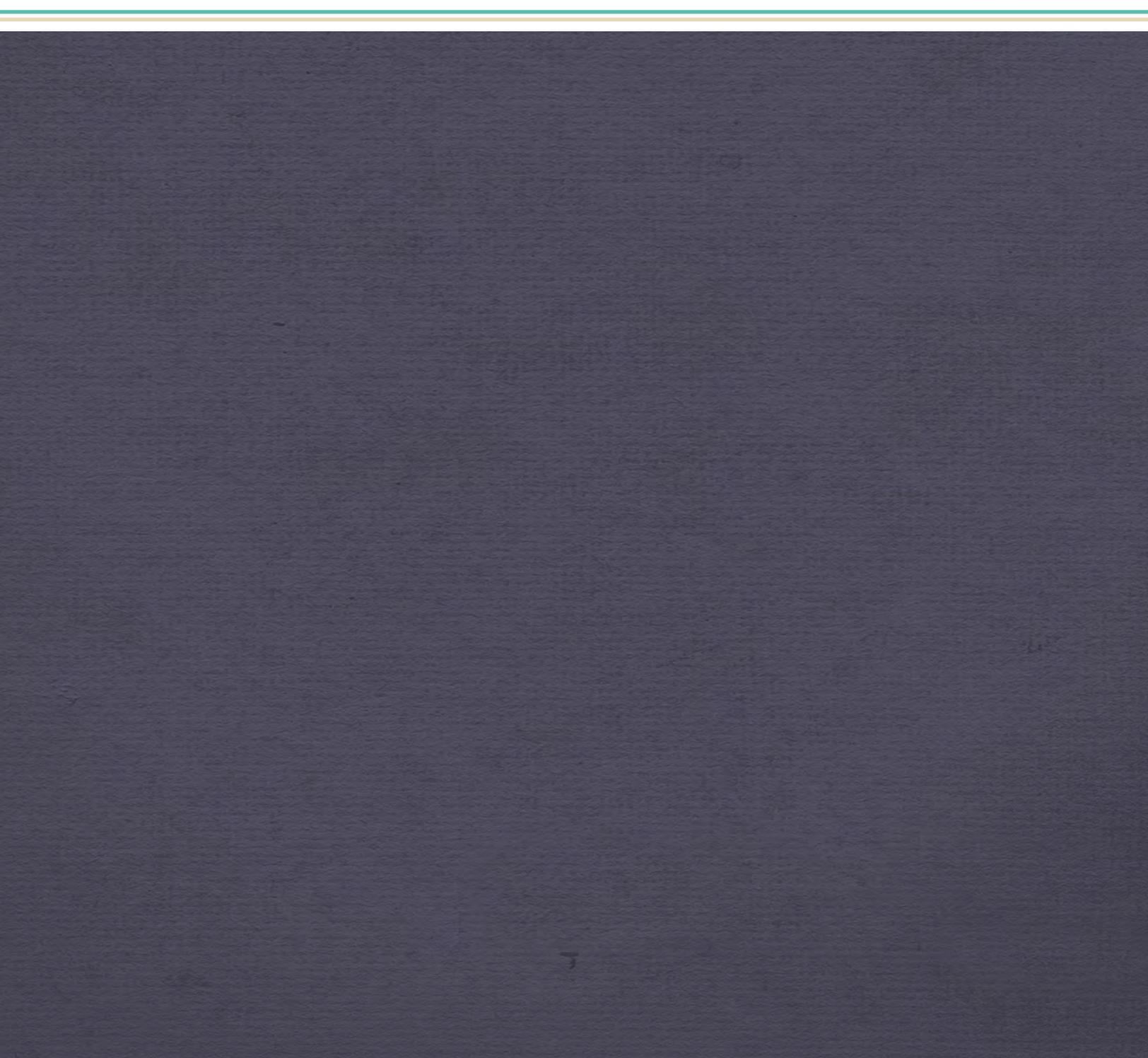
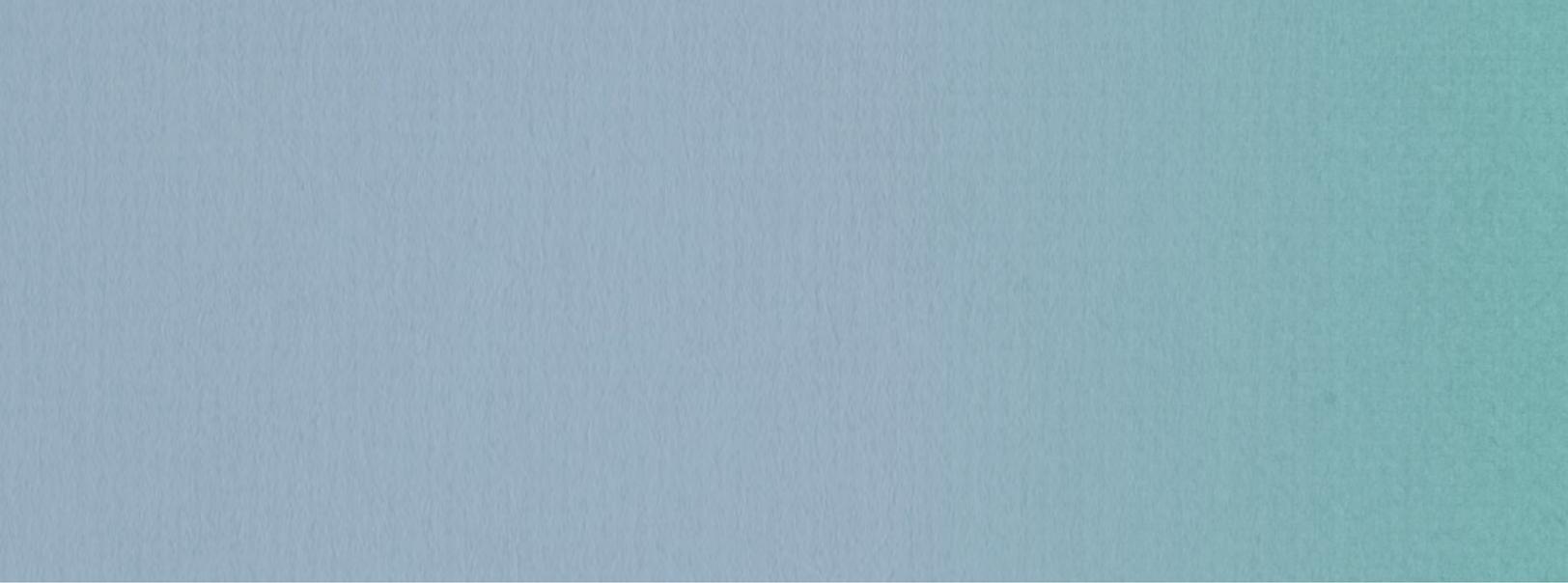




