

JEREMY AND ANDIE

Hey there!

Thank you for taking a peek into our lives! We are excited to share who we are with you, and hope to have the opportunity to get to know you soon! Our hearts are with you as you consider this journey.

We both wanted to adopt long before we met each other and got married. It was such an awesome gift to find out that we wanted the same thing for our family! Our hope is for an open adoption, but we also truly want to honor the needs and wishes of our future baby's birth parents. We have been trying to adopt for several years, but found heartbreak when the adoption agency we were working with closed. Though we have experienced great sadness as our dream of adoption has gone unfulfilled, we are brimming with hope that our family will finally welcome home a new baby!

We appreciate that you are taking the time to get to know us. We are grateful for you!



*Love,
Andie and Jeremy*



Our Story

We met when we were 19, and much to our families' surprise, we got married after just four short months of dating! We spent our dating months going on picnics, watching movies at our town's drive-in theater, and exploring the Pacific Northwest. One of our favorite dates was grabbing coffee and going for a drive in the foothills that surround our valley, something we still love to do. It might not be everyone's idea of a whirlwind romance, but it was absolutely perfect for us! That was over sixteen years ago, and we have been sharing life together ever since. We have had bumps along the way, but are so grateful for the hard times because they have made us strong!

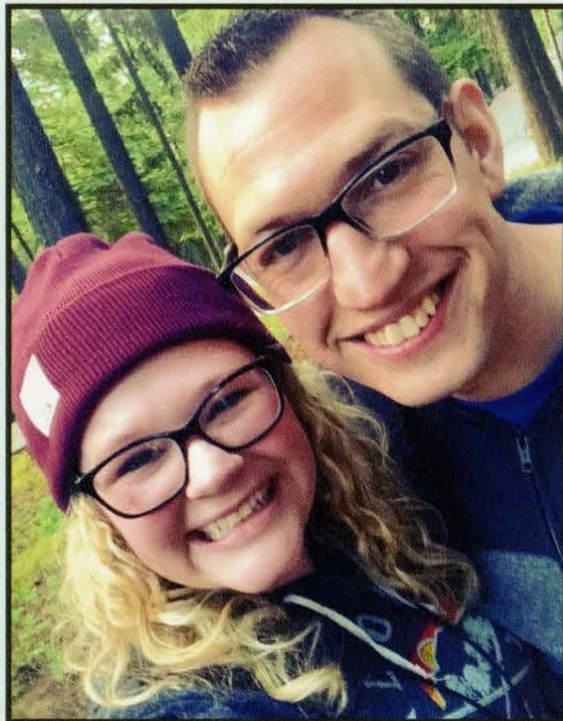
We are both giant goofs who adore each other's sense of humor, compassion, and adventurous spirits. We have longed to adopt for so long, and are so excited to enter into this next chapter of our lives!



Meeting a cheetah at an animal rescue teaching zoo in Uganda



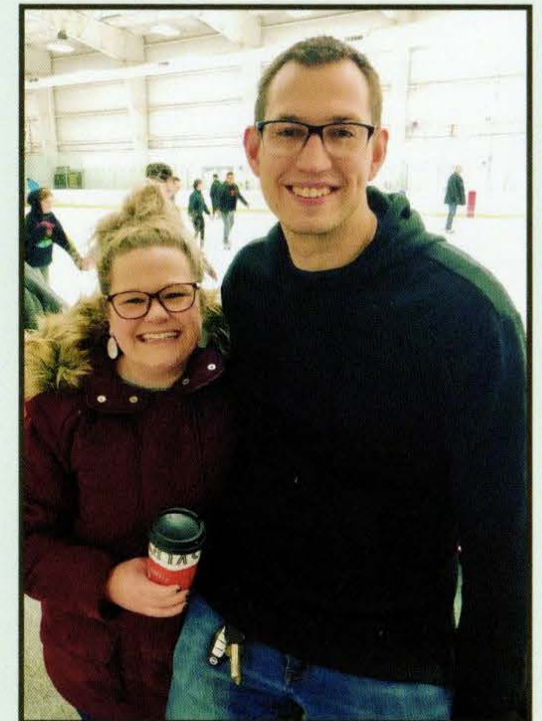
Watching our favorite band in concert at the Neptune Theater in Seattle



