

A man and a woman are standing on a pebbly beach. The man is on the left, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt and light blue jeans, with his hands in his pockets. The woman is on the right, wearing a white tiered halter-neck dress, leaning her head on the man's shoulder. They are both smiling. In the background is a calm lake reflecting the sky, a line of evergreen trees, and large mountains under a cloudy sky.

RYAN +

TRINI



THIS IS US

HELLO!





Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We know opening an adoption profile is about so much more than simply learning about another family, and we don't take for granted that you've chosen to spend some of your time getting to know ours!

There is so much we don't know about you yet—the things that make you laugh, the people you love, the hopes you carry, and all the pieces of your story that have shaped who you are. While these pages are meant to help you get to know us, we hope that someday, if you feel comfortable, we might have the privilege of getting to know you, too.

We hope you know from the very beginning that our hearts extend beyond the child we hope to welcome into our family. We care about you—your story, your hopes for your child, the people who matter to you, and what you hope the future might look like. If our paths ever come together, we would want to know and honor all of those pieces of you.

We're grateful for the opportunity to share a little of who we are with you.

AS WE SHARE OUR HEARTS WITH YOU, WE HOPE YOU KNOW
THERE IS SPACE IN THEM FOR YOUR STORY, TOO.

Ryan + Trini

OUR STORY



WE MET IN 2018, AND FROM OUR VERY FIRST DATE, WE KNEW SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT.

After six hours of talking about our faith, our dreams, family, and even adoption, we both went home convinced we'd met the person we were going to marry. Ryan proposed in July 2020 in the little park between the restaurant where we had our first date and the parking lot where we shared our first kiss. He said, "To the left is where we first met, to the right is where we had our first kiss, and right here in the middle is where I'm asking you to be my wife." We had a beautiful and intimate backyard wedding on August 29th.

Our marriage has grown so much since the day we met. Walking through infertility, IVF, and ultimately the loss of our son, Lucas, was one of the hardest seasons of our lives. By God's grace, what so often tears marriages apart brought us closer together. We learned how to grieve together, communicate honestly, fight for one another instead of against each other, and trust God even when we didn't understand His plan. Those experiences strengthened the foundation of our marriage and reminded us that we're always on the same team.

OUR FAITH IS AT THE CENTER OF OUR MARRIAGE.

We both prioritize our relationship with God first because we believe the closer we each grow to Him, the better we're able to love, serve, and encourage one another. We pray together often, seek wisdom from older couples whose marriages we admire, and make communication a priority, believing that honest conversations, listening well, and extending grace are what help a marriage thrive.





WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR OVER SIX YEARS. WE GENUINELY ENJOY
DOING LIFE TOGETHER, AND WE BELIEVE INVESTING IN OUR MARRIAGE IS
ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS WE CAN GIVE OUR CHILDREN.

We don't take our marriage for granted. Every night before bed, we tell each other five things we loved about the other that day—a tradition we started while dating and haven't missed a single night. We also protect our weekly date nights, which often include trying a new restaurant or painting ceramic animals and figures for Emi. Right now, we're painting a Mama Bunny and Baby Bunny set that we hope to one day give to the child God brings into our family. To us, it represents the beauty of their story, honors their birth mother, and serves as a reminder of the lifelong bond they will always share. We laugh a lot and are definitely known as the silly ones in our friend group.

AS A COUPLE





WE HAVE BEEN
PRAYING FOR YOU
FROM THE MOMENT WE
FELT A TUG ON OUR
HEARTS TO ADOPT.



WHY ADOPTION

After two years of infertility, we conceived our son, Lucas, through IVF. We had a beautiful pregnancy and eagerly awaited his arrival. The nursery was ready, we had the hospital bags packed, and his car seat installed. On June 7, 2023, our son was born at 38 weeks. Due to a rare complication with his umbilical cord, he passed before being placed into our arms. He was absolutely perfect, and we are so honored that God chose us to be his parents.

