

Ryan + Jenni







# Our note to you...

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves and tell you about our family. Our names are Jenni and Ryan. I am an elementary school teacher reading specialist and Ryan is a mechanical engineer.

During the past years, we have dreamed of having children in our family. Some of these years have been a difficult journey through infertility treatments. Throughout this process, it has made us a stronger couple by building our relationship and giving us even more preparation to be parents.

We hope you enjoy learning more about us as you look through these pages. We have so much love to share and we are so excited about the possibility of bringing a sweet child into our hearts and home.

with love,

*Ryan and Jenni*

*a special note from Jenni*

We are grateful that you love your child so much that you are willing to consider an adoption plan. I was adopted as an infant by a caring couple who were unable to have biological children. I know that the decision making process for my birth mother proved much to think about when considering the best situation for her and for me. I am grateful for the adoption plan that she and my adoptive parents made together. Ryan and I have both had amazing lives and want to give any child in our care the most wonderful life we can!



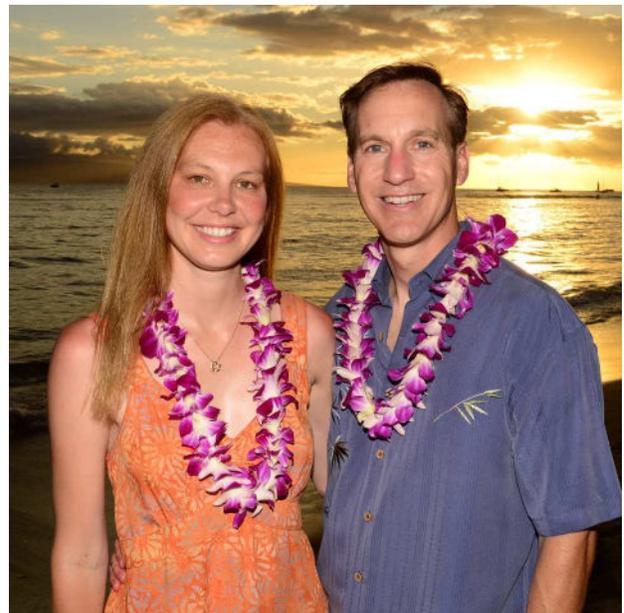


# Our Story

We met the “new fashion” way, online. We met for the first time in person at a coffee shop where we chatted until the staff made us aware that they were closing. We quickly discovered we had a lot in common! Once a year, we visit the coffee shop in early November, to celebrate that first date.

One day in November of 2013, Ryan suggested we go on a hike; since that is something we both enjoy, I quickly agreed. Our destination was a favorite camping place that we first enjoyed together in the summer of 2012. When we arrived, we found a lovely sitting spot to enjoy our PB&J sandwiches and chai. After lunch, we were standing together enjoying the view. Ryan’s heart was pounding, and I was curious as to why. He then reached into his pocket and pulled out a ring, knelt down in the snow, and asked me to marry him. He was careful to hold the ring box over his upside down hat, held in the other hand, as he had rehearsed, to not drop the ring. He had not planned that I would want to hug him before even looking at the ring. Within the time of that hug and a “yes” answer, the ring fell into the snow. After much hunting, Ryan found the ring in the snow. He retrieved it, made a snowball, and displayed the ring in the snowball for me to see for the first time. He then quickly put the ring on my finger! It was a wonderful proposal!

We had a beautiful church wedding in the mountains. Our colors were sky blue and sunshine yellow...Jenni’s favorite colors, with greenery...Ryan’s favorite color. It was very special to us that our family and friends were in attendance. We went to the Hawaiian islands, Maui and Kauai, for our honeymoon. We stayed in three different locations and enjoyed snorkeling, sea turtles, luaus, and relaxing in hammocks on the beach.







# Why Adoption?

I have always wanted to be a mother. The only thing that I would currently like to change about my present life is to have a child join our family. I love children. My profession has been to support children's learning since my teenage years through volunteering in the church nursery, teaching swimming lessons, babysitting, volunteering with elementary school teachers, serving in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit), tutoring, and the like. I have now officially been a professional elementary school teacher for 17 years. I love working with students. My heart greatly desires to be on the parenting side of this equation; to have a child that I will know from birth to adult, being raised by Ryan and myself, a child that is our family. We are excited for the possibility of continuing the legacy of adoption in our family.