Serving as summer camp counselors for middle schoolers



Revisiting the place where we honeymooned



Ice skating with our family and youth group

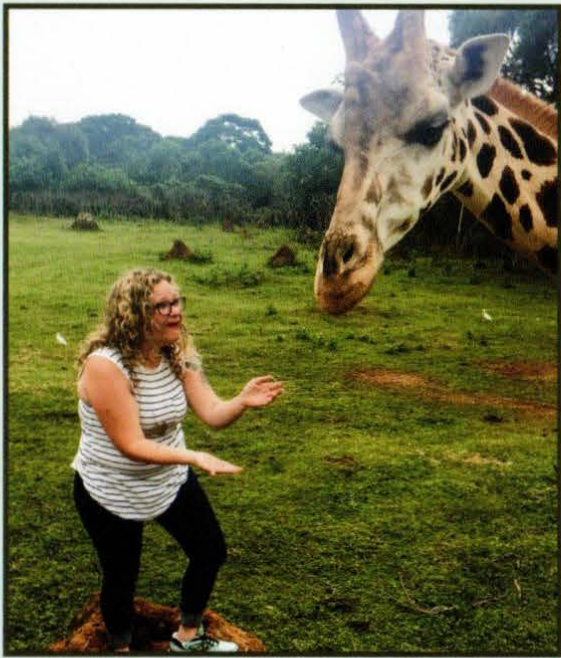
Meet Andie

Hello!

I grew up as the middle of three girls, riding horses in the country with my family. It taught me to work hard and appreciate fun, being outdoors, and the beauty in this world. I am the lead pastor of a small church filled with people who cannot wait to love our new baby! I work part time, and have the flexibility to bring our kids with me to the church or work from home. Before becoming a lead pastor, I was a youth and family pastor. My passion is strengthening families, teaching them how to communicate, and helping them see each others' points of view. My greatest joys are my husband and two daughters, and you can usually find me drinking way too much coffee, baking, or playing board games with my family and friends. Family vacations are my absolute favorite! Watching our kids discover new destinations and cultures is so fulfilling as a mom. The idea of becoming a mom again fills me with so much excitement that it brings tears to my eyes. Of all the names I've gone by, "Mama" is my most treasured.

Jeremy Says...

Somehow, I got lucky enough to marry the coolest person I've ever met. Andie is absolutely the sweetest and most intelligent person I know. One of my favorite things about her is her vibrant and sassy personality! People of all ages are drawn to her, and she has a warm and caring nature that makes her the best wife and mother I've ever seen. Sharing my life with her is an honor that I am grateful for every day.



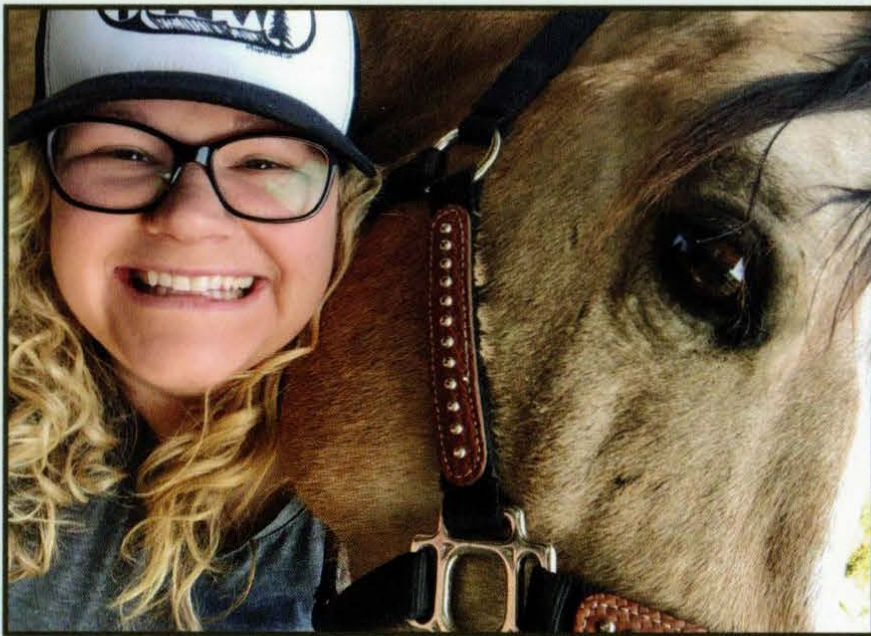
Feeding a giraffe at the teaching zoo in Uganda



