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Alex + Colton



Hi there!

**WE ARE ALEX + COLTON
AND WE LIVE IN
BEAUTIFUL COLORADO**

We have an adorable miniature labradoodle named Betsy and we've recently added six chickens into the mix. They've been a lot of fun!





DAILY TIME WITH THE CHICKENS

FUN IN THE SNOW WITH BETSY



VACATION IN SPOKANE VISITING GOOD FRIENDS

Thank you so much for your willingness to review our profile book!



After struggling with infertility for the past several years, we have made the decision to pursue adoption. However, we don't view adoption as a "back-up plan". Adoption was God's gracious Plan A for his children, and we are thankful that He has modeled what adoption in its beauty looks like. And though we do see that beauty, we know that adoption is not without its grief. We cannot imagine all of the thoughts and emotions you are processing as you consider what next steps to take with your precious child. We are praying for you and your child as you navigate this hard circumstance.



Our Story

We met through our church community at a small group for college students. Colton didn't wear his glasses that night, but he still noticed Alex, the new girl, sitting across the room from him during the Bible study. Though Alex was new to the group, a mutual friend was there that introduced the two of us. We were married a year and a half later in January of 2015.



WE OFTEN WIND DOWN IN THE EVENING WITH A FEW ROUNDS OF MONOPOLY DEAL

We connected over a shared faith in the God of the Christian Bible, a shared belief in the importance of education, and a love for being active and getting outside in our beautiful state. We did pre-marital counseling and that has continued to serve us well, as well as having a strong community around us, in navigating both the joys and the bumps in marriage. And when we have a bump, we are committed to working it out together and strive to be quick to ask for forgiveness and seek reconciliation before the sun goes down. We value transparency and honesty in our marriage and we're one another's best friend and "safe place" to process both the joys and hard experiences of life. Our marriage is marked by striving to love God and love our neighbor, which includes one another as our most important "neighbor".

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HIKING IN THE BEAUTIFUL PACIFIC NORTHWEST



VISITING WASHINGTON DC

About Alex



ALEX WITH ONE OF OUR MOST ADVENTUROUS CHICKENS, OPHELIA



Favorite Vacation Spot
LAKE CITY, COLORADO

Favorite Author
C.S. LEWIS

Favorite Lunch Box Snack
CHEEZ-ITZ

Favorite Children's Book
BARNYARD DANCE BY SANDRA BOYNTON

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor
TILLAMOOK CHOCOLATE
CHIP COOKIE DOUGH

Favorite Sport to Play
VOLLEYBALL

Favorite Seasonal Activity
HIKING

Dream Job
STAY-AT-HOME MAMA

Can't Live Without
CHAPSTICK

Favorite Hobby
COOKING & BAKING



ALEX LOVES BLESSING FRIENDS AND FAMILY WITH WARM SOURDOUGH FRESH FROM THE OVEN



BETSY LOVES JOINING US ON HIKES AND HAS PROVEN HERSELF TO BE A GREAT ROCK SCRAMBLER



ALEX HOPES ONE DAY TO EXPAND HER KNITTING SKILLS TO SOCKS

BY COLTON

In a hurried and evermore complicated world easily swayed by the latest topic or trend of the day, my wife can be found elsewhere. As a beautifully grounded woman, Alex can be found striving for a simpler and more focused life that paints a different picture – a picture of glory. Alex is a kind, gentle, and purposeful woman who is most comfortable and at her best around our home. She enjoys creating environments that build fellowship and yield satisfaction. Whether baking sourdough bread, tripling a recipe to feed a seemingly unmanageable amount of people in our home, or simply decorating and organizing, Alex is purposefully on a mission to live out what she’s been created to be – something glorious. Those who spend any time in our home get to see and taste evidence of God’s kindness, and a child will be among the most blessed. Alex will be a warm mother that will love and care for a child with her whole being.



