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# Sara & Mark



HI THERE!

## Mark, Sara, and Tauriel here!

**W**e greatly respect the process you are going through and deeply empathize with and care for the brave new journey you are on. We know you have extremely important decisions to make and we want to assure you that our heart-felt interests lie in what is best for you and the future of your child. Our 2 year old daughter, Taurie, has been our best gift and came to us by way of adoption. We have such respect and admiration for the process, that we can't wait to do it again! Our hearts are open, and we have ample room for another beautiful child in our lives. **We look forward to potentially going on this journey with you, with our utmost passion being the well being of your child and their future.**





Stopping to smell the sunflowers on a hike



## Our Story

**We are an adventurous,  
travel-loving, outdoorsy,  
foodie family!**

**W**e met at our home church in Maui, Hawaii, in 2013. It was truly love at first sight! We sheepishly stole glances at each other, tried to act uninterested and then both sought a way to run into one another after service. The 'play hard to get' method didn't last long, as we were very soon inseparable! Now that we've been married nearly 10 years, we bond over our faith, our common interests, our core beliefs and our desire to raise a wonderful, close-knit family. Why adoption, you might ask? Well, we tried for nearly 7 years to start a family via many fertility treatments, but were never able to conceive. **We have some friends & family who had adopted and spoke very highly of the process, so that's where we got our start into this wild and incredible journey of parenthood!** We spend much of our time nowadays in awe of our beautiful daughter and the gift she is, as well as dream about the day we get to meet our next child.



# About Sara



Boat tour on the epic Kauai coast



BY MARK

**Sara is a genuinely kind and generous person who gives 100% to the task at-hand.**

**S**he is a person of her word and her faith in Christ is paramount to her personhood. **Over the last 2 years, she has proven to be a wonderful and attentive mom to Taurie - goofy, fun-loving and nurturing.** You'll often find the two of them chasing each other around the house or playing hide-and-seek! Sara keeps a beautiful home, and loves to plan new adventures, whether it be traveling or trying out fun, new restaurants, parks and hiking trails. Her hobbies include reading, writing, working out, hiking, going to the beach, traveling, gardening, and spending time with friends and family. Sara has a quirky, dry sense of humor that keeps her loved ones entertained! She has the perfect job set-up, as she can work part-time and remotely from home as a Project Manager for a family business on Maui. This schedule frees her up to plan all sorts of fun things for Taurie to do!



Sara completing her first Maui Marathon



Loving the fresh powder at Loveland ski resort!



Taurie's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday bash on Maui

## SARA'S Fun Facts

### Musical Instruments

PIANO, GUITAR,  
SAXOPHONE

### Languages

ENGLISH AND FRENCH  
(STUDIED ABROAD IN  
FRANCE)

### Favorite Sports

TRACK, SOCCER,  
BASKETBALL, COLLEGE  
TENNIS

### Favorite Authors

TED DEKKER & JOEL  
ROSENBERG

### Collection

KEYCHAINS (HUNDREDS!)

### Funny Childhood Memory

LOVED DRUMSTICKS SO  
MUCH, HER DAD WROTE  
A BOOK ABOUT IT

### Dream Meet-Up

J.R.R. TOLKIEN &  
C.S. LEWIS

### Can't Live Without

CHAPSTICK & LOTION

### New Skills

LEARNING TO SKI—AND  
LOVING IT!



Nothing better than baby bubble baths



# About Mark



BY SARA

**Mark is known for his teddy-bear personality, his kindness, and his love for his family.**

**H**is love and admiration for the Lord is self-evident. Mark has a booming presence, a soft, yet commanding voice and he makes friends at every turn. He has proven to be generous, trustworthy and hardworking in all areas of his life. An excellent provider, he genuinely enjoys his job as a Sales and Business Development Manager for a software company in San Diego. **He also has the privilege of working remotely from home - such a great perk to have both parents home full-time!** Mark is a master chef, especially on the grill. He loves to cook delicious meals for his friends and family. Mark has a spontaneous laugh that warms your heart through-and-through. You'll know it when you hear it! Mark really enjoys golfing, working out, going for long neighborhood walks and hikes with his family, and exploring new cities of the world. He is the very best Daddy to Tauriel. She adores him, and roars in laughter when they have their daily tickle fights!