Our girls are our greatest joy!



Walking through the nature preserve in our neighborhood



Hanging out with the horses!



All of us bridesmaids in my friend's wedding in Uganda

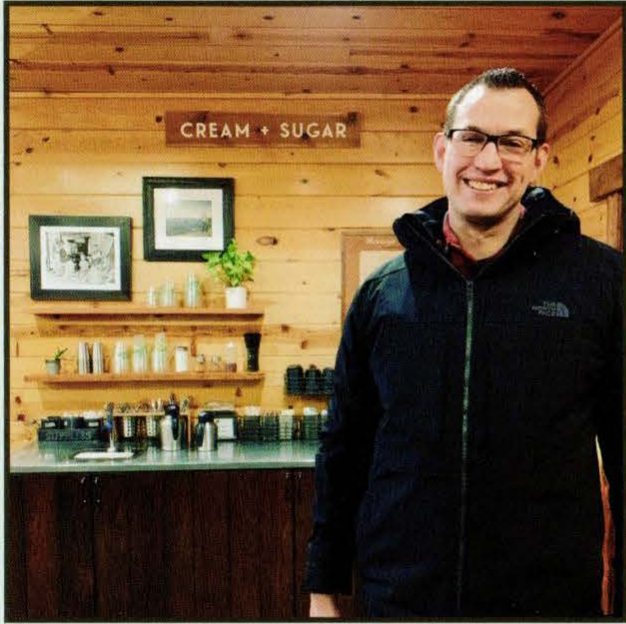
Meet Jeremy

Hi there!

I grew up in the country in Eastern Washington, and am the middle of five kids. I have two brothers and two sisters. I have worked as a police officer for the last twelve years, and enjoy helping people and serving our community through my job. After three years of working at a middle school as a School Resource Officer, I am now a Homeless Liaison Officer, supporting people experiencing homelessness. I find joy in being there for people during their hardest times. For me, being a police officer means helping people get access to the resources they need to stay safe, stay healthy, and feel valued. I recharge by spending time outdoors, hiking, and camping with my family. Each summer, I look forward to vacations with my family, and feel very grateful that I get to be a husband to Andie and a dad to our incredible girls! I am blown away by the thought of becoming a dad again. Being a dad is the greatest honor and purpose of my life.

Andie says...

As I pictured my life, I never imagined such an incredible guy like Jeremy to share it with! He is a compassionate, gentle man who adores his family, serves people without expectations or conditions, and parents our daughters with patience and deep love. I have such great admiration for him, and he inspires me to follow Jesus with greater trust. He is truly a partner, and we share the responsibilities, joys, and sorrows of our life 50/50.



Refueling at Sisters Coffee Co.



Being a dad is such a gift!



