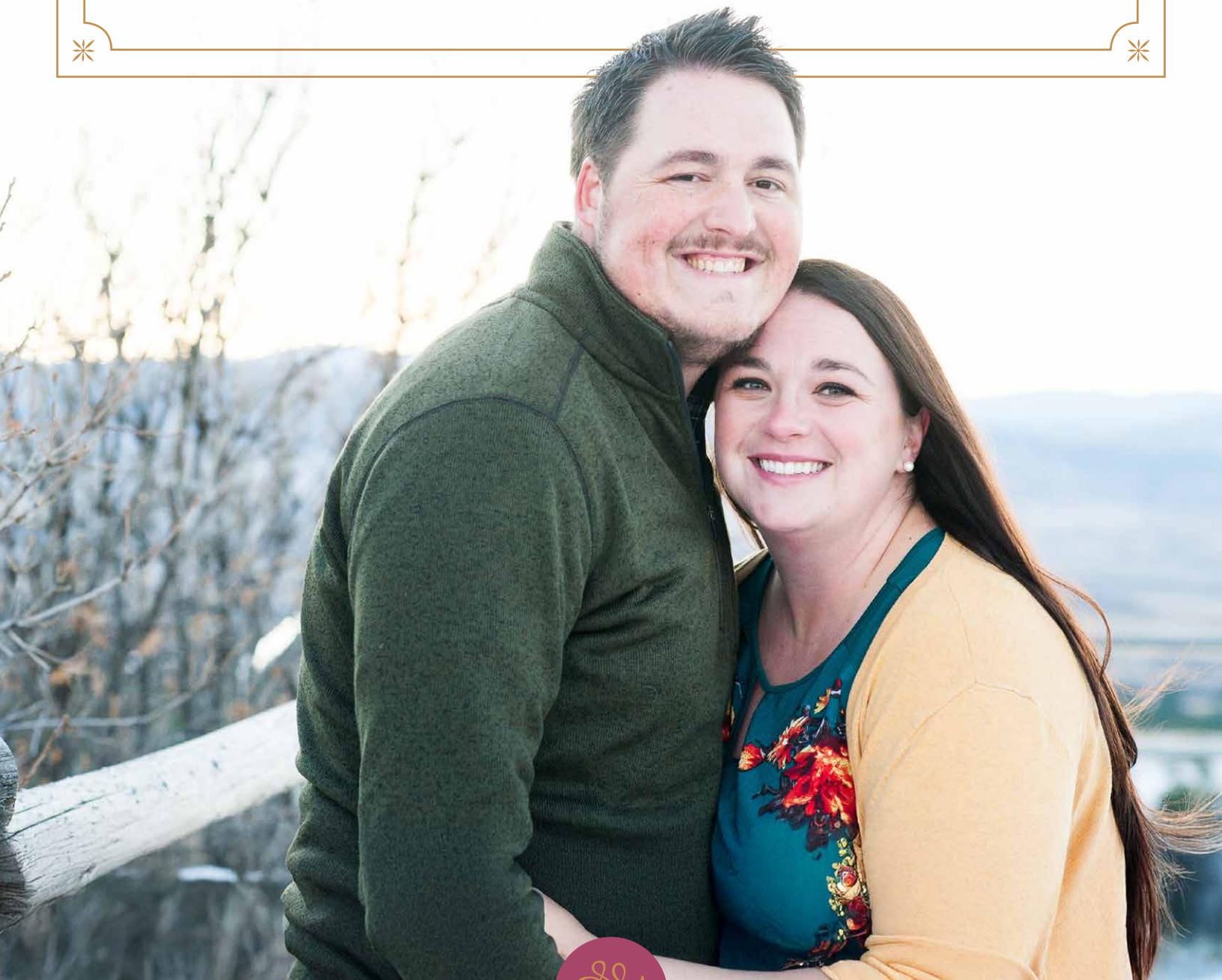


Angie & Russ



Hi! We're Angie *and* Russ

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A MOMENT
TO GET TO KNOW US.



Before anything else, we want to acknowledge the tremendous courage behind the decision you're considering. We know it likely comes with many emotions, and we deeply admire your strength and the love you have for your child.



NO BETTER PLACE THAN COLORADO!



