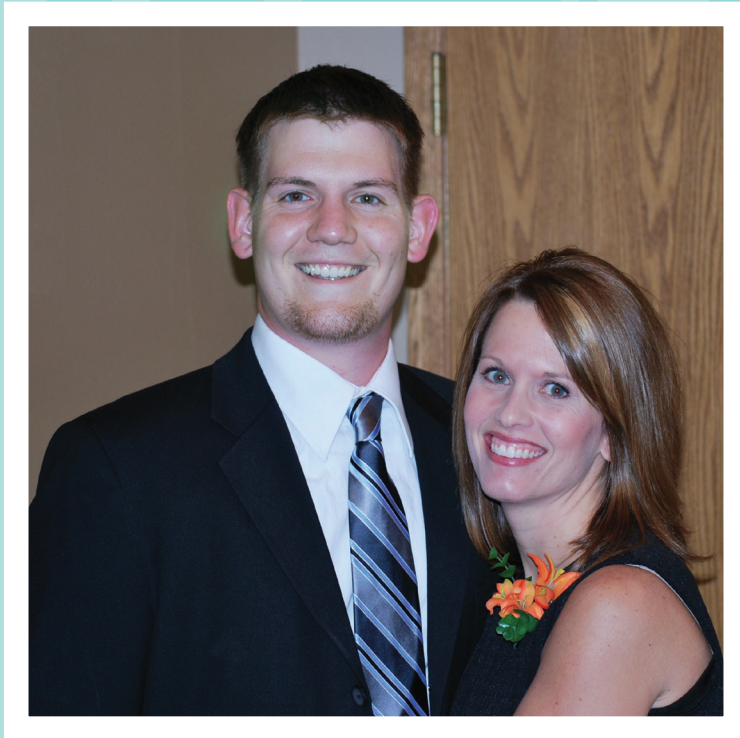


Hello we are...  
Kyle and Kristie





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

We can't claim to understand what you are going through or how you will select a family to parent your child. We've tried to share some of the things that makes our life special to help you get to know us a little better.

Why adoption? We tried to have biological children for several years. After many fertility treatments and several miscarriages, we were led to begin the adoption process. This may sound strange; however, we are thankful for our infertility issues because without them, we wouldn't know the blessings of adoption. While the process can be long and sometimes challenging, the journey has made us stronger as individuals, and as a couple. We have learned to trust each other and lean on each other through difficult times. Our first adoption journey brought us Hope, she is from an orphanage in Taiwan and has taught us so much.

We are ready to grow our family again, and look forward to watching each child in our family grow in unique ways as they learn their likes, follow their dreams, push through their struggles, and celebrate their joys. As a stay at home mom, Kristie will spend every day loving and nurturing our children.

If you choose us to parent, we promise you that we will love your child unconditionally, respect them as an individual, and provide them as many opportunities as possible to learn and grow. For you, we pray for peace. Please know that your child will always understand that it was your brave and selfless decision that made us a family.

Respectfully,

*Kyle and Kristie*

  
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## *Our values and beliefs as parents...*

Faith is the most important value in our family. As a Youth Minister, Kyle spends his days working with the youth of our community to build lasting faithful relationships; that means, he leads by example by living a respectful, honest and caring life. And, that carries over into our family as well. Our faith is something that we live out every day and that we will demonstrate to our children through our actions.

Family is also extremely important to us, not just the three of us, but our extended family as well. We truly enjoy laughing together and simply enjoying each others' company, regardless if we are fishing, playing games, going to the park, eating dinner together, watching sports events and dining out, we always have a good time.

We believe that every moment is a learning opportunity...from our time in the grocery store, to walks to the park. We will take advantage of every opportunity to teach our children. We realize that learning takes place both in and out of the traditional classroom setting. We feel that when children experience a variety of activities and experiences that they will be more likely to succeed and become lifelong learners.

Respect is a value that our family teaches regularly. We believe that everyone has value and purpose no matter their physical attributes, interests, or abilities. We will teach respect to our children by modeling it first in our relationship with each other. We will actively listen to each others' ideas and opinions. We will speak kindly to one another. Our children will see this respectful behavior in our marriage, which will teach them to treat others and each other with the same respect.



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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dogs

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Reading, spending time with family, singing

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Hunting, fishing, household projects, outdoors

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Stay-at-home mom

**Adoptive Father:** Youth Minister

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## Our home...

We live in a family friendly neighborhood in a smaller city close to a larger metropolitan area. Our home is just two blocks from a great park and community library. Our house has lots of land around it perfect for playing in; there is a clubhouse, swing-set, slide and sandbox, and a long driveway where we ride bikes and tricycles, draw with sidewalk chalk and play ball.

Because Kristie is a stay-at-home mom, they spend their day going to the library, playing games, and reading books. Our favorite time of the week is Friday and Saturday mornings. Kyle doesn't work on these days so we relax together as a family, eat pancakes and stay in our pajamas as long as we want. We play a few games, read lots of books, and play outside with our dogs.

The nursery is decorated in neutral colors; the walls are painted light green and the furniture is a dark mahogany; we have a crib, dresser, and a rocking chair ready to the baby. Kristie recently made a patchwork quilt for the baby that hangs on the crib. We look forward to spending many hours rocking, feeding, and holding our child in this room. After so many years of infertility, and going through the adoption journey, we find ourselves looking forward to watching our child sleep peacefully in their room. There is something about seeing our child sleep in their crib or in our arms that brings peace and makes the wait worth it.

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# Our family...

We met nine years ago at a conference we both attended for our church youth groups. Sparks began to fly! Kristie was attracted to Kyle's outgoing personality, sense of humor, and passion for helping kids. Kyle was attracted to Kristie's tender heart, infectious smile, and her love of kids. After the conference we returned to our homes which were 200 miles away from each other. First, we started talking every night on the phone and through email...that soon turned into weekend visits. Two years later we were married and we just celebrated our 7th anniversary.



We have lots of family traditions we share with our large extended family. Each thanksgiving, we write down what we are most thankful for, and Kyle's grandma keeps it in a treasure box. The next Thanksgiving, we open the box and read the previous year's statements. That is one of our favorite Thanksgiving traditions - to look back and remember what you were thankful for the previous year and how our lives have changed in a year. It seems to bring some reality to the holiday rather than just eating a lot of really good food.

At Christmas we have two traditions we follow every year. One is to make gingerbread houses. Although this started as an activity for the kids, the adults seem to get just as excited and are now involved every year. Each gingerbread house gets a prize – some of the prizes include; most creative, most frosting used, or yummiest! This is an activity that we look forward to all year long! The second tradition is about how Christmas presents are opened. We always start with the youngest child and go all the way up. The expression on each child's face as they open their gifts is priceless. When all the children have opened their gifts, we clean up the mess, and start on the adults. The whole day is filled with love, laughter, and lasting memories!

One of our favorite vacation spots is Breckenridge, Colorado where we have a family condominium at the base of one of the mountains. We like to go on the Chipmunk Hike, where all the kids can feed the chipmunks right out of their hands. We also go White Water Rafting and spend a lot of time swimming, hot tubbing, and playing miniature golf. We spend our evenings taking walks along the base of the mountain and playing games. The air is so clean and crisp, it's easy to relax and enjoy each other's company.

We look forward to sharing these traditions with all our children, as well as create our own family traditions with just us and our children.



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