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and  
Valerie

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Hello! Our names are

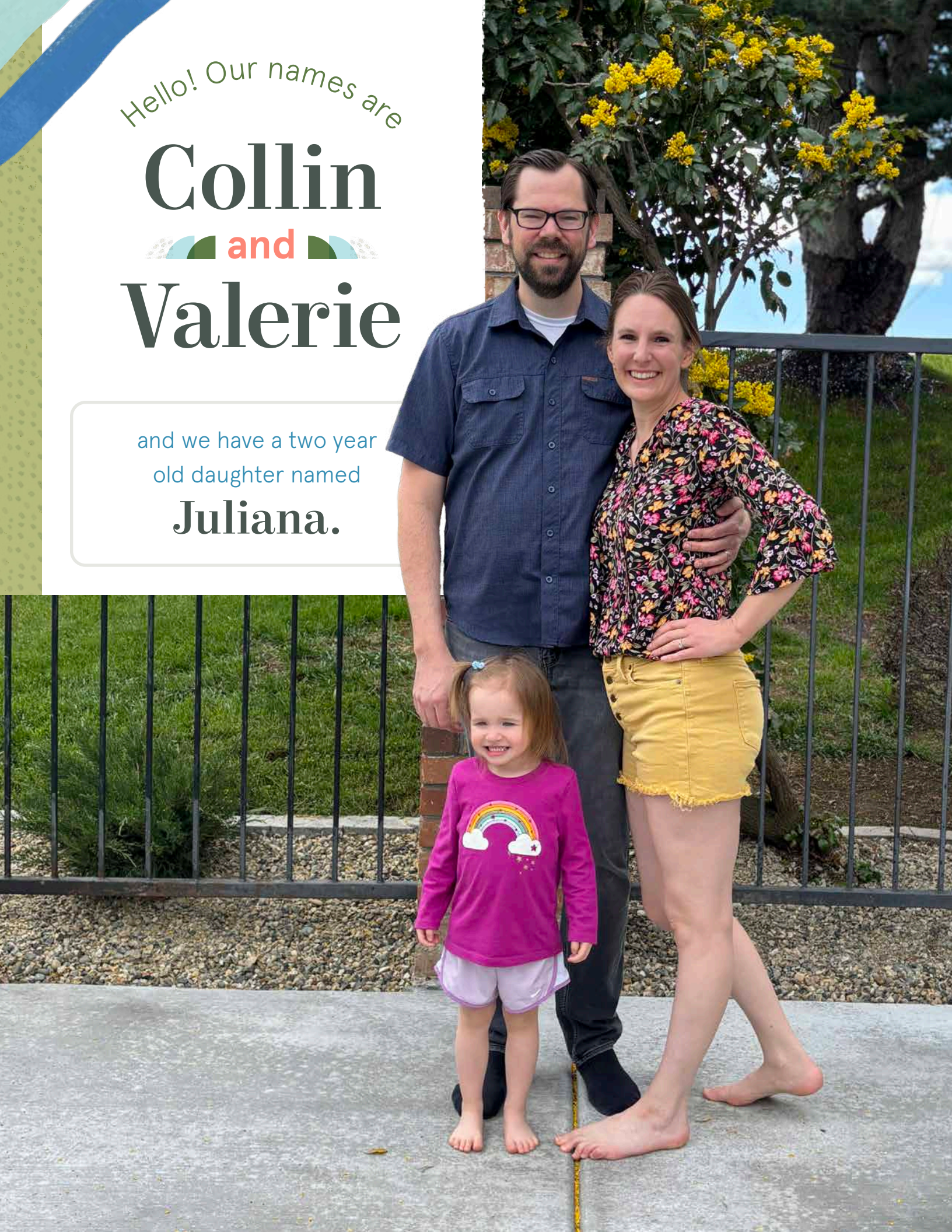
**Collin**



**Valerie**

and we have a two year  
old daughter named

**Juliana.**





## Why Adoption

**We are so glad to share a little bit about ourselves with you. Adoption is something that we have both had a heart for even before we were married. After getting married, circumstances helped to further clarify adoption as a calling.**

We adopted our daughter Juliana as an embryo in 2020. Seeing her come into our family has made us both so thankful for our infertility because we couldn't imagine our family looking any other way. Now Juliana is at an age where she asks when she gets to have a younger brother or sister to play with!

