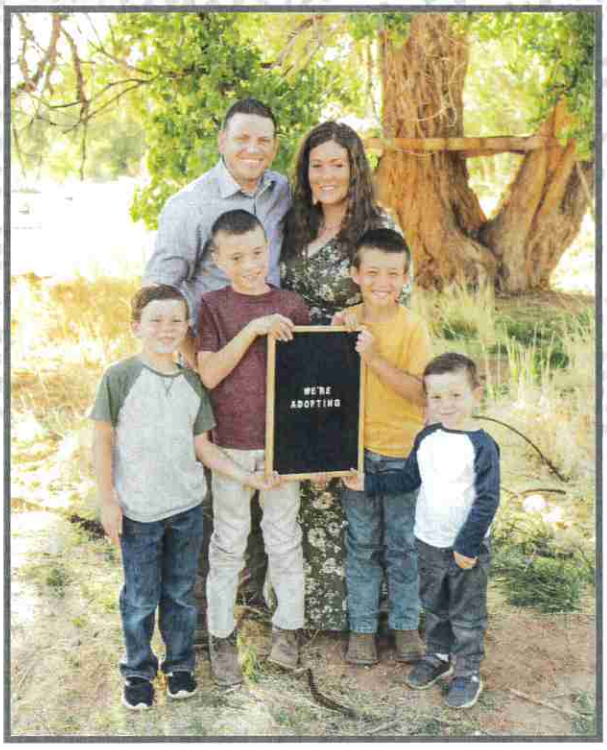
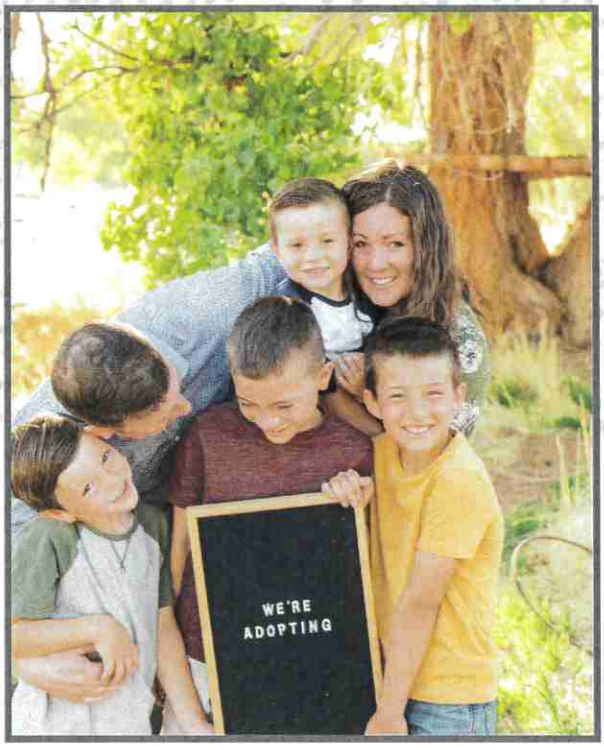
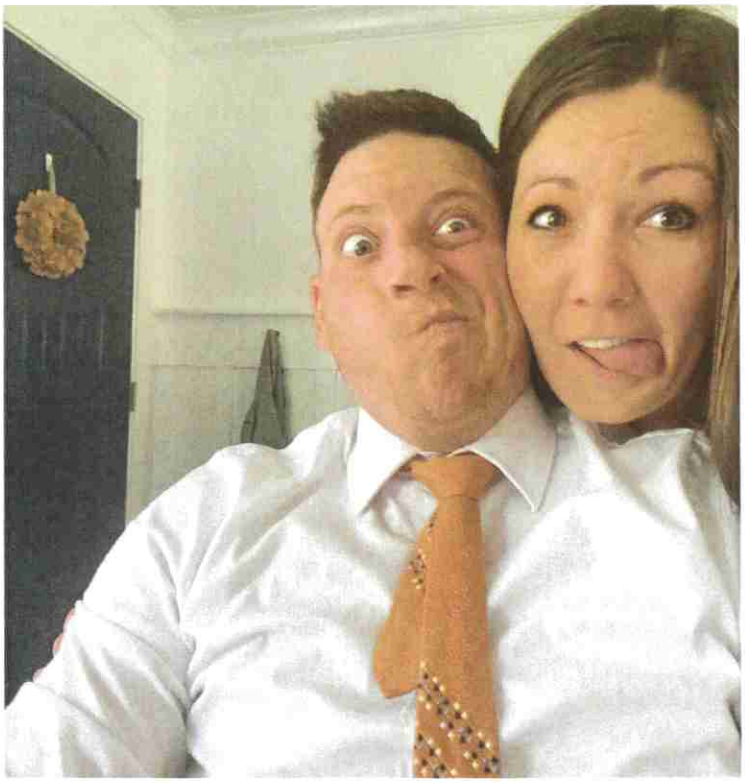