PICKING FLOWERS TOGETHER



VISITING PUERTO RICO,
WHERE RUSS'S EXTENDED
FAMILY LIVES

We live in beautiful Colorado with our Bernese Mountain Dog, Winston. We've been married seven years (together nine) and have always dreamed of becoming parents. Adoption has been on our hearts from the beginning, and after a long journey through infertility and pregnancy loss, our hope for adoption has only grown stronger.

We want you to know that we're here to *support* you in any way we can.

If you choose to move forward with us, we promise to respect your wishes for updates and contact, and to honor your role in your child's life. Raising your child would be the greatest gift and privilege of our lives. We will provide a home filled with warmth, acceptance, and belonging, where your child will always feel safe, cherished, and encouraged to grow into the person they're meant to be.

Our Story

LIKE MANY MILLENNIALS, WE MET ONLINE AND QUICKLY DISCOVERED WE HAD SEVERAL MUTUAL FRIENDS.

ENJOYING THE LOCAL FALL FESTIVAL



ENJOYING A CHRISTMAS MARKET IN GERMANY

Our first date lasted over three hours, and we instantly connected. The next day we went on our second date, and the rest is history. After a year of dating, we got engaged at Disney World in front of the castle at Magic Kingdom!

We love and respect each other deeply, communicate openly, and never bottle up our feelings. We make each other laugh constantly, share countless inside jokes, and quote our favorite movies and shows daily.

Faith is at the heart of our marriage and keeps our relationship strong.

Angie is a United Methodist pastor who finds deep joy and purpose in building community, caring for others, and helping people grow in faith. Russ works from home as an accountant for an education software company, using his love of numbers and problem-solving to support teachers and students. He's especially grateful for the flexibility his job gives our family.

Hobbies & Interests

1

ACTIVITIES WE ENJOY TOGETHER

We love spending time together and staying active. On Saturday mornings, we go to Crossfit and work out together and enjoy the morning with donuts at our favorite bakery. One of our favorite activities to do is spend cozy nights at home together with our dog, Winston.

2

OUR HOBBIES

Angie enjoys hiking in Colorado, going to Orangetheory workout classes, doing puzzles, gardening, and making beautiful embroidery pieces. Russ enjoys playing soccer, ice hockey, and video games, and he has an impressive video game and playing card collection. He's also the cook in our home, making delicious meals for Angie, friends, and family.

3

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

We love cheering on the Colorado Avalanche, CU Buffaloes, and Denver Broncos, visiting flower farms in the summer, and exploring pumpkin patches and corn mazes in the fall. At Christmas, we always open presents in matching pajamas and decorate gingerbread cookies.

4

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

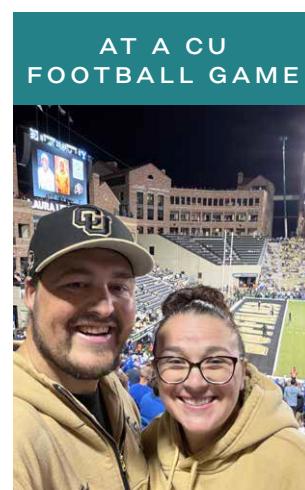
Travel is a big part of our lives. Together, we've visited thirteen countries and we love making memories abroad. Our favorite vacation was a cruise to French Polynesia where we explored many islands like Bora Bora. We also visit Disney World at least once a year. This past year we visited both Disneyland and Disney World.



VACATIONING IN NICE, FRANCE



BAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES TOGETHER



AT A CU FOOTBALL GAME



AT CROSSFIT TOGETHER

About Angie

WRITTEN BY RUSS

ANGIE ON A HIKE
IN MONTANA

ANGIE ENJOYS
MAKING BEAUTIFUL
EMBROIDERY PIECES



Angie is one of the most *compassionate* and *hardworking* people I've ever known.

Her love for others shines through everything she does, especially as a pastor. She has an incredible gift for remembering everyone's names and stories, and it shows how much she truly cares.

She has a heart for justice and service. Before becoming a pastor, she worked with women in a Colorado safe house, served in women's prison ministry, and has been a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children in foster care for five years. I deeply admire her passion for helping others and the way she loves people exactly as they are, including me.