Nadi & David







Welcome!

This is

OUR STORY

HELLO & NICE



TO MEET YOU!

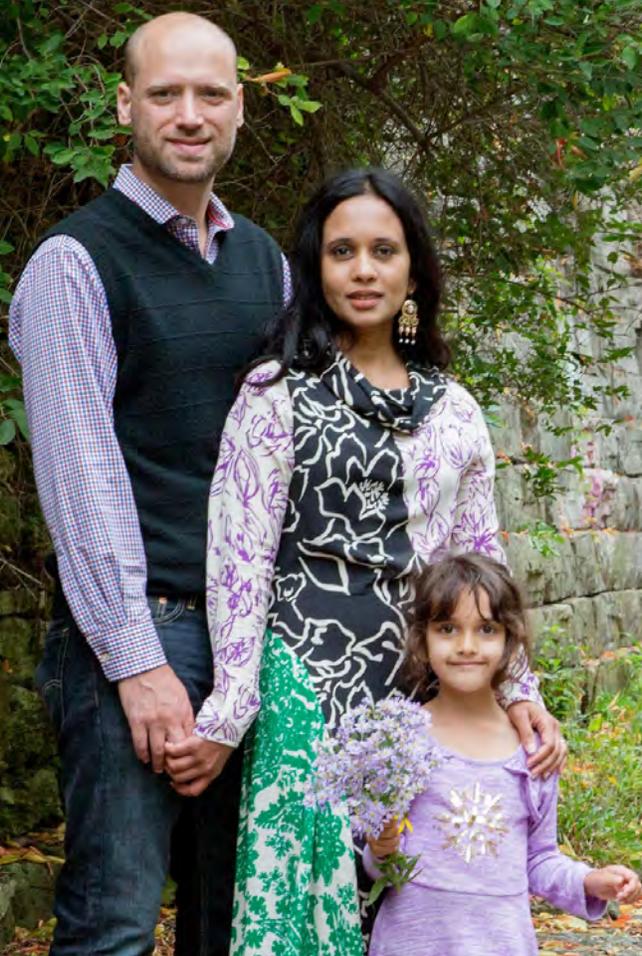
we are

David and **Nadi**

along with **our daughter Ofelia**

THANK YOU

FOR TAKING A LOOK AT OUR PROFILE.



Hi there!

We so glad to meet you at this step of your adoption journey. **We are excited to be here because adoption has been a part of the conversation from the beginning of our marriage.** While we are a deeply grateful and fulfilled family as a threesome, we have always

been sensitive to the needs and complexities of life outside of our comfortable bubble. We see adoption as reaching out to a child, and a birth family, during a crucial and vulnerable moment in their lives. We profoundly admire and appreciate the complex decision you are making at this time, and wish all the best for you.



We love to travel together

We are a family
**FULL OF LOVE
AND JOY.**



We would feel
**TREMENDOUSLY
APPRECIATIVE AND
BLESSED** to care for
your child.



Hiking while on a trip to visit family in Salt Lake City

Our home is a place of comfort, warmth and understanding. Our precious daughter Ofelia is affectionate and relational, and is very much looking forward to having a new sibling. Guiding

Ofelia along her journey in this world is an endlessly rewarding privilege and joy. We cherish and value children, and we take the responsibility of parenting seriously. As with Ofelia, we will

strive to understand and love your child for who they are, providing a source of dependability and support as they navigate the challenges of life.