DEAR BIRTH MAMA,

Hello from sunny Southern Utah! We are the Pemberton family! We want you to know that growing our family by adoption is something we have had on our hearts since before we were married. We feel strongly that our family is not yet complete, and **we feel that God has led us to adoption**! Thank you for taking this time to learn about our family! We know this is such an important decision. Although we have not met you yet, please know that we have prayed to know God's will and timing, and **we have prayed for you. We are all so excited to welcome a precious new child into our family!**

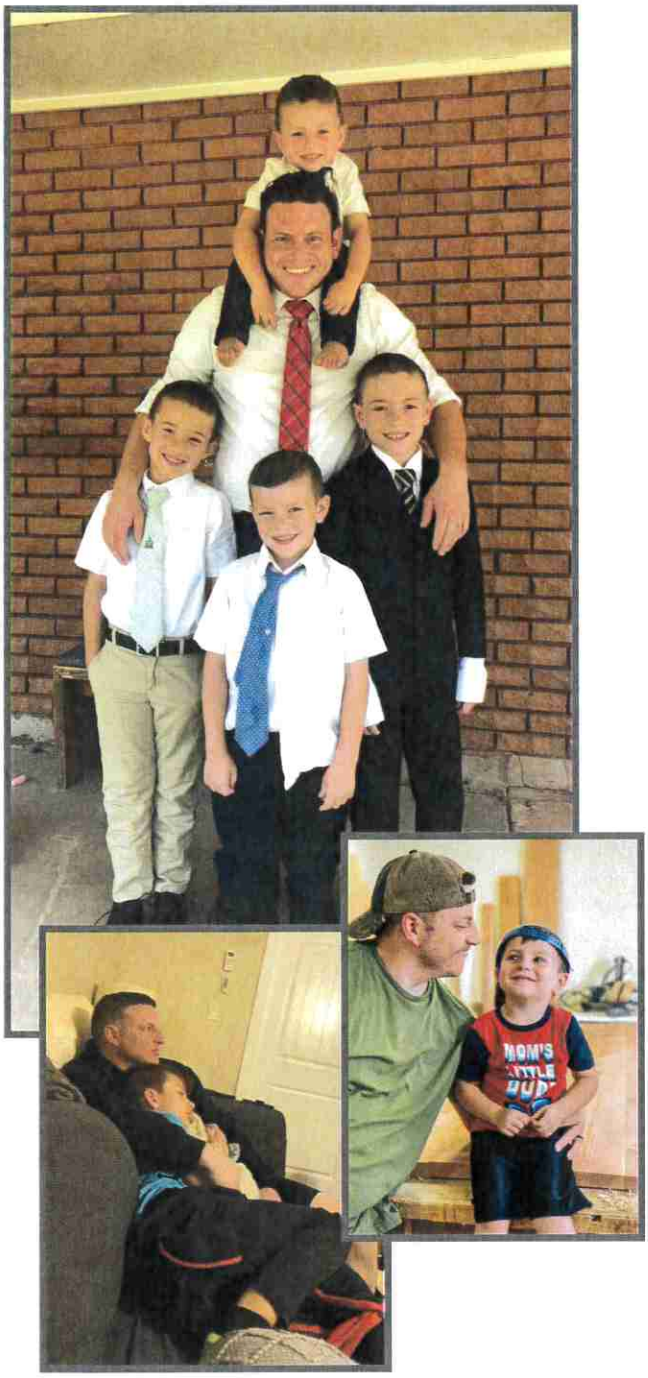


A LITTLE BIT *about us*

We are Burke & Rachel! We were married in 2009 in the St. George, Utah.

We were first introduced by Burke's mom, who claims she "prayed us together." I (Rachel) had recently graduated from Southern Utah University, and I moved to Northern Utah to help my Grandma after she had surgery. Burke, who lived just down the road, invited me to a local activity for young single adults, and the rest is history! He proposed on my birthday while we were hunting on a beautiful mountain called Boulder.

We call beautiful Southern Utah our home, which is where I was raised. We feel so blessed to now be raising our family here, surrounded by amazing family and friends.



meet BURKE

-BY RACHEL

