Noël AND Stephen

ABOUT US

We first met in college over spring break of 2011, during a service project that we volunteered for, to help renovate a community center for an inner-city church. In the most unromantic circumstances, we were actually introduced in line at a McDonald's on the way there. We grew to know each other well, fell in love and were married the next spring. Stephen works as a graphic designer at a family-owned advertising agency and has the flexibility to work from home. He is adored as the "fun uncle" by all of his nieces and nephews and he never hesitates to play every time they ask. Noël was a science teacher for two years before returning to school to obtain her master's degree to become a nurse. Her job is also very flexible and her skills as a teacher and caregiver are going to translate well into being a caring and attentive mom. We are passionate about our Christian faith and attend church every week. We consider ourselves adventurers and love to explore the outdoors. We hike, bike, kayak, run, walk, rollerblade, and even unicycle!

ABOUT Stephen

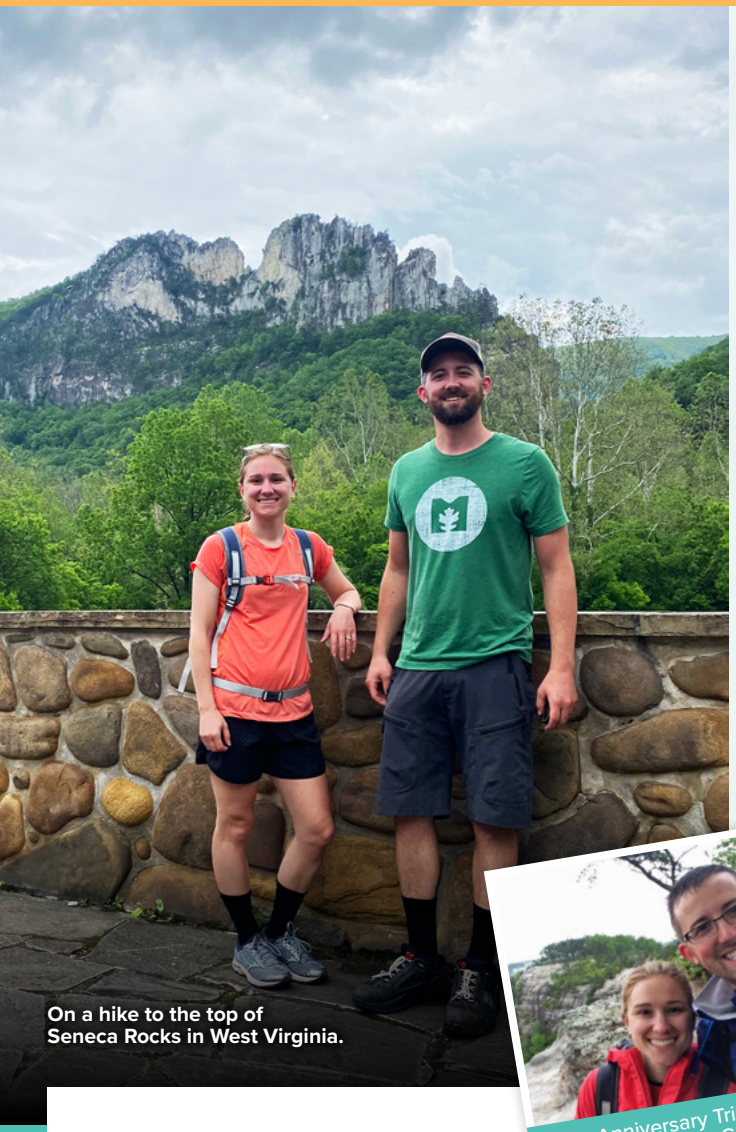
written by Noël

Stephen is my favorite person. He is the perfect balance of goofy and responsible. He makes me laugh daily with his well-timed humor that often catches others off guard. He had me swooning the first time I heard him sing and play guitar. He is happiest when spending time with loved ones, caring for our garden, or hitting the local mountain bike trails. He is comfortable in almost every situation and wouldn't hesitate to make new friends on a group ride. Stephen is so excited to become a dad and I cannot wait to watch him grow into his new role.

ABOUT Noël

written by Stephen

Noël is my best-friend. It's hard to express the joy that comes to me when I think about how fortunate I am to call her my wife. She is the most trustworthy, reliable, get-'er-done type of person that I know. If she's not cleaning up after my messes, she's doing something else productive. Noël is always finding ways to better herself as a person, through reading and learning or exercise and fitness. Did I mention she's also an Ironman?! I know she's excited for the opportunity to instill greatness into our child as we raise them to be kind, honest, and selfless individuals like her. I love her dearly and know she is going to be an amazing mom.



On a hike to the top of Seneca Rocks in West Virginia.

FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

STEPHEN		NOËL
Graphic Designer	Occupation	Nurse
Green	Color	Green
“The Office” & “Parks & Rec”	TV Show/s	“Friends”, “The Office”, & “Parks & Rec”
Mediterranean	Food	Everything with BREAD
Anywhere with Mountains	Vacation	Upstate New York
Fourth of July	Holiday	Christmas
Basketball	Sport	Soccer
Gardening, Guitar, Cooking, Mtn. Biking	Hobbies	Running, Rollerblading, Audiobooks

Anniversary Trip at the Red River Gorge.

PIZZA NIGHT! Stephen & his niece.

Canoeing adventures on a camping trip.

Noël meeting our friends’ newborn baby boy!

OUR HOME

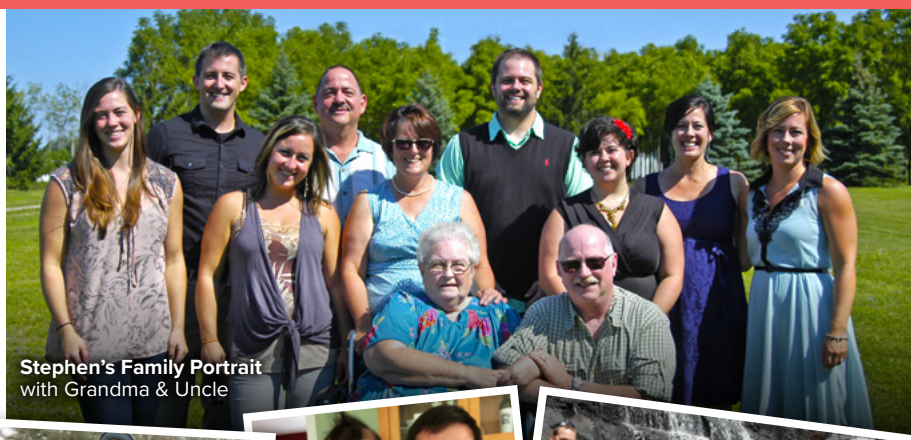
We live in a two-story home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms, as well as a fully finished basement. Some have described our house as “sneaky big”. We have enjoyed making our home our own. Stephen does a lot of the building and handy-work himself and Noël adds the finishing touches. We’ve worked hard together to create our backyard haven, which includes a patio that we installed together and a home garden that produces fruits and veggies every year. What makes home “a home” for us, is quality time at the dinner table and good food. Stephen is a self-proclaimed “home chef” who loves to explore new foods, which makes for fun dinner nights with friends or family. Often, we extend dinner into the evening with great conversations and the occasional game-night. The thing we love most about our town is the Metro Parks. Having numerous trails, programs and activities, and upgraded playgrounds there are so many things to do outdoors.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Stephen is the middle of seven children, with five sisters and one brother. Family gatherings are always exciting and active with his large family. Between our two families, we have a total of 16 nieces and nephews. Stephen's parents, who live a short drive away, have a spacious yard to play in and a pool that all the grandkids enjoy. One of our favorite holiday events is our annual Fourth of July gathering at Stephen's oldest sister's house. It involves swimming, wiffle ball, cornhole tournaments, bonfires, and, of course, plenty of fireworks.

Noël is the third of four children, with one brother and two sisters. Each of them has children of their own and also live close by. Noël's parents love to spend time with their grandkids and often host "Fun Fridays," as they like to call it, with Grammy Tammy and Grandpa Glenn. One of Noël's favorite family traditions is around the Christmas holiday, when every year we gather with cousins, aunts, and uncles to read *T'was The Night Before Christmas* and enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner, a treasured family recipe.

Many of our friends are people we've met through church, who we've created close relationships with and who have been with us through many seasons of our life. Both our family and friends are incredibly supportive of our adoptive journey and we are blessed to have them help us in raising up our child in a loving community.



Stephen's Family Portrait
with Grandma & Uncle

Taking a stroll at a local park with Stephen's sister & family.

Say "Cheese"! Stephen & his nephew.

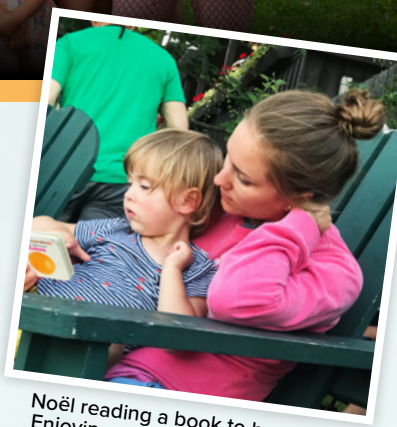
Stephen's Family Vacation Gatlinburg, TN

Noël's Family Portrait
with Grandma, Nieces, & Nephews

Best Buds! Family hike... Stephen and cousin-in-law on Whiteface Mountain.