In May of 2024, we welcomed our daughter, Emilia Hope, who was also conceived through IVF. Adoption has been on our hearts for a long time, and we now feel ready and are so excited to continue growing our family in this way! We are thrilled to not only adopt a child into our home, but to also love their birth family as well. We know this decision is one made from a place of incredible love, and we promise to honor your story, your child's story, and to show the love of God in everything we say and do.

LOVE

We admire your courage, your selflessness, and the deep love you have for your baby. We want you to know that you are not alone in this. If God brings our paths together, your child will always know how deeply they are loved by you and the incredible love and courage you've shown throughout this journey. We will honor you in our home, speak of you with love and respect, and your child will **always** know where they came from and that you are their mom.



We want our home to be a place where every question is welcome, every emotion is safe to express, and every part of each child's story is honored and celebrated!

HOME

RYAN

IN TRINI'S WORDS

I love Ryan with my whole heart. He is the most selfless man I've ever met. He's kind, incredibly smart, and one of the funniest people I know. More than anything, I love the way he loves God. Almost every morning, you'll find him up at 6AM before work reading his Bible and praying. You can see the impact of his time with God in all he does. Ryan is also someone who quietly serves the people around him without ever looking for recognition. He's always the first to show up when someone needs help, and I've loved watching him lead with so much humility, honesty, and compassion.

One of the greatest gifts of my life has been watching Ryan become a dad. Seeing him hold Lucas in his arms is a moment I'll never forget, and through our deepest grief, he carried me with a quiet strength I'll always be grateful for. He continues to honor Lucas by talking about him often and living with the hope that one day we'll be reunited in Heaven. Watching him with Emi continues to grow my love for him. He is patient, intentional, and fully present. Whether he's reading stories in funny voices, making bath time fun, or taking her on monthly daddy-daughter dates, he has a way of making her feel so loved. I love that he's always learning and growing as a dad because he genuinely wants to know her heart. Kids naturally gravitate toward Ryan because he makes them feel seen, valued, and important. I know he'll love the child God brings into our family with that same joy, patience, and wholehearted love.

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HE BRINGS SUCH A STEADY,
PEACEFUL PRESENCE TO OUR
FAMILY, AND I TRULY CAN'T
IMAGINE DOING LIFE
WITHOUT HIM.



Work + Hobbies

I build software for training and run AI models on autonomous vehicles. It's demanding work, but exciting and fun. I enjoy it because it's always problem-solving, requires creativity, uses state-of-the-art technology, and has real-life applications. I can ride in a test vehicle and evaluate the system I contributed to firsthand. It's also family-friendly and flexible. I'm fully remote, which allows me to be home with Trini and Emi during the day and lets me work from almost anywhere in the world. I plan to take 12 weeks of paternity leave once a baby joins our family.

Outside of work and family, my interests include video games, music (I play guitar, bass, and piano), snowboarding, and reading, typically science fiction and fantasy, and anything by Brandon Sanderson. I also enjoy watching Formula 1 and UFC. I love Italian food, and my favorite dish is chicken parmesan. (All my friends and family know about my love for Olive Garden and bread.) Most of my free time goes to being with friends, Emi, and Trini, though on occasion I'll join friends for video games on a free night.

MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WANT MY CHILDREN TO GROW UP KNOWING THEY'RE LOVED, VALUED, AND NEVER HAVE TO EARN MY LOVE. MY HOPE IS THAT THE WAY I LOVE MY FAMILY WOULD BE HOW GOD LOVES US.



Childhood + Parenting

Being Emi's dad has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. I love comforting her when she's hurt or sad, making Play-Doh together, morning cuddles, bath time, and taking her to the park. I enjoy being involved in the everyday moments of her life and making sure she knows she always has her dad.

Growing up, my dad struggled with anxiety, and seeing how that affected our family made me intentional about the kind of father I want to be. I've intentionally spent time in therapy working through those patterns because I want my children to have a dad who is steady, calm, and emotionally available. I want them to know they can come to me with anything and always feel safe, loved, and supported. More than anything, I want my children to grow up knowing how deeply they're loved by God and by me, and that they become exactly who God created them to be.