One of my favorite things to do is to watch Burke play with our boys. **I love the pure joy I see in his eyes when he spends time having fun with them!** Because we are currently an all-boy family, there is good amount of tackling and Nerf wars with dad. They all LOVE it!

The boys love helping dad with projects and being his side-kicks. Burke enjoys playing on a soccer league weekly. One of his favorite places to be is working with wood in his shop. He is always willing to work hard on all my crazy DIY home and yard projects!

Burke is fiercely loyal and committed to his family. I love how he is always striving to be his best self, even through the hard days. Burke is a country boy at heart, and we hope to spend more time in wide open spaces in the future!

Burke is excited to welcome another child into our family!

meet RACHEL

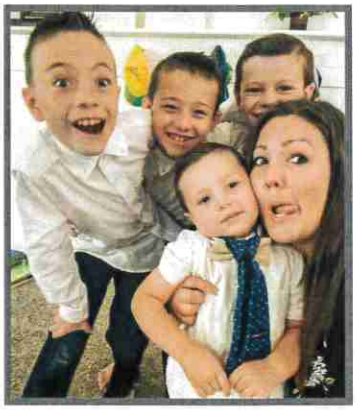
-BY BURKE

Rachel is an amazingly hard working and dedicated mother. I adore her and her ability to stay positive and engaged. **I love watching her with the boys**. I love the way they light up every time she comes home from being gone, even if it was only for five minutes.

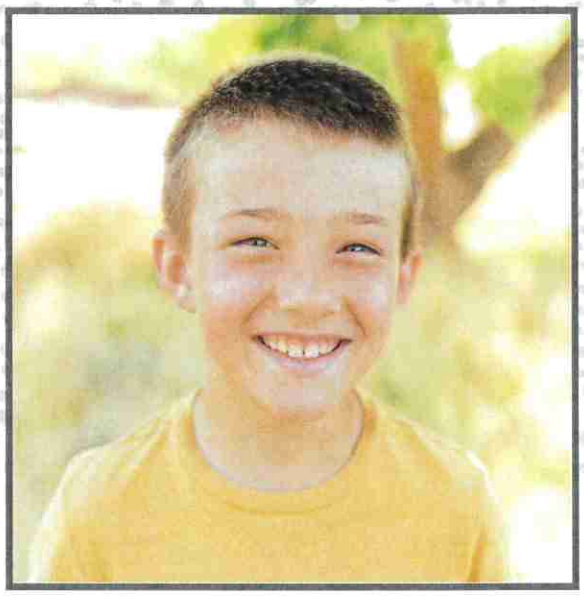
Rachel is the most kind and caring wife and mother. She would do anything to make life better for her family. She is, without a doubt, one of the most incredible individuals there is. She keeps us on our toes with the changes she likes to make around the house. When there is a project that she wants to get done, she attacks it, many times roping me into helping her.