Savoring the Norwegian landscape view





Our little sidekick



MARK'S

# Fun Facts

**Favorite Vacation Spots**

**MOUNTAINS & RIVERS—VANCOUVER IS A FAVORITE**

**Favorite Dessert**

**MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP ICE CREAM**

**Favorite Music**

**WORSHIP, COUNTRY, AND ZAC BROWN BAND**

**Can't Live Without**

**FAMILY, STEAK, AND PEANUT BUTTER**

**Dream Meet-Up**

**JESUS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, RONALD REAGAN**

**Favorite Hobbies**

**GOLF, HIKING, SKIING, WEIGHTLIFTING, FOOTBALL**

**Bucket List**

**LEARN TO FLY FISH**

**Perfect Day**

**HIKING, LUNCH WITH FAMILY, SUNSET BY THE FIRE**

**Sports Fan**

**DIE-HARD DALLAS COWBOYS FAN**



Napa Valley stroll with baby Taurie

Mark in his happy place, enjoying the fresh Vail snow





Celebrating Easter with our church fam



# About Taurie



**Our Taurie girl was adopted on March 3, 2023, from a small hospital in the Colorado mountains.**

**S**he has beautiful and kind birth parents who gave sacrificially to see Taurie be given a life they couldn't provide at the time. We get to see Taurie's birth parents each year and we know the three of them will always have a special bond. Taurie is our bundle of joy - she is full of life, full of energy, and can't wait for a baby sibling to play with & go down the slide!

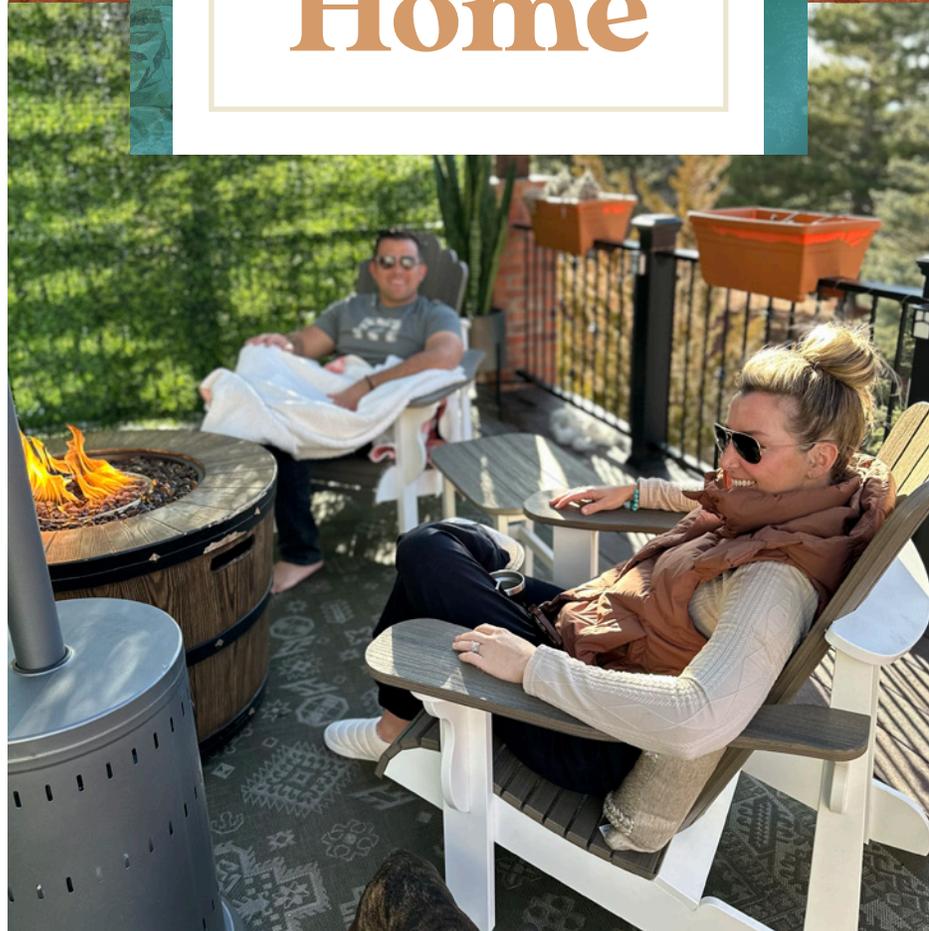


Christmas magic at our Colorado home

We bought a beautiful home in Colorado last year, which we pray is our forever home.