David, Nadi, & Ofelia



Christmas Eve walk



A LITTLE  ABOUT
OUR FAMILY

[We first met while attending graduate school.]



Having a blast at the beach

We quickly found that we had many shared values and goals, as well as a **natural spark!** It is hard to believe that we have been married for eleven years already. Looking back, we can definitely see how our faith, our shared values, and our unconditional commitment to love and understanding have enabled us to slowly grow deeper and stronger in our love together over the years.



Engagement photos



♥ We are also committed to being a positive force in our community and the three of us are actively engaged in helping out the disadvantaged around us in a number of different ways. **WE ARE BLESSED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE GOOD LIFE WE HAVE TOGETHER, AND WE SHARE THAT WITH OTHERS AROUND US.**

Our lives now are not nearly so busy as our graduate school days. We both have stable careers and, fortunately, are able to make plenty of time for relaxed family living. **The three of us spend a lot of time hosting, cooking, reading, and hanging around the house and yard together.** We strive for authentic and deep relationships together. We take the time to actively listen to each other and to Ofelia, and have a long-established ritual of “talking time” (basically tea and a chat at the dinner table)!

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Things we will **TEACH** our son or daughter

Nadi

- ▶▶ To be compassionate
- ▶▶ To be generous
- ▶▶ How to dress well and have good style!
- ▶▶ To clean up after themselves!
- ▶▶ Theater, singing, and acting

David

- ▶▶ How to fish
- ▶▶ How to bake bread
- ▶▶ How to manage money
- ▶▶ How to play chess
- ▶▶ All the music that I like!



Lunch in Puerto Rico



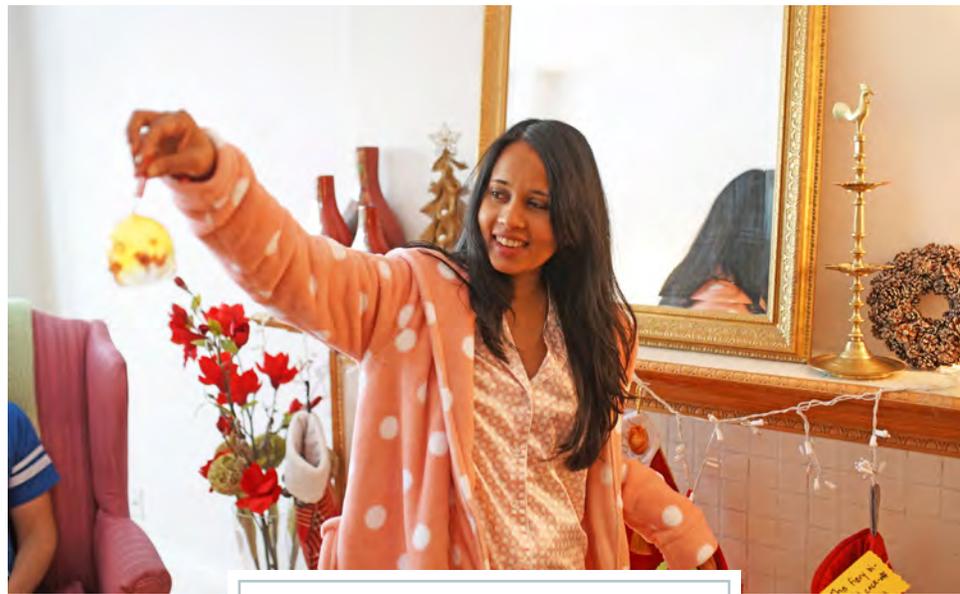
Meet Nadi



Enjoying a wedding speech

NADI IS ORIGINALLY FROM SRI LANKA (A SMALL ISLAND NATION SOUTH OF

INDIA). She came to America to further her education after completing college in Sri Lanka. After working in research for several years, she transitioned into teaching. She works with a disadvantaged student population. Nadi is invested in the work she does, and makes every effort to encourage and assist her students as they navigate the many challenges they face. She has family in Sri Lanka, and we travel back yearly, as we are able, to visit them. Interacting regularly and up-close with a different culture has been very formative for Ofelia. Nadi is very feminine, affectionate and passionate. She is a people person. She is the social coordinator of our family, and keeps our various relationships going strong!



