



Hello We Are...



Connor & Alexa

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We can only imagine the strength it takes to consider an adoption plan and the many emotions you may be carrying right now. While we cannot fully understand your journey, we deeply respect the love, courage, and sacrifice behind it. If you choose our family, please know that we will welcome your child with open arms, grateful hearts, and a lifetime of love.

Adoption has always been part of our dream of building a family. When we were first married, we considered pursuing adoption right away. At the time, however, we were still quite young and most states required adoptive parents to be older. Looking back now, we see how that waiting period helped prepare us for this moment. Today we are more established, and our home and lifestyle are stable and ready to welcome another child.

We have also been blessed with close friendships with people who were adopted or who have adopted children themselves. Through their stories, we have seen firsthand the beauty of adoption and the meaningful relationships it can create. These friendships have helped shape our understanding of adoption and will continue to be part of the supportive community surrounding our family.

We are already parents to two wonderful boys, Ronan and Rainer. They bring so much laughter, energy, and joy into our home. They are incredibly excited about the possibility of welcoming a sibling through adoption. Watching their bond grow with a new sibling is something we look forward to with great anticipation. Our greatest hope is to raise children who grow into loving, faithful, and courageous adults. We want our children to always know that they are deeply loved and supported. No matter how old they are or what season of life they are in, we want them to know they can always come to us and find comfort, guidance, and unconditional love.

If you choose us, we promise to provide your child with a strong education, a supportive community, and siblings who become lifelong friends. Most importantly, we want your child to grow up knowing that their life began with love and sacrifice from you, and that love only grew when they became part of our family.

We look forward to the everyday moments of childhood, the ones that often mean the most. Comforting them after a bad dream or a scraped knee, cheering them on as they learn something new, celebrating big milestones and small victories, and simply watching them discover who they are meant to be.

Whether or not you choose our family, please know that we are praying for you and for your child. Our hope is that you feel surrounded by care, compassion, and support as you make the decision that is right for you.

Respectfully,

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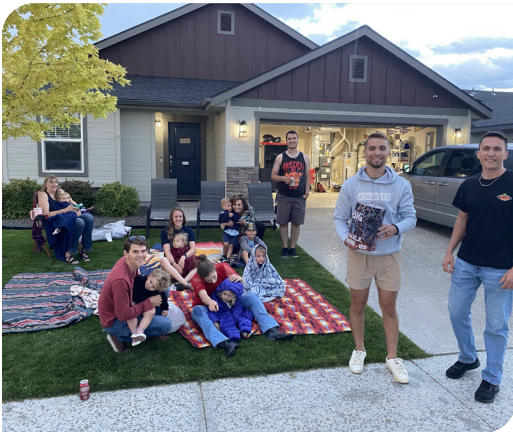


Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Everything we do and the principles we live by flow from our Christian faith. Our relationship with Jesus brings us joy, peace, and strength, even during seasons when life doesn't make sense. We have walked through difficult times where our faith truly carried us, strengthening our desire to build our family on that same foundation. As a family, we pray, read the Bible, and worship together. It is important to us not only to teach our children about faith, but also to create a home where they feel safe asking questions. Curiosity and honest conversations are always welcomed. Our faith also guides how we parent, and we strive to show our children the same grace, patience, forgiveness, and unconditional love that God shows us every day.



GRATITUDE - One of our family mottos is: "You are currently living at least one answered prayer." It can be easy to focus on the challenges of life, so we intentionally practice gratitude in our home. One way we do this is during dinner when we ask our sons to share two highs and one low from their day. This allows them to talk about something that may not have gone well, while also helping them recognize the good moments and blessings around them. We believe that practicing gratitude helps build a joyful and peaceful life, and it is something we hope to instill in all of our children.



INTEGRITY - We believe in doing the right thing even if no one is looking. Our family seeks to be truthful and honorable in all things as we journey through life. Whether it's speaking the truth, keeping promises, or owning up to mistakes, we model integrity in our actions and decisions. We encourage our children to make choices guided by honesty and character, helping them grow into trustworthy, responsible, and compassionate people.

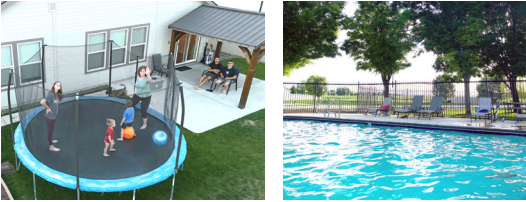
COMMUNITY - Early in our marriage, we moved across the country away from everything and everyone we knew. While the adventure was exciting, we quickly realized how important community truly is. We began building connections through church, neighbors, and local activities, and over time those relationships grew into friendships that now feel like family. Whether it's having someone to call during a challenging time, gathering friends for an impromptu game night, or celebrating holidays and milestones together, community makes life richer. Today, we are incredibly grateful to be surrounded by people who love and support one another. Our lives are often filled with shared moments, Sunday mornings at church, celebrating holidays together, neighborhood gatherings, and simple afternoons spent laughing and playing with the kids. Our children will grow up surrounded by people who care deeply for them.



SERVICE - Serving others is one of the most meaningful ways we live out our faith, and we try to make it a natural part of our family's life. Connor has had the honor of serving our country in the U.S. Army and continues to serve our community as a part-time firefighter. In daily life, we also enjoy helping others in simple ways, assisting a neighbor with heavy lifting, shoveling snow, or delivering meals to someone who needs extra support. Our children enjoy serving in their own ways too, welcoming people at church, holding doors, and baking treats to brighten someone's day. It is important to us that every child in our family learns the joy and fulfillment that comes from caring for and serving others.

