

Hello!

We're Brad and Sarah— we're adventure enthusiasts, hospitable friends, loyal family, and hopeful adoptive parents. We met 16 years ago on our high school cross country team; over time our friendship became love, we were married after college and have been building a life together over the last 8 years. In those 8 years we've lived an adventure that's brought us from living overseas in South Africa to the University of Colorado's campus where we've invested in the lives of over hundreds of college students to buying/renovating Brad's grandparents house in Longmont, CO. Our life is lived with others in mind and our home is a hub where family and friends gather around the table for tasty food and the occasional competitive game. We always pictured that table would someday be full of little faces as well.

Our vision for our family hinges on 4 values: loving God, loving others, growth, and connectedness. We desire to love God and love others in all that we do. It is our hope that, as we continually grow in Christlikeness, we would embody sacrificial love, kindness, hospitality, generosity and surrendered-spirits, bringing people to the feet of Jesus and pointing them towards a full, abundant, adventurous, never-dull life in Him! And as we open-handedly follow God, we hope to stay connected to and be known by our people as well as be thoughtful about who is influencing us, and our family. The community of friends and family that surround us are a gift greater than we deserve. Our story is long, we're filled with joy and gratitude when we get to re-live it, but in so many ways its never what we would've predicted or ever planned. Maybe you can relate. Life is full of unforeseen challenges and changes. As we've faced heartaches and hard decisions we've often wished we could write a different story for ourselves. If you're reading this its likely because this little life you're growing wasn't part of your plan. We can empathize with things not going as planned. Over the years, trying to grow our family we've faced a painful reality that things aren't as they should be— there is more brokenness and hurt in the world than we often like to acknowledge. We've also found great hope in the promises of our heavenly Father. He promises us wholeness. He is called the prince of peace! He gives us hope for restoration, regeneration and renewal. Our God sees us in our pain, He sees in our longing and His grace alone makes beautiful things out of the hardest of circumstances. As the weight of your reality rests on you, we hope you don't carry it alone—lean back in the loving arms of a trustworthy Father, even if you don't know Him or totally trust Him.

As hopeful adoptive parents we want to be learning and growing with our child. We hope for an open, honest and inclusive adoption with a birth family as we all share in this journey—it's a huge part of our hope to adopt in Colorado. We want our child to feel strongly connected to all their family. We believe openness offers the most redemptive path forward for both birth parents and adoptive children. Making an adoptive plan is incredibly selfless and courageous, we commend you for considering it in a time when its not the "easiest" option.

As we said, we always thought we would adopt and have felt the Lord lead us that way as we've watched and walked with friends in their own adoption stories. The timing of it is not what we predicted or would've probably planned but we're learning new depths of trust as we open-handedly believe that God is for us, for good and for our future family.

With grace, gratitude and all our love,
Brad & Sarah