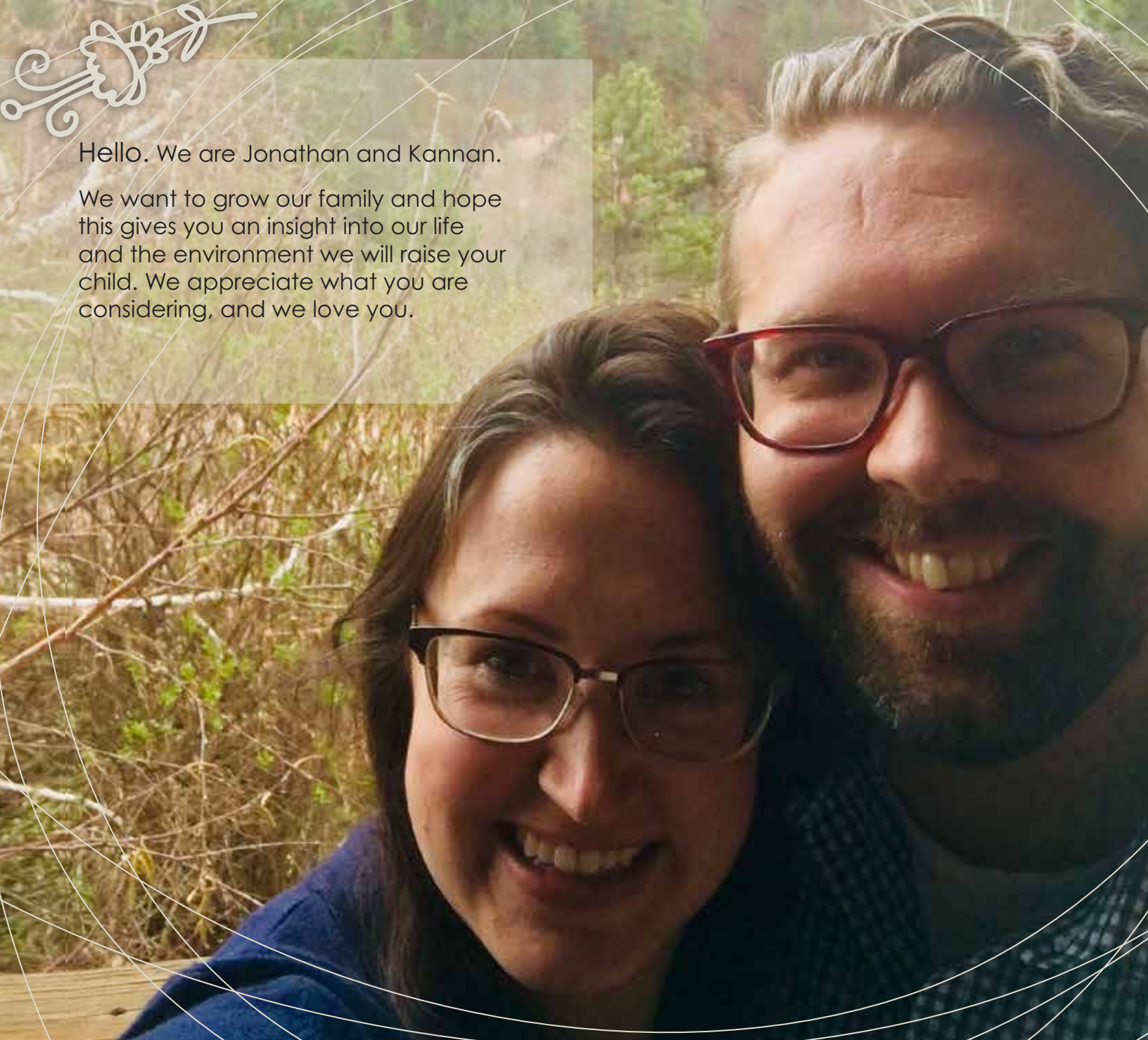


# Kannan & Jonathan



Hello. We are Jonathan and Kannan.

We want to grow our family and hope this gives you an insight into our life and the environment we will raise your child. We appreciate what you are considering, and we love you.





# Our story

We met in the Black Hills of South Dakota and never looked back!

