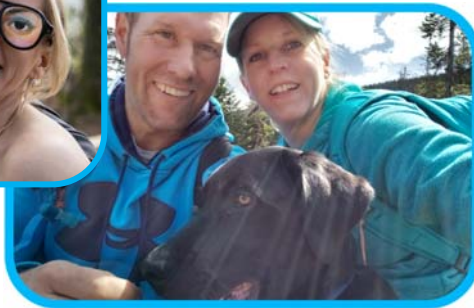


John + Vicki



We are **honored** that you are reading our story. We are John and Vicki. We met in April 2015 after finding each other online! There was an immediate connection and the words “I love you” came quickly and easily. After sharing many adventures throughout that summer -- running the Whistler Tough Mudder, hiking to beautiful lakes, and exploring cities -- we were engaged in September 2015. Family and friends knew instantly that **we had found our crazy, weird soulmates**. We were married in February 2016 and if you do the math, that is 10 months after meeting! Whenever we talked about our future family, even while dating, adoption was always brought up. We have family members and friends who are adopted and have adopted children. It has always been something dear and close to our hearts. We have faced fertility challenges and **adoption was a natural next step for us and feels like this is how we have always been meant to grow our family.**



Aspen is a purebred black lab. He joined our family on March 9th, 2019 when he was 9 weeks old. He is an **amazing dog who loves people and sticks**. Aspen comes everywhere with us and lives for hiking!

Meet John - Written by Vicki

John grew up in and still lives in the Fraser Valley. He is high energy which makes him perfect for his physically demanding job as a production worker. **John is an amazing human! He loves people and people love him!** When John asks you how you are, this is not a surface question. He really wants to know, the good, the bad and the ugly. **He is the ultimate encourager**, whether he is cheering me on up a mountain or walking alongside friends going through the trials of life. **He can be counted on.** Before I met John he spent a year and a half in Africa working with churches and local youth. — a time that had a great impacted on his life and outlook on the world. He lives for the outdoors! Hiking, kayaking, frisbee, golf and croquet are some of his passions. At family dinners he can be found playing floor hockey, games or reading stories to our nieces and nephews. **He loves to have fun, be goofy and make people laugh.**



Meet Vicki - Written by John

Vicki grew up in a large city for most of her life, moved to the Fraser Valley in 2005. Vicki is an office administrator for a non-profit, working with humanitarian organizations around the world. **Helping people is a huge passion of hers.** Before I met Vicki, she lived in South American for 7 months working with local churches, she speaks fluent Spanish and is connected with the local Latin culture here. She wears her heart on her sleeve, and is not shy to share her story and struggles when she knows it can help others overcome. Though **her laugh is contagious** and puts a smile on my heart, it can terrify bystanders (Something you have to hear. It's awesome). **She has a gift to put people at ease with her welcoming spirit and openness.** She loves to be outside climbing mountains, kayaking, chasing waterfalls, and spending time at home being creative, knitting and crocheting or making things for our home. **I love doing life with her!**



Openness

We are excited to grow our family through adoption. We hope our child will have the **opportunity** to know you and where they came from. You are **welcome** in our family. With that being said we **respect** your wishes as to what level of openness you are comfortable with. We look forward to meeting you/ getting to know you and what makes you, YOU! You are welcome to ask any questions you wish and are excited to discuss openness with you.

What makes us... us.

- Our church + faith
- Being active in our community
- Serving monthly at a local homeless shelter
- Hiking the mountains that surround our home
- Hosting dinners
- Travelling
- Our relationship! It's full of love + respect
- Our family + friends
- Playing games, games, and more games.