If we're blessed with another child, I want them to know they always have a dad who is present, dependable, and in their corner. I want to be the dad who plays on the floor, teaches them new things, cheers them on, and is someone they can always come to.

MEET RYAN

TRINI

IN RYAN'S WORDS

My love for Trini is deep, resilient, and active. What I admire most about her is her love for God and for people, especially children. She's creative, always thinking of new ideas, and when life gets hard, her first instinct is to pray about it instead of getting frustrated. She's also the goofiest person I know. She loves being with her people, isn't afraid to laugh at herself, and somehow turns her most embarrassing moments into everyone's favorite stories. One of the first things that attracted me to her was how much she wanted to be a mom. I also loved her sense of humor, her unique background, and how genuine she was from the very beginning. She loves people well by encouraging them, praying for them, checking in, listening, and putting thought into little surprises that let people know she's thinking about them. Because of her, I have a deeper relationship with God, an incredible community that I love, and a healthier perspective on life. She's also taught me that asking for help isn't weakness... it's wisdom.

She's got a gift with kids. Her education and experience have given her an incredible understanding of how children think, learn, and connect, and I'm constantly learning from her. Watching her parent has made me a better dad. Kids naturally gravitate toward her. She knows exactly what game to play, what story to tell, or what song to sing. When they're hurt or scared, they trust her to comfort them. She has a calmness in the middle of chaos that I genuinely admire. More than anything, I'm grateful that she's my wife and the mother of our children.

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TRINI HAS A WAY OF MAKING
PEOPLE FEEL SEEN, SAFE,
AND WELCOME ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY.



Work + Hobbies

I have a Master's degree in Child and Adolescent Psychology, and before Lucas, I worked as a child and family therapist and behavioral specialist. I chose to work in community mental health because I believe every child and family deserves to be supported, cared for, and known. Losing Lucas changed my perspective on so many things. When we welcomed Emi, I knew I wanted to be home with her, so I made the decision to become a stay-at-home mom. I truly love being home with her and getting to spend my days being present for both the big milestones and the little everyday moments. I love that I still get to use what I learned as a therapist every day as a mom. It's been such a gift to watch Emi grow, help her through big feelings, and support her as she discovers more about herself and the world around her. My hope is to continue staying home as our family grows so I can be present for those same moments with our children.

I love filling our home with music, and one of my favorite things is singing and leading worship at our church. When I'm not chasing Emi around, you'll usually find me with a good thriller (I can easily read 80 books a year!), working on a puzzle to frame for our playroom, painting, or doing crafts.



MORE THAN ANYTHING, I PRAY EVERY CHILD IN OUR FAMILY GROWS UP KNOWING THEY ARE DEEPLY LOVED BY GOD AND BY US, BECOMES EXACTLY WHO GOD CREATED THEM TO BE, AND ALWAYS HAS A SAFE PLACE TO COME HOME TO.



Childhood + Parenting

Being a mom is one of the greatest gifts God has ever given me! I've always dreamed of a home filled with little feet running around, lots of laughter, and all the beautiful chaos that comes with raising a family. Motherhood has taught me so much about God's love, patience, and grace. Walking through the loss of Lucas gave me a perspective I'll carry with me for the rest of my life. Every day, even the hardest ones, I come back to the same thought: I get to be a mom. It's a gift I'll never take for granted.

My own story has shaped the kind of mom I hope to be. When I was little, I experienced abuse by a caregiver. Thankfully, my parents believed me, surrounded me with love, and helped me heal. It gave me a deep desire to make sure every child feels safe, seen, and deeply loved, and it's a big part of why I became a child and family therapist. Moving from Chile to the United States at 10 years old taught me resilience, a deep appreciation for where I come from, and a conviction that every child's story matters. Because of that, it's important to me that every child in our family knows where they come from, celebrates their culture, and knows that every part of their story is honored and celebrated.