BUILDING A CHICKEN RUN



About Colton

Favorite Vacation Spot
LAKE CITY, COLORADO



Musical Instrument I Play
DRUMS



Favorite Sport to Play
ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Can't Live Without
GOOD COFFEE



Favorite Hobby
WOODWORKING



Favorite Dessert
COOKIE DOUGH



Favorite Lunch Box Snack
PB&J



Favorite Seasonal Activities
SKIING (WINTER), HIKING (SUMMER),
FISHING (FALL)



Favorite Kid's Outing
CHAUTAUQUA PARK

WE RECENTLY GOT AN ESPRESSO MACHINE AND COLTON HAS BEEN PERFECTING HIS LATTES





BETSY IS ALL ABOUT THE RIVER SO WE REGULARLY TAKE HER TO THE POUDBRE RIVER TO PLAY IN THE WATER



OUR CHICKENS ARE LIVING A GOOD LIFE IN THE COOP COLTON BUILT FOR THEM



BY ALEX

Colton is a patient and hard-working man. He uses his God-given energy and strength to love people and make the world around him better. As an engineer he has a knack for understanding how things work and uses that competency in his project and handyman work around the house. He built our dining room table, renovated our fireplace with a new mantel and hearth, recently built a chicken coop and run, and more. I admire how he can take two-dimensional plans on paper, often plans that he has drafted up himself, and turn it into a three-dimensional reality. And it isn't just making things better through craftsmanship, he cares well for the people around him, whether by inviting men from our church small group over on Wednesday mornings for coffee and fellowship, or delighting the children from that same small group by playing with them. The kids in our small group shriek with joy when Colton enters the room and it is not uncommon for them to run to him when they see him at church. Colton will be an amazing father. He is a favorite of kids all ages, from the kiddos in our small group to our nieces and nephew who are now entering their teenage years.



Welcome!

**WE LIVE IN BEAUTIFUL
NORTHERN
COLORADO AND
LOVE HAVING OUR
HOME FILLED WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

WE ENJOY THE OUTDOORS YEAR ROUND





BETSY LOVES COMFORT AND PLAYING WITH HER TOYS

Last year we worked hard to paint and freshen up the main floor to make it warm and inviting. We brightened up the space and have cozy leather couches to plop down on. A fluffy pillow or cozy blanket is never far away. Our living room also has an overflowing basket of children's toys so that they feel just as welcome in our home. A favorite for the girls is an oversized My Little Pony with hot-pink hair, while the boys gravitate to a variety of trucks, and all seem to enjoy the Mrs. Potato Head. We love having a dining room with a large table for everyone to squeeze in around. We believe that food not only nourishes the body but also the soul. Because of that, our kitchen is a major fixture of our home and Alex is often baking sourdough bread or experimenting with new recipes in hopes of blessing Colton and anyone sharing at our table.

WE ENJOY TAKING THE TANDEM AROUND TOWN WHEN THE WEATHER IS NICE



GATHERING CHICKEN EGGS



Family + Friends



SNOW DAY FOLLOWED BY THE BEST MEATBALLS AND ALFREDO PASTA BY OUR SISTER-IN-LAW AMBER



WE REGULARLY GET TOGETHER WITH ALEX'S PARENTS FOR DINNER AND CARD GAMES



GOOFING AROUND WITH OUR NIECES

We are grateful to live close to family.