Nadi loves decorating our home

NADI'S FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

FAVORITE AUTHOR

» CS Lewis, Phillip Yancy

FAVORITE KID'S MOVIE

» Home Alone

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

» Coffee and rice

LANGUAGES I SPEAK

» Sinhalese, English

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY

» Theater

MUSICAL ARTIST

» Leonard Cohen and Lauren Daigle

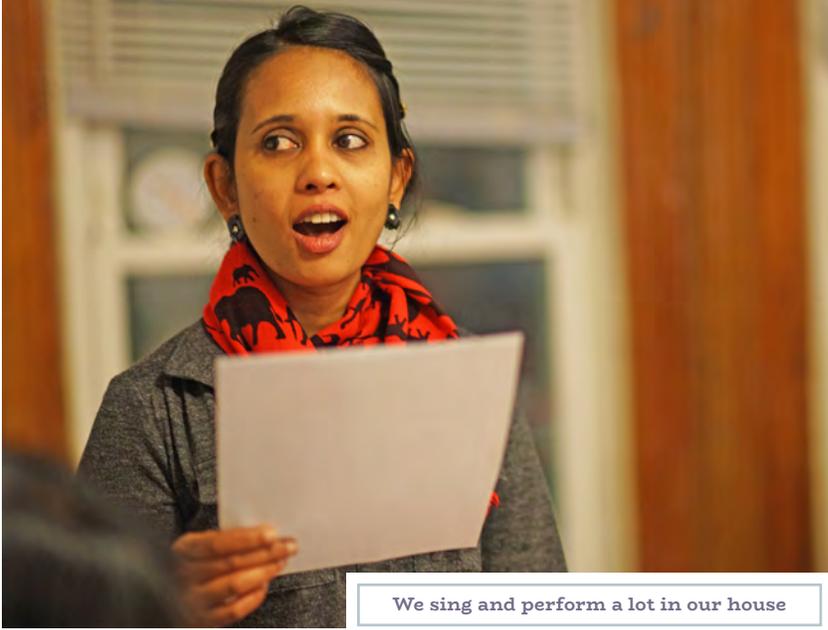
FAVORITE DESSERT

» Chocolate cake

FAVORITE SEASON

» The summer





We sing and perform a lot in our house

[Nadi is a wonderful mother to Ofelia]

“I CANNOT WAIT FOR HER TO BE ABLE TO SHARE HER LOVE WITH ANOTHER CHILD!”

—David



At the lake



We love to host often and have friends over

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

➤ Any ocean beach

DREAM JOB

➤ Professor or actress

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRE

➤ Sci-fi

FAVORITE HOLIDAY

➤ Christmas

DAVID IS ORIGINALLY FROM NORTH DAKOTA (WE LIKE TO JOKE

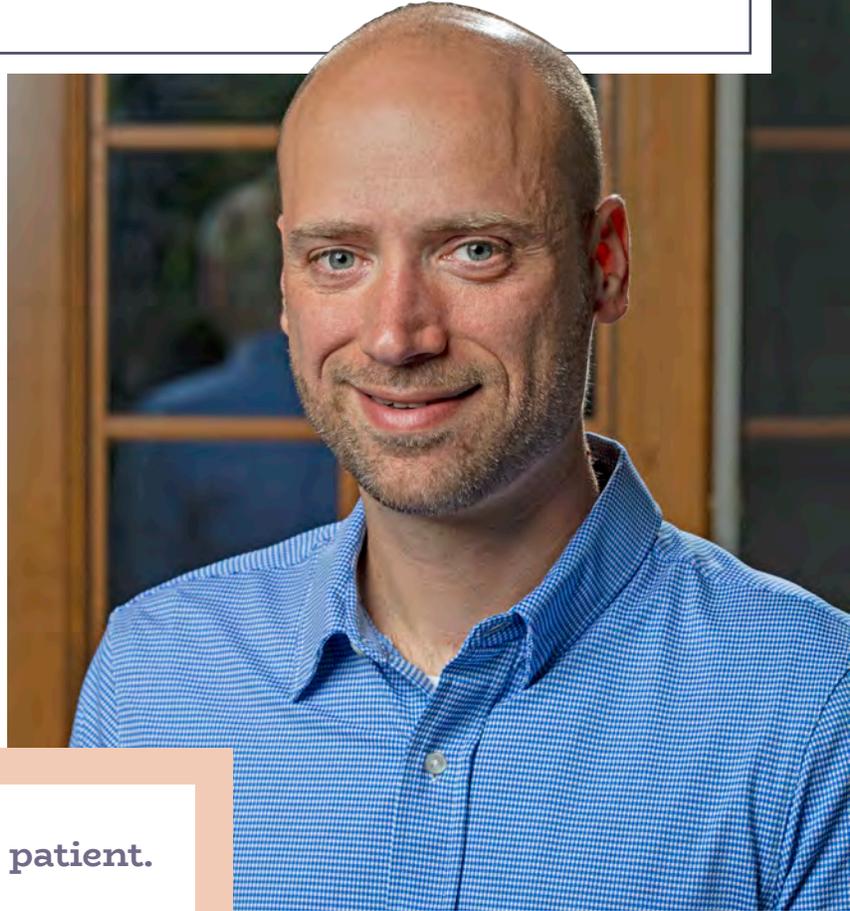
THAT WE COME FROM SIMILAR PLACES)! He loves being a dad.

He and Ofelia spend a lot of time baking, cooking, fishing, reading, playing cards, camping, going on walks, and running errands

around town. He does his very best every day in his work as a physician to help each patient he encounters. He loves being outside and has had many outdoor adventures. He has worked in the past as a guide for canoe trips. He is always talking Nadi and Ofelia into one outdoors adventure or another! He takes responsibility for the direction and well-being of the family, and is proud of the home they have created together. He is a thinker and loves reading. He has a big family, and we often travel to visit his siblings and parents.