*Jenni*

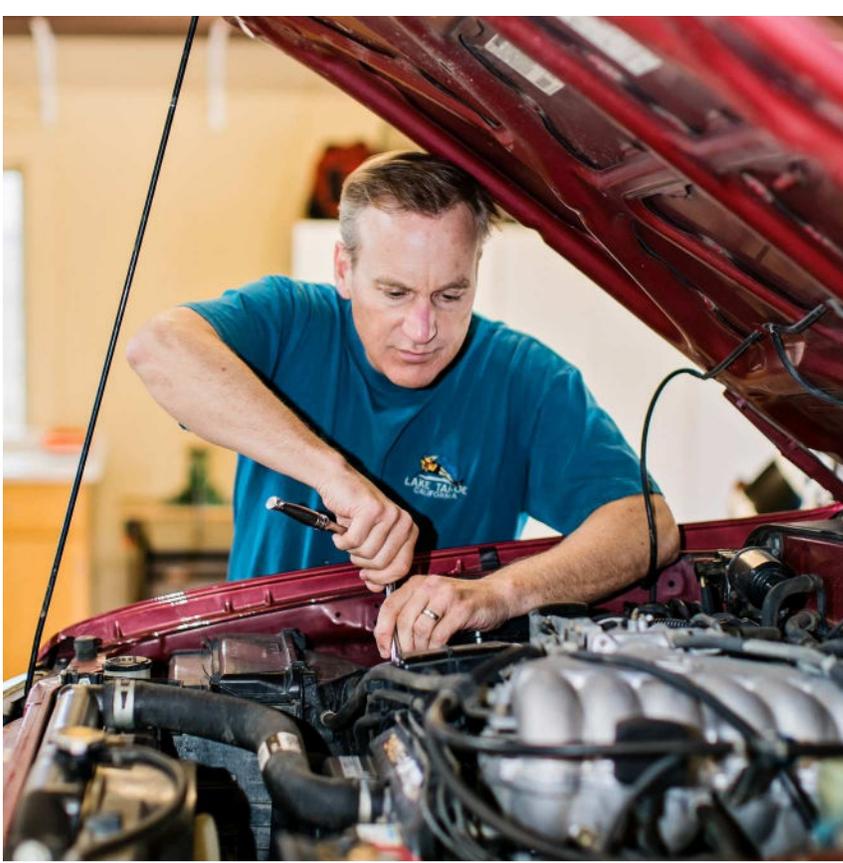


Before Jen and I got married, we discussed many things including having children. Our struggles with infertility have certainly altered our course in that area of life. Sometimes, God opens and closes doors to guide you upon a specific path He needs you to follow, and we feel as though we are in the midst of one of those times, steering us to pursue adoption. We've had wonderful lives, because our parents poured themselves into us, shared their experiences, and loved us very much. Jen and I long to reciprocate this blessing by providing a good, stable, fun filled, and adventurous life to another generation while at the same time instilling principles, character, and integrity.

*Ryan*







# RYAN

*in Jenni's words*



Ryan is kind hearted. He is an excellent friend and neighbor. I see him do so many kind things for people in our community such as helping them move, pitching in with yard work, rebuilding the neighborhood bridge, or bringing them food. He is a great husband for many reasons. Ryan is intentional about spending quality time with me and other family members. He is funny and playful. He is also hard working and really good at fixing and building things. In addition to all the things we enjoy together, he also enjoys exploring the mountains backpacking, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and 4x4 trucking. His interests also include bowling, golfing, pickle ball, softball, water skiing, and quality hammock time.

Ryan will be a wonderful father. I have seen him having fun with several children of friends and family. He wants to pass on good moral values to his children. He is engaging and creative when playing and making up games.

Ryan is a mechanical engineer. He is highly regarded by his boss and co-workers. They work well together to get the job done at work, and they make time after hours to enjoy company as friends.





# JENNI

*in Ryan's words*



Jen is the most kind and caring person I know. If I had to describe her in one word, that word would be sweet. She has a very gentle and loving spirit; a heart full of innocence and good will towards others. She has not allowed herself to be hardened by this world, and keeps a positive and grateful attitude toward life. She truly is a gem.

Jen loves baby animals like goats, chicks, and kittens. She is quite creative and loves to craft all sorts of things. She is always making gifts from the heart to give to others. She has a good balance between responsibility and fun. We compliment each other well and make a good team. Some of Jen's other interests include lyrical ballet and tap dancing, gardening, baking, reading, ice skating, volunteering, snow sledding, Disney movies, and curling up in an afghan blanket.