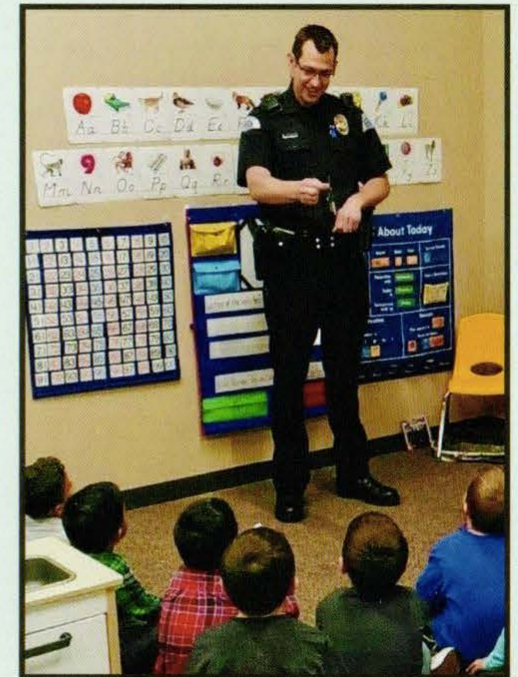
Lunch date with Andie



Ringin' in the New Year!



Stocking up on onesies



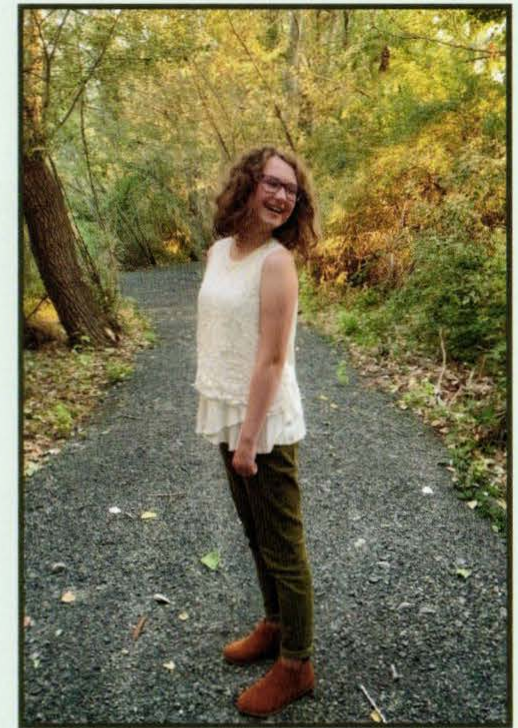
Teaching preschoolers about police officers

Meet Mae

Hey there! My name is Mae and I am thirteen years old. I am in seventh grade, and love art, science, and music. When I grow up, I want to be an astrophysicist! My favorite things to do with my family are play games, cook, and bake. This year, I was in drama club and had my first part in a play. I am excited to be a big sister to another sibling! I love babies and younger kids, and look forward to playing with and caring for our baby. I have bought toys for the baby, and got to help decorate the nursery. I already love our baby so much!

Mom and Dad Say...

Mae is unbelievably sweet, considerate, and loving! She is helpful, humble, and has an awesome sense of humor. Mae has a true talent for art and a love of learning. As a big sister, she always includes her little sister and pays attention to her feelings. Mae is encouraging and supportive of her family and friends. As her parents, it has been so fun watching her try new things like acting and cooking! Mae is the kind of kid that people love being around, and we are constantly amazed at her insight and selflessness.



Annual visit to the pumpkin patch

Walking in the nature preserve



Mae was the Ghost of Christmas Present in her school play

Meet Hazel

Hi, I'm Hazel, and I am ten years old! I like building with LEGOS, making crafts, and playing board games with my family. I want a baby sister or baby brother because I have wanted to be a big sister my whole life. I believe I will be a very good big sister because I really love playing with my baby cousins and have practiced taking care of the babies and toddlers at church. I pray for our baby every day and am so excited to love my new brother or sister! I made an alphabet book and have drawn pictures for the new baby. It has made me very sad to wait so long, but I know it will be worth it when I meet our new baby!

Mom and Dad Say...

Hazel has an extremely gentle spirit. She is the first to notice when someone is sad, and the first in line to try to help cheer them up! Hazel has been waiting her whole life to become a big sister. Her patience and faith is a gift, and we have benefited from it greatly. She is the kind of sweet soul who warms up a room just by walking into it, and we are in awe of her wisdom that far exceeds her age.