Our hearts are also ready to see our family grow. As you consider the possibility of placing your child for adoption we know there is so much for you to think through. Thank you for taking this time to learn more about us and what our family looks like!

# our Story

**We met online. It was a Christian dating website with a very small number of users. We both signed up around the same time and hit it off right away.**

It helped that she was the only girl listed in my state! Her profile photo was such low resolution I wasn't sure exactly what she looked like. I was pretty sure she was pretty but didn't know what to expect until after a few weeks of emailing when we met at a coffee shop. Soon after we started dating. We both laugh about that today. Also about my car breaking down on our second date and being towed home.

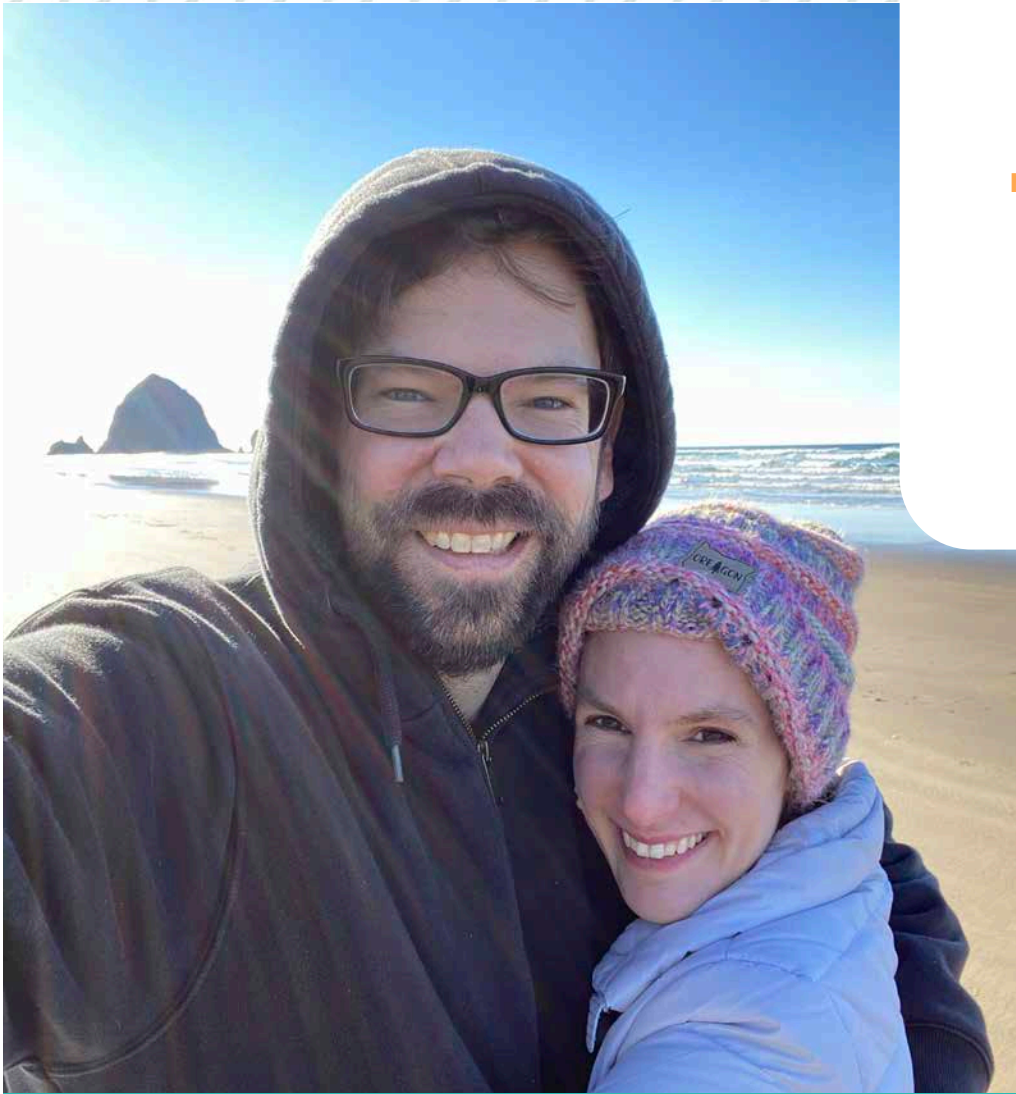


Life with you is the best



# Life Today

We try to keep our marriage strong by keeping communication a priority and by being willing to tell each other when we've been wrong and ask for forgiveness.



Anniversary trip to the Oregon coast



You are my sunshine



## About Our Faith

We both love Jesus and try to love each other the way he has loved us. That shared love for Jesus is what really drew us together as a couple and continues to be that way today.

Our life revolves a lot around our church. We are there every Sunday and Juliana loves getting to see all of her little friends each week. Our favorite place to get away for a quick trip is to the beach or to the mountains for a picnic. We try to keep our home filled with music, singing, and laughter.



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# Valerie

by Collin

**Valerie has a gift for making friends easily. People are drawn to her and often look to her for counsel and advice.**

She has a way of putting them at ease and always seems to find the right things to say. One of my favorite things about Valerie is how easy she is to talk to. Each night before bed we talk over the day and help each other process the day's events. Recently she was out of town over night and I could hardly fall asleep without our evening talk!

