



Corey & Crystal

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We are Corey, Crystal, Ricky, & Maloree

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**It's an honor to have
your ear during this
tender time of your life.**





Our team



OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY

We initially came to adoption due to infertility. We have welcomed our two amazing daughters through domestic infant adoption like this.

We always dreamed of a little larger family which brings us to opening our family in this way one more time. We acknowledge the swirl of emotions that surround adoption and the complicated, hard parts that led us each to this unique space. We certainly don't have it all figured out and make mistakes, but our goal is to give a child the love and tools to be who God created them to be. We want to give a child our family while celebrating the family and culture from which they were born. Here's a little about us!



Celebrating Maloree with a baby shower at church

Our Story

When Corey asked Crystal for her phone number the first time when she was 18 years old, he said, "And while you're at it, want to just get married?" In a lot of ways, the rest is history.

We met on the golf course which was our initial connection and soon found our personalities, shared values, and goals complimented each other. We, of course, have grown up so much since then, but that growth has been together and better with time which is the beauty of our marriage. We have been through college, graduate school, struggled with loss, a career change, discerning if and how we will be parents, a couple of moves, but through it all we have done it together. We are each other's best friend.



At The Masters





Mission trip to Zambia

Snow day



Anniversary trip to St. Lucia



We wanted to grow our family and include children in the life we are pursuing following the Lord. Ricky and Maloree came along at their perfect time and only made our marriage and family sweeter. Our days are filled playing games, reading, dance parties, dressing up, watching movies, playing on the play set or in the playhouse, and throwing the ball for the dogs.

GET TO KNOW



Crystal

By **Corey**

When I asked Crystal on our first date over 15 years ago, I could have never imagined the journey God had before us. If there is anything that defines Crystal as a person it is caring. She consistently puts others before herself and manages her many roles with grace. She drives the golf ball very far, but has room for improvement putting. She is sentimental and is the main force behind our family traditions, remembering, planning, and carrying out the details creating tender unity as a family.

Crystal is a very active mother and what a gift that our girls have her as a role model. She connects with our girls with intentional conversations over sidewalk chalk, a children's book, or dance and singing parties. She cheers them on whether they are potty training or in a school program. Whatever lies ahead for our family, I am thankful it is with Crystal.



CARING

ADVENTUROUS

DEVOTED

Branson, Missouri with the girls





Fun Facts

Career: Doctor

Favorite Hobby: Golf

Favorite Dessert: Brownie/cake

Favorite Coke: Barq's Rootbeer

Can't Live Without: Chapstick

Favorite Sports Teams: Texas A&M, Baylor, University of Oklahoma, Kansas City Chiefs
(Maloree was born in Missouri)

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Strawberry

The Perfect Day: A warm day spent outdoors—splashing in the sprinkler, playing in the yard, enjoying summer snacks, and ending with a patio movie as the West Texas sun sets.

Working On: Reading more books for fun and decreasing phone use

The Future: Crystal grew up on a ranch caring for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, and horses, an experience that deeply shaped her. We hope to share that lifestyle with our girls by adding a few livestock animals to our home in the coming years.



Our sweet spot—the backyard play set

Seeing patients in Zambia



Bridesmaid & Flower Girl for Uncle Miles' wedding



GET TO KNOW



Corey

By **Crystal**

Corey is my best friend. He is consistent, selfless, and generous. We don't need a lot of entertainment to enjoy ourselves. Working in the shop or in the yard together or playing cards or having a few friends over for dinner and porch-sitting is more our speed. We typically enjoy nature and family-filled vacations. At the end of the day, we just love being together.

His relationship with the girls is more than I could have dreamed. The second we held each of them there was no doubt he was their dad. He makes every sacrifice for them (and us). He's truly the best girl dad around. He made our kitchen table with our oldest daughter which is one of my favorite gifts. There's a lot of dress up and pretend play and singing in our house and there is never a no when he hears "Daddy, dance with me!"



LOYAL

SELFLESS

PLAYFUL

Easter with the girls





Fun Facts

Career: Minister to College Students

Favorite Hobbies: Woodworking and golf

Speaking of Woodworking: Corey's love for woodworking began in his granddad's shop, where he spent years learning and tinkering. Now, he's passing that passion on to the girls, inviting them to help with projects—especially painting the dining tables he builds for family.