We call Hazel the baby whisperer



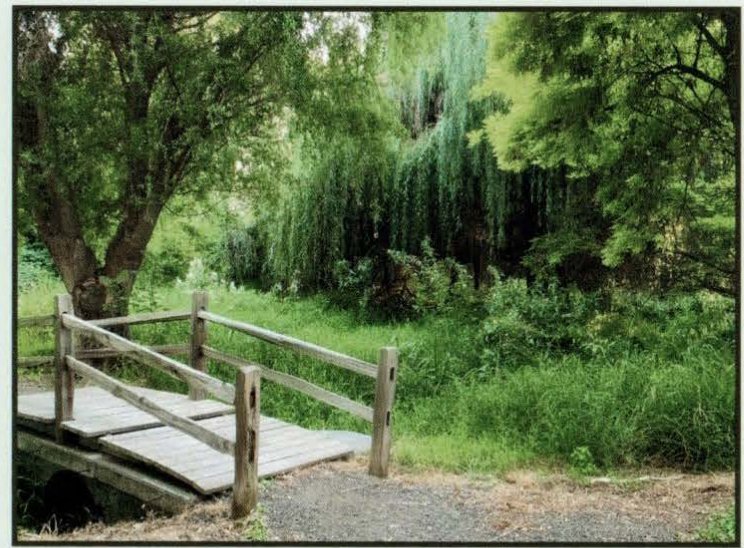
Sister coffee date



Trying out the baby's new stuffed animal



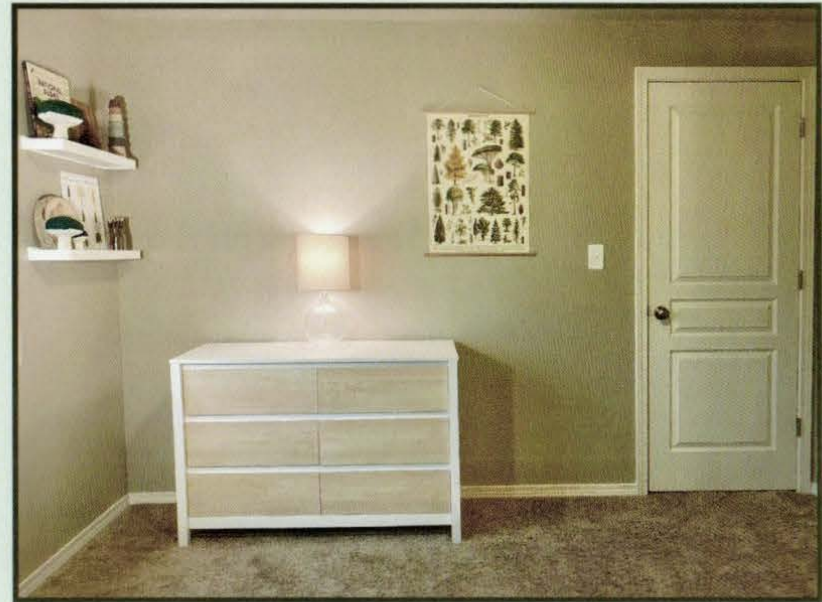
Walking in the nature preserve



Welcome to Our Home!

We still cannot believe that we get to live in such a beautiful home and neighborhood! Our house was built a year ago, but it feels like we've lived here forever. We've made incredible friends here, and are so thankful for how many kiddos are in our neighborhood. Our community park is just down the street, and our neighborhood is bordered by the most incredible nature preserve, complete with walking trails. During the summer, we've spotted deer, owls, ducks, geese, and turtles while walking through the preserve. It is so fun to be just a few blocks from wildlife!





