



*Collin & Renee*

# hello!

*Thank you for taking some  
time to learn more about us!*

We are Collin and Renee, a fun-loving couple that cherishes time together, learning new things and exploring new places. It has been 10 years already since we said 'I Do!' We are so very thankful for the love that we share and the life we have built together. There's just one thing that is missing, as we long to add kiddos to our little clan.

Today we find ourselves in a nesting phase, with great anticipation as we ready ourselves to become a family of three through adoption. There is no doubt in our minds that God is preparing us with open hearts and an open home to adopt a child...and for that we couldn't be more thankful!

We are truly honored that you would consider us as adoptive parents and greatly respect you for the loving decision you are making for your child. We are open to hearing what level of involvement you feel comfortable with, and we recognize that may change over time.

As you read through our story, our hope is that you can **feel the love** we have to give, **see the joy** that we have to share and **trust the commitment** we have made to each other and this precious child that God has planned for our family.

Many Blessings,

*Collin & Renee*

In Renee's words...

# The day I met my soulmate

is etched in my mind...one of those memories that I can play over and over in my head like a movie in slow motion. I was sitting in the back of church with the worship band just starting to play when this guy quietly slides into the seat next to me. Despite trying to focus on the music, I kept feeling his head turn and his eyes steal a glance at me. Was he really checking me out at church? Well he certainly is one handsome guy! When the service was done, I walked out and started heading to my car. To my surprise, Collin was taking the slowest walk ever to the car, just waiting for me to catch up with him. I remember walking in my house, sitting down at my kitchen table and saying out loud to myself... "What just happened?! Did I just meet my future husband?"

It didn't take us long at all to know beyond any doubt that we were meant to be together...when God puts it on your heart, you just know.

From the early days of our dating, we had long conversations about our mutual desire to raise a couple children, with at least one through adoption. We've put our best effort into trying to conceive naturally, but with no success. And we feel more confident than we ever have that God is leading us to adoption, however beautiful and challenging it can be. **We are ready with open hearts and an open home.**

## Engagement Night!



## Wedded on the California Coast





# Meet Collin

I guess you could say I am an adventurous soul, with a need for excitement that was reinforced early on as I fell in love with dirt bike riding. My parents had no idea what they did when they gave me my kiddie dirt bike at age six, but from there on out I was hooked. Fortunately, those dirt bike skills translated well into aviation, as I have been a corporate airplane pilot for many years. Most of my flights are day trips which allows me to be home most evenings and have several days off during the week. I am also an entrepreneur with a start-up business focused on electronics, computer programming, design and more.

Adoption is something I have always wanted to do. Since my dad was adopted, I've been blessed many times over by the decision that his birth mom made to entrust my grandparents with my dad. He has been an incredible blessing to our family and a great father to me and my brother. It has been amazing to be an uncle to my nieces and nephews, and no doubt the 'dad life' will be even better. Especially with Renee by my side!



**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA NATIVE**



**AIRPLANE PILOT AND ENTREPRENEUR**



**GREW UP RIDING DIRT BIKES AND LOVES SUPERCROSS!**



**LOVES TO LEARN ABOUT EVERYTHING**



**FAVORITE PLACE - THE FAMILY CABIN**

**"I KNOW HOW WONDERFUL COLLIN WILL BE AS A DAD, AS HE MODELS PATIENCE, KINDNESS AND LOVE TO ME EVERY DAY!" - RENEE**



Lovin' on baby Salsa! Named after Collin's favorite food.

# LOVE

*makes a family*



Christmas at the Beach! A family tradition we can't wait to share.



At the pumpkin patch with our niece...she can't take her eyes off her uncle. Sweetness.



Our talented pilot and the family bird...where will our next adventure take us??!



Spontaneous ukulele lesson in Hawaii! Why not??



Opening night of Supercross in Anaheim! Collin's favorite!



Annual family reunion! Pontoon navigation with our nephew.



# Meet Renee

◆ **BORN IN WISCONSIN - CALIFORNIA IS HOME!**

◆ **MARKETING MANAGER**

◆ **PHOTOGRAPHY IS MY HOBBY AND MINISTRY**

◆ **FAMILY & FRIENDS CONNECTOR**

◆ **LOVES LONG WALKS WITH COLLIN TO CATCH UP ON OUR DAY**

◆ **LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY, GROWING CLOSER TO GOD**

As a wife, daughter, sister, friend, and hopefully-soon mother, I am striving to love others well. I am an early riser, and love getting up at 5 AM to sip coffee, snuggle puppies and spend time in God's word.

My typical day includes working out of our home as a marketing manager, taking walks in the evening with Collin, and cooking healthy meals most nights.

I grew up in a loving home as the second of five kids in a Midwestern farm family. When I was 8 years old, my younger brother was born and I was just old enough to help Mom with changing his diapers! (He loves when I remind him of that.) From that moment on, I remember always wanting to be a mom, wavering between wanting LOTS of kids and just a couple. As Collin and I have journeyed on this path toward parenthood,, we've certainly shed a few tears, but our hearts are filled with peace as we wait with great anticipation of what God has planned for our family.

