Nathan, Valerie, Avery and Thomas
Thank You!

We would like to thank you for taking the time to look at our profile book. More importantly, we want to thank you for making the loving decision to develop an adoption plan for your child. Whether we are chosen or not, please know that our love and prayers go out to you and your child during this time. We wish you the best and may God bless you as you make this decision.

- Nathan, Valerie, Avery & Thomas
We began dating in high school after connecting on a pilgrimage to Guatemala. We dated throughout our college years, while Nathan was attending school in South Dakota and Valerie in Montana. After college, we lived in Mississippi for 3 years while Nathan pursued his Masters. We got married in 2010 and then moved back to North Dakota to be closer to family.

We love to spend time together both in work and play. Much of our time is spent outside on our ranch, traveling to see friends or playing cards with others.

We treasure being together and lean on each other for support in all we do.
Adoption

After many years of trying to grow our family we listened to God's call for us to look toward adoption. We have not been able to have biological children but through adoption we have welcomed two wonderful littles into our family.

In December 2015, Avery Jade was born and joined our family. Then in June 2017, we were overjoyed to welcome Thomas Bernerd into our family.
love grows as our hearts grow bigger

Life is full of the unexpected. When we got married we did not expect our life journey to include adoption, but God knows what is best.

The love that adoption is - from y'all making the loving choice as birth families to the love we can share with these children and them in return - has been the biggest blessing we could have never anticipated.
Valerie is someone who:

* Loves to play games
* Is deeply committed
* Values relationships
* Spends time outside
* Is employed in education
* Is easy going
Nathan is someone who...

* Loves unconditionally
* Is kind and understanding
* Is employed in finance
* Is optimistic
* Plays soccer year round
This little girl is full of energy. Some of the things she loves include dressing up, swimming, digging worms, chasing her kitties and snuggling. It has been such a blessing to have her in our lives!

Avery Jade
Little Girl Full of Joy

Avery was born December 2015. She is tiny, but fierce.
Thomas Bernard

This little man was born June 2017. He was born prematurely but is a fighter and has overcome all obstacles. He loves to build and destroy things, play outside, read stories and ride in tractors. He has added such spunk to our family!
Thomas loves playing with his sister whether it be splashing in puddles or stealing her toys.
Nathan's family includes his sister, her husband and their two girls and his mom. His dad passed away unexpectedly 9 years ago. His mom lives close and sees the kiddos regularly. His sister lives in Montana and we love traveling to visit.
Valerie's Family

Valerie grew up in a family of five kids on the family ranch which her and Nathan now live on.

Each of her four siblings are now married. There are a lot of little kids with Avery and Thomas having ten cousins between the ages of seven years and a few months old. Her family is very close and spends a lot of time together working, playing and celebrating.

Pictures to the left and at the top depict time with cousins. The photo directly above is quality time with great grandma.

family
The most recent complete family photo.

Her brother & his family.

Valerie's older sister & family.

Valerie's younger sister & husband.

Valerie's youngest sister & husband.
Work hard dream BIG
Home and Jobs

We live in a five bedroom home on the ranch Valerie grew up on. It is located not far outside a larger city which provides for many opportunities. We raise cattle and have two horses in addition to other farmyard animals.

Nathan is a loan officer and Valerie works in education. Both love their professions and work hard to do their best.
Questions You May Have:

What led us to adoption?
Throughout our life together we have struggled with infertility but wanted to be parents and pass on ours and God's love. Adoption has allowed us this.

Why are we adopting again?
Our kiddos share so much joy with their sibling and we have been so blessed through their interactions. With love, one can only hope to give it more.

How will we raise your child?
While parenting we will judge each situation as it occurs. We will strive to raise children that know right from wrong and have an understanding of honesty, integrity and the value of work. We will raise them with an understanding of you and the sacrifices that were made for them out of love.

Do we have faith/cultural traditions?
We are part of the Catholic faith and it plays a large role in our lives. We follow the values and traditions of the church and our
May God bless you on this journey!