Valerie is great with kids. Our little Juliana loves her Momma and whenever she gets an owie the first person she runs to is Momma. Our nieces and nephews love her too. Just the other day Valerie was pushing our niece and nephew on the swing while playing "tickle monster" with them. They had so much fun they didn't want anyone else to push them but her.



Juliana's first horse ride!

**Valerie worked in healthcare before Juliana was born but right now works as a FULL TIME STAY AT HOME MOM. It's a hard job but she is so good at it and I love her so much for all she does for our family!**

# By Valerie

I love spending time with my family on a trip to the beach, working on home projects and trying out new recipes, especially pastries.

One of my bucket list items would be to open a coffee shop someday complete with fresh cinnamon rolls. Yep I have a sweet tooth. I also love listening to podcasts. As Juliana has gotten a bit older I also have enjoyed taking her on adventures around our community, trips to the library story hour, picking berries and fruit, shopping days and more. We love singing together as we go.



Enjoying sunshine on our patio



Give me a paintbrush and I'm bound to use it!



## Valerie's Fun Facts

**Vacation spot** - Hawaii

**Place to take a child**-

A visit to see cousins or the park

**Musical artist**- The Getty's

**Can't live without**- Chocolate

**Children's book**- God gave us you

**Dream job**- Living it! Stay at home Momma

**What you like to collect**- Family memories

**What does a perfect day look like**- A day on the beach with my family

**Ice cream flavor**- Vanilla (put it with a peach cobbler and its perfect)



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# Collin

by Valerie

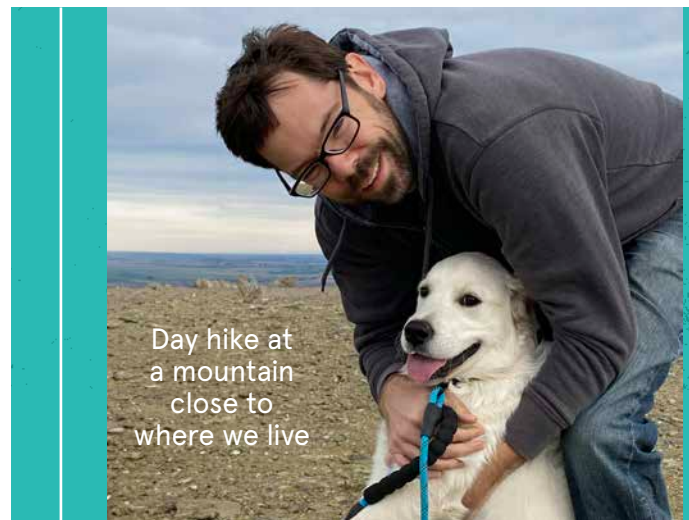
**Collin is tall, dark, and irresistibly handsome. But aside from his good looks, what really drew me to him when we first met was his kind, gentle demeanor and his love for Jesus.**