Meet David



♥ **DAVID** is fun-loving, thoughtful and patient.



BELOW: Pontoon rides in the summer



DAVID'S FUN FACTS & FAVORITES



FAVORITE ACTOR

➤ Michael Scott (The Office)

FAVORITE ATHLETE

➤ LeBron James, the greatest player in the game today!

FAVORITE READING MATERIAL

➤ Fiction or theology

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS I PLAY

➤ Piano, guitar

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

➤ The Hobbit

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

➤ Books, cooking, hugs, the outdoors

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR

➤ Chocolate

FAVORITE SEASON

➤ Fall

HOBBIES

➤ I have too many! Reading, chess, the outdoors, fishing, camping, music, working out

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

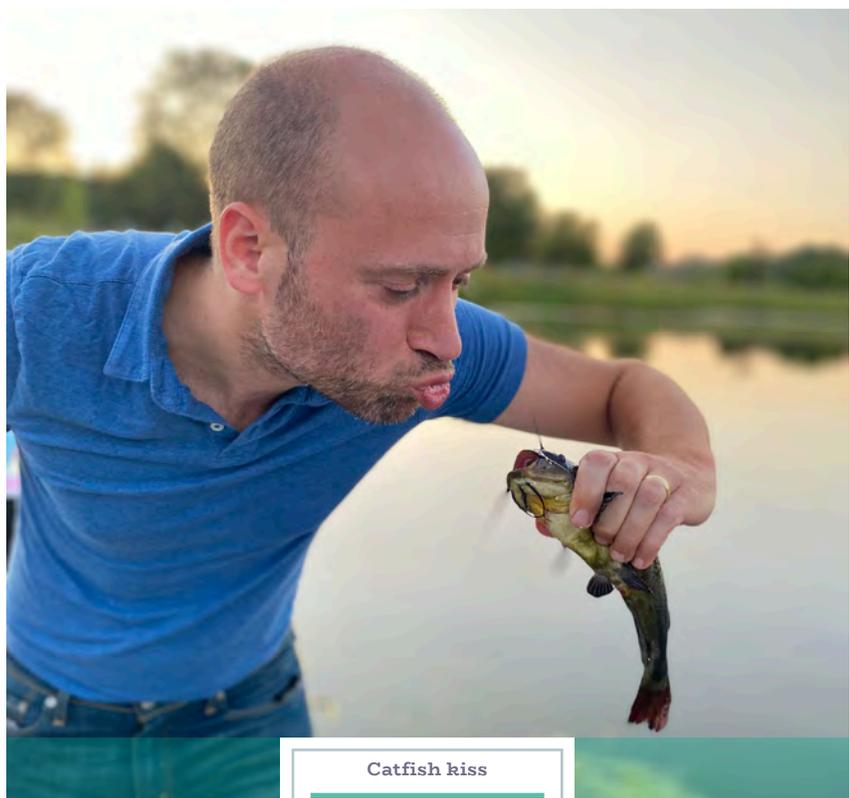
➤ Ofelia and I often go to the bagel store on Saturday mornings for a date



Doctor David



A midwinter adventure



Catfish kiss



OUR

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

We have more hobbies than we have time, but we try to prioritize the important ones!

First & foremost,

we spend a lot of time on relationships and, especially, try to be a source of encouragement and support for international students in our city. Nadi was once an international student and

appreciates many of the unique challenges they face.

We also have friends and other company over often, and David has quite a reputation for his grilled and smoked feasts that he prepares on our barbeque.



A feast with friends



Culvers is Ofelia's favorite



Ofelia making bread

We spend a lot of **TIME COOKING TOGETHER.**



Ofelia is very proud of our **HOMEMADE SOURDOUGH BREAD AND PIZZAS!**



David and Ofelia regularly bake bread at home together

WE BELIEVE READING IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. We have a library, and each day we have a “reading time” (and no-phones!), where we all quietly read our own books. We also read books together as a family aloud many evenings. We currently reading through the Narnia series.



When we get time, music, chess, playing cards, dancing & sitting around the fire in our backyard, taking walks are all things we enjoy.



ABOVE: In costume for the Star Wars premiere



Birthday celebrations



Proud of her catch!

WE MAKE IT A POINT TO TAKE “ADVENTURES” EVERY SO OFTEN. River rafting, camping, traveling internationally, skiing, hiking, fishing, and guided sailing trips in the ocean have helped us bond and kept life from getting stale. David is an experienced outdoorsman, and helps guide us and keep us safe.

Princess Ofelia



Our home is a place of growth, companionship, and affection. We look forward to including your child in the LIFE WE SHARE TOGETHER.



Meet Ofelia



Excited to be a big sister!

Ofelia is a
WONDERFUL
LITTLE SPARK OF
enthusiasm and joy.

Happy birthday Ofelia!