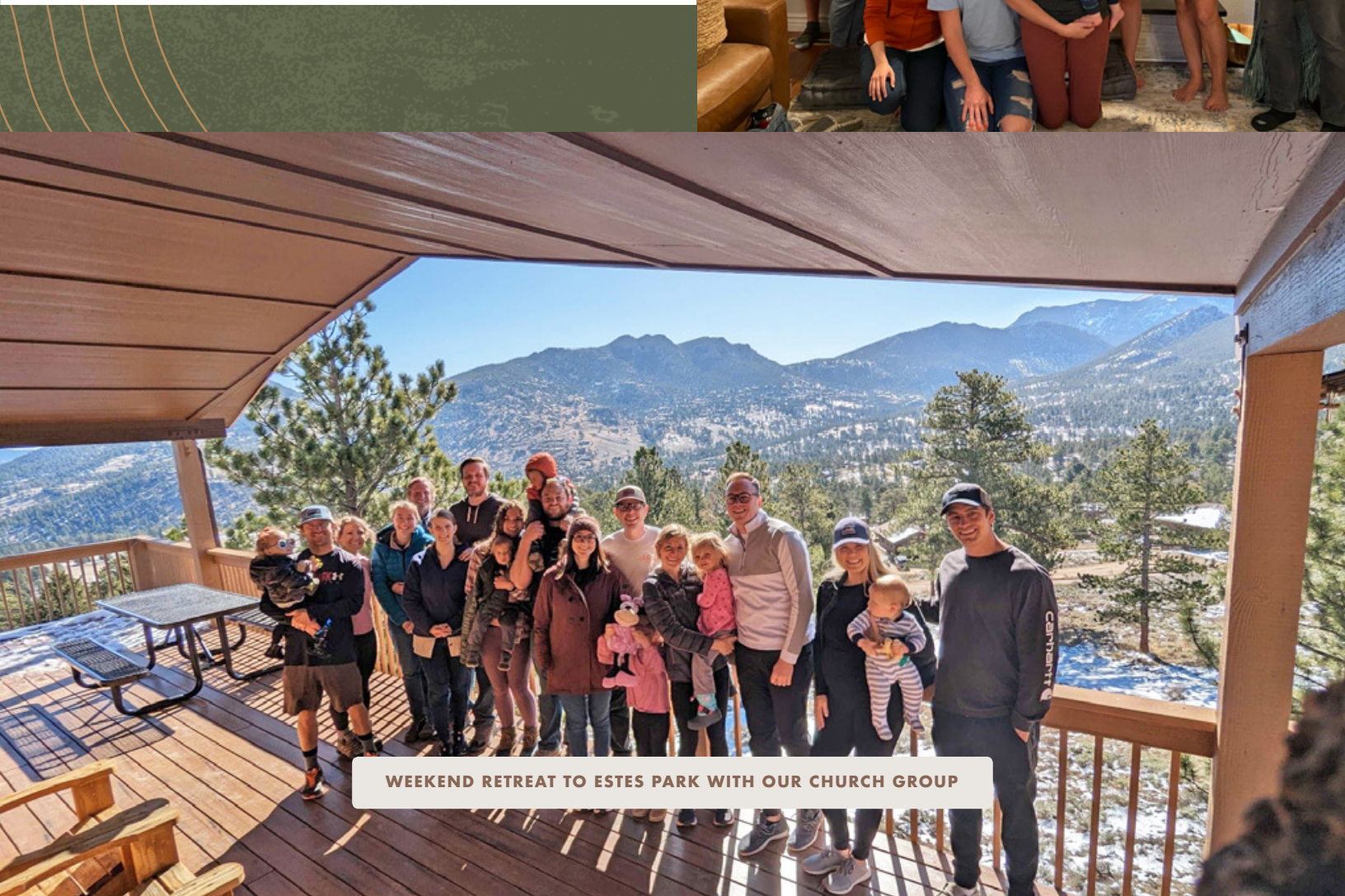
We have Alex's parents only 30 minutes away and Colton's parents, brother, sister-in-law, and their four children an hour away. We see Alex's parents multiple times a month, often having dinner and then clearing the table to bring out our favorite card game, Monopoly Deal. About once a month we head down south to Denver to visit with Colton's side of the family. We often end up in the backyard playing yard games or taking a walk to the neighborhood park.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We are part of a church small group that Colton co-leads with our friend Travis. We have known Travis and his wife Brittany for over ten years and we have enjoyed multiple family vacations together. Our small group is a tight-knit group of folks with very different personalities, interests, and temperaments, but all united by the blood of Christ. They have been praying faithfully for us in our struggle with infertility and they are now some of our biggest supporters as we pursue adoption. We each go out into the world and live our daily lives, but we come together every Thursday evening to share a meal, hear how one another are doing, pray for one another, and point one another to Jesus Christ as we navigate the ups and downs of daily life. Much of our life centers around these relationships.