Rachel has a spirit of service. She is ready and willing to serve at the drop of a hat. I admire her for all she is and does. **Our boys and I are blessed beyond belief at how lucky we are to call her wife/mom.**

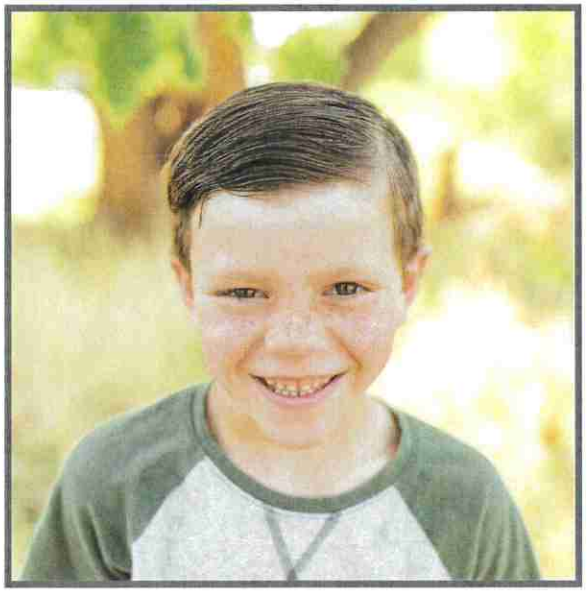
Like myself, she is ready to welcome another little life to our family.



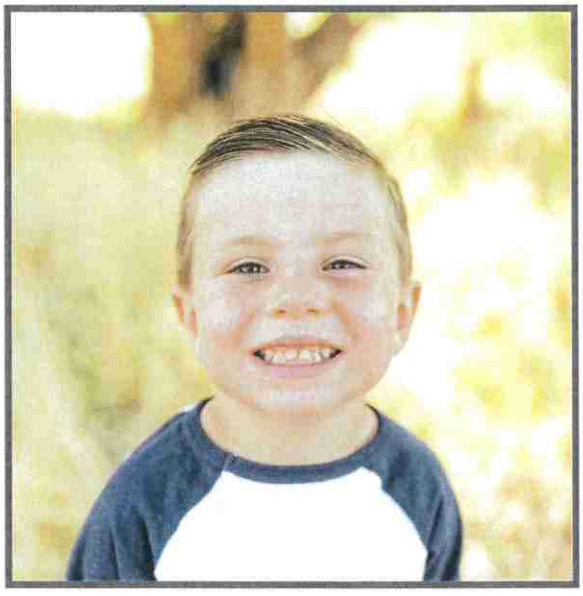
Aiden (10) is an amazing oldest brother. He is a natural leader who loves soccer, LEGOs, and anything active



Beckham (8) is our tender-hearted tough boy. He loves music, sports, and jumping on the trampoline.

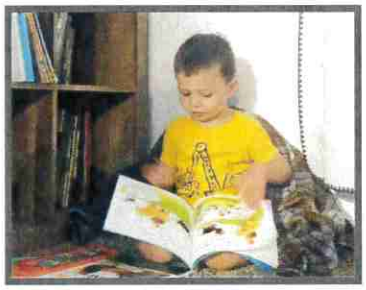


Wil (6) has the cutest freckles! He loves soccer, science, and is so kind and compassionate.