**"RENEE LOVES OUR FAMILY WELL...I AM SO THANKFUL GOD BROUGHT US TOGETHER FOR THIS JOURNEY OF LIFE AND PARENTHOOD" - COLLIN**



Exploring the tidepools on the Central California Coast



Sisters snapshot, plus Mom!



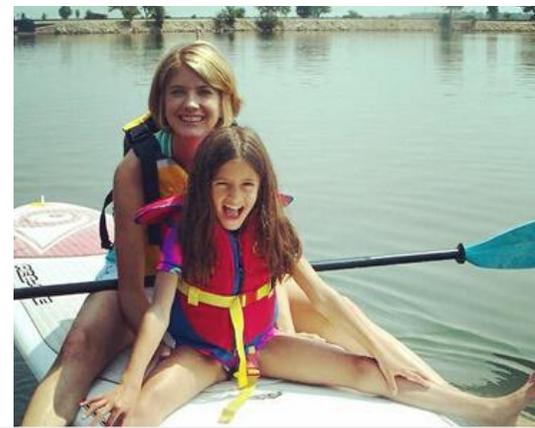
Snowshoeing at the cabin



Goat Yoga?!? Ha.



Run for Fun!



Paddleboard with my niece

# family

being together is the best gift of all.



We are blessed to have a tight-knit family that loves to spend time with each other. Since we live in Collin's hometown, it is great to have his parents very close by! Collin's dad is a gifted engineer who was adopted as an infant (his experience has been an inspiration to us). And Collin's mother is such a gift with her love for children, and the child rearing wisdom that she freely shares. We are thrilled that Collin's mom desires to help with caring for our child when Renee goes back to work, which will be wonderful support. Collin also has a brother who is stationed in the military on the East Coast, and our beautiful 9 year old niece.

Renee comes from a large Midwest family with four siblings and loving parents that are all anxiously awaiting this new family member to arrive! In total, we have 4 nieces and 3 nephews, with the newest nephew being just 6 months old...so there will be plenty of cousins for our kids to grow up with. Every summer, our family gathers in a different location for our family reunion...usually somewhere in the Midwest. Two summers ago we spent a long weekend on Catalina Island in California together. Between hanging out at the beach, renting golf carts, and taking a dinner cruise, we had a great week of laughs and memory making!

# Living our Faith



My Bible study buddy and her miracle baby - answered prayers!



Walking where Jesus walked with our church's Israel tour in 2013.



Mission to Mexico to help a couple pastors add a room to their home so they could move forward with their adoption process.

**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."**

Our faith is what matters most to us...to keep God our priority so that we can love each other well, love our family and friends well, and love our future kids well. While Renee grew up Catholic and Collin grew up Christian, we are actively involved in our church...the same one in which we met just a few years ago! It is walking distance from our house and has an incredible family & children's ministry to support families in growing kids God's way. We just love our church family and envision our kids getting to connect with others at youth group every week, heading off to summer camp, and simply seeing the love of God demonstrated consistently throughout their growing up years.

We are a prayerful family that are constantly praying for each other, our family, our community and those in need. This child that God has for us has been prayed over so many times already that we cannot count! And that gives us peace as we wait with hope for the joy that is to come.

# Welcome to our Neighborhood!



Chips & Salsa live here too! They are 12 pounds each and ready to share the love. 🥰

We own our 2,600 square foot 3-bedroom, 2-bath house on a quiet street on the edge of town in the Central Valley of California. Our home is located across from a beautiful park that follows alongside a river and bike path that goes for 30 miles. We can't wait to teach our child to ride his/her bike, go for walks to the park and push a jogger stroller for many miles of fitness and fun with the family.

As for neighbors, they are the best! Our neighbors have unofficially adopted us as their kids, so we celebrate holidays together and help each other out often with caring for our pets. They will be awesome 'bonus' grandparents to our kids, no doubt!



*Our Home*



*Our Walking Path*

# Let's Go Adventure



We love to travel (and stay home)! Since we got married, we have traveled a couple times to Hawaii with our timeshare program that ensures we take a regular vacation! We love exploring the sights of Hawaii and can't wait to share those experiences with our kids.

Our favorite excursions are to the family cabin that is just an hour away in the Sierra Nevada's. This is our happy place! While it's just a cozy old 700 square foot cabin with shag carpet and a 1950's fridge, it is perfect for weekend getaways and will be a great place for our kids to explore, as well as learn how to shovel snow and all the other 'responsibilities' that come with cabin living.



**VACATION IN HAWAII...  
CLIMBING A VOLCANO!**



**WEEKENDS AT THE  
FAMILY CABIN...FRESH  
MOUNTAIN AIR!**



**EXPLORING CATALINA  
ISLAND BY E-BIKE**



**AND PLANNING OUR  
NEXT ADVENTURES  
TOGETHER!**





*thank you*

for taking the time to learn more about our family. We would be honored if you chose us to be adoptive parents for your little one. We are so thankful for you and the gift of life that you are giving to your child and his/her future adoptive family. Many blessings to you and we hope to be in touch!

*With love,  
Collin & Renee*