Jen is enthralled with children; her face lights up when she is interacting with them. As an elementary school teacher, she has dedicated much of her life to working with and teaching children. Jen has longed to be a mother. Many people I know, including myself, know she'll make an amazing mother and will never take her role for granted. I honestly do not know anyone who has a stronger heart toward children than my wife. Once a child does come into our lives, Jen plans on staying home to love, nurture, and raise the baby.





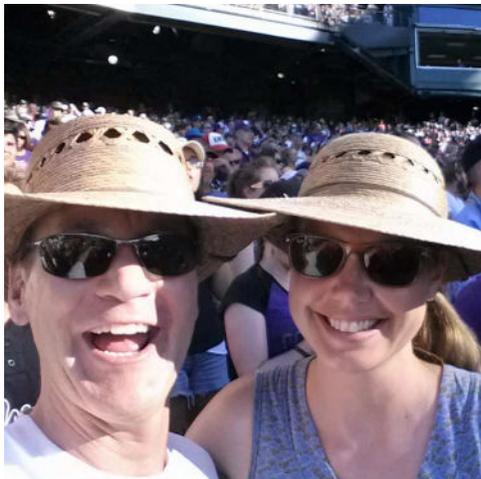
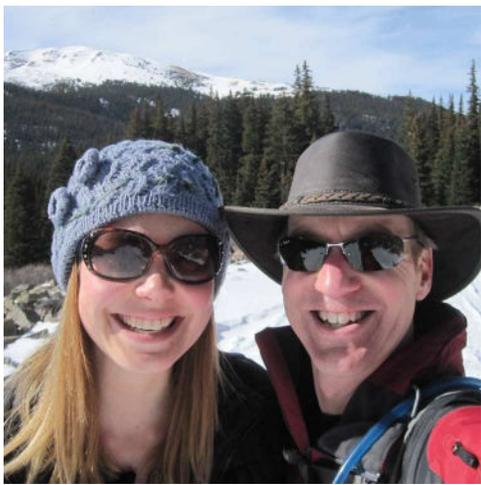
# Life Together

We both love the outdoors. Many of our favorite activities are enjoyed in nature including hiking, camping, boating, fishing, lake swimming, skiing, and more. When indoor activities are called for, we also like watching movies together, playing card and board games, playing Mario Cart, and lying in front of the fireplace talking. We enjoy seeing theatrical & musical performances, baseball and hockey games, old car shows, festivals, and museums. Occasionally, we will take a weekend trip, rent a small cabin, and just enjoy experiencing the surrounding area.





*our*  
ADVENTURES





# WELCOME

*to our home sweet home*

Our home is a blend of modern and rustic feel; it sits on five acres of lovely, rural land. Much of the area is landscaped into large yards, beautiful flower beds, trees, and walking paths. There is also a large section of natural area with native trees, grasses, and shrubs. We have a fair amount of wildlife visit us, which is a real treat to experience. I love growing various vegetables, fruits, and flowers in the garden. Ryan can be found tending to the property, and working on vehicles and other projects in the garage or barn. We love to have friends and family come over for picnics and barbeques in the summer. This year we will celebrate our third annual "Firefly Fest." Our backyard is blessed by a yearly visit from bunches of lightning bugs in late June.

One of our favorite rooms is right out front, the porch. We love to swing or rock in the wooden chairs as we talk with each other, read, or relax while eating a light meal. We also enjoy the rear patio, whether soaking in the hot tub or relaxing on the furniture, watching the birds flit, rabbits hop, and deer stroll by. Inside the house you would most likely find Ryan relaxing in the basement or working in the office. My favorite rooms are the kitchen and my craft room. We both love to spend time with each other in the living room talking, cuddling, watching movies, and playing games. Our home has plenty of room for children to play both inside and out. We have a comfortable bedroom for the two of us with a spacious bathroom. Two other rooms in the house are dedicated as guest bedrooms, each with their own bathrooms. We have a very special room that we have set up and decorated to be a nursery.



## *our community*

Many kind people live in our neighborhood. There are families in the community who have younger children and others with older. Most houses in our community are on five acre plots. We love the rural setting. The main road is a dead end road for our community, so it is very safe to walk on and go for bike rides. Everybody knows everybody else, and watches out for each other.

In our town, there are many playgrounds and parks to visit, hiking and biking trails, a large indoor recreation center, outside pools with slides, golf courses, softball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis/pickle ball courts, fishing ponds & streams, fairgrounds, stocked library, theaters, festivals, and many diverse restaurants.