She is spontaneous and lively. She spends a lot of time talking with people, and relationships are very important to her. Also, whether it is doing the dishes, sorting the laundry, helping to cook, or stacking wood, she likes to be involved in things. She enjoys kindergarten, and is proud of her independence and her friends there. Ofelia is warm, enthusiastic and sweet. **She is often the life of the party, and considers many of our adult friends to be her friends too!**

LEFT: Ofelia loves anything fancy **MIDDLE:** On vacation **RIGHT:** Beautiful girl and pretty purple flowers





LEFT: Our kitchen and dining room

Right: Patio complete with a fire pit



WELCOME  TO OUR

Home & Community

WE LIVE IN THE SUBURBS OF A LARGE MIDWESTERN CITY.

WE DO QUITE A BIT IN THE CITY (RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS, THEATER AND MUSICAL SHOWS, ETC), BUT ARE ONLY A TWENTY MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE LAKES. We make it a point to go out on the pontoon throughout the summer, or pick farm-fresh fruits. In the winter, we ski, ice-fish, and play in the snow. Our city has some really great festivals, and we enjoy the state fair, and other community events. Ofelia goes to an excellent private school, where she receives a lot of encouragement and challenges. We make it a point to actively foster and encourage her academic activities.

Backyard birthday party for Ofelia



We are blessed to live in a very **COMFORTABLE AND FUN HOME**. We spend a lot of time enjoying life together at home. We enjoy **the fire pit in the summer and the fireplace in the winter.**

OUR COMMUNITY

We still attend the same

church we were married in eleven years ago. Our church is a good source of community and support for us. We value the friendships we have forged there over the years. It gives us the opportunity to be supported as well as to reach out to others in our community who are facing challenges.

NADI'S EXTENDED FAMILY IS IN SRI LANKA (HER MOTHER, TWO BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER). They are very warm and accepting of David and Ofelia, and are looking forward to meeting our adopted child as well. **While we are only able to travel there yearly due to the significant distance, they very much care about Ofelia and talk with her frequently on Facetime.** Nadi's twin sister in particular has had many long chats with Ofelia! When we go to Sri Lanka, we make it a point to introduce Ofelia to the many beautiful aspects of that country and its people. We stay on the beach, swim in the ocean, eat the local food, and hike through the jungle. We also make it a point to involve her in our helping of many of the people there living in serious poverty. For example, we visit an orphanage, bringing them gifts and ice cream. We also have a relationship with a nursing home for people with very limited resources, and **we are involved as well in other humanitarian efforts.**



Ofelia with Nadi's twin sister



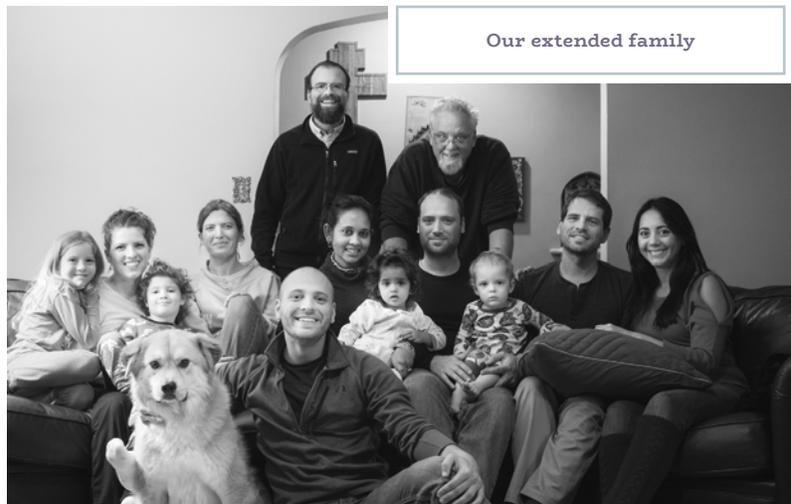
Family fun at a wedding

LOVE  MAKES A
FAMILY



ABOVE: It's always fun to play with cousins


 **DAVID'S EXTENDED FAMILY PROVIDES A VARIETY OF COUSINS TO OFELIA, WHOM SHE GREATLY ENJOYS!** While his siblings and parents do not live in the same city as us, we have close relationships with them, and we make it a point to do regular visits back and forth. In particular, the annual family summer gathering in a lake cottage is always much anticipated with swimming, fire-works, grill outs, and fishing.



Our extended family



Santa David came to town!



Ofelia decorates her own tree each year!



Ofelia and her cousin, same age!