## About Kannan:

I grew up in a small town where I went to the same school from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. My parents still live in the house my siblings and I were raised in. My grandparents were within 30 miles of me, and I had a close relationship with them along with my aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## About Jonathan:

I am passionate about the adventure of life, and I love genuinely connecting with people. During my childhood, my mom, dad, two older brothers, and I moved a lot. I attended three elementary schools, one junior high and two high schools.

Our strength  
lies in our desire to love people,  
have new experiences,  
and enjoy every day.



We live in the Black Hills of South Dakota. It's a wonderful area with forest in some areas and the Great Plains just a few miles away. The city we work in is the second largest in South Dakota; it's a perfect blend of having the convenience and luxury of a city, but the politeness and home feeling of a small town. We live in a home a few miles out of town. It's a neat property with a few acres that has fruit trees, a fish pond, and plenty of space for family to gather. We spend much of our time outdoors on the large covered deck.



# TV



We like to travel and explore the area we live in.

We had different upbringings, and that makes us a great team with lots of perspective and confidence about who we are, and what we want our life and family to be.





# Our LIFE together

We have always been a complement to each other with humor, home life, and emotional support. We are dedicated to each other and form a strong and loyal team. Our similarities are that we love to laugh, work hard, and want our children to experience the wonder and discoveries of childhood.

We love being together! No matter what we are doing, it's always better when we are doing it as a family. We especially like renovating homes back to their rightful glory. We live in a beautiful area and enjoy getting out into fresh air, whether that be hiking, bike riding, going for walks, or sitting on the deck. In the fall we keep busy picking apples, pears, peaches, plums and grapes from trees around our yard. Relaxing with each other involves activities like reading, playing board games and visiting.



We also enjoy travel and believe that it helps add depth and open mindedness to ours and our children's character. Kannan can get anxious about things from time to time, and Jonathan is a level headed breath of fresh air that helps Kannan stay grounded. Our friends and family say we are fun to be around. We like to show people that they are special and show them we care by giving them undivided attention, time, and small acts of kindness.







We are so blessed to have a close family, including extended family. We also have a wonderful group of friends. Our families are involved in each other's lives in a thoughtful and hands-on way. We all attend events to support each other in activities such as church, sports, music, or simply a long weekend! Our friends are family oriented too. We will meet at parks, each other's

homes, or at the library so our kids can play, and we can watch them explore and grow together.



Our goal has always been to build a family on a foundation of love. We began this journey in 2016 when we worked on getting pregnant and at the same time began the process to adopt. In 2017, Kannan got pregnant and gave birth to our daughter in 2018. We feel excited to adopt and have our family grow!





# KANNAN



By Jonathan

Kannan is a special combination of smart and hard working. She is confident in the person she has grown into and keeps loyal to her trustworthy and compassionate character. Every day, she makes ordinary things, extraordinary...in a very natural and easy to enjoy way. Kannan has great instincts and logic as a mom, which comes from her smarts. What makes her a remarkable mom is her ability to release love, correction, and humor simultaneously when raising our daughter and being a partner to me. Every day I have witnessed her make a choice to prioritize creating a world where our daughter can see what love is.







## Who I AM...

I have played sports since I was in fifth grade. I grew up as a shy child always wanting to blend in. Then I started basketball and found that I loved being part of a team! That love of people grew into me being very involved in all the extra curriculums my small town had to offer. I still play sports, love music and attend plays as much as possible.

I am a Mortgage Banker and get to help people buy homes. It is very rewarding! I have found that having my job outside the home makes me a better mom. I am able to show our children what it means to be able to provide and also make time for family. My mother-in-law will watch baby until he/she is a year old, and then baby will join Margot at daycare. Our childcare is a woman from our church who has a young family, and she watches the kids at her home.



I have been described as **whimsical** by a friend's

daughter. I felt it was an amazing compliment. I want our children to feel like they are free to explore and be creative in my presence. I am in touch with my inner-child and because of that, I understand that it is such a unique and short time, I try every day to make sure our daughter gets to be playful and cheerful in all the little joys life has to offer.



