



JOHN *and* KYLIE

Hello friend!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know our family! We hope this book will give you a snapshot of our life. We desire to enjoy life to the fullest and to become the people we were meant to be. We are so excited to become parents through adoption, and we hope that by reading this book you and your child will feel welcomed into our loving home!

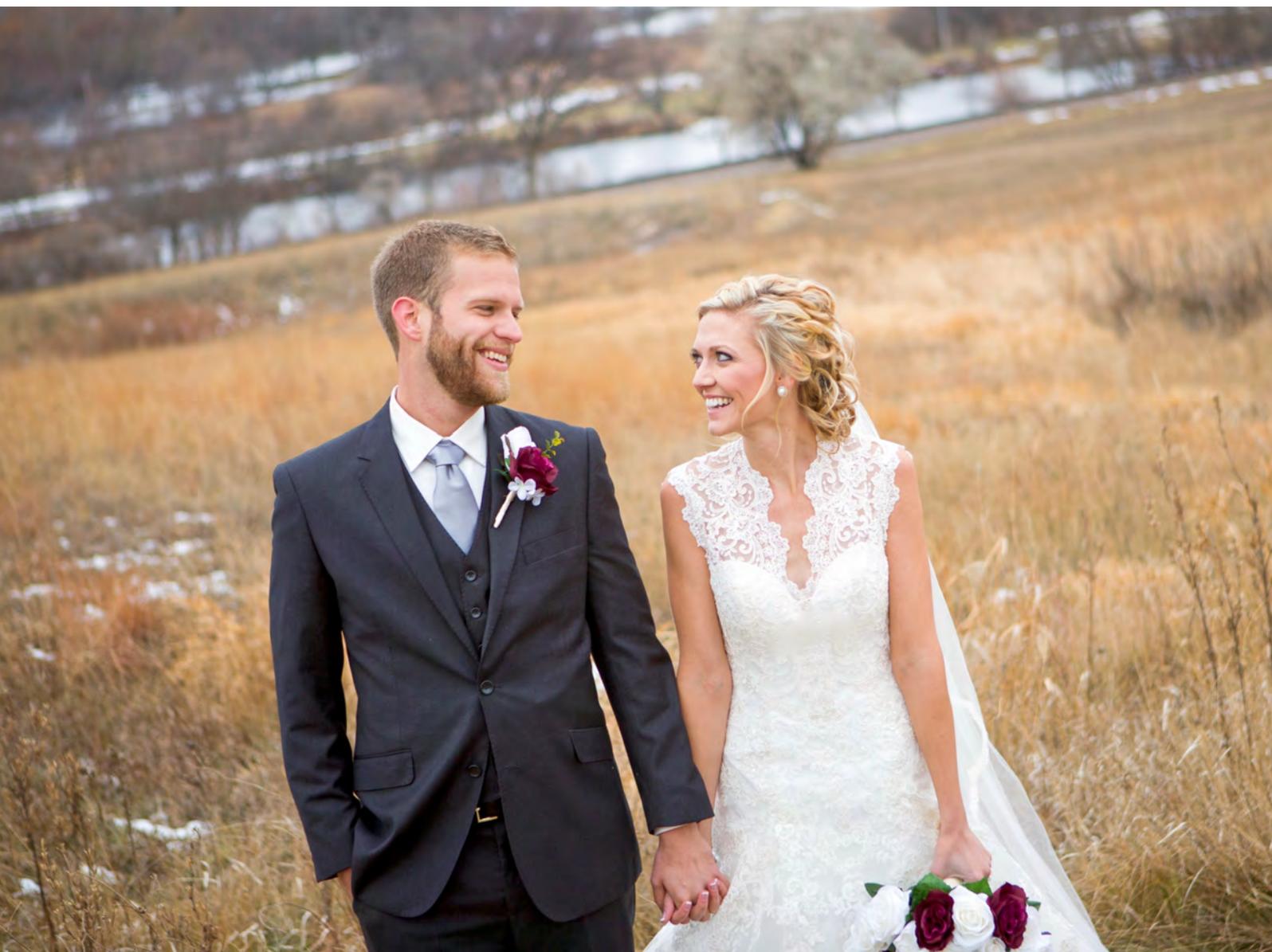
with love,

John + Kylie



A LETTER TO YOU..

Growing up we were told stories of heroes and those who acted with great courage. As we have grown, we have realized that it is more common to hear these tales of bravery, rather than to encounter them personally. Though we have never met, we cannot express the honor it is to cross paths with you, a woman who is truly courageous. We don't know the sacrifices you have made or the difficulties you have endured, but we are deeply grateful for you and grateful you have chosen to bring life into the world. Because of you, we consider ourselves among the few who have encountered genuine bravery. You will forever be cherished in our home and in our hearts.