MEET TRINI

A young girl with curly brown hair, wearing a white sleeveless dress, stands on a rocky shore. Behind her is a calm lake reflecting the surrounding greenery and a large, snow-capped mountain under a cloudy sky.

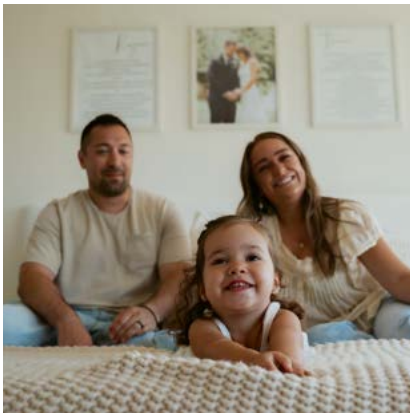
MEET OUR DAUGHTER



EMILIA

Our daughter Emi is two years old and brings so much joy to our home. She is sweet, funny, and has the biggest personality. She loves other children and naturally has such a caring, nurturing heart. Even though she is just 2, Emi LOVES God. She loves singing worship songs, joining us for our morning "Time with God," and praying for the people around her. If someone falls down or she notices someone is sad, she'll stop whatever she's doing to pray for them. It's such a gift to watch her faith grow at such a young age.

Emi knows she has a big brother, Lucas, in Heaven, and she has been praying for a baby brother or sister for a long time. We can't wait to watch her become a big sister. We know she'll welcome a new sibling with so much love.



We love being together as a family. During the summer, we will walk our dog, Kelso around the pond near our house before stopping at Ben & Jerry's for ice cream—our favorite family treat! Every morning starts with "family cuddles," where we all pile into bed together before the day gets going. Even Kelso makes sure he's part of it! On the weekends, we like to go on fun outings like a farmers market, a movie in the park, and almost always spend time with our close friends and all of their kids!

Trini was born and raised in Chile, so Latin culture is a big part of our everyday life. We are a bilingual home! We speak both English and Spanish and love celebrating the different cultures that make up our family. We love having asados (barbecues), filling our home with Spanish music and dancing together, and celebrating the traditions Trini grew up with. Our closest family friends - who have truly become family to us - are from many other Latin countries like Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela. Trini's sister-in-law, Nahomi, is from Mexico, so our family celebrations are often a fun mix of Chilean and Mexican traditions. We spend every New Year's Eve celebrating with our friends from across South and Central America, and for one night it feels like we're all back home. Every February we pack our bags and head to Chile for a month to be with Trini's extended family. It's one of our favorite traditions. We escape the Washington winter, spend our days at the beach, and make sweet memories with the people we love.

HOME SWEET HOME



WE LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL SIX-BEDROOM HOME THAT WE LOVE FILLING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. OUR FAVORITE SPACE IS THE DOWNSTAIRS PLAYROOM, COMPLETE WITH A BALL PIT, TRAMPOLINE, PLENTY OF TOYS, AND LOTS OF ROOM TO PLAY! IT'S WHERE EMI AND ALL THE KIDS WHO COME OVER CAN SPEND HOURS HAVING FUN TOGETHER, AND IT'S ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PLACES IN THE HOUSE.

MEET KELSO

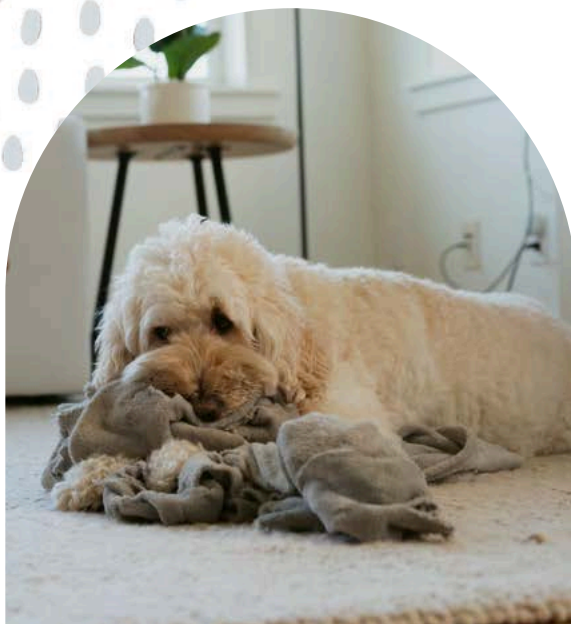
Kelso! He's our lovable, goofy 6-year-old Goldendoodle who brings so much fun to our home. He absolutely loves children, never turns down a cuddle, and keeps us active with our daily walks around the neighborhood. Whether he's joining us for family cuddles or happily greeting everyone who walks through the door, Kelso is a much-loved part of our family.

WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!

We live in the suburbs of Washington, surrounded by other young families, and truly love the community God has placed us in. There's a playground right across the street, and we've become close friends with many of our neighbors through weekly playdates, backyard get-togethers, and even summer trips together. One of the things we love most about where we live is the incredible diversity. Our community is made up of families from so many different cultures, and we love getting to experience that through cultural festivals, food fairs, and community events throughout the year. It's something we hope helps our children grow up with an appreciation for different cultures and traditions. We also feel incredibly grateful to live in an area with outstanding schools. While we currently plan to send our children to private school, it's reassuring to know that if our plans ever changed, we'd be in one of the top public school districts in the state. We love taking advantage of everything our community has to offer, from parks, libraries, and children's museums to indoor playgrounds, movie theaters, and our favorite ice cream shops. Living in Washington also means we're never far from the mountains, lakes, or snow, so there's always a new adventure waiting for us. We couldn't imagine a better place to raise our family!

WE PLAN TO BE HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL

We feel like God has called us to put down deep roots right where we are. We love our church family and are actively involved in serving, whether that's leading worship, serving in kids ministry, leading a house church, or walking alongside others through different ministries. Just as importantly, we love living close to family and hope to raise our children surrounded by grandparents, cousins, and a community that points them to Jesus. While we're always open to wherever God leads us, we truly believe He's called us to make this our forever home.





FAMILY

WE'RE INCREDIBLY THANKFUL FOR THE FAMILY GOD HAS GIVEN US

Between our families in Washington, North Carolina, and Chile, we're surrounded by people who love us deeply. Your child would be welcomed into a family that will love them deeply, pray for them often, encourage them, and celebrate them every step of the way.

Trini's parents, who we call Abu and Elo, live just 15 minutes away and are a big part of our everyday life. Trini has two brothers, Vicente and Santiago, who both live nearby and are a big part of our lives. Vicente's wife, Nahomi, was adopted as a child, and throughout our adoption journey she's shared so much of her heart with us and helped us better understand adoption through her own experiences.

Ryan's parents, who we call Nana and Poppa, live in North Carolina, but they never feel far away. We FaceTime almost every day, visit each other several times a year, and always look forward to being together. Ryan has three siblings. His sister Jessica and her husband, Taylor, have a one-year-old daughter, Bennett. His sister Kristen is married to Stavros, and his brother Nathan and his soon-to-be fiancée, Jaimee, are excitedly planning the next chapter of their lives together. Even though we don't live in the same state, we're a close family and always look forward to being together.

OUR VILLAGE

WE HOPE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS KNOWS HOW DEEPLY THEY'RE LOVED—NOT JUST BY US,
BUT BY THE WHOLE FAMILY WHO WOULD BE HONORED TO KNOW AND LOVE THEM.

Our families show up. They're there for birthdays, they help when someone is sick, and they celebrate the little things just as much as the big ones. Whether they're in the front row or cheering us on over FaceTime, we always know they're with us. We know they'll show up for your child the same way they've always shown up for us.

Both of our families have been praying for you, your child, and your family long before we knew who you are. They know that if we're blessed to grow our family through adoption, it will be because of God's faithfulness and your loving, courageous choice. If God brings our paths together, they can't wait to welcome your child with open arms.