Can't Do: Ice skate

Can Do: Juggle

Instrument: Played drums when I was younger

Favorite Sports: Golf, football, basketball

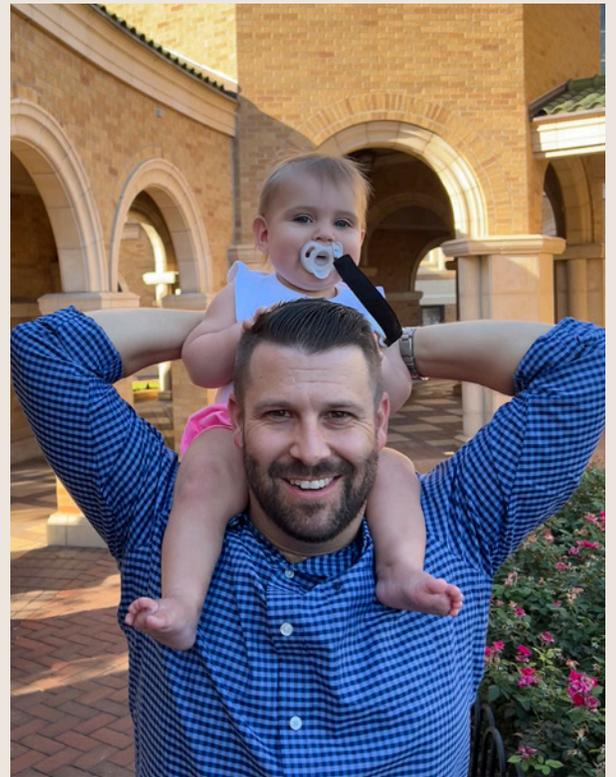
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Butter pecan

Favorite Lunch Box Snack: Summer sausage and cheese

Working On: Finishing my Doctorate of Ministry

Favorite Type of Food: Mexican

First job: Life guard



Daddy's shoulders- best spot in Texas

Workshop memories



Time on the lake with family is a treasure to us





Meet Ricky

Ricky is our 5 year old daughter. She joined our family by adoption. She is named after Corey's grandfather who was his main father figure. She has a big, loving personality. She enjoys dance and is very creative with any art supply you offer her. When Maloree joined our family a whole new part of Ricky was revealed. She teaches and cheers Maloree on so well.



God sent me an angel when He gave me you as a sister



Meet Maloree

Maloree is almost 2 years old and also joined our family by adoption. Her personality is blooming so beautifully. She pretty much wants to do anything her big sister is doing and is always elbows deep in bracelets while playing dress up. She is fearless and will climb anything. She is opinionated and strong-willed already. She especially loves the dogs and playing "ball."

FAMILY TRADITIONS

We have some fun traditions in our family. We love to travel to both sides of the family for Christmas, but before we start our holiday travels, we always have a special Christmas with just us. Starting even before children we would exchange our gifts to each other and cook breakfast for dinner. We use our fanciest wedding glasses for orange juice and chocolate milk. Since the girls have joined our family, so have matching family pajamas and fun swirly straw cups! We are a multi-colored lights, family ornaments on the tree type of family.

At thanksgiving Crystal's side of the family all put in a destination to visit the next year. We have a vote and Crystal's parents have a big reveal at Christmas of where we will explore together the next year! It's a fairly new tradition Meme and Pappy have started, but the memories are adding up already! We've been to Yellowstone, Maine, Missouri, and North Carolina so far!



Family Christmas before we travel

Frozen Halloween theme



Honestly, we weren't huge on Halloween until Ricky came along and since then we have had so much fun dressing up together for our church festivities. We have also been the Madrigals from Encanto and the Healers from Bluey. It's even more fun now that the girls are a little older and help plan the family costume.

Our Faith

The center of our family and the identity we hope to introduce to our girls is that of Jesus.

The way we spend our time, talents, and money are all impacted by our relationship with Jesus. We want our home to be a place of love and for those who enter to feel welcomed and seen where ever they are in life. We want our girls to know they were fearfully and wonderfully made on purpose for a purpose. We hope to teach them to be a good neighbor to all regardless of the boundaries the world creates between people.



Ricky's dance recital

Serving on a medical mission trip in Zambia

We want our children to know they have a foundation in us that is always here through every developmental milestone, achievement, failure, sadness, and celebration. We want to give them every opportunity to become the children of God they were created to be. We work so hard to model that for them and admit when we fail. We're growing with them after all.





Corey's seminary graduation



EMBRACING DIVERSITY IN ADOPTION

Ricky, our oldest daughter, is Hispanic and Maloree, our second daughter, is white. We admit we can't manufacture an artificial Hispanic culture in our home. Honestly, we grieved that Ricky wouldn't have all the richness of a Hispanic family to grow up in. What we have learned we can do is celebrate where and who she comes from. That means celebrating Hispanic art, language, and leaders. We have books and art in our home. We admire how God gave her brown skin and black hair and eyes. And God has been so gracious in His care for her that she has only ever had Hispanic, bilingual teachers since she started school. Friends and even patients of Crystal's speak into Ricky's life and share their culture and tradition with her. It is the most beautiful thing when a stranger recognizes her beautiful Hispanic features. And for Maloree, to have the opportunity to love someone of a different race from birth only sets her up for a more broad influence as well.