OUR STORY

We met in college during our junior year at South Dakota State. Immediately, we were both drawn to each other and started dating. We truly enjoyed our time together in college and after graduating continued our relationship long distanced. Kylie spent some time in California while John was working in South Dakota. Eventually, we realized we needed to pursue one another more intentionally. We both landed in California and while we didn't know what the future held, we knew we wanted a future together. After a couple years of dating John mustered up the courage to propose and Kylie said, yes! We have been married now for over 6 years, and they have truly been the greatest years of our lives!



meet John

THROUGH KYLIE'S EYES

John is the most genuine and loving man I know. There is no one in the world quite like him. He is a hard worker with great discipline and a great sense of humor. He is honest, patient, and dependable...a steady ship amidst the ups and downs of life. He has an ability to live in the present moment and always enjoys the little things in life. He helps me not take myself too seriously. He is extremely attentive to those around him and always puts his family before his work. I cannot wait to see him become a father through adoption!



meet Kylie

THROUGH JOHN'S EYES



Kylie is a very authentic and outgoing woman. She brings life to every situation and is truly a joy to all those around her. She is committed while spontaneous, lighthearted while still determined, and perseverant even when challenged. She reminds me of how important family and friends are in living a joyful life. She truly puts her relationships first. Her deep commitment to our marriage and family values is a consistent source of inspiration. Kylie is also caring, thoughtful, and joyful and will be a great mother through adoption.







things we love

JOHN

Soccer, Karaoke, Hiking, Audio Books, and Frisbee Golf

KYLIE

Singing, Football, Coffee, Music, and Baking

TOGETHER

Getting to work together every day for a non-profit missionary organization. Hanging out with friends, the Outdoors, Movies, Traveling, Camping, Cooking, and the Beach!



why adoption?

As we have now been married for several years, adoption has deeply been on our minds and hearts. Early on in our marriage, we went through a miscarriage and then struggles with infertility. Kylie was diagnosed with advanced endometriosis and since has not been able to conceive. Experiencing the ups and downs of this journey has opened our hearts to be more receptive and compassionate to others. We have such a desire to love and care for children, and we see adoption as a great way to enter more deeply into this calling. We are both ready and looking forward to welcoming a child into our family!





our home



Welcome to our home! We live in a friendly neighborhood in Colorado. The park right next to our house has a beautiful view of the mountains. They are truly captivating, especially when the sun is setting. We are blessed to have a vibrant community of all ages around us. **Our home is truly a place of love and joy.** We are preparing the perfect nursery for our future child and cannot wait to add more fun and memories in our home!





our friends

We have truly amazing friends. They are a huge part of our life, and we love them deeply. We strive to love and support one another both in friendship and in our community. We enjoy going on vacations with them, especially camping trips!

Our friends are so excited for us to become parents and are excited to love our future child!



WE LOVE TO TRAVEL!



Experiencing different places and cultures has opened us up more to experience the joy of life! Some of our favorite places were Costa Rica, Haiti, and Mexico! We are excited to share our adventures with our future child!



JOHN'S FAMILY



John has three siblings and several nieces and nephews, whom we love very much! His mom loves having family visit and a good game of Scrabble. She is excited to welcome another grandchild into the family. John's dad passed away in December 2015, but we look forward to sharing the memories of his life with our future family.

KYLIE'S FAMILY



Kylie grew up with two families. Her dad loves the outdoors, especially fishing, and Kylie's mom loves spending time with her kids. Both of Kylie's parents remarried when she was young, and she was blessed with six more siblings. There are not yet any grandchildren in her family, so her parents are very excited to welcome the first one!

Ten fun facts

ONE. We have lived in several states since we've been married. We started in California, moved to Kentucky, then to Iowa, and now we are in Colorado!

TWO. John is terrified of heights, but he has continued to overcome his fear through our adventures of skydiving, hot air ballooning, and ziplining.

THREE. Kylie is the oldest, while John is the baby of the family. We complement each other very well!

FOUR. We are big Marvel fans!

FIVE. John comes alive at karaoke. Once the mic is in his hand, you better be ready!

SIX. We both dreamed of being marine biologists when we were growing up.

SEVEN. Kylie used to show farm animals at the county fair.

EIGHT. We have traveled to ten different countries including: Mexico, Haiti, Jamaica, China, Brazil, South Korea, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Russia, and Italy.

NINE. We both want to learn to play the guitar.

TEN. We love celebrating holidays with family!





OUR PROMISES

We *promise* that your child will grow up in a loving and caring home.

We *promise* that your child's needs will always be received and met with readiness and love at each stage of life.

We *promise* to appreciate and honor you and your child.

We *promise* to surround your child with friends and family that will be a community of love and support.

We *promise* to appreciate and celebrate who your child is as they grow and learn.

We *promise* to provide opportunities for your child to engage in fun and adventure.

We *promise* to support your child in growing into the person they are called to be.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are truly grateful for your openness and receptivity to getting to know more about our lives. We hope that as you have read through these pages you may see that both you and your child will be cared for in a loving family. Please know that you and your child are in our thoughts and prayers.

WITH LOVE,

JOHN & KYLIE