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Our Home

Our home is the heart of our family life, a place where we slow down, share meals, laugh together, and spend meaningful time with one another. We are intentional about creating a space filled with warmth, joy, and unconditional love, where everyone feels supported and truly part of the family. Our children are already so excited about welcoming a new sibling, and we look forward to growing together and making many happy memories in the years ahead.

Just outside our door, our neighborhood adds even more to the sense of community we value so much. It's full of families and children, and it's common for kids to gather at the nearby parks or play together in front yards while parents chat and catch up. When we want to explore a little farther, we're lucky to have wonderful family-friendly places nearby like a small zoo, an aquarium, and a children's museum. There is also easy access to beautiful hiking trails, state parks, lakes, and rivers, places where we look forward to making many happy family memories in the years to come.

You can often find us reading books or playing games together in the living room. The backyard is another favorite place to spend time, whether we're jumping on the trampoline, kicking the soccer ball around or just enjoying the sunshine. Family walks are an all-time favorite too. The boys love bringing their scooters or their battery-powered Jeep along to make the adventure even more fun.

When people walk into our home, they immediately feel that it is warm, cozy, and inviting. We've intentionally created an atmosphere that serves our family while also making guests feel right at home. Guests can almost always expect freshly brewed coffee, a home-cooked meal and snacks on the counter, inviting everyone to gather, linger, and feel at home. One of our favorite things to do is have game nights with our loved ones, whether it's card games, board games, Wii tournaments, or playing yard games and jumping on the trampoline outside. We truly love spending time having fun together!

A typical Saturday begins with the boys watching cartoons while Alexa makes her delicious homemade pancakes, bacon, and eggs. After breakfast, we spend time outside, the boys getting caught up in imaginative play while Connor and Alexa relax on the back porch, sipping coffee and reading books. We often plan a fun outing, like meeting friends at a park or going swimming. We usually end the day with quality time and dinner at Connor's parents' house.

Our favorite time of day at home is the early evening when Connor gets home from work. He's usually greeted with the warmest welcome from the kids, Alexa, and even our dog, Rigsby! It's a moment that always fills our cups, simply being back together after the day. Most evenings we sit down for dinner as a family, then spend the rest of the time enjoying each other's company, whether that's relaxing at home, going for a walk around the neighborhood, or heading to the Y for a swim. Those simple moments together are often the best part of our day.

We look forward to welcoming our adopted child into the natural rhythms of our family life. From family dinners and bedtime routines to weekend outings, church activities, and time spent with friends and extended family, they will feel fully loved and valued in our home.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Thrift shopping, swimming, playdates with other moms, hiking, reading, playing card games & board games, singing at church, cooking from scratch

Adoptive Father: Quality time with family and friends, playing basketball, soccer, and softball, volunteering at church, hiking, fishing, playing video games, watching movies, working out

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Stay at home mom

Adoptive Father: Probation and Parole Officer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Some College

Adoptive Father: Associates Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

Our family is built on faith, fun, and a deep love for spending time together. We value connection and try to be intentional about creating a life where laughter, encouragement, and kindness are part of everyday life. We met about ten years ago while attending a young adults group at church. One evening, after a service, a quick trip to the grocery store for snacks turned into the start of something special. We spent the rest of the night talking and have been inseparable ever since. Over the years, we have discovered that while we share the same core values, our personalities are wonderfully different. Those differences have become one of our greatest strengths, helping us balance one another and grow together as a couple and as a family.

Ronan and Rainer fill our home with laughter, energy, and love. Ronan, our big little guy, has a heart of gold and a natural way of making everyone feel seen, loved, and welcomed. He enjoys jumping on the trampoline, playing pretend, showing off his ninja moves, reading books, and especially coming up with creative pranks for a good "gotcha!" moment. Rainer, our spirited second-born, is bold, loving, and full of personality. He is fiercely protective of the people he loves, enjoys making others laugh, and wrestling with his big brother. Whenever we get in the car, he quickly announces his song requests, and makes sure the volume is turned up just right!



As a family, we love spending time outdoors. Whether we're relaxing in our backyard, taking walks around the neighborhood, playing yard games, sports, or swimming, being outside is one of our favorite ways to spend time together. We also enjoy quieter moments at home with movie nights, working on puzzles, or playing a lively game of Uno. Just as important to us is time spent with the people we love. Between family dinners, playdates, and gatherings with dear friends, our lives are filled with a wonderful community of people who care deeply for one another.

Family traditions and time with extended family are a very special part of our lives. Throughout the year, we enjoy simple traditions that bring our family together and create lasting memories. On December 1st, the kids receive new matching Christmas pajamas, which they wear while we decorate the tree and sip hot chocolate together. They wear those pajamas all month long, but we always make sure they're ready again for Christmas Eve. On Easter morning, the kids wake up to a scavenger hunt from the Easter Bunny that leads them through clues and hidden eggs until they finally find their Easter baskets. Alexa also loves creating themed brunches for Christmas and Easter that we all enjoy together.

We are incredibly blessed to live just two minutes away from Connor's parents and brothers, which means we get to see them often. We share family dinners at least once a week and spend all major holidays together. Christmas Eve and Easter begin with church as a family, followed by dinner at Connor's parents' house, and Christmas Day is often hosted in our home where we gather with extended family to share a meal and exchange gifts. These moments with family are some of the most meaningful parts of our lives.

Our entire family and community are excited to welcome a child through adoption. Knowing that this child will be welcomed by so many loving hearts makes us feel incredibly grateful and even more ready to grow our family through adoption.



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