Angie naturally connects with children. Whether leading children's time in worship, playing with friends' kids, or talking with teenagers at youth group, she makes every child feel valued. All of our friends' children call her "Auntie Angie," and they light up around her. One favorite memory is watching her laugh with kids at Disneyland, meeting princesses, eating snacks, and riding every ride. Angie is my best friend, and I love quiet nights at home with her and our dog, Winston, watching movies, eating popcorn, and talking about our day. I can't wait to parent with her and watch her thrive as a mother.





AT THE TAJ MAHAL IN INDIA



Fun Facts

ABOUT ANGIE



ANGIE DRESSING UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

1

She has visited 87 countries across six continents, with Asia and India as her favorites, and hopes to visit Antarctica.

2

Angie has run three half marathons and dreams of completing a full marathon.

3

In high school, she began sponsoring a child in rural Kenya and later met the child and her family while living abroad there.

4

Angie earned a full-ride scholarship to Denver Seminary for her Master of Divinity and was one of the few women in her graduating class.

5

She is passionate about children's ministry and has led eight Vacation Bible School programs, often dressing as biblical characters during story time.



About Russ

WRITTEN BY ANGIE



RUSS HAS
BEEN A HOCKEY
GOALIE FOR
10 YEARS!



RUSS RUNS A
YOUTUBE CHANNEL
COVERING COLORADO
FOOTBALL

WE HAD THE BEST GELATO
WHILE TRAVELING IN ITALY!



Russ is *kind, compassionate, wise, funny, hardworking, and deeply loyal.*

No matter what life brings, he stands beside me with love, patience, and a grounding presence. I admire him more every day. I love his passion and joy for everything he does. Whether working, coaching, exploring, or enjoying a quiet evening at home, he makes life more fun. He is always laughing, dreaming, and cheering on those around him. I know he will bring that same joy into parenting and be an amazing dad.

Before accounting, Russ served as a youth pastor, caring for teenagers and pouring his heart into service at the church. He has coached soccer for 14 years and most recently was the head boys soccer coach for a local high school. Children feel safe around Russ and they know he loves them. Our friends' kids light up when he plays with them.

Russ is my partner in every sense. He brings out the best in me and everyone he meets. I am endlessly grateful for the life we share and can't wait to see him step into fatherhood, leading with love, laughter, and a big heart.



RUSS ALWAYS COOKS PRIME RIB FOR DINNER ON CHRISTMAS EVE

RUSS'S FAVORITE SPORT TO PLAY IS HOCKEY!



RUSS HAS BEEN A SOCCER COACH FOR KIDS TEENS FOR 14 YEARS

1

Russ's maternal family lives in Puerto Rico, where he spent summers sailing, horseback riding, and enjoying time with his large family.

4

His job allows him to work from home with flexible hours and occasionally travel to cities like New York, Seattle, Austin, Philadelphia, and Washington DC.

2

He played college soccer as a goalie and has coached soccer for 14 years.

5

Russ grew up in a small town in southern Colorado, living next door to his lifelong best friend, Wade. Wade's dad, Kirk, was Russ's pastor growing up and helped officiate his and Angie's wedding.

3

Russ has played recreational ice hockey for many years and loves the community he's built through the sport.



ADVENTURES IN DISNEY WORLD!



IF IT'S DISNEY
AND STAR WARS,
RUSS IS THERE!

EXPLORING
CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

Russ's Favorite Things

VACATION SPOT

Italy

PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

Disney World

MUSICAL ARTIST

Blink 182

SPORTS TEAM

Colorado Avalanche
and Colorado Buffaloes

DESSERT

Chocolate mousse

DISNEY MOVIE

Toy Story

ANGIE SCUBA DIVING

Angie's Favorite Things

FOOD

Sushi

DESSERT

Pecan pie
with vanilla
ice cream

ACTIVITIES

Scuba
diving and
snorkeling

PLACE TO
TAKE A CHILD

Disney World

VACATION
SPOT

Greece

DISNEY MOVIE

Inside Out



ANGIE
WITH HER
FRIEND'S
DAUGHTERS
ON A
RECENT
TRIP TO
DISNEYLAND



RUSS
READING
A STORY
TO HIS
FRIEND'S
SON AT
BEDTIME



PROMISES FROM OUR HEARTS

We promise to *love your child* with all our hearts and provide a *safe, stable, and nurturing home* where they can grow into the person they were created to be.