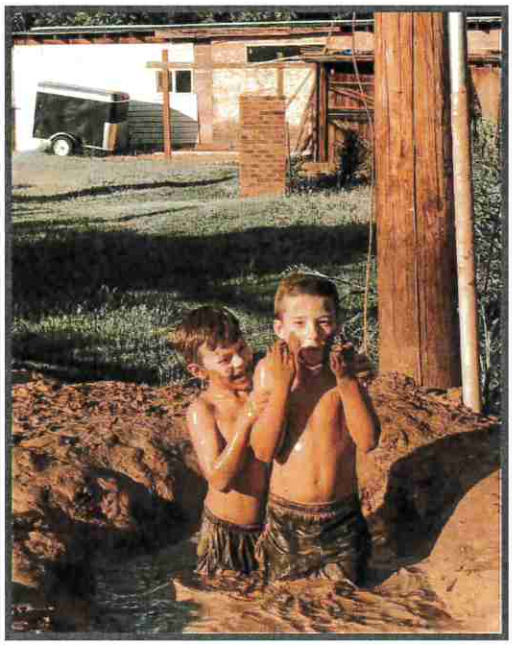
Maverick (3) keeps us smiling all day! He loves trucks, tractors, and cars. He loves to play with his brothers.

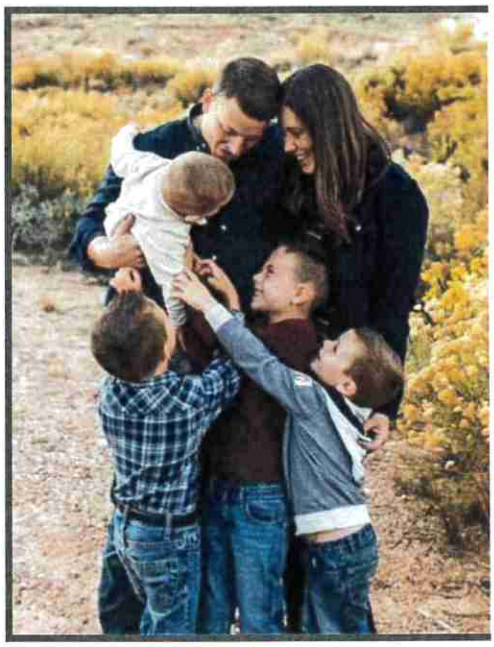
These boys know how to have fun together!



Swimming. piano lessons, soccer, reading

Best Brother Buds





WE LOVE TO...

- Spend time together! There is no place we'd rather be than at home with each other.

- Play outside

- Go fishing, hunting and camping

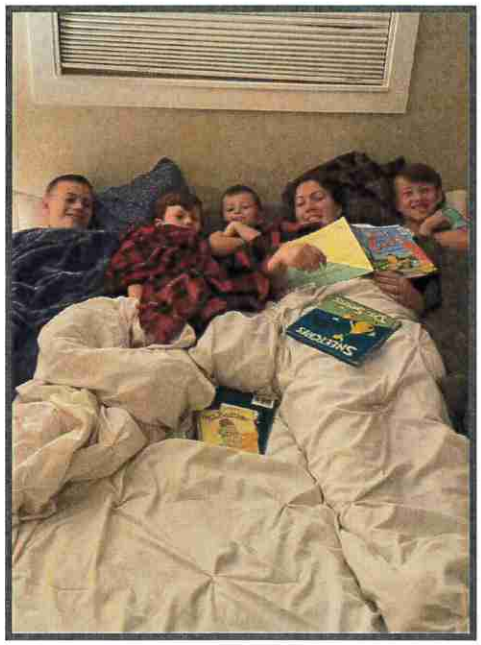
- Work in the yard together - we are so excited for our garden this year!