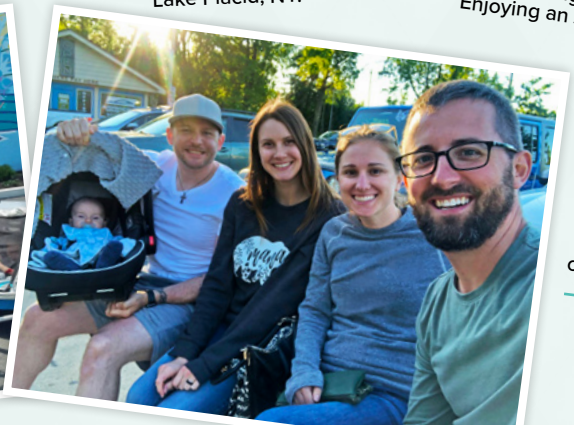
Noël & her siblings at a hoe-down birthday party.

Noël & cousins on vacation in Lake Placid, NY.



Noël reading a book to her niece. Enjoying an Adirondack evening.

Our friends are just as active us! We are always ready for a good bike ride!



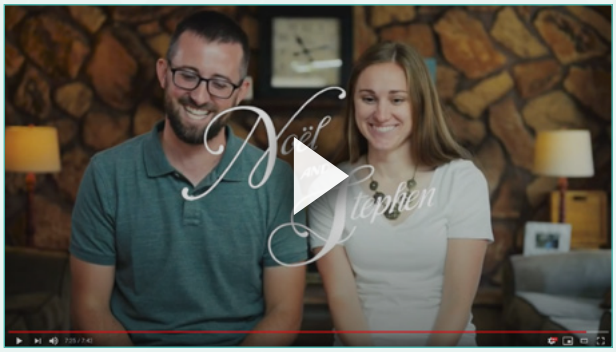
Getting some ice cream with good friends. First time out with our godson.

Dear Birth Parent/s,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We recognize the difficulty of the position that you are in, of choosing your child's potential adoptive parents. Regardless of your choice to place or parent we are positive that your decision will bring about growth and love. Know that if you choose us, you can be as involved as you'd like. We promise to teach them from the beginning about their brave and loving birth family who wanted nothing but the best for them.

With love,

Stephen & Noël



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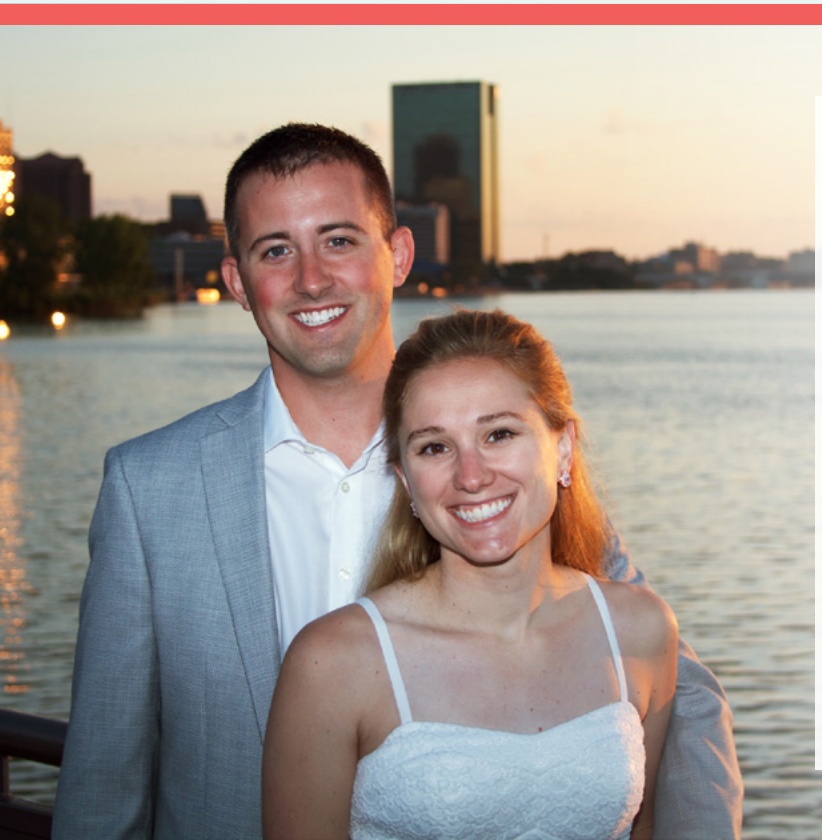

WHY ADOPTION?

In our eight years of marriage we have tried to grow our family naturally. We've gone through the heartbreak of a miscarriage and, through fertility testing, we've come to find that our chances are very low for conceiving a child on our own. Our journey has taken us here, where we've learned and realized the beauty and love in the process of adoption. We believe that God has led us down the path to adopt to grow our family and we are so excited about the opportunity to provide a safe, joyful, and loving home for a child. We are open to any gender or race and will provide a loving home where their cultural background and heritage would be honored and taught as a part of their identity.