Our favorite features are the open floor plan, the game room with a pool and ping-pong table, the private deck and big backyard filled with over 17 types of trees (including pear and apple), and the 2-story industrial slide that lands in a big sandbox. **We spend many evenings on the back deck by the fire, watching the epic sunsets.** Taurie will be old enough soon to get full use of the slide and we can't wait to watch her have a blast for many years to come! After years of living in Maui's balmy climate, we are particularly fond of the 4 seasons we get to experience in Colorado. Summer makes for perfect hiking and swimming weather, and the winter, skiing, sledding, and building snowmen! Fall and spring are delightful, and we are outside as often as possible. Our community offers beautiful walking trails, playgrounds, pools and tennis courts, and we live just minutes away from award-winning schools.

# Our Home



Kitchen cooking extravaganza!



That deck life!



Winter wonderland in Colorado!

# Family AND Friends

At one of our very favorite restaurants in Maui with Mark's family



Good friends visit snowy Breckenridge, a gorgeous nearby mountain town



Grammie and Bumpa came to visit for Mother's Day



Sara with her mom, sister, and best friend at a wedding in Boston

**Mark and Sara's families fully support Taurie's adoption and are over the moon that another member of the family will be added to the ranks!**

**S**ara's Dad comes from a big missionary family who served overseas for many years. He is a thoughtful intellect who enjoys reading and traveling. Sara's Mom is a funny, huge personality from Boston - she loves the city and loves life! Sara's parents are her best friends and come to visit several times a year (from Missouri). They adore spending time with Taurie, along with their other 11 grandkids. Sara has 4 sisters, who are spread across the country. Every occasion together is full of laughter, love and creating new memories, especially our favorite time of year, Christmas! Mark's Dad is his best friend and a gentle soul - he and his wife love spending time with their grandkids on the island of Maui (where they live), as well as going to exotic places to go on dives. They are master divers and love admiring ocean life. Mark's Mom enjoys spending time with friends and her grandchildren. She keeps a beautiful, country-farm style home in the mountains of Maui. **Mark has 2 sisters, one of whom is a fraternal twin!**



Christmas cheer!

Hawaii visit

Enjoying a stunning wedding in Chicago



OUR VALUES

We hope to teach our children to

- RESPECT AND LOVE OTHERS
- BE GENEROUS WITH TIME AND RESOURCES
- PRIORITIZE FAITH AND FAMILY
- CARE FOR ONESELF
- STRIVE TO BE WELL-ROUNDED AND POSITIVE—BRINGING A BREATH OF FRESH AIR INTO OUR HOME



Just the three of us in Positano, Italy

# We love to travel!

**W**e are a travel-loving family and are always on the look-out for new adventures! Sara has lived in Australia and Israel and has traveled to over 20 countries; Mark is catching up soon with nearly 15 on his list! Our favorite place to visit so far has been New Zealand, the birthplace of our favorite film series, the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit. In fact, Tauriel's name was inspired from a character in the series! We can't wait to take our kiddos back and experience some of the things that are forever embedded in our hearts - things like the glowworm caves, Hobbiton, ice-blue glacier tours, and so much more!

An item on Mark's bucket list is to visit all the National Parks and do as much hiking as possible! Sara would love to one day hike to the base camp of Mount Everest - let's see what the future holds!



Being tourists in historic London



We all loved the views in Switzerland!