The Nursery

The nursery has become such a special place in our home. We often gather together as a family and pray for the baby who will sleep in the crib we've assembled and read the books we've collected. Andie has filled our nursery with hand-knit stuffed animals, a tiny sweater, and a blanket for our baby. We chose a forest theme for the nursery, because we have felt our love grow tall and strong as we have prepared to welcome the newest addition to our family! The nursery has a beautiful view of the foothills that surround our valley. We eagerly anticipate the time we will spend in that room, reading books, playing with blocks, and rocking our child to sleep.



Our Furry Family



Pearl is our labradoodle and goldendoodle mix. She loves chasing her tail and playing with the other dogs! Pearl also likes to play fetch.



Ruby is a mini goldendoodle. She is very gentle and loves being pet and snuggled. Ruby is patient and mellow; she is an old soul!



Frost is the youngest of our three. She adores kids and naps, in that order! Everyone loves packing her around the house and snuggling her.

Family Fun!

We cannot wait to bring a baby into this life that we love so much! Our family enjoys camping, going on vacations, family game nights, and gardening. During the summer, we stay up late, play board games, and watch our favorite cartoon, Scooby Doo. We love day hikes, baking, cooking, and going on family bike rides. The girls get to ride horses at their grandparents' farm, and jump at the chance to spend time with their cousins at a park or the ice cream shop.



Meeting the baby horse at
Grandma and Grandpa's farm



Playing board games together



Family roller skating



Crabbing on Whidbey Island



Boating with friends



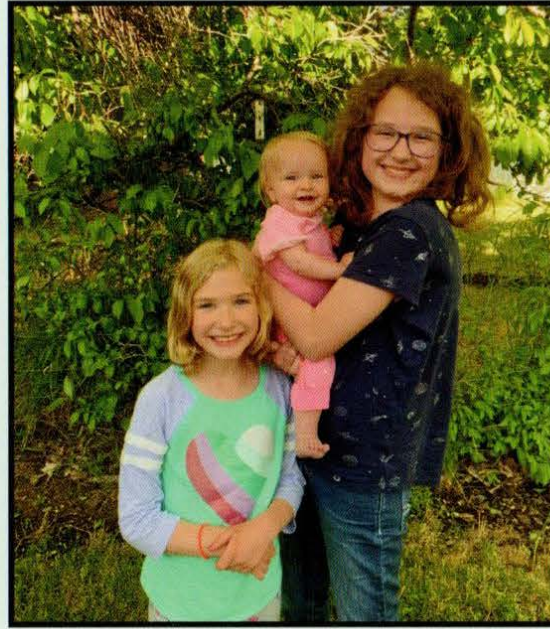
Planting our pumpkin patch

Andie's Family

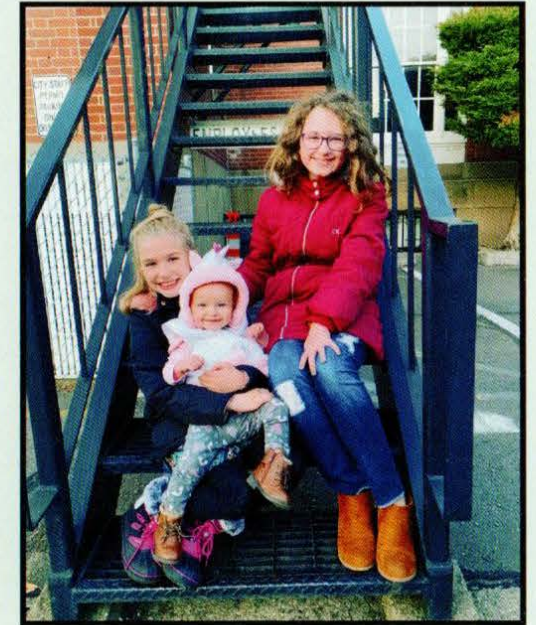
I have a large, close family filled with nieces and nephews! We live a few miles from my parents and in the same town as my older sister and her family. They adopted our niece after being her foster family for two years. Our daughters and their cousins look forward to spending time in the country at my parents' house, riding horses, eating homegrown raspberries, and playing in the pastures. I am so grateful that we live so close! My little sister and her family live an hour away, but thankfully, we see them frequently. Our girls love being big cousins to her daughter! My nieces and nephews call me Auntie Boop, and they are such a special part of our lives! We spend holidays and birthdays together in the same house where we all grew up: One big, happy bunch filled with love!