## The nursery

"A PLACE IS PREPARED IN  
OUR HEARTS AND HOME  
FOR A CHILD TO JOIN  
OUR FAMILY."







*In our family . . .*

We value love, respect, kindness, and caring towards others.







## Our Family

### RYAN'S FAMILY

My mother and father provided a wonderful childhood for me. I can only aspire to provide such a great childhood for my child as they did me. My father passed away and my mother lives out of state with her fiancé. They travel in an RV for about half the year, experiencing new places and visiting national parks and landmarks. They visit Jen and I every year in the late summer or early fall and stay for four to six weeks; we enjoy having that extended time with them. My mother is certainly looking forward to a grandchild, and she anticipates visiting more often when the time comes. They are very kind and good-hearted people; I'm grateful to have them in my life.

### JENNI'S FAMILY

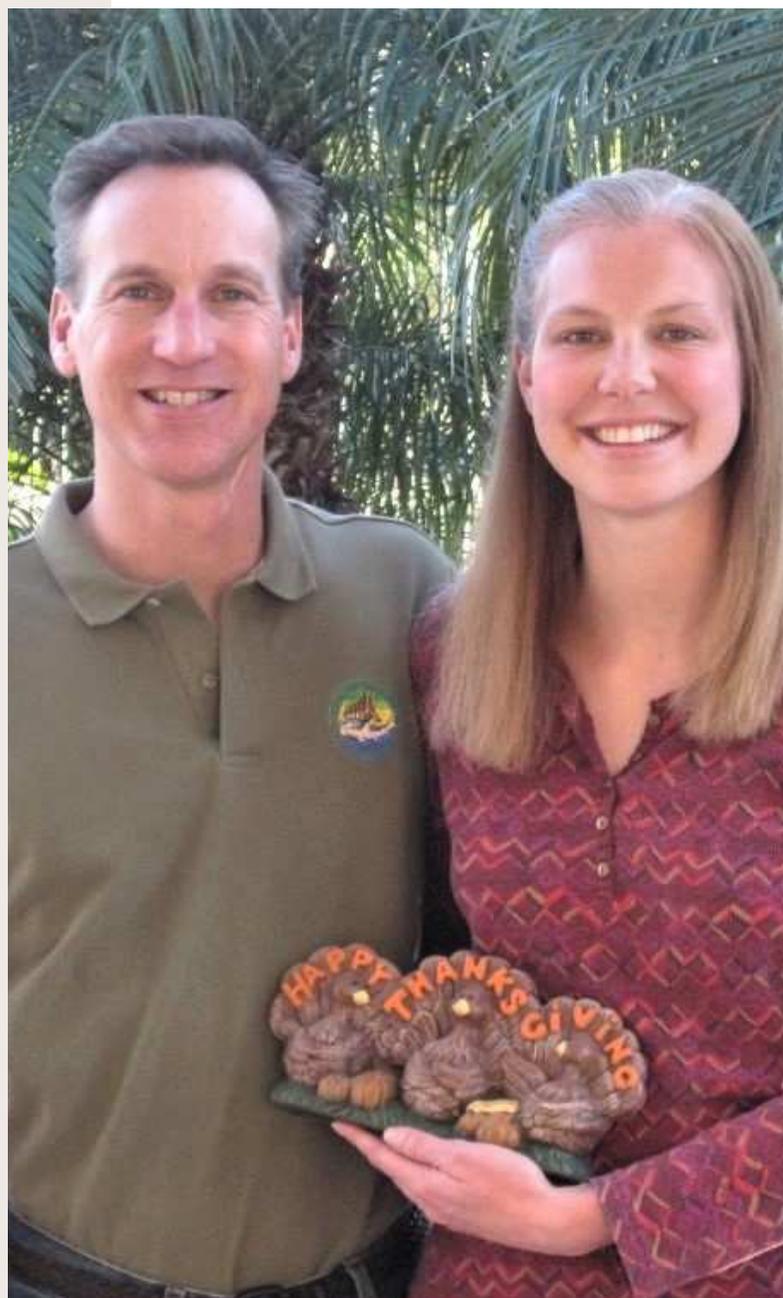
My parents enjoy playing golf, spending time with family and friends, traveling, and helping others. They live within half an hour of us, and we are thankful we get to spend quality time with them sharing meals, boating, fishing, golfing, playing card games, shopping, and going to the movies. All of our parents are very supportive of our desire to adopt and are excited to become grandparents.