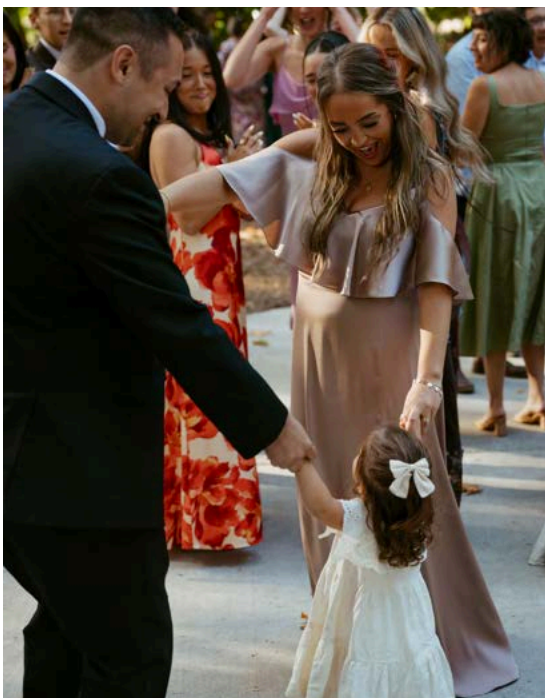
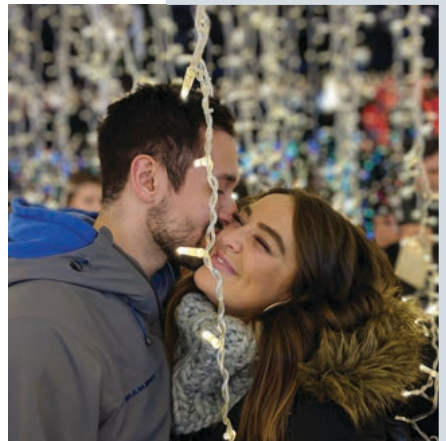
TRADITIONS

**FAMILY IS SUCH A BIG PART OF OUR LIVES, AND
WE LOVE MAKING MEMORIES TOGETHER.**

Christmas is always one of our favorite times of the year. We alternate spending it in Washington with Trini's family and in North Carolina with Ryan's family, and we love that Emi and future children will make special memories with both sides of their family.

Birthdays are another one of our favorite traditions. We decorate the house the night before, wake up the birthday person with cake while everyone sings Happy Birthday, spend the day doing all of their favorite things, and end the evening with dinner with our closest family and friends. We'd love for you to join us over FaceTime for our morning birthday tradition, if that's something you'd want to do. We hope you'll always feel welcome celebrating those special moments with us!

One tradition that's especially meaningful to Trini is painting a ceramic birthday plate for each child in our family. She painted one for Lucas and one for Emi, and she can't wait to make more as our family grows. Every year, we'll pull out their special birthday plate to celebrate another year of life - a tradition that reminds us of the gift of life.







FROM ONE MOTHER'S HEART TO ANOTHER...

I will love your child unconditionally. I will honor where they come from and celebrate everything that makes them who they are. I will be there to listen, to walk alongside them, and to dream with them. I will always remind them that they are chosen, made in the image of God, and deeply loved. I will encourage them to pursue their dreams, discover their gifts, and walk confidently in the calling God has placed on their life. I will love them exactly as they are, and I will make sure they never have to wonder if they belong. They will always know they are wanted, cherished, and an irreplaceable part of our family.

I also want you to know that I will always love and respect you. There are no perfect words to describe the depth of this decision or the emotions that come with it. I have experienced postpartum without my baby in my arms, and I know the ache of that empty space. While our stories are different, that experience has given me a deep compassion for the grief, love, and sacrifice you may carry. I want you to know that I see you. I honor your courage and the love behind this decision. If you choose us, I promise to honor your place in your child's story, speak of you with love, and remind your child throughout their life of the incredible love you have for them.

OUR VALUES

WE VALUE LIVING WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY.