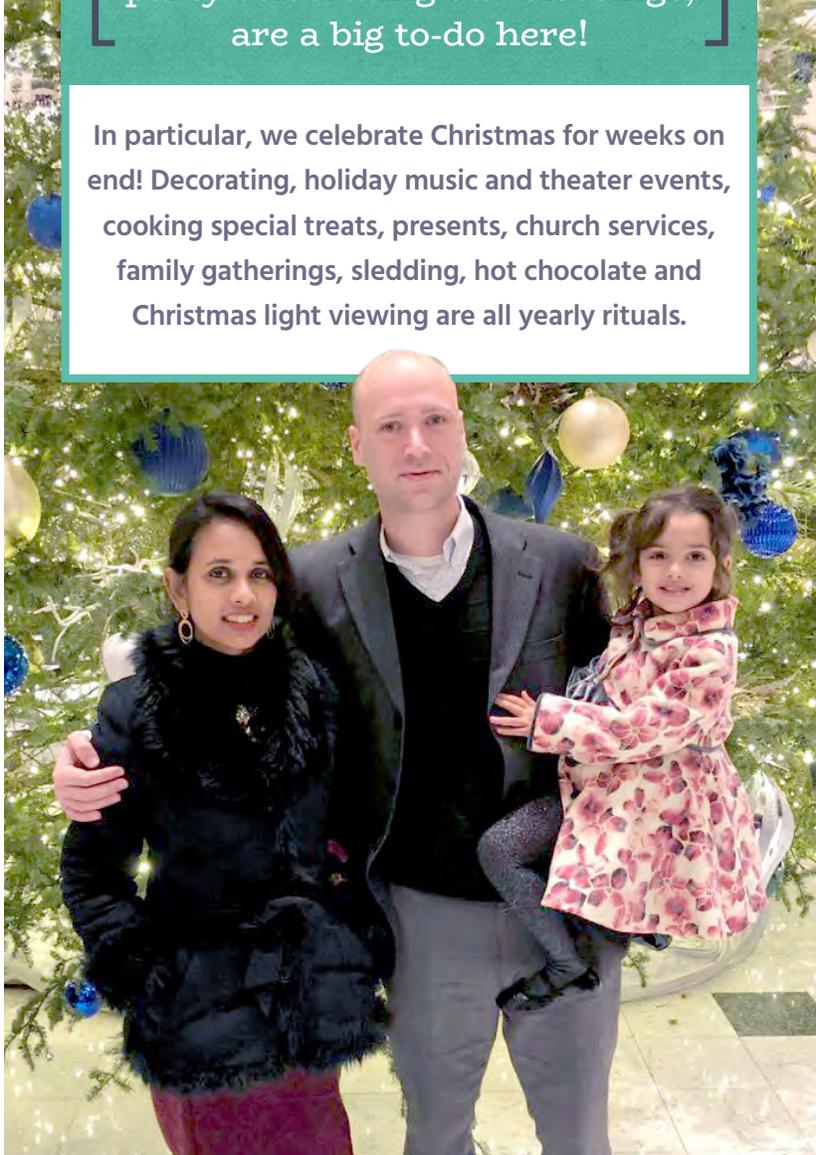
FAMILY & HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

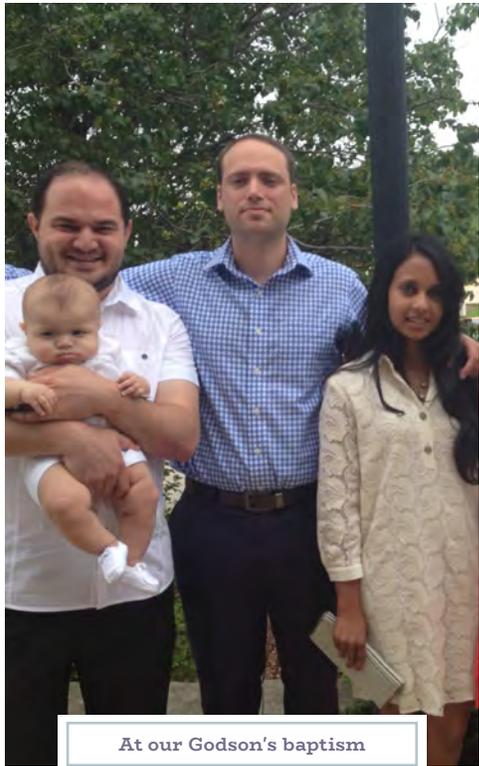
The holidays, as a big festive party celebrating our blessings, are a big to-do here!

In particular, we celebrate Christmas for weeks on end! Decorating, holiday music and theater events, cooking special treats, presents, church services, family gatherings, sledding, hot chocolate and Christmas light viewing are all yearly rituals.

5 Of our FAVORITE Family Traditions

- ▶▶ Watching old Christmas cartoons at Christmas time
- ▶▶ We get Ofelia her own tiny Christmas tree every year
- ▶▶ We blow off a large amount of fireworks with all the cousins on the fourth of July
- ▶▶ We have fires in the backyard often and make smores way too often!
- ▶▶ Huge backyard barbeques with many friends throughout the summer





At our Godson's baptism

OUR FAITH IN CHRIST



WE SEE OUR LIFE
AS A CELEBRATION
AND A GIFT FROM
A GOOD GOD who loves
us and knows us.



Our wedding day

♥ This gratitude is the basis of our view of the world and our shared home-life.

We teach and show Ofelia that each person is a child of God,

and that provides her a firm basis for self-esteem as well as a firm basis for respecting and loving the people in her life. We believe it is critically important not to indoctrinate our children, or to attempt to force our beliefs on them, but to expose them to the truth and beauty of Jesus

and his way of life, and let them form their own attraction. **The values we attempt to instill in children are hard work and personal responsibility, living up to your potential, selfless service for others, being humble, and unconditional love and forgiveness.**

ONE | LAST
Thank You!

WE DEEPLY RESPECT YOUR SELFLESS DECISION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION, and we are honored to be a part of your journey.