If you wish, we promise to stay in touch and honor your role in your child's life, believing open and honest communication is key. We promise to raise your child with compassion and empathy, always respecting and celebrating their unique identity and heritage. We promise to nurture a love of learning, a spirit of adventure, and strong values guided by faith. If chosen, we promise to celebrate your child and always tell them they are our greatest gift. In regards to parenting, we want to show what it means to care for others and give back. We promise to demonstrate this by volunteering and serving in our church and local community. We want your child to see and experience love in both words and action. Above all, we promise to parent with unconditional love, treasuring them as a gift from God and reminding them every day that they are loved beyond measure.



ANGIE PERFORMING A BAPTISM AT THE CONGREGATION SHE SERVES

We live in a brand new home in a thriving, *family-friendly* community.

Kids are often playing outside, riding bikes, and spending time together. Our town is known as one of the safest in the state and has a welcoming atmosphere.

Our spacious, bright home has five bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a three-car garage. There's plenty of room for family, friends, and future playdates. The large fenced yard is perfect for outdoor play, barbecues, and family time. We're just a two-minute walk from the local recreation center, with an indoor pool and activities for kids, and we're close to playgrounds, walking trails, and friends and family. One of our favorite things is walking our puppy, Winston, through the neighborhood.

We love decorating our home for every holiday, especially Halloween and Christmas, and can't wait to include our future child in these traditions. We dream of a home filled with crafts, toys, laughter, and little shoes by the door, a warm, joyful place where a child can grow, play, and thrive.

DRESSED AS BELLE AND GASTON
FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT

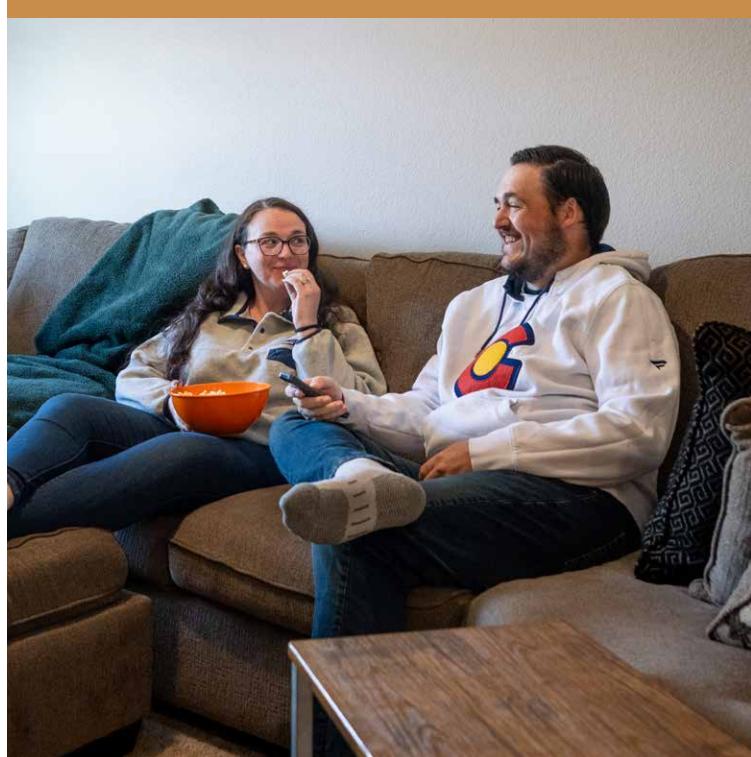


Home
—
SWEET
Home



IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE
ON MOVING DAY!

