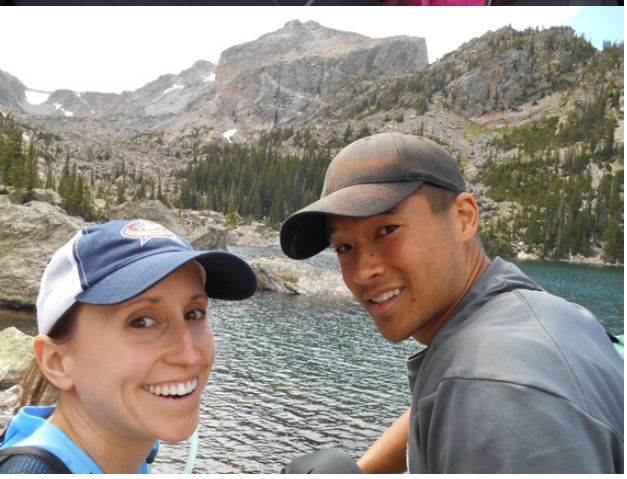
Peter & Marissa

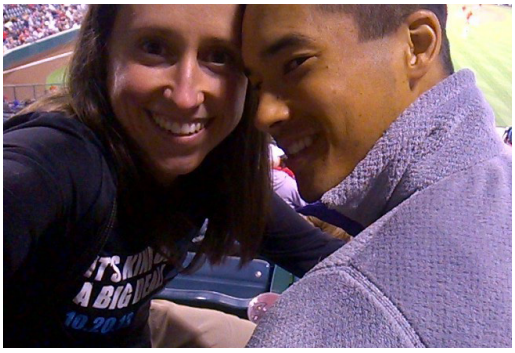


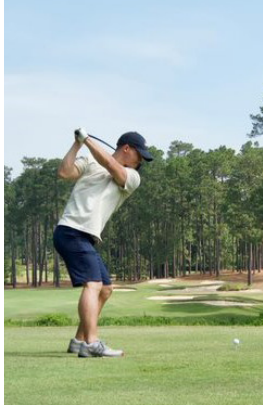
About Us

We are Peter & Marissa and have been married for 11 years. We met through church in college and started dating our sophomore year. We got married relatively soon after graduation and now have 2 biological children at home: Craig who is 5 years old and Bennett who is 3. We also have 2 additional biological children who passed away several days after they were born, due to prematurity. We are very active and love to be outdoors. We often hike as a family and love to explore new playgrounds and fun local activities for our kids. Peter plays hockey several times a week and golfs throughout the warm months of the year. Marissa is a marathon runner and enjoys playing the piano and cooking. We have a dog named Mikko who is Marissa's running buddy. Marissa has been a high school math teacher for the last 12 years and absolutely loves helping students understand concepts. Peter is a Technical Support Analyst for an Enterprise Software Company. He is great with computers and has been with his company for the last 13 years. Peter works from home and his hours are flexible which allows him to be home to get the kids off the school bus and take them to appointments. Marissa has the summers off and loves finding fun activities to do as a family.

Favorites/Fun Facts:

- Peter is a golfer and once got a hole in 1!
- Peter plays ice hockey several times a week
- Marissa is a runner--she recently placed 3rd in her age group in the marathon and once won a local 5k.
- Marissa loves to cook and play the piano
- Marissa loves to do crafts with our kids
- We are very active and love to be outdoors
- We enjoy reading to our kids
- We love to play board games and are currently teaching our boys how to play
- We eat healthy the majority of the time, but both have a sweet tooth and will occasionally splurge. We love cookies, ice cream, and anything with peanut butter.
- Peter loves watching sports
- Peter loves reading books, especially theology and military history

