMAS AS SOON AS
HALLOWEEN IS OVER (YES,
NOVEMBER 1ST!)

MOVIE NIGHT EVERY FRIDAY
(CHICK-FIL-A FOR DINNER)

CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

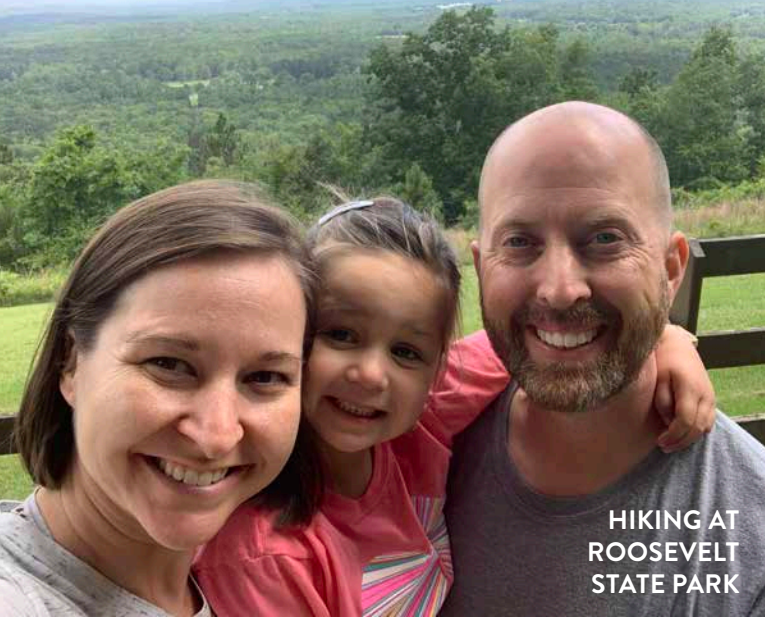
LIBRARY TRIPS EVERY OTHER
WEEK



RYAN'S FAMILY RENTS A BIG
HOUSE AT THANKSGIVING AND
WE ALL STAY TOGETHER

GIRLS SHOPPING TRIP WITH MARCIA'S MOM, SISTER, MARCIA AND MIA





**WE DON'T NEED A
FANCY RESTAURANT
TO ENJOY TIME
TOGETHER!**

**Parenting is fulfilling, beautiful,
and challenging. We promise to
hold your baby each day with
appreciation and wonder for
your decision and sacrificial love.**



We promise to share with your baby that we're all adopted into God's family and continually strive to model Christ's love every day. We promise to take your baby on adventures, both near and far, introducing a world that's ever-changing and new every day. We promise that every single decision we make will be rooted in love and protection for him or her. And we promise to be open to openness with you and your family as your baby grows.

As parents in an open adoption already, we understand how beautiful and special these relationships are. While they're not easy for everyone, they're important and can be very strong. We hope to have an open relationship with the family of our next child, too. Some examples of what that might look like are trips and visits, FaceTime video calls, texts with loads of pictures, a shared social media account, or holiday cards exchanged together. We don't know exactly what that will look like for our next adoption, but we're eager and ready to find out and will be flexible to learn what each family needs together.



Family Information

FATHER'S NAME: Ryan

OCCUPATION: Stay at home Dad

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree in History

RELIGION: Christian

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/26/1982

HAIR COLOR: Blonde

EYE COLOR: Blue

HEIGHT: 5' 7"

MOTHER'S NAME: Marcia

OCCUPATION: Corporate Airline Manager

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree in Business

RELIGION: Christian

DATE OF BIRTH: 01/26/1986

HAIR COLOR: Auburn

EYE COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 5' 5"

Date of marriage: August 4th, 2007

Children: Mia, born August 17th, 2016, ours through adoption. Mia is very outgoing, loving, and smart. She is so attentive to animals and small children, loves helping with their care, and is full of energy! Mia loves coloring, playing on the playground with friends, and enjoys playing with her many cousins that live close-by.

Interests and hobbies: As a family, we love traveling together, with our favorite destinations being Orlando's theme parks and the beach. Traveling on planes is a special perk of Marcia's job that we feel so lucky to have. Marcia also enjoys baking, cooking, watching cooking competitions, reading, and is an avid runner. Ryan is interested in being outdoors, reading, running, fixing up our house, and finances.

Home: Our home is a well-maintained townhome with a view of our neighborhood's lake, plenty of sunshine all day, and surrounded by kind neighbors. Our neighborhood has several parks with playgrounds, a pool with a lazy river, and beautiful walking trails along the water. We love going on walks as a family and meeting our friends in the parks to play. Ryan's parents live on our same street! We love being able to visit with them throughout the week and just walking up the road, along the sidewalks, to attend family birthday parties, holidays, and just because.

Pets: Our miniature dachshund, Belle, is about 14 years old, with her paws and chin turning white and her eyesight fading, but she is still one of the sweetest, most cuddly little dogs you will ever meet. She loves to burrow in her blankets and will snuggle on our couch with us every single chance she gets. She is our precious "Belly Welly"!