Loading up for a cousins trip to Yellowstone with Grandma and Grandpa!



Mae and Hazel with our youngest niece





Andie and her little sister at a hockey game



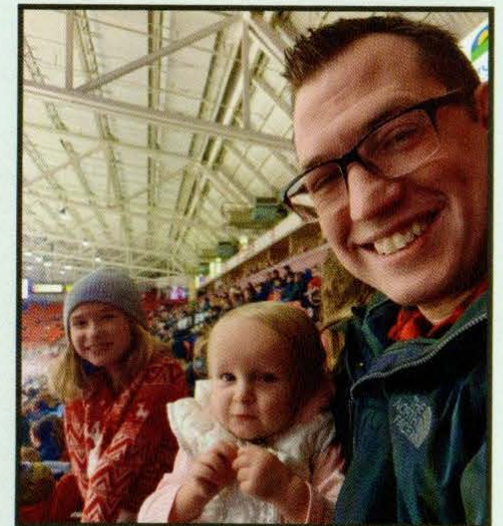
Andie's Mom and Dad



Andie and her older sister together at their parents' house



Welcoming Andie's dad home at the start of his retirement. Now he is a professional grandpa!



Jeremy's Family

Most of my family is an hour and a half away, including my parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. My mom grew up in Norway, and immigrated to America in her twenties. I was raised in the beauty of Scandinavian culture. Even though Andie isn't Norwegian, she has been included in the fun, and enjoys baking Norwegian treats with the girls! My stepdad adopted me when I was two. He shared his Spanish and German heritage with us kids. Growing up, my siblings and I built forts, swam in the creek by our house, and caught crawdads. My family lives in the same house that I was raised in, and I am thankful that I can share my childhood home with Andie and the girls. I am looking forward to sharing that heritage with our new baby, and including their heritage in our family!

Jeremy with his mom, dad,
brothers and sisters, all
together celebrating a birthday!





Our two oldest nieces spending
New Years with our family



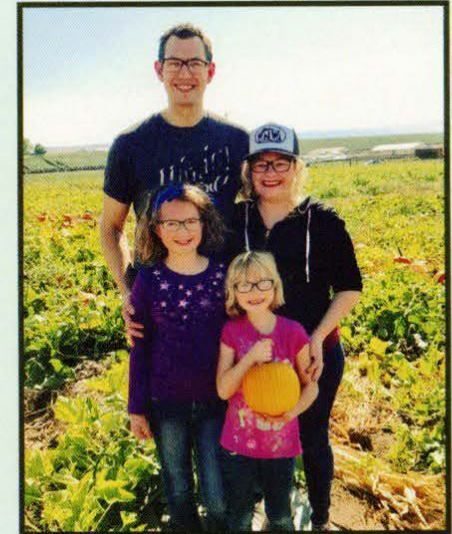
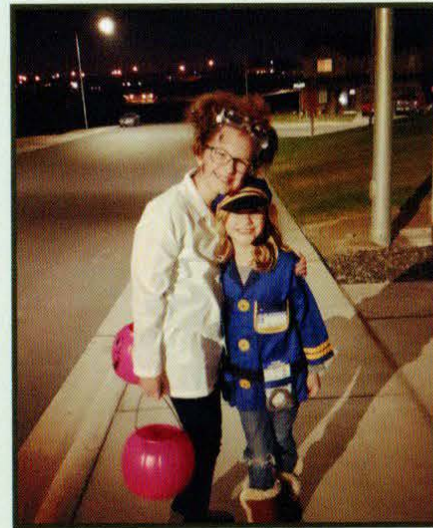
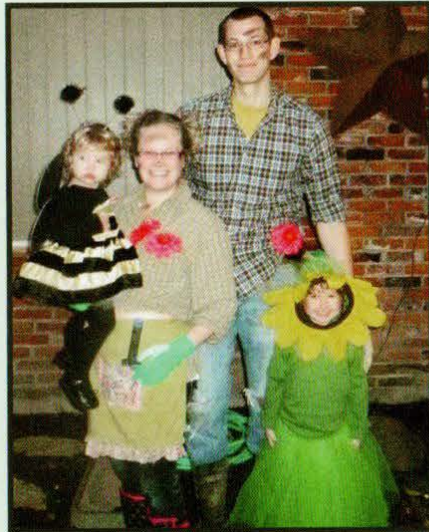
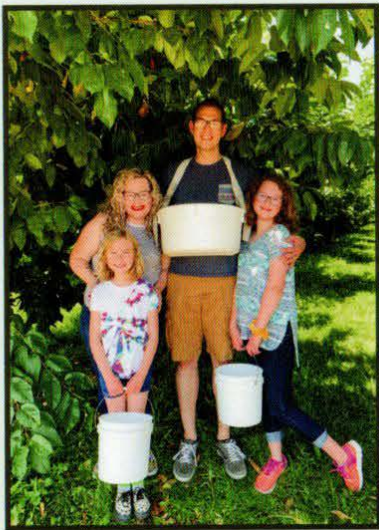
Grandma and Papa came to
support Mae in her acting debut



