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Shane & Briana



DEAR BIRTH MOTHER

We're Shane & Briana



We're privileged that you're taking the time to meet us. We know this must be an incredibly difficult decision for you and we appreciate the love and care you have for your child.

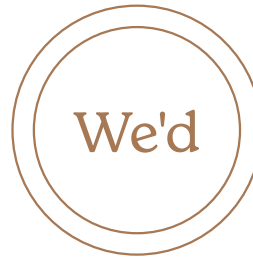




We love cooking dinner together



Enjoying beautiful views on a hike

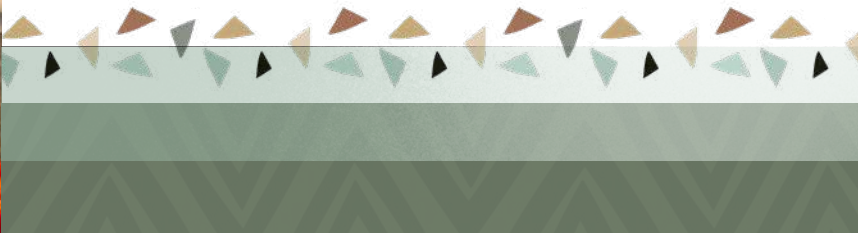


We'd

love to get a chance to show you the kind of life your child could have with us. We've been married for 15 years and live in the tiny town of Kiowa,

Colorado. We love Jesus, the outdoors, volleyball, coffee, traveling and spending time with our families. We love kids and have been working with kids our entire marriage, plus have a ton of nieces and nephews around, so we're excited to have a child of our own to love!

Thank you for taking a glimpse into our lives!



Our Story

We met at a young adult Bible study at our church and Briana asked Shane if they could start carpooling there and to all kinds of activities with friends since we both lived in the middle of nowhere...and Shane proposed on a sunrise hike 15 months later. We absolutely love being married and get teased about being newlyweds despite being married for 15 years. We love our small town life and we're very active in our church together. We run a club called Awana for kids ages 2-18 that has 160 kids and it's the highlight of our week! We enjoy serving together, spending time outdoors, drinking coffee, and adventuring whenever & wherever we can! Our families are local and we love spending time with them. We each come from big families and always assumed we would have a bunch of kids. Infertility made that an impossibility for us and turned us toward adoption.

We can't wait to add a child to our family and get the chance to share our amazing lives with them!



Visiting Glacier National Park





Switzerland was amazing

Fun times camping



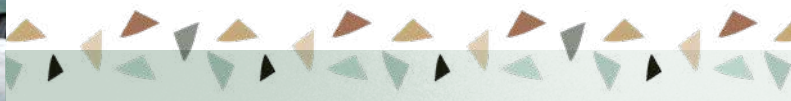
Disney World is one of our favorite places

OUR ADVENTURES

We absolutely love traveling!



We took our first international trip to Ireland together in 2012 and got hooked! Since then, we've been to Guatemala, Mexico, Romania, France, Israel, Switzerland and visited 33 of the 50 states together! We love experiencing new cultures and foods! We're always up for an adventure, even if it's just on a hike we've never done before.



About Briana



BY SHANE



Baking pumpkin donuts



Briana is truly an amazing person who continually impresses me.

She's kind, loving, extremely intelligent and very generous. The best gift I ever gave her was cash for her birthday last year that she could use to buy gifts for other people. She was so excited about it! That's just who she is.

We have been blessed to serve in our church together in many ministries, most involving children or young adults. She is a natural leader and has many young women that look up to her. Some are in their 20s now and she has mentored them since their middle school years. I'm so lucky to have married her and know with all her skills and experience she will make an incredible mom.





My niece and Goddaughter, Lorraine



A fun family hike with our nieces

BRIANA'S Fun Facts

Favorite Vacation Spot
Any cabin in the mountains

Musical Instrument I Play
Piano

Favorite Musical Artist
Downhere, Shane & Shane, Needtobreathe

My Hobbies
Reading and cooking

Favorite Dessert
Anything with pumpkin

Favorite Children's Book
Tacky the Penguin

Favorite Author
Bodie Thoene

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor
Mint chocolate chip

The Perfect Day
Bacon for breakfast, coffee with Shane,
time outside, reading a book on the couch
with more coffee, dinner with family





Carrots from our garden



About Shane



BY BRIANA



Shane is my best friend. He's creative, hardworking, reliable, adventurous, and absolutely hilarious.

He's also the handiest guy I know and will build me anything I can think up. I saw a picnic table that folded up into a bench once in a store and when we got home he figured out how to make me one. One of the things that drew me to him was how well he does with children. Our nieces & nephews love him and are always asking to spend time with Uncle Shane. He comes up with a fun project, craft or experiment to do with them and they're always excited to see what he comes up with next time! As a scientific glassblower, he's incredibly detail oriented and good at what he does. His hours are flexible, so he has the ability to make time during the week to go to a nephew's birthday party or a niece's soccer game. I've never regretted saying "I do" and I can't wait to watch him father our future child. He's going to be amazing.