I have seen this carry over in how well he loves Juliana. She absolutely loves her Da Da and one of her favorite parts of the day is when he gets home from work and gets down on the floor to play duck duck goose, puzzles or pretend play. Collin loves me so well too. There are days still that I can't believe I get to be his wife! His patience and commitment to me are such a gift. I love our long conversations about life and that I get to be his helper in ministry. I also love that he sees things like household chores as a team effort and often jumps in to help. I love that he is quick to ask for and give forgiveness.

**COLLIN WORKS AS A PASTOR and it is a blessing to hear him remind us of Jesus's love every time he preaches. He's my strong and steady and I love him so much!**



Hiking on a trail near our home



Day hike at a mountain close to where we live



# By Collin

I've always been a tinkerer and enjoy working on a project that needs fixing or restoration.

Fixing old things is not only a fun way to save money but it is also very rewarding when you finish. Valerie and I were both raised in families that valued hard work and making the best you can with what you have. Those are values we hope to pass on to our children. Our faith is also very much a part of who we are. We love Jesus and desire to follow Him wherever he leads.



Grilling some delicious chicken

## Collin's Fun Facts

**Vacation spot** - Road trips!

**Place to take a child**- To the swing at the park

**Musical artist**- Willie Nelson

**Can't live without**- Coffee! Though nowadays I drink decaf :)

**Instrument**- Guitar and piano

**Dream job**- Being a Pastor

**What you like to collect**- Old books

**Author I like to read**- J.R.R. Tolkien

**Hobby**- Photography

**Dessert**- Cookies!

Eating out is a hobby Collin enjoys





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# Juliana

future big sister!



**Juliana is 2 and has a outgoing personality.**

One of her favorite things to do is sing. She loves to be outside playing with our dog, Gibby and also loves puppies, kitties, horses, and dinosaurs! Pretty much any kind of animal :). She is so full of a love for life. Its fun to see her grow and discover new things. She is very excited to be a big sister and help take care of her younger sibling.



# our Home

We live in a smallish town in Washington state with beautiful views of Mt Adams and Mt Ranier. The valley were we live is covered in farm land most of which is grapes and fruit trees.



Cooking together



Our home and backyard



Church fall hayride

Every Winter there is a fun lighted farm implement parade that we enjoy attending. The spring time is a favorite season as everything comes to life in beautiful shades of green. Our home is such a blessing as it is large and has been a fun place for me to put my interior design hobby to work. My current project is designing a playroom for Juliana. It has a large backyard perfect for our doggie Gibby and kids to play in. We are currently working on putting in a few garden boxes to have a small vegetable garden which we are all excited about.



Valerie and Gibby on a hike



# our Loved Ones

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Something our friends say about us is that we have a relaxing and peaceful home. We are not perfect but are so glad to hear that people find our home to be a restful place!



Being an Auntie is such a gift! With my sister's twins

Spending time with sisters

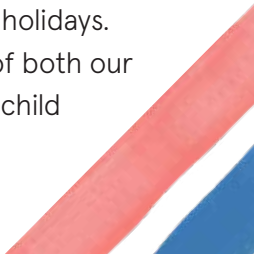


**Valerie** - I come from a large family. I absolutely love spending time with my sisters and sister in laws. Our personalities are all different. A couple of my sisters are very out going and this makes sister shopping trips a blast. I consider them my best friends. We try to see my parents often. They live in the mountains about a 4 1/2 hour drive from us. Juliana loves her Gramama and Papa and Facetimes them often.

Helping Grandpa blow out his candles



**Collin** - I am the youngest of four siblings, with one older brother, and two older sisters. At this point in our lives we all live withing twenty minutes of each other which is a lot of fun. My parents also live nearby so we are often together celebrating birthdays and holidays. Valerie and I are so thankful for the support of both our families and know that they will welcome any child we bring into our home with love and care.