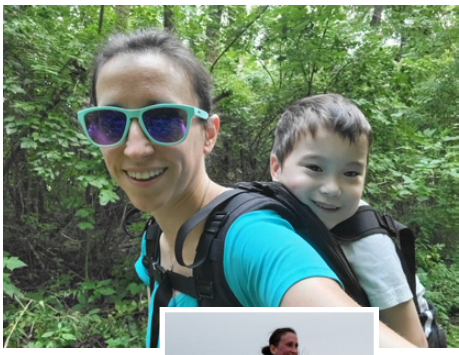


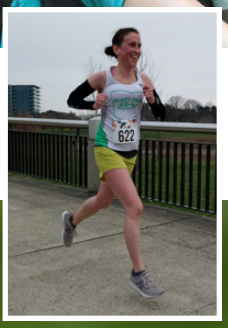


About Peter *(Written by Marissa):*

I can honestly say that there is no person in the world that I trust more than Peter. He is the one I turn to on a bad day and the first person I want to call if there is good news to share. I know that there is nothing he wouldn't do for me or our kids. We are very much a team and whatever we face in life, we do it together. I cannot imagine my life without him and I am so blessed that he is my husband. He is an outstanding father and is always reading to our kids, playing outside with them, and doing therapy exercises with our older son. He is very smart with our finances and plans for our future to ensure we can always provide for our kids. He is a great spiritual leader and is constantly challenging me to grow more in my faith. Peter loves to read books and is always learning something new. He sets an excellent example for our kids and is an amazing father.

About Marissa *(Written by Peter):*





Marissa is a godly woman who is faithful and loving, I am truly blessed to have found her. She is the best mother and wife! She is always looking for fun things for our boys to do, decorates the house for birthdays and holidays, makes our yard look nice, and cooks for the family every day. She is great at multitasking, which is why she is able to work full time, help around the house, spend quality time with our boys, cook dinner, and still have time to do things she loves, like running and spending time with me. It always impresses me how after work she still has so much energy to entertain and care for our boys. Marissa is very good at staying in touch with family and friends, which provides us with a great support system.

Our Home

We have lived in our house for the last 10 years and absolutely love our neighborhood. It is very family friendly with great schools and lots of places for our kids to play. There is a playground about 200 yards from our house and several others in close walking distance. We live right by the bike trail that runs along the river so we get to see a lot of wildlife and beautiful nature. We go apple picking down the street and will explore the river on hot days. It is also within walking distance of the elementary and middle schools, so as our kids grow up, their schools will be close by. We have a big backyard with a tree swing and a home garden. We recently finished our basement to create a motor room for the kids to run and play. We have also purchased some therapy equipment to allow us to do daily exercises with Craig, and Bennett loves to participate and help too.

Our Family & Friends

Marissa with her parents and our kids

We are Christian and are involved in our local church both on Sundays and meet with a small group during the week. We live close to our families and see them often. Peter's sister lives about 30 minutes away and has 2 kids that our boys love to play with. Marissa's parents live about half a mile down the street and our kids absolutely love visiting them. They watch the boys a few days each week while we are at work.

Our oldest son, Craig, has Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair and walker. We are both very involved in his treatments and do daily exercises with him at home to help train his body to move. He has made great improvements over the last several years. Our younger son, Bennett, loves to build legos and practice his numbers and letters. We are both active in our kid's interests to support and encourage them.

Our son Bennett with Peter's sister & her youngest son

Marissa at the playground with our kids & their friends

Marissa at an Indian dance celebration with friends

Our son Craig playing the piano with his Grandma

Peter with his hockey team after winning the championship

On a family walk with Marissa's Dad, Peter's sister and her family

Thank you for taking time to look at our profile. If you choose us, we promise to love this child with our whole hearts. We strive daily to meet the emotional, spiritual, educational, and physical needs of our kids. As a family of mixed races, we are open to adopting a child of any race or ethnicity. We have a lot of expertise with medical treatments and feel we can offer a safe and loving home to any child. Our older son has cerebral palsy which has no cure, but with hard work his ability to move will improve. We manage our time to do daily exercises and our goal is to make them fun and playful. Our younger son, who does not have special needs, loves to participate and help his brother. This notion of working hard at home has also helped our younger son to thrive in preschool. We guarantee that if you choose us, we will teach this child to work hard, embrace teamwork, and be joyful always.

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Why Adoption?

Marissa always wanted several children, and Peter has four sisters, so the idea of a large family was always exciting. We were blessed to have four biological children, but tragically two of our babies passed away very young due to prematurity. We still have a deep desire to have more kids, and as faithful Bible believing Christians we have always felt a spiritual calling to explore adoption. It would be an honor to share our lives, home, and love with a child of any race, ethnicity, or gender.