WE TAKE TURNS AT SMALL GROUP PLAYING WITH THE KIDDOS WHILE PARENTS DO A BRIEF STUDY, THEN WE ALL COME BACK TOGETHER TO SING



WEEKEND RETREAT TO ESTES PARK WITH OUR CHURCH GROUP



Becoming Parents

Though we've enjoyed being an aunt and uncle to our nieces and nephew and the children in our small group, we've longed to have children to call our own and shower with love and grace and delight. The foundation of our marriage - love, grace, friendship - is what we expect to carry into our parenting. Our children will know without a doubt that we love them and that God loves them. They will know a life filled with grandparents who light up when they see their face, cousins who are thrilled to hold them and play with them, and a church family who will rejoice and praise the Lord when they see this precious little one. And as they grow we look forward to seeing their little personality blossom, and inviting them to participate in the things we are doing - playing with the chickens, learning woodworking, or to knit, or to cook, or what they show an interest in. And no doubt, Colton will be teaching our little one to throw a frisbee as soon as possible.

And in all of our dreaming for a future child, please know that if you choose adoption we want you to be part of their life and story if you are able and comfortable.



Adoption will never be a taboo topic in our home, our child will always know that adoption is part of their story and that you placed them for adoption as an act of love. And as a couple open to trans-racial adoption, know that we have a multi-racial family (a mix of white and hispanic on both sides of our family). A couple of Thanksgivings ago, Alex's brother and sister-in-law visited and our sister-in-law, who has Mexican heritage, taught us to make tortillas from scratch like her grandmother used to make. They were delicious! Food is such a powerful element of culture, and as someone who loves to cook, Alex foresees that we will be doing lots of experimenting in the kitchen with flavors and dishes that tie to our child's culture.



Father's Name
COLTON

Occupation
CIVIL ENGINEER

Education
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Religion
CHRISTIAN

Date of Birth
03/17/1992

Hair Color
BROWN

Eye Color
BLUE

Height
5'10"



Mother's Name
ALEX

Occupation
PROGRAM MANAGER,
REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Education
MASTER'S DEGREE

Religion
CHRISTIAN

Date of Birth
11/29/1989

Hair Color
BROWN

Eye Color
HAZEL

Height
5'4"

FAMILY INFORMATION

DATE OF MARRIAGE

January 17, 2015

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

We enjoy doing life together. From fresh hot coffee in the morning, to a mid-day run along a nearby trail, to card games after a long day of work, we keep each other good company. In Colton's spare time (i.e., the weekends), he can be found working in the garage on some sort of woodworking project or in the backyard working on some sort of landscaping project. Alex enjoys extended time trying new recipes in the kitchen or making progress on her sewing and knitting projects.

HOME

At the end of a cul-de-sac, our home is in a relatively quiet area. As the youngest family on the block, our neighbors, many of them a bit older, are very excited for a new baby in the neighborhood. Our home is largely designed around the desire to bring others inside. We enjoy hosting gatherings for both small and large groups. We hope that our home is and becomes a place of rest and enjoyment for others.

PETS

3-year-old labradoodle, Betsy.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

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OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)

We desire a long-term relationship with you so long as you're able and comfortable with it. Our child will always know that adoption is a part of their story. Family visits are a desire; however, regardless of distance, we find pictures and letters to be treasured mail from loved ones.

CHILDCARE PLANS

Colton and Alex will be the primary caregivers, and Alex will be a full-time mother at home.



thank you!

**SO MUCH FOR
TAKING THE
TIME TO READ
THROUGH
OUR PROFILE
BOOK!**

We hope this gave you a glimpse into what you could expect life for your little one to look like if you choose us as your child's adoptive parents. If you have any questions regarding what you saw or read, we would love to hear from you and address any questions you may have. And please know that if you contact us, you will be met with warmth and no expectations - we know there is a lot you are trying to process all at once.

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