Thank you for taking a look at our profile and getting to know us some. We are so grateful for the special bond of love and respect that our family has, and we are looking forward to including your child in our love.

Whether or not we end up meeting, we wish you all peace and comfort as you explore homes for your child.



OUR THOUGHTS

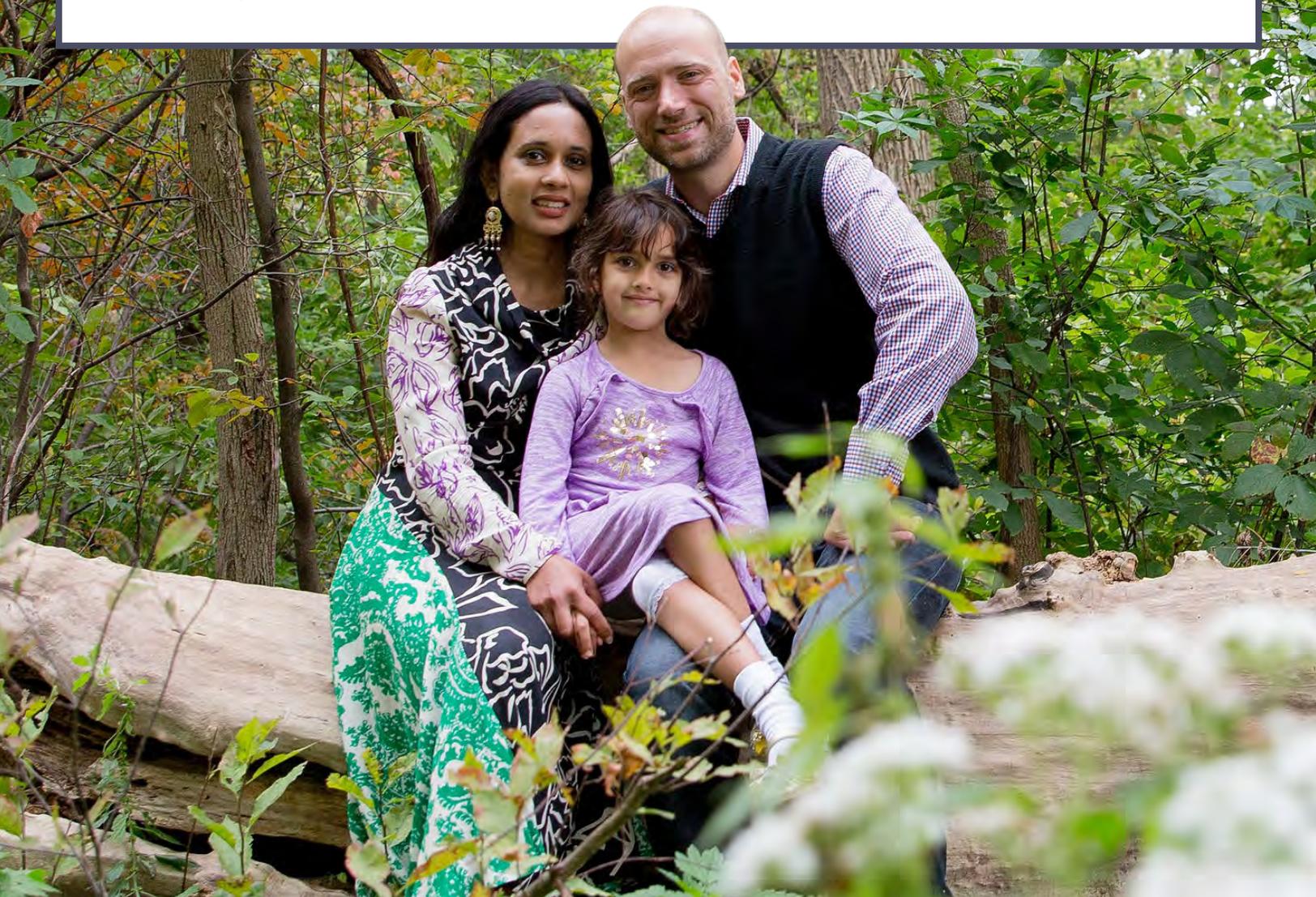


ON **PARENTING**

We are very careful and intentional in the way we parent. **The basis of our parenting, in a word, is respect.** We believe children respond well when given freedom and when empowered to be who they are, rather than talking down to them or commanding them. Rules, expectations and structure are important, and a part of our home. But also, we have found that inner character is what counts, and fostering this is an art that takes a lot of listening and patience and nudges in just the right direction at just the right time, rather than merely telling kids what to do. We show Ofelia, and would show our adopted child, that we are proud of them and value them, and that

they can do what is required of them, which helps instill self-motivation and self-confidence. When correction or encouragement needs to occur, it is done while preserving their dignity, allowing them to express their frustrations and perspectives.

We want our children to know that they offer unique and valuable perspectives and are important human beings, just the same way adults are. It is our deep pleasure to partner with them as they progressively learn to take initiative and responsibility for their own life and development.





**Thank
You**

AGAIN!