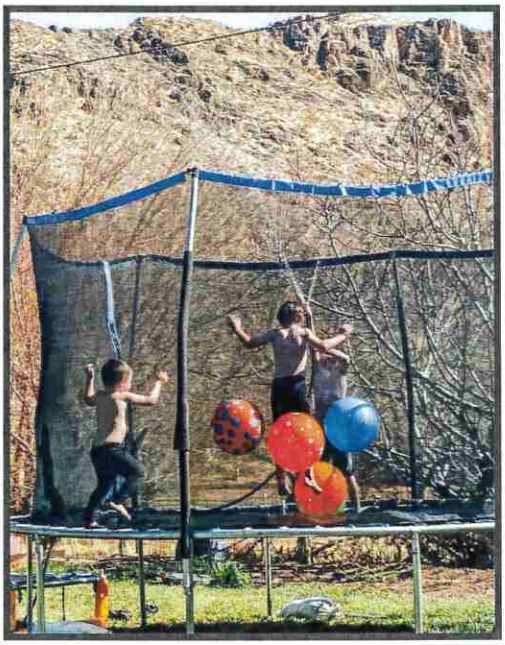
- Swim

- Burke loves soccer, and our boys are following in his footsteps

- Rachel loves to play the piano

- Roast marshmallows in our backyard firepit





SOME OF OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS

- Sunday family movie night with popcorn. We take turns each week choosing the movie!

- Family scriptures & prayer each night, along with our family cheer & hugs

- Each year on Valentine's Day, the boys dress up nice and deliver roses to women in our town

- Sunday dinners with Rachel's parents one Sunday each month

- Every October we make hobgoblin cookies with friends

- We love practicing gratitude with our "Thankful Tree" each November

- We open Christmas jammies on December 1 so we can enjoy them all month

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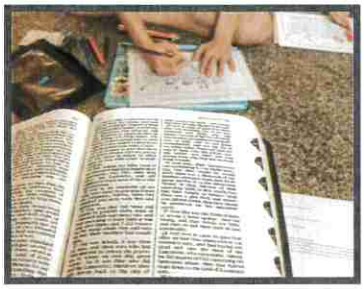
Cucumbers from our garden!



At home learning is so important to us!

The kiddos spend lots of time outside playing.

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT US

1. We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

2. **We are so thankful for a loving Heavenly Father who has blessed us greatly.**

3. Burke makes the best grilled salmon.

4. Rachel loves spaghetti.

5 We are a homeschool family, and we love it!!

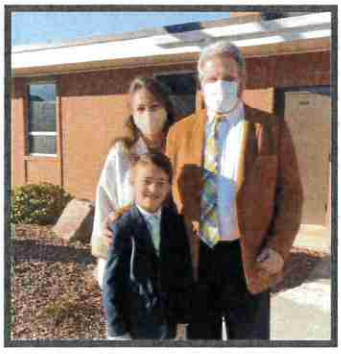
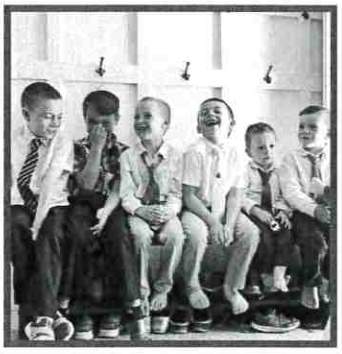
6. Our neighborhood is AMAZING! The boys have many great friends to play with daily.

7. Aiden loves chickens - and we have 14!

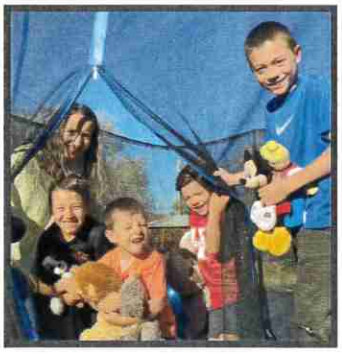
8. Beckham is taking piano lessons!

9. Wil loves science and wants to be in inventor.

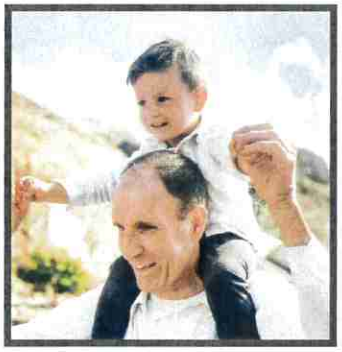
10. Maverick's LOVES to swing!