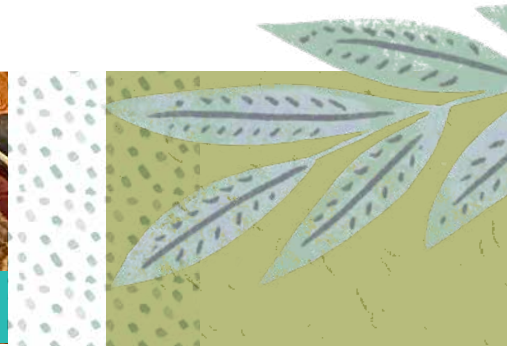


Christmas with cousins

# Diversity

**We love diversity in families. We both have family members with different ethnic backgrounds and love to learn about the different cultures.**

Collin's sister-in-law Anna, is Chinese and we have a great time each year doing a Chinese new year celebration at their house. I have a sister-in-law from Honduras and have enjoyed learning to make authentic Honduran dishes with her. If we are blessed with a child with a different ethnic background we will try to help them learn about their cultural background as they desire.



# Openness in Adoption

**We want what's best for your child. We are open to coming up with a plan that has this at the forefront.**

We realize this may need to change overtime depending on the child's wishes and best interest. Openness could look like a visit once a year with updates in between or more. We would like to work with you on this.

# Our Thoughts On Parenting

We both have a desire to parent our children with the focus of heart change not just outward behavior compliance.

We feel this comes through taking the time to talk with your child about what they are feeling as well as to model it. We feel each child is uniquely made. We want to encourage their interests and talents and are excited to see what their personality will be.

## Lessons we will teach your child-

Our goal is to love your child unconditionally as Christ has loved us.



# Collin

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Education:** Masters

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 08/27/1985

**Hair color:** Brown

**Eye color:** Blue

**Height:** 6' 2"



# Valerie

**Occupation:** Stay at home mom

**Education:** Associates

**Religion:** Christian

**Date of birth:** 10/19/1988

**Hair color:** Brown

**Eye color:** Brown

**Height:** 5' 4"

- **Date of marriage:** 11/10/2018
- **Children:** Our daughter Juliana was born 7/10/2021. She was embryo adopted. She is a people person and loves getting to play with her cousins and friends. She loves playing outside, going on swings, and playing with our dog, Gibby.
- **Interests and hobbies:** We enjoy trying new recipes together and dreaming up new projects for our home and yard. We both love finding a good deal and enjoy going to the occasional yard sale or thrift store. We love going to the ocean.
  - COLLIN:** I enjoy reading good books, hiking, camping, and taking our daughter to the park.
  - VALERIE:** I enjoy interior design, working in the yard, and spending time with Juliana and my sisters.
- **Home:** Our home is a two-story house located in a quiet neighborhood. We have a large back yard and live on a hill which allows us to have some nice views.
- **Pets:** Our dog Gibby is a cream colored Golden Retriever. She is really sweet and loves to play fetch, go for walks, and spend time with Juliana.

- **Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?**

We both had a heart for adoption even before we met and got married. After getting married we found out that we would not be able to have biological children which led us down the path of adoption. We adopted our daughter Juliana as an embryo in 2020 and are now pursuing domestic infant adoption. We would love for Juliana to have a sibling and to have another child for us to love.

- **Openness to birthparent(s):** We are open to having an ongoing relationship with the birthparent. The way we envision this looking would be to involve maybe a few visits a year and sharing occasional updates. We would hope we could develop a good relationship and over time find the right balance for the sake the child and their best interests.
- **Childcare plans:** Our plan is for Collin to work full time and for Valerie to stay home with the kids during the day. Collin would take some time off initially to help with childcare and for bonding with our adopted child.



# In Closing

**Children are one of life's greatest gifts. We are so thankful you are considering the best home for your child to grow up in.**

We want you to know that we are praying for you as you make this important and difficult decision. We want what's best for your child and you, so know that is how we are praying. If you feel we are a good fit please know that we will love and cherish your little one with all our hearts!

**Much love, Collin & Valerie**

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