ENJOYING A MOVIE TOGETHER
IN OUR FAMILY ROOM



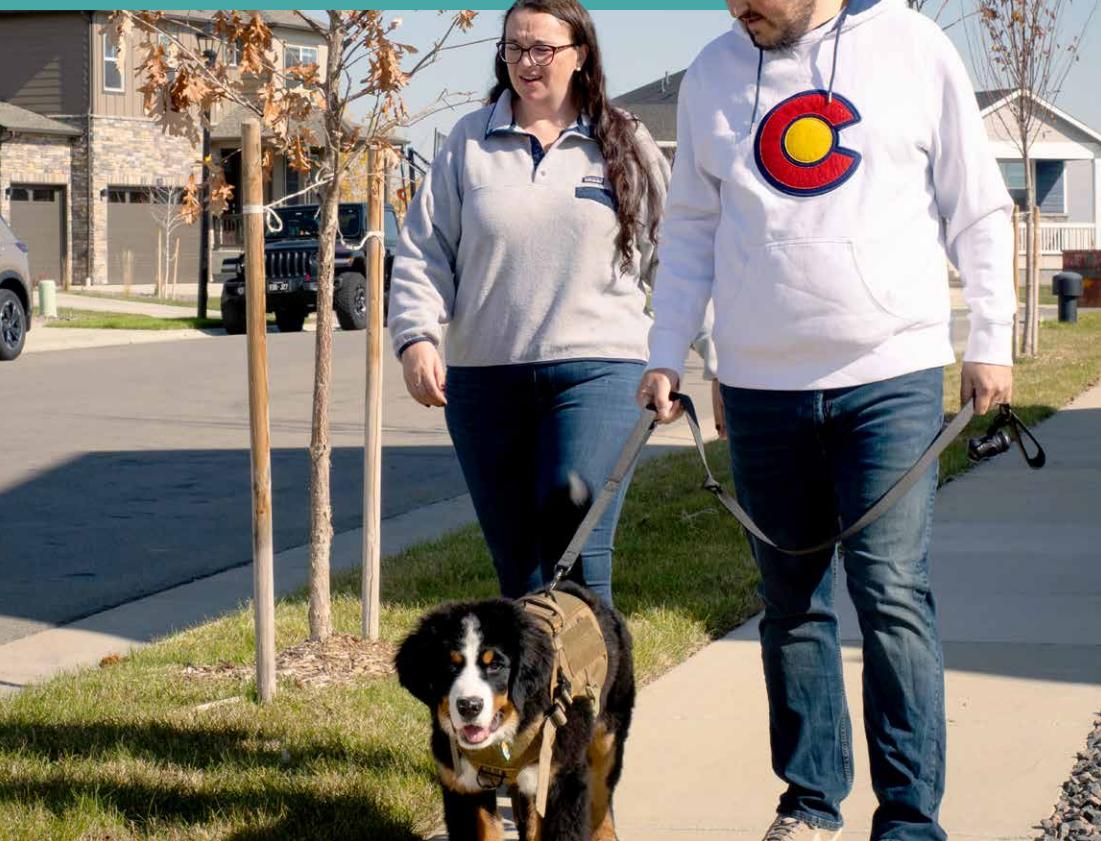
Meet Winston

HE'S FULL OF PERSONALITY AND BRINGS JOY AND LAUGHTER TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

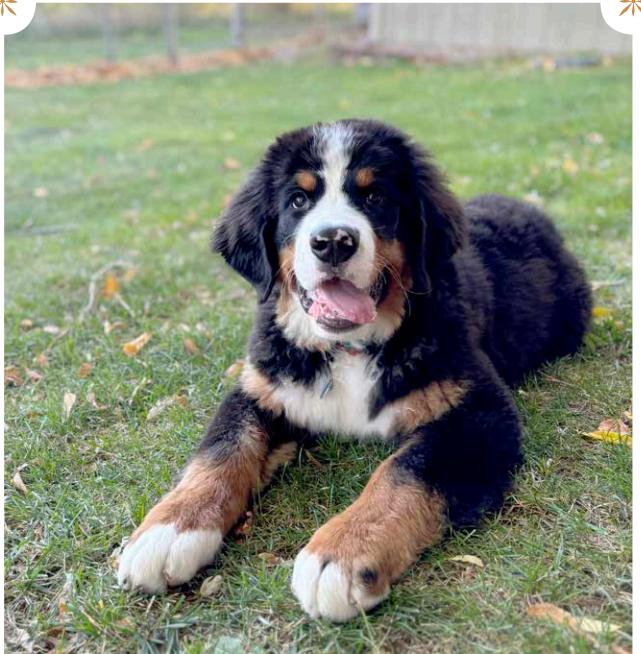
He's full of personality and brings joy and laughter to our everyday lives. We're training him to be a certified therapy dog so he can share comfort with others, just as he does with us.