BURKE'S EXTENDED *family*



Burke is the oldest of 6. His parents and siblings all live withing driving distance, and we enjoy our get togethers! There are 12 boy cousins (including our boys) and 1 girl cousin on the Burke's side! The kids have so much fun together!. Our boys have a particularly close relationship with Burke's Mom, who we call Oma.



RACHEL'S

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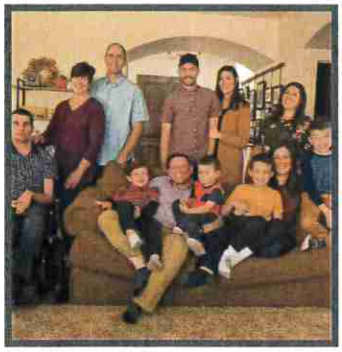
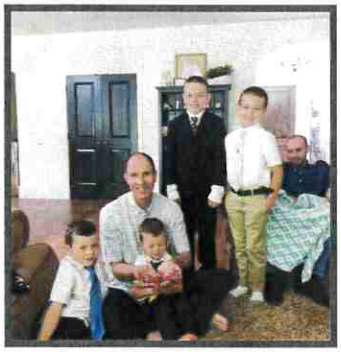
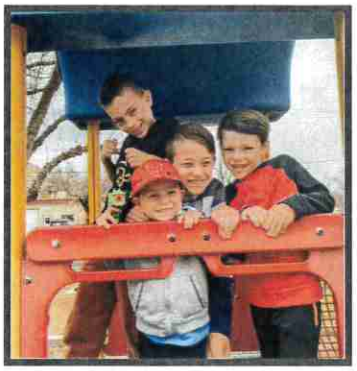



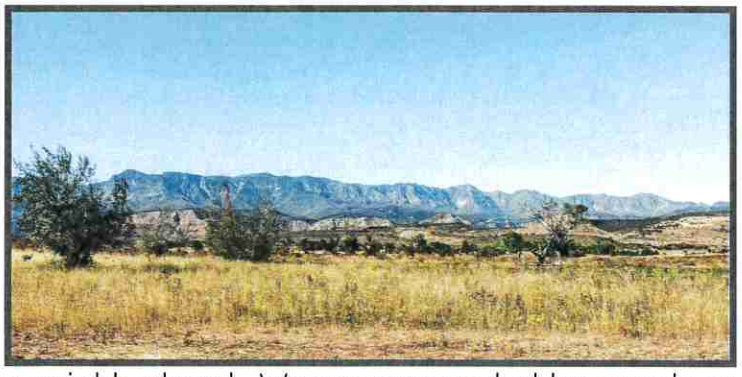
Rachel's family all lives within 2 miles of us! She is the oldest of 4. Uncle Regan has cerebral palsy, and is an amazing guy! We love getting together and do so often. We love to go on family walks, park days, Sunday dinners, and much more! We have one cute baby girl cousin on this side!

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Our yard has plenty of room for playing!



We love our local parks!



We live in an amazing neighborhood. We are surrounded by people we love, many of whom have known Rachel since she was a little girl. The kids have awesome friends that they have so much fun with. The neighborhood kids play outside any day they can, and we feel very blessed to live here. We absolutely LOVE the mountain views from our home! We love to gather around the kitchen table and eat, learn the gospel, do home school, and talk. Our home is not perfect, but it is our little piece of heaven on earth!

Our promise to you...

Being parents is our most sacred and treasured calling, and we LOVE THIS LIFE. Our boys bring us so much joy, and we learn from they daily. We are very excited to be adding a beautiful new child to our family through adoption. Your child will have four big brothers to love and protect him or her forever.

Please know that we will always unconditionally love and cherish your child. He/she will be raised in a home filled with love, peace, fun and family. Also, we want this child to grow up knowing where he/she came from and feeling proud of his/her heritage.

We hope this book gave you a look at our lives, and we look forward to meeting you. Regardless of your decision, we hope for the best for you on this journey! **Thank you for taking the time to read this.**

Sincerely,
Burke & Rachel

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