# JONATHAN



By Kannan

Jonathan is a kind, patient man. He has been an incredibly supportive husband and a loving father. He is playful and will do just about anything to make us laugh. With him we always feel safe and secure; he would never let anything happen to us or our home.



## Who I AM...

In Junior High, I began to love listening to music. Over the years, music has been central to my life. You name the band, I have likely listened in depth to most anything they have done. I also

enjoy reading and bettering myself through how-to and motivational books. I get really excited to read information that gives me a different perspective into the world. And I love meeting new people!



I work for a group of radio stations and help host a music festival. Typically, I read a weather forecast for two radio stations every day, host a radio program on Sunday evenings that plays Christian hit music and I organize tasks and details for an annual music festival where 50,000 people attend. As a music lover, one of my favorite parts of my job is to book bands to play at the festival.

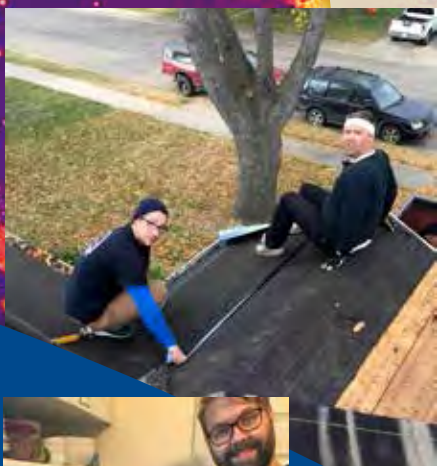






I've been told that I have zest for life that is contagious. I feel as though being present and adventurous alongside my children will teach

them important lessons for this world and give them unconditional love at the same time. I desire to raise confident and independent children that choose to love people. Patience is something that has been an important characteristic that I believe will give our children the space to be able to learn life for themselves. And most importantly, I believe I do what Theodore Hesburgh said, "The most important thing a father can do for his children is love their mother."







An **ENVIRONMENT** where our children always feel safe and loved for who they are.



It has been a desire of Kannan's heart to be an adoptive parent since she was young. We want to grow our family and show as much **LOVE** as we can to our children.



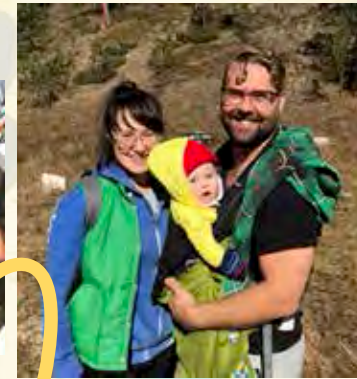
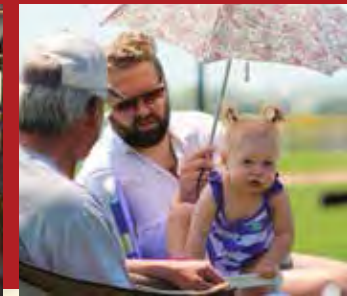
An **ATMOSPHERE** that encourages a confident child and independent thinking.



We do not feel blood lines define a family and welcoming a child into our home is a **PRIVILEGE**. We strongly believe that every child deserves to feel safe in their home and receive unconditional love.







## What we hope to offer a child

Children are a blessing and need to be loved just the way they are—every child has their own personality. We will learn their personality and parent accordingly. We both had a different upbringing, and we plan to raise our children using a happy balance of those upbringings. Structure and rules are important and so is unstructured free play! In our home, we strive to show people love, right where they are, no conditions. We want to help people and we will instill that in our children as well. Our hope is to raise children that are confident and independent who respect others and reach out with love.

We believe education and learning are important. Education and learning occur not only in school, but also through travel and getting to know different areas of the country and the cultures that make up our world. There are so many things we can learn from people we surround ourselves with. We feel college should be an option if our children want to pursue higher education and funding will be set up for each child prior to their first birthday. We also want our children to be able to start a business or be a missionary...or whatever they feel called to do. We will also have the means in place to help with these life routes as well.



We will have a **family day** each year where we talk about how each one of our children came to **join our family**. We will talk about each of them **individually** and how we felt when we found out they were **being born** and the plans we made for our **future** together. We will encourage our children to each be **unique** individuals and we will **celebrate** how **each** of them is a distinctive and **special** part of our

**family.**

