



Cody and Rachel

# Hello

This is our family, and we are thankful you are taking the time to read this note. We want you to know we are amazed by your courage in taking this step, and we hope you find something here about us that you connect with. As a family, we value time together and we enjoy making memories with each other. We like to celebrate with fun outings rather than gifts. Finally, we believe God's own love for us is described in the Bible as a kind of adoption, where He invites us to be His children. We are eager to demonstrate God's love to you and your precious child, by inviting him to be part of our family.

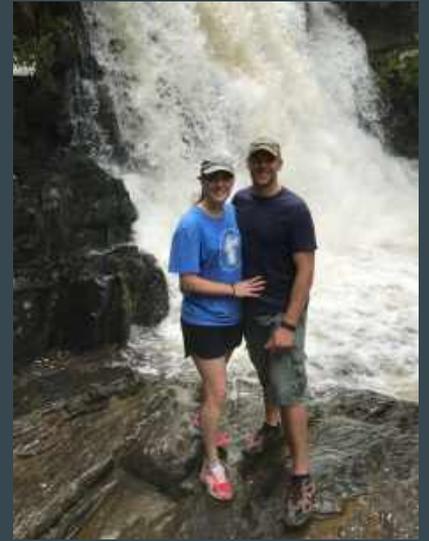


A little more about us:

- we love Family Movie Nights at home
- Cody likes to always arrive 10+ minutes early
- Rachel makes great chocolate chip cookies
- the girls love wearing dresses and getting muddy equally (and often simultaneously)

# Our Beginning

Cody and Rachel met in 2008, when Cody moved with his ranger job to Rachel's hometown and visited her church one Sunday. After spending time in the company of friends for a summer, the two began dating. Two years later, just as Rachel was finishing up graduate school for her teaching career, Cody proposed one rainy afternoon on a mountaintop. Their summertime wedding was made extra special by the fact that Rachel carried flowers grown by her mom. During the 10 years of their marriage, Cody and Rachel have enjoyed working on their fixer-upper home, going on missions trips in different states and countries, and hiking in as many national parks as they can. They've also welcomed the births of two daughters, and the addition of two cats.



# Cody

His favorites:

- cream soda in glass bottles
- Marvel movies
- wood working projects
- being outdoors
- spending time with his girls



## A note about Cody, by Rachel

Cody's best qualities have root in his Christian faith. He is patient, disciplined, kind, and honest. Every task he applies himself to, whether in his job, on a project at home, or washing the dishes, he genuinely does to his best ability. He is never too tired to play with our girls, or to help me around the house. His colleagues are glad to work with him, his friends are better for knowing him, and his family is blessed to have him lead us through life. Being his wife is a tremendous gift; he makes me feel so valued, and so cared for.

# Rachel



Some of Rachel's favorites are:

- reading
- baking and crafting with her girls
- finding a great sale
- seeing new places with her family
- Marvel movie dates with Cody



## A note about her, by Cody

Rachel does it all. Her Master's Degree is evidence of her intelligence. As an educator, she brings out the best in other kids. As a mother, she brings out the best in our kids. And as a wife, she brings out the best in me. She is my adventure buddy. We love exploring God's creation and showing our kids the amazing things God made for us to enjoy. I do my best to help around the house, but who am I kidding? I never quite get it right. She makes our house run and she makes it extra welcoming with the time she puts into growing several different kinds of flowers. She is everything and more in this family.



**Cody's family -  
his parents, his sister, his two nieces, and his nephew**

**Rachel's family -  
her parents, her sister and brother-in-law (+her doggy nephew), her brother, her  
grandmother, her aunt and uncle and two cousins**





**Baby's room - our favorite DIY project yet!**



Our home of 10 years and counting

Our Pumpkin Pie - she loves school, dress up clothes, stories, and snacks. She is a little shy, but is also very adventurous and athletic.



Our June Bug - she loves her big sister, dress up clothes, dolls, and snuggles. She is a very good sharer and hugger.

## In Closing

We are a family built on love, giggles, gifts of experiences instead of things, and even more love. It would be our deepest joy to have the opportunity to share that love with your child. Know that we are praying for you, and that we are so grateful for you taking the time to turn these pages. We are hopeful that our coming family photos will have a precious new face in it.

Sincerely,

Our family



