

### We Are Matt and Nikki

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Adoption has been on our hearts since before we got married. We recognize there is a huge need for adoptive families and our hearts and home are open to love a child through adoption.

Our biological family had a quick start, and after conceiving three boys we were reminded that we committed to adopt a little girl, and God was calling us again to start the process of adoption.

If you choose us to parent your child, we promise that your baby will be loved, protected by three older brothers, and will be surrounded by family, friends and a community who will always celebrate them and love them unconditionally. We will always let them know that you are an incredible woman who placed their needs above those of your own.

We value the time you are taking to consider our family.

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We met in Orlando, Florida while we were assigned to the same team as pharmaceutical reps. We were friends for a year before we started dating. We dated for 10 months before getting engaged, and then were married 7 months later.

Matt proposed to Nikki on August 11th, 2005. He told her that he was going to pick up 'take-out' and then go see a movie. We went to a beautiful picnic spot overlooking Pikes Peak in Colorado. As we started our picnic under a pavilion it started to rain. Matt wasted time talking until the rain stopped. Then he took Nikki to the edge of the park and asked her to marry him! His family and our friends were waiting at our house with champagne and a cake for a surprise engagement party. It was an amazing night!

Our wedding was beautiful, and the weather was perfect. It was an incredible venue in Colorado. All our family and friends were there from all over the country. We had the ceremony and the reception in the same location, which made it very relaxing. Matt's family's pastor married us. We danced all night long - we were the last ones on the dance floor! It was great to spend time with friends and family. We've been married a little over 7 years now.

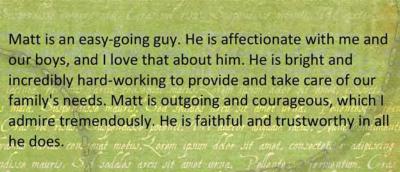
We like to play tennis together, although we are very competitive. We like to work-out together and run. We will run our first race together this summer and can't wait. We also like to go to baseball games, and we love our Country Music concerts!

As a family we love to play in the back yard, go to sporting events together, listen to music, go running or swim in the pool. We also love visiting Disney World for vacation.

# Our Lives Together



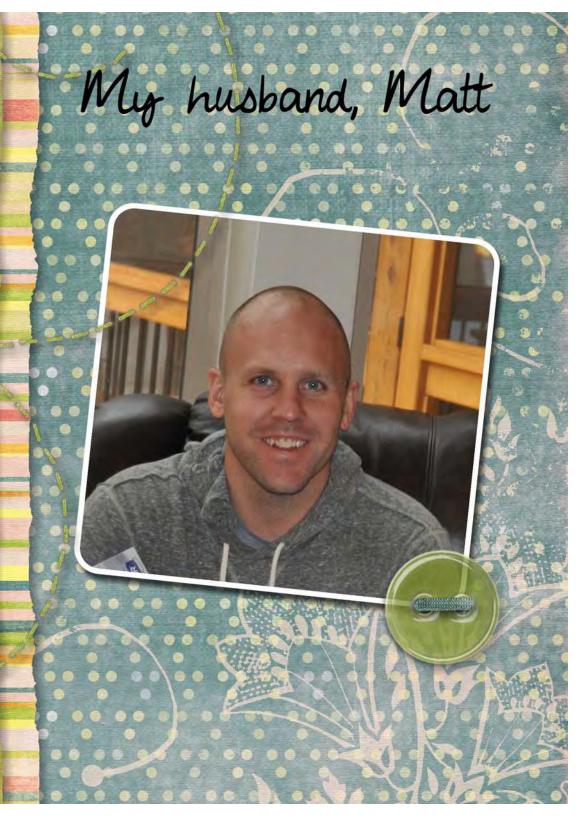




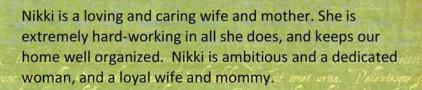
Matt works hard for our family as a Sales Manager for a medical device company. He enjoys his job and is well respected by those he works with.

Matt is the best father! He is always playing games with the boys, teaching them how to play sports. He spends a lot of time getting to know them by asking them questions about their favorite things at night as he's tucking them in. He is so encouraging to the children and supportive of them.

I am blessed to have Matt as my best friend and I enjoy raising our family with him.







Nikki works part-time as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher at the school our youngest boys attend 3 days a week in the mornings. Her schedule allows for lots of time during the week to spend at home together.

When we adopt, Nikki plans to stay home for a while, and has the blessing that the baby can stay in daycare just down the hall from where she works.

Nikki is an awesome fun-loving mother to our boys. She is great at helping with school work, and keeps the boys organized and on track. She loves to play cars, trucks and blocks with them, and watches the movies the boys pick, which are not at all girly. She is excited to welcome a little girl into the family through adoption.