Winston loves meeting new people, going on walks, and snuggling on the couch. We can't wait for our future child to grow up alongside him, sharing adventures, cuddles, and the unconditional love only a dog can give.

ENJOYING A WALK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



THE SWEETEST PUP
YOU'LL EVER MEET!



WINSTON WATCHING
PAW PATROL WITH OUR
FRIENDS' KIDS



Our Family & Friends



RUSS'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY
ON OUR WEDDING DAY

We are blessed with both given and chosen family who have *loved* and *supported* us through every season of life.

Our parents, siblings, extended relatives, and dear friends have encouraged us, prayed for us, and celebrated with us through the highs and lows. We know they will bring that same love and support to our future child. Russ has a younger sister who lives nearby in Colorado and Russ is close to his mom who lives Montana. She is overjoyed at the thought of becoming a grandma! Angie's parents are retired physicians who live only thirty minutes away and are so excited to have a grandchild! Angie's sister lives in Chicago with her wife and they have two cats. Russ grew up next door to his pastor and his pastor's family adopted twice. This experience really shaped Russ's heart for adoption and inspired him to pursue adoption with Angie.

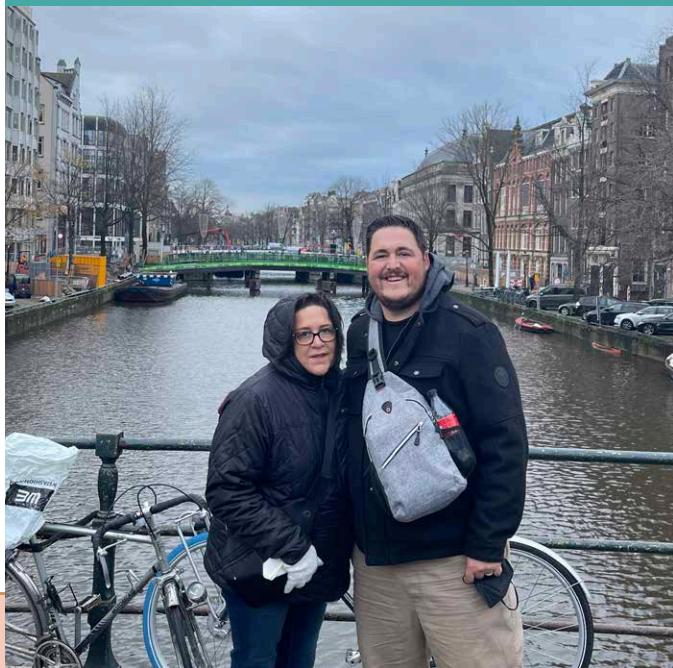


ANGIE AND RUSS'S FAMILIES
TOGETHER FOR A BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION!



ANGIE ON A HIKE
WITH FRIENDS

RUSS AND HIS MOM
IN AMSTERDAM





EASTER SUNDAY WITH ANGIE'S PARENTS AND SISTER



VISITING RUSS'S EXTENDED FAMILY IN PUERTO RICO



ANGIE AND HER FAMILY AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Faith is central to our lives, and both of us grew up attending church regularly. Russ's extended family lives in Puerto Rico, and he treasures his heritage, visiting with Angie whenever they can to connect with family and experience the beautiful culture. We have many close friends in Colorado who feel like family. We travel together, celebrate holidays together, and gather for meals often. Most of our friends have young kids so we're excited for our future child to grow up having a supportive community and many friends.

Our future child will be embraced by *a loving village* of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who can't wait to *welcome them home*.

ATTENDING OUR LOCAL OKTOBERFEST WITH FRIENDS



Thank You

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO
KNOW US AND FOR CONSIDERING US AS
POTENTIAL PARENTS FOR YOUR CHILD.



No matter your choice, we pray you find peace and confidence, knowing your love will always be a vital part of your child's story. We are deeply grateful for your bravery, selflessness, and heart. It would be an honor to be considered, and we hope to get to know you better and build a relationship rooted in love, trust, and respect.

With Love and
Endless Gratitude,
Angie and Russ