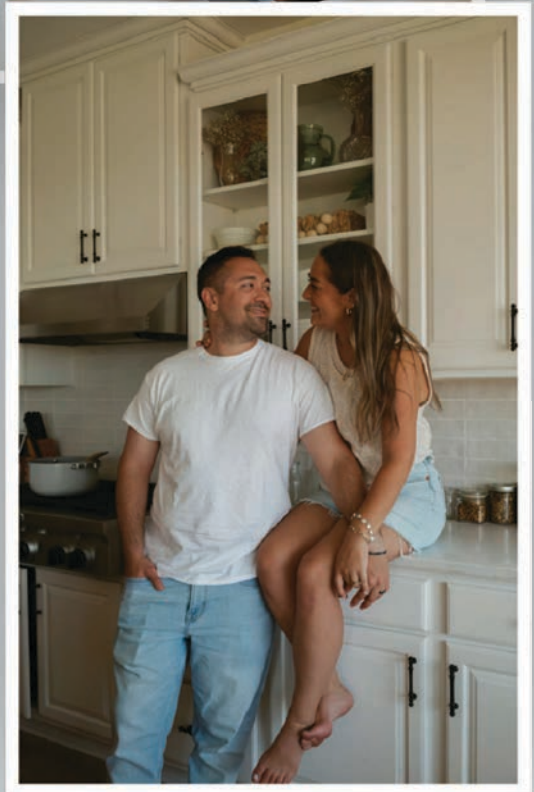
We believe there is freedom in being fully known and fully loved. We know life isn't perfect, and we want to be people who show up honestly, love deeply, and create a space where others feel safe to be themselves.

WE CHOOSE GRACE

We choose to believe the best in others. Our hope is to create a home where our children always feel safe to be exactly who God created them to be, and refuse to let offense keep us from loving people well.