Ashlyn and Zekani with Uncle Shane



Max visits Uncle Shane at work

SHANE'S Fun Facts

Favorite Vacation Spot
Any place new

Favorite Musical Artist
Needtobreathe, Skillet, Newsboys

My Hobbies
Learning a new skill, working on projects

Favorite Dessert
Gingerbread

Favorite Seasonal Activity
Camping

I Can't Live Without
Briana

Sport I Like to Play
Volleyball

Favorite Children's Book
Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom

Favorite Author
J.R.R. Tolkein

The Perfect Day
Drizzly fall day with a nice cup of
espresso and time spent with Briana



Barista quality latte art



Hanging out on the porch in our backyard



OUR HOME

Our small town life is perfect!



We have a big backyard with room to run, play and work on projects. We've done a lot of work to our place and it's our own small paradise. We have a covered back deck for barbecue dinners outside and a garden we tend to in the summer. Our dog Aggie gets to run back and forth in the yard, but mostly he loves his naps. Our local church is close enough to walk to and we're very involved. We love coffee, and we often have family stopping by for a latte and conversation. We both love camping in the summer, seeing fall colors in the mountains, and taking snowy walks around town in the winter.



Aggie boy



Important Lessons

1. TO NEVER STOP LEARNING
2. THAT IT'S OKAY TO FAIL AS LONG AS YOU GET BACK UP AGAIN
3. THAT LAUGHTER REALLY IS THE BEST MEDICINE
4. TO LOVE PEOPLE UNCONDITIONALLY THE WAY THAT JESUS LOVES US
5. THAT IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME FOR ICE CREAM

Volleyball night



Our Family



Briana's "Busha" (grandma)

Our families couldn't be more excited to meet our future child!



Shane's side of the family

Briana with her sisters & sisters-in-law



We love the big family feel and most of our family members still live close by, several within walking distance in our small town. It's rare for a day to pass without us seeing someone in one of our families. We're both the oldest in our families and it's been fun to have our siblings grow and become our friends as well as family! We spend holidays together and have monthly family dinners with each of our families, as well as see each other during the week at church events and just for fun! It's often loud and chaotic when we're together, but we all love each other and have the best time!





So many nieces and nephews!



Briana's side of the family

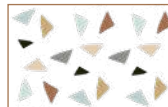


Matching Christmas PJs

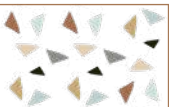
Max and Lorraine, our Godchildren



Swiss Alps with our little sisters



THE HOLIDAYS



Briana's family is Eastern European and every Christmas Eve we have a traditional 8 course Ukrainian meal with the whole family and sometimes aunts, uncles, cousins and grandma (Busha) too!

Shane's family traditionally has Chinese food on Christmas Eve and then exchanges gifts. We also now video chat with his sister and her family who live in Zambia so we're all still together for Christmas!

Our Thoughts on Parenting



We

were both homeschooled and can't wait to homeschool our child! The flexibility it provides and the ability to focus in on

specific subjects that are of interest to the child are just a couple of the reasons we enjoyed being homeschooled. We're excited to see what interests our child has and then spend extra time in those areas. Music, nature, woodworking, history, art, cooking, whatever it is our child is excited about, we will make that an area we study! We want to pass along our desire to always be learning to our child.

The world is a big place and there are endless things to learn and enjoy!



As evidenced by our frequent travel, we love learning new things and experiencing new cultures and will enjoy teaching our child about where they came from. Their culture and history will be a focal point in their homeschooling. We will be open with our child about adoption, their birth family, visit if that's desired and update you with pictures and letters as they grow.



Family Information

Father's Name
Shane

Occupation
Scientific Glassblower

Education
High School Diploma

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
10/10/85

Hair Color
Red

Eye Color
Blue

Height
6'0"

Mother's Name
Briana

Occupation
Office Manager

Education
High School Diploma

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
12/06/87

Hair Color
Brown

Eye Color
Hazel

Height
5'4"

DATE OF MARRIAGE
11/08/08

CHILDREN
None

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES
We love to travel, drink coffee, camp, hike and play volleyball. Shane loves working on projects, learning new skills and gardening. Briana loves reading, baking and playing the piano.

HOME
We live in an old 1912 house that we fixed up at the edge of the small town of Kiowa, Colorado, which only has 750 people in it. We're across from the county fairgrounds, so it feels like there's a lot of space. We have a big backyard with a garden and covered porch.

PETS
Agamemnon (Aggie), 10 yr old half lab half dachshund. He's adorable.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?
We both come from big families and always assumed we would have a lot of kids. Infertility kept that from happening and turned us to adoption instead.

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)
We will update you with pictures, letters, and in person or video visits if desired.

CHILDCARE PLANS
Briana will be a stay at home mom.



Thank
you

for taking the time to hear our story. If you choose us, we promise to raise your child in a home full of love, silliness, learning and adventure. We strongly believe God has led us to adoption and are excited to meet our future child! We can't wait to hold them, raise them and grow with them. If you have any questions we haven't answered, please reach out. We'd love to meet you.