OUR  
THOUGHTS ON

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**Adoption**



Introducing Tauriel to our family in the hospital

Our annual park visit with Taurie's biological family in Colorado



**We feel incredibly blessed: in our marriage, our first adoption, our resources, and our community. We have so much to share and are ready to make space in our lives and hearts for another child.**

**W**e believe adoption isn't just about giving - it's also about growing. Welcoming your child will shape us, stretch us, and deepen our family.

We're strong believers in open adoption and know firsthand how valuable it is for everyone. Whether through visits, photo updates, or letters, we're open and flexible to whatever level of connection you hope for. We strive to live by the golden rule, modeling respect, transparency, and kindness for our children.

Embracing diversity is essential to us. We want our children to grow up proud of where they come from, connected to their full story. We're committed to learning about and honoring your culture and traditions, and sharing ours in return so your child always feels seen, loved, and whole.



OUR  
THOUGHTS ON  
**Parenting**

**W**e are committed and here for the long haul! Parenting doesn't end at age 18 - it is a lifetime commitment that requires being present consistently, teaching, providing a strong foundation and many life opportunities, being affectionate and affirming, and being ready to hold your child when they are hurting. We embrace every part of the journey and want you to feel safe and secure if you decide to select us as your child's adoptive parents. We are honest, genuine, loving, generous and ambitious people. We want only the very best for your child. This includes us providing a safe, clean home, access to great schools and programs, the opportunity to travel often, many family outings, and so much more. Because of our previous adoption and understanding the various intricacies in the process, we stand ready to face any and all challenges as a family unit. **We support you, we feel and hear you, and we pray for God's ultimate peace and guidance to direct your path in the days ahead.**

# Family Information

**DATE OF MARRIAGE** • January 9, 2016

**CHILDREN** • Tauriel – 03/01/2023 – Adopted

Taurie is a spunky little girl who loves spending time with Mom & Dad, playing with blocks and other building toys, watching Bluey, and exploring as many playgrounds (and slides!) as possible. She is already a world traveler!

## INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

We love spending time together as a family of three (soon to be four!), whether we're playing games at home, walking through the neighborhood, hiking a new trail, or trying out a new restaurant. Staying active is important to us, and travel has been a big part of our lives—we often look back at old photos and relive those special memories. Mark enjoys weightlifting, grilling, family walks, and keeping up with sports, music, and current events. Sara loves working out, gardening, going to the beach, reading, and keeping our home cozy and organized.

## HOME

We purchased a beautiful home in the suburbs of Denver in 2024. Our neighborhood is filled with young, vibrant families, beautiful walking paths, wonderful pools and courts, and impressive playgrounds. It is a very outdoorsy, social community and we have enjoyed attending community events at the local clubhouse. We often see deer or elk in our backyard! Our favorite part of our home is the sweeping back deck, complete with a 2-story slide and tremendous view of the Rocky Mountains.

## WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

After seven years of infertility and six failed treatments, we knew we were ready to grow our family - no matter the path. We knew a few folks who had adopted and had very good experiences, so we decided to take the leap and adopt our first daughter. While it came with challenges, the experience has been the most rewarding of our lives, and we're excited to grow our family again through adoption.

## OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)

Openness in adoption matters deeply to us—for our child, their birth parents, and ourselves. For the past two years, we've had a positive, ongoing relationship with Taurie's birth parents, with yearly visits and regular photo and video updates. That rhythm has worked well, but we remain flexible and open to evolving needs, including the possibility of letter exchanges. We're hopeful to build a meaningful connection with our next child's birth parents, knowing there is so much to share, learn, and grow through together.

## CHILDCARE PLANS

We both have the true pleasure of working remotely, from home. We work as a team to provide full time childcare and plan on doing so for our next child.



**Father's name**  
Mark

**Occupation**  
Sales & Business  
Development Manager

**Education**  
College Graduate

**Religion**  
Christian

**Date of birth**  
02/15/1989

**Hair color**  
Brown

**Eye color**  
Hazel

**Height**  
6'0"



**Mother's name**  
Sara

**Occupation**  
Project Manager

**Education**  
MA

**Religion**  
Christian

**Date of birth**  
10/29/1984

**Hair color**  
Blonde

**Eye color**  
Blue

**Height**  
5'7"



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