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We have more love to give

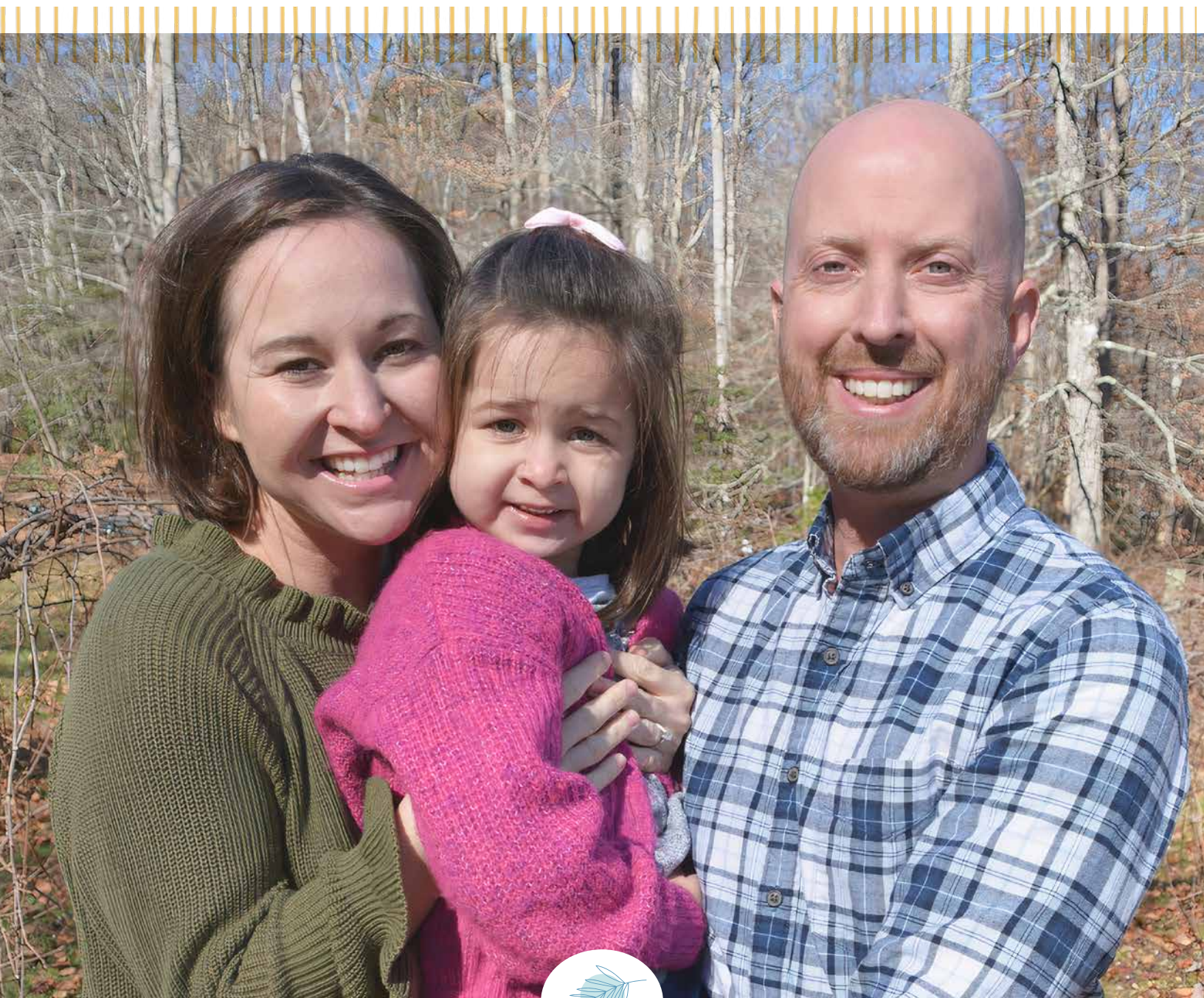
and feel like our family is not complete yet. We were excited to adopt for our first child, maintain a loving and patient relationship with Mia's birth family, and look forward to growing our family more through adoption again. As we were looking to grow our family further, a second adoption was a natural and easy decision for us to make.

Openness to birthparent(s): In the same way we have an open relationship with Mia's birthmother and brother, we will encourage openness with the family of our future adopted child, as well. We would appreciate sharing pictures between both families, phone calls or FaceTime, and regular visits throughout the years. We understand that every adoption is unique, and we would never expect our children's birth families to communicate in the same ways, but will be open to whatever each family needs, as our children and families grow over time.

Childcare plans: Similar to how Mia was cared for when she was placed with us, Ryan will stay home to care for our next adopted child full-time, as well. Marcia's work also allows for paid time off for adoptive parents, along with flexible work schedules and the ability to frequently work remotely from home. She will take full advantage of these generous allowances when our next child is born so we can create the most loving environment to both care for and bond with our growing family.

We're all at a turning point where life has taken a twist we didn't initially expect. It's not necessarily good or bad, just different than we expected. You are pregnant and wondering what to do, we are unable to grow our family biologically. From the beginning of our marriage, we've been drawn to adoption as the way to grow our family and now we're ready for this part of our journey to continue. Your decisions may bring our paths together or maybe not. But whatever happens, we're praying for your life, that you'll be lead from this turning point to an amazing journey, too.

Thank you
FOR SPENDING
SOME TIME WITH
US. We'd love to get to
know you even more and
we pray that you know
you're not alone.



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