WELCOME TO



Our Home

We live a little outside of the city on about 6 acres. The peace of being outside of town is the main reason we chose this place. The house is about 30 years old and fits us perfectly. One day we hope to have a few livestock to care for. Right now we spend most of our evenings on our back porch or in the shop with the girls on the play set and in the play house. The sunsets are special here in the Panhandle of Texas because there is nothing to obstruct it. We have hot summer days with cooler evenings (our absolute favorite part of living here) and pretty cold winters and lots of wind always (not our favorite). There is Palo Duro Canyon near us which is the second largest canyon in the United States. Our city is situated near the historic Route 66, so there is a good amount of tourism that passes through. The public schools are uniquely exceptional here which is a blessing.



Palo Duro Canyon



Ricky & Mal's playhouse



Summer at the Canyon

OUR PUPS PALMER AND PAYNE



**Our house and property
are a true gift, but our
house is a home because
of the people (and
animals) in it- growing,
loving, forgiving, and
laughing with dirty hands
and wind blown hair.**



Ricky & Palmer swinging



Granda & Gampa (Corey's parents) with 12 of 17 grandkids



Cousins



Our Family

The group of people around us who love and invest in us includes our families and a beautiful group of friends who we have "gathered" over the years. We each have one grandmother living, so having 4 generations still is sure a gift. Both of our parents are VERY active grandparents. Corey's family is a blended family with a total of 6 children which adds up to 12 aunts & uncles & 17 grandchildren! We go to New Mexico in the summer and share a cabin for a long weekend of pure, beautiful chaos. Crystal has 2 brothers, one of which is married with a son. We are very close with Crystal's aunts, uncles, and cousins, so those family gatherings get pretty large as well.



Visiting the pumpkin patch with family





Meme & Pappy - Crystal's parents



Crystal's side of the family



Corey with his parents & siblings



With our good friends at the lake



MOMENTS WITH OUR DAUGHTERS' INCREDIBLE GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS



We take an annual "Family Vacation" with close friends who have become like family. Our church community, spanning all ages and life stages, is a cherished part of our life. We value these extended relationships, knowing they help shape our girls' faith and our growth as parents.



Thank you for your time with this introduction to our family.

There are a lot of things, many of which are out of our control, that bring our stories together. There is so much that makes us who we are, but we want you to know that you and your child are BOTH dearly loved, needed, and important to this world. We want you to be empowered in the decisions you make for you and your child. As our stories intersect, know we want to sit with you where you are and grow with you if we are invited. We are praying for wisdom, courage, and clarity as you choose what is best for your family.



Family Information

Corey



Occupation
Minister to College Students

Education
Lubbock Christian University, BH
Carroll Seminary, Baylor University
Truett Seminary

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
August 3, 1985

Hair Color
Brown

Eye Color
Brown

Height
5'8"

Date of marriage: July 11, 2014

Children:

RICKY, 12/5/2019, ADOPTED

Ricky is outgoing, empathetic, and talkative. She loves dance, art, and being a proud big sister to Maloree.

MALOREE, 8/17/2023, ADOPTED

Our fearless adventurer—she loves climbing, cuddling, dancing, and playing ball with the dogs.

Interests and hobbies: We love spending time with family and friends, whether hosting at home or traveling for outdoor adventures like golfing, hiking, and water activities. Corey also enjoys woodworking.

Home: We live on six acres surrounded by farm and ranch land. Our home has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a basement playroom. The yard features a playset and playhouse.

Pets: Payne is a 3-year-old male Sheepdog-Poodle mix and Palmer is a playful female Cocker Spaniel puppy born in 2024.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We knew early on that our path to parenthood would be different due to infertility. Rather than pursuing invasive fertility treatments we felt called to being potential parents through adoption. We have welcomed our two beautiful daughters through domestic infant adoption like this. We've dreamed of a little larger family and welcome the opportunity to grow once more.

Openness to birthparent(s): We embrace openness with both of our daughters' birth families—adapting to their parents' evolving preferences. We welcome visits, texts, calls, FaceTime, letters, and photos. We have photos of their birth families in our home and talk about them like other family members. It is a joy to facilitate relationships with their birth families because we see it as a vital part to loving our girls well.

Childcare plans: Crystal will take 3-4 months of maternity leave. Then, following in their big sisters' footsteps, the child will attend our church day care twice a week and have an in home nanny the other two days. This served our girls and family so sweetly previously. Both of our jobs offer flexibility for a beautiful work-life balance.

Crystal



Occupation
Family Medicine
Doctor

Education
University of Oklahoma, Texas
A&M College of Medicine

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
June 19, 1990

Hair Color
Brown

Eye Color
Brown

Height
5'7"

With love

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