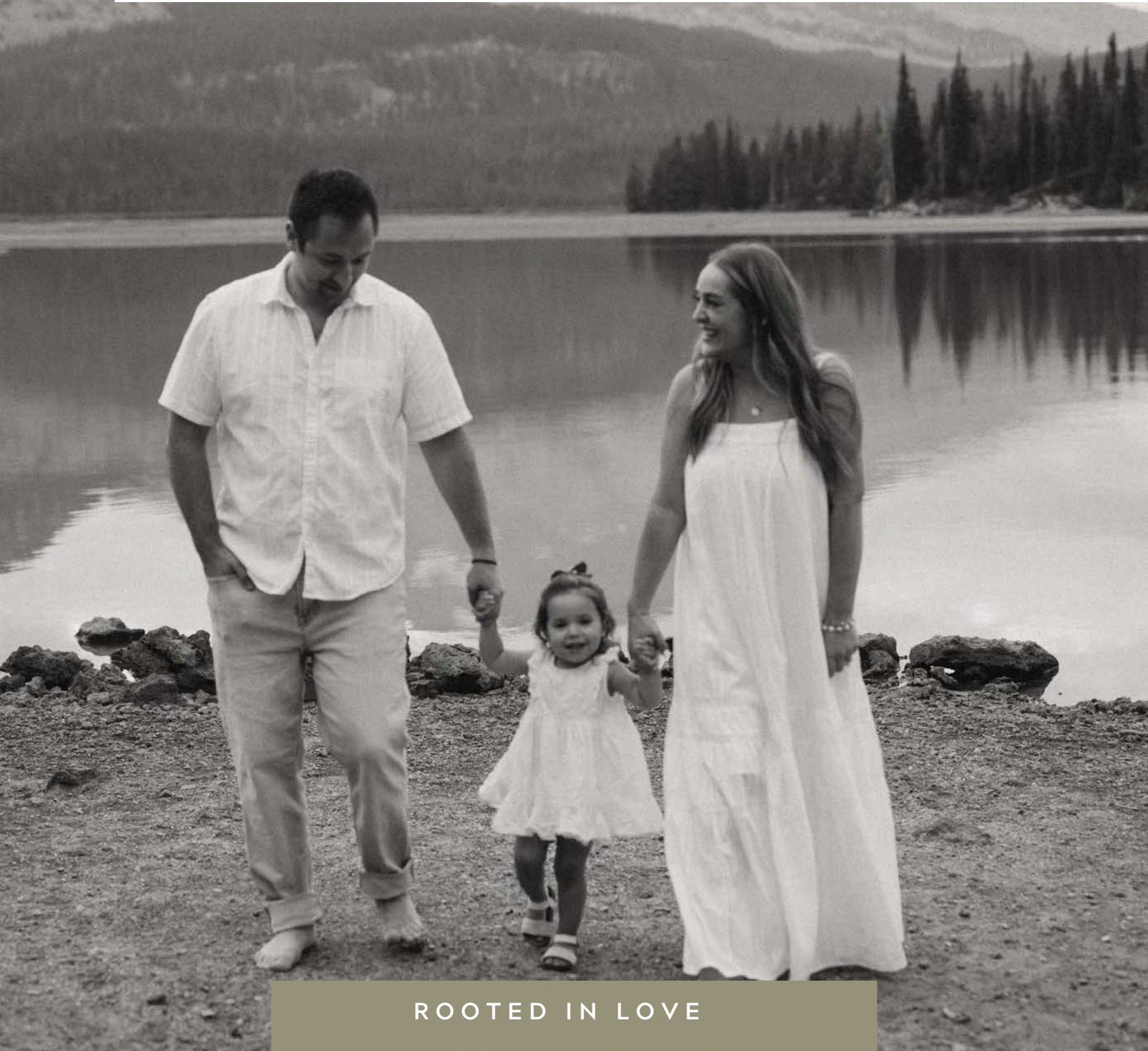
WE VALUE LOVING & SERVING OTHERS

We hope our home is a place where people feel welcomed, cared for, and loved.



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR FAITH

It's hard to separate our faith from any part of our lives because it's part of everything. It's in the way we start our mornings, the way we raise our children, the way we serve our church, the way we open our home, and the way we love others. We know we'll never do any of it perfectly, but our prayer is that our home would always be a place where God is known, love is abundant, and every person who walks through our door feels welcomed. One thing that's always been important to us is sharing the love of Jesus wherever God takes us. We've been blessed to serve on mission trips throughout the United States, Canada, Indonesia, and Japan, and now Emi gets to come along too. It's been so special watching the world through her eyes as she experiences new cultures and meets people who live differently than we do. We hope these trips will always be part of our family's story, giving our children opportunities to love and serve others, appreciate different cultures, and see just how creative and beautiful God's world really is.



ROOTED IN LOVE

BEFORE YOU GO





YOU ARE LOVED!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We can only imagine that reading adoption profiles isn't easy, and we don't take for granted the time you've spent getting to know us as you make such a deeply personal decision.

Although we don't know your story, we want you to know that we've been praying for you long before we knew your name. We've prayed for your health, your family, your baby, and for God's peace and wisdom to surround you as you make each decision. We will continue praying for you and your family, no matter where your journey leads. Before anything else, we see you. We see someone with a story, hopes, dreams, and people who love you. We wish we could sit across the table from you, give you a hug, and simply listen. We'd love to hear about your hopes for your baby, the people who matter most to you, and the journey that has brought you here.

If God brings our paths together, we promise to love your child with our whole hearts while always honoring and respecting you. Your child will grow up knowing where they came from, how deeply they are loved by you, and that you will always be an important part of their story. We will speak of you with love, celebrate who they are and where they came from, and make space for the relationship you desire to have with them.

If it's what you desire, we hope adoption will never feel like the end of your story, but the beginning of a relationship built on trust, respect, open communication, and a shared love for your child.

We pray you feel God's presence, His peace, and His unfailing love every step of the way. Thank you for allowing us to share a little of our hearts with you.

NO MATTER WHERE YOUR JOURNEY LEADS, WE HOPE YOU LEAVE THESE PAGES KNOWING THIS:
YOU ARE DEEPLY LOVED AND DEEPLY VALUED.

with love,
Ryan, Trini, & Emi