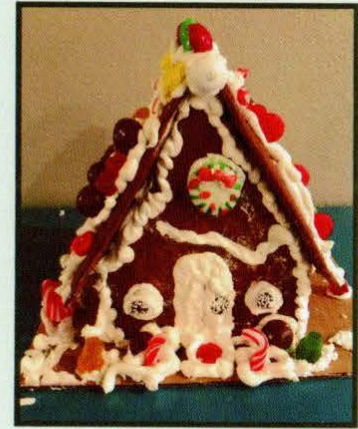
Some of the grandkids enjoying an
ice cream and coffee date

Family Traditions

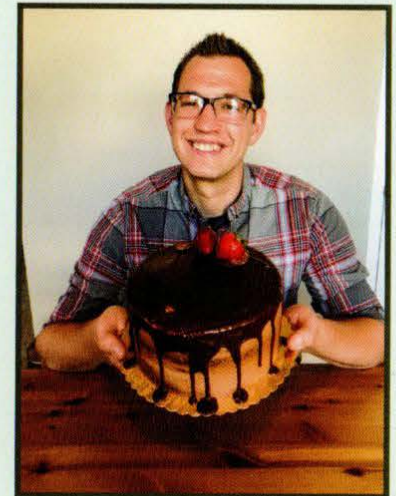
Fall is our favorite season! Every year, we grow pumpkins, go apple picking, find our way through the corn maze, and bake, bake, bake! We all dress up for Halloween, and make sure that we have plenty of good candy on hand for the kids who come trick-or-treating. Our house is surrounded by foothills, so we like to drive up and look for deer, turkeys, and other wild animals who are active in the fall.



Christmas brings more holiday treats, crafting, and visiting family. We have also baked cookies for the women's domestic abuse shelter every year since the girls were born. Christmas is about more than what we get; it is a wonderful chance to give!



We celebrate "Birthday Week," which means we do something special each of the six days leading up to a birthday. We love big cakes and bigger parties, and can't wait to further the tradition with the new baby's birthdays!



From the Bottom of our Hearts, Thank You!

It is our sincerest hope that you find the path that gives your heart peace. If you choose adoption, you deserve to know that your child will be loved beyond measure! That is our promise to you.

We are so grateful that you took the time to get to know and consider us. We already deeply love our future child, whoever they may be! We want to extend that love to you, and will honor you in their life. We will build on what you created, and you will be treasured wholeheartedly by our family!

*With Gratitude,
Jeremy, Andie,
Mae, and Hazel*

"How wonderful life is while
you're in the world" -Elton John





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