

# Why Gateway Woods?

Every child should be raised in a safe and loving home. There are times when a parent is, through no fault of their own, unable to parent their child. ***It is in times like this that love and support are needed to give hope to the parent and child.*** In our adoption program, we create a safe place where expecting and birth parents can find the support they need as they make an incredibly difficult decision. We are also able to connect a birth family with an adoptive family who is able to provide a loving home for the child. ***In doing this, our desire is for families to work together for the best possible future for all involved.***

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A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalms 68:5-6



# HOPING TO ADOPT

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## ADOPTION **DOMESTIC**

Our domestic adoption program is full-service. We provide home study services, post placement reporting and support, matching and placement services, as well as any other assistance you may need throughout your adoption journey. Domestic adoption generally involves adopting an infant, but we also provide home studies for a variety of circumstances. Our wait list is free and only open to families who receive a home study through Gateway Woods. If you choose, you may take your home study to another provider to be matched with an infant or embryo for adoption.

## Hoping to grow your family through adoption?

**As a Christian agency**, we are motivated by a genuine love for children and families. Our faith and personal experience compel us to compassionately care for the children and families we serve. On this journey, you may experience a variety of emotions and we will be with you every step of the way. **Most of our staff have personal experience with infertility and adoption.** This empathetic perspective guides us as we help you navigate the complexities of the adoption process.

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*We are so grateful for Gateway Woods' heartfelt and Christ-like approach to adoption — how they cared for us and our dear birth mother from the start of our journey. We were blessed to have had their guidance and care as we navigated what can be an overwhelming and challenging process. We thank God for using them to bring about the adoption of our beautiful little girl!*

**RYAN & SARA PAYNE** (Gateway Woods Placement)

## ADOPTION **INTERCOUNTRY**

Within our intercountry adoption program, we provide home study services and post placement reporting and support. We work with other accredited agencies operating in various countries who are able to match families with children needing a forever home. Intercountry adoption generally involves adopting an older child.