## *meet our kitty*

I rescued a darling little kitten when I was living in the south east. She is a multi-colored cat with tabby, calico, and bengal as her most prominent breeds. Her favorite toy is a stuffed manatee that she chose from my stuffed animal collection when she was a small kitten. Kitty and I spent eight years together before Ryan started coming over regularly. It took her a bit to get used to him, but since then, kitty and Ryan have become great pals who love to cuddle and play together. She has been a loving companion for many years.





## Our Holiday Traditions

Since our marriage, we have always chosen a day to celebrate our own family holiday, Harvest Day, in late September or early October. This is the time of year when all our parents are close to our home. Once a grandchild comes, we all expect to share more holidays together.

We celebrate New Year's by relaxing at home and, occasionally, go to an event. We always enjoy quality time with each other on or around Valentine's Day. Often, the day is spent at home cooking together or for each other, and enjoying each others company. Near Valentine's we often attend a special event or theatrical dinner show. We have taken fun spring break trips such as visiting friends on the east coast and family in the south. On Easter Sunday, we attend church and visit with family or friends. For the 4th of July, we usually visit with my parents, having a BBQ cookout and enjoying some body of water or mountain activities. Every other Thanksgiving, since our engagement, we have traveled to spend the holiday with Ryan's mother. The other Thanksgivings have been spent with my parents and extended family near home or traveling elsewhere, just the two of us. For Christmas, we decorate the house with lights, trees, wreaths, and garlands. We hang lots of ornaments on the Christmas trees together, many of which are from our childhood that hold special meaning for us. Ryan and I generally host a Christmas party for the neighborhood. Spending the holiday with family is important to us. We attend Christmas Eve church service, then on Christmas Day have a relaxing morning of sharing gifts with each other while reflecting upon God's goodness and grace toward us.



## OUR FUTURE

We are settled in our current home and have no plans to move in the future. We enjoy traveling, and hope to see many of the world's fantastic sights. Both of us were exposed to a large and diverse world as children through travel, and that is something we definitely wish to pass onto our children. We have enjoyed sharing our lives with each other, but we look forward to sharing our life with a child. We hope to continue to experience and enjoy life, help others, contribute to our community, and spend time with family.

## OUR BELIEFS AND FAITH

Instilling Christian principles and helping our children foster a relationship with God is important to us. We hope to be good examples to our children in how to live out those principals. We have experienced God's love, peace, and comfort and want our children to see how that relationship brings a richer, fuller, and more meaningful life.

We intend to surround our children with people who share our ideals, yet we do not want to shelter them from those who have different beliefs. We plan to offer a childhood that prepares them to function well in both their youth and adulthood. We need to teach them right from wrong, but also teach them that most of life occurs somewhere in between, and not to judge others too harshly. We hope our children will lean upon the principles we teach them, explore their own path, and find what is meaningful to them. We hope they have the desire to expand upon the gifts they have, help and appreciate others, build relationships, work hard, be responsible, and take time to enjoy life.

## SCHOOL AND EDUCATION

Our public school district is pretty good. We also have some very good charter & private christian schools nearby. Our plan is to make the best decision for the child's needs when it comes time for schooling. We definitely want them in the best environment to provide not only a good education, but also a good mix of life skills that they will need when entering the real world. Jen has taught in public, private, and charter schools; she has the skills to home school preschool and elementary age children.

We plan to send our children to college, trade school, or whatever further education is required for the child to be successful in their career aspirations or life's pursuits.





AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:

*faith, hope, and love.*

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13





*Thank You!*



While we cannot possibly understand the depths of emotions and contemplations you are enduring, we certainly do understand you are facing stressful, lifelong, difficult decisions. Who do you entrust your child to? Who will care for and love them in a manner that you would like your child to receive? Who will be grateful for the unbelievably amazing gift you are providing? Who will provide them with the opportunities to have a meaningful, fulfilling, wonderful life? While Jenni has certainly experienced a blessed life through her birth mother entrusting her to her adoptive parents, we have never been where you are.

We hope you have great support through this process; people, family, and an advocate that you trust to help guide you through this very difficult time. Whatever your decisions, we wish the best for you, your child, and adoptive family if you so choose to pursue that path.

Thank you, truly, for taking the time to read through our profile. We hope it provides you with a good sense of our love for each other and our hearts for you and your child.

*Ryan and Jenni*