## Our Amazing Boys

#### Mason



Mason is 6 ½ and just finished Kindergarten. He is bright, sensitive and loving. He has a huge heart and is so sweet! He plays baseball and made his all-star baseball team for the summer!

#### Maddox



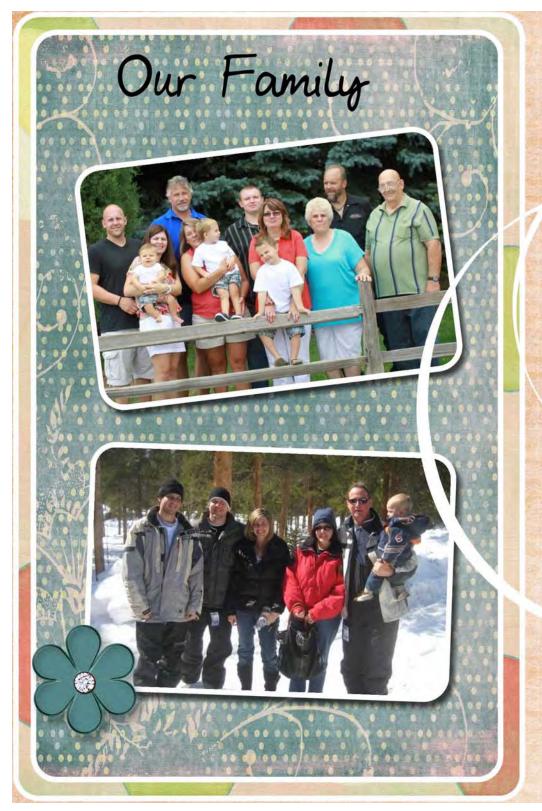
Maddox is 3 ½ and is our middle son. He has a smile that can help him get away with anything! He loves to play baseball and can't wait to be on a team. His nickname is 'Music Man' because he loves to listen to music and dance.

#### Cooper



Cooper is our youngest son at 2 ½ and truly fits the mold of the youngest of three boys. He is tough, energetic, and full of spirit. He loves to follow after his big brothers and keep up with them!





We have a large extended family. Matt's parents live in Colorado and have been married over 50 years! They are very close to our boys and see them several times a year. The boys call them 'Grandma' and 'Papa'. The kids also have 3 aunts and uncles, 2 great aunts and uncles, and lots of cousins.

On Nikki's side of the family the boys consider her aunt and uncle as their other set of grandparents. They call them 'Graunt' and 'Gruncle'. They live here in our home state of Georgia and see our children frequently. We have other cousins, also in Georgia who we spend a lot of time with.

The boys are just now getting to an age where we can start to make some traditions they will remember. At Christmas time we have an elf on the shelf that appears the morning after Thanksgiving with a special breakfast from the North Pole. He is here to watch the boys and report to Santa each night as to whether they have been 'naughty or nice'. The boys love this, and so do we!

On Christmas Eve we have a special dinner after church that we make together, something easy and fun. Last year we made pizzas. We have Hot Chocolate and feed the reindeer right before bed! In the morning we have our extended family come over for breakfast, and we read the Christmas Story from the Bible before we open presents. The boys may ask for 3 gifts from Santa (Because of the 3 wise men). They each take turns opening their presents. We 'Skype' with family in Colorado and spend the day playing with new toys.

At Easter we have the children hunt for their baskets (The bunny puts them in all different places). Sometimes we use jelly beans to make a path to their baskets. We have family over for brunch and a big Easter Egg Hunt outside after church.



## Our Home and Community



Our home was built in 2009, the year we moved in. We have 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a lovely spacious openplan living room, dining room, and kitchen, and an office. We also have a large basement that we plan on finishing in the next year.

Our back yard is huge, and just redone to make a great space for the kids to play, with their own playground. They also have a large space to play ball or blow up the water slide in the summer. We also have a large screened-in deck to enjoy the cool Georgia evenings together.

We live in a diverse community with a great school district that our son is already in. Our neighborhood has tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground, and a pool with a water slide to enjoy.





### Our Future

We plan to continue living here in Georgia and to raise our children in the Christian faith. We are looking forward to watching our family grow together with the support of our church community. We are leaders of our Life Group at church that meets in our home every week. Our boys have been dedicated at church, and we plan to do the same with our new daughter.

Education and learning is important to us, and we are blessed that our local schools are very highly rated, and the reason we chose to live in this area. We would encourage and support our children in attending college when the time comes.

Having fun through sports is something we are also passionate about, and we are excited to be taking steps to start a non-profit organization geared towards making youth sports activities more affordable in our region of the state.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family! God Bless,

Matt & Nikki

