

KYLE *and* EMILY



this is OUR STORY

Hello! We're Kyle and Emily. We've been joyfully married for ten years, and a decade of life together has led us through 4 states, 2 countries, and the deep desire to build community wherever we are—including in our own family.

In each place we've called home—Maryland, North Carolina, Congo, and Minnesota—we have loved ones who have shared with us the gift of family, even when we don't share DNA. We have been the ones welcomed into new cultures and new homes, and our desire to adopt is born of our own experiences of receiving hospitality and welcome. We can't wait to welcome a child into our family and offer them a home of love and belonging.

Here are a couple fun facts you should know about us:

- We love cooking and eating. We think great things happen around full tables.
- We're from opposite ends of the country: Kyle from Wisconsin, Emily from Louisiana. This means our family celebrations include equal parts bratwursts and jambalaya.
- We love adventure and travel. Whether trying a new bike trail in the Twin Cities, or hiking a crater lake in Uganda, we're energized by exploring new places.

Thanks for taking to time to get to know us a bit more!



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EMILY



IN KYLE'S WORDS: No matter what she's doing or who she's with, Emily is caring, attentive, engaged, and organized. She's the kind of person people enjoy connecting with because she's deep, interesting, easy to talk to and has a surprisingly funny side. Emily does a very good job of taking care of herself, so that she can be present to others, and I've seen her demonstrate tremendous courage and compassion over the last ten years. This, combined with her strong sense of loyalty and responsibility, will make her an excellent mother.

OCCUPATION: Pastor

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW: Emily is from Louisiana; she's mostly lost her accent but not her taste for a good crawfish boil, gumbo, or king cake.

INTERESTS: collecting cookbooks, trying new recipes, biking, travel and exploring new places with Kyle, learning guitar, spending time with nieces and nephews, Christian theology, rich conversations

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KYLE

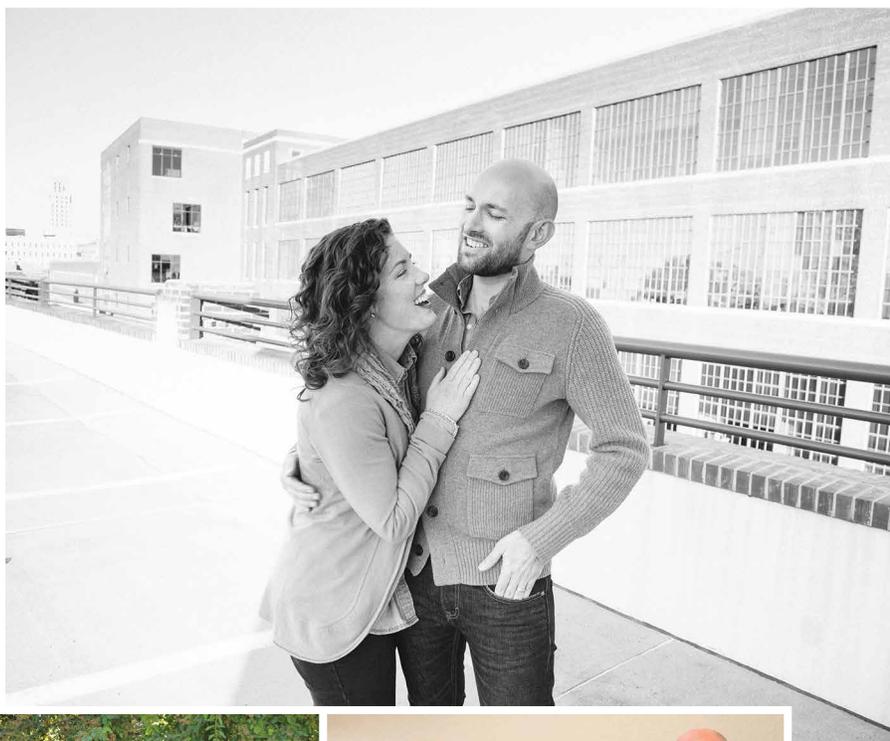
IN EMILY'S WORDS: Kyle has an insatiable curiosity to learn about the world and other people. He is a master researcher, sharp thinker, and a great mentor. I love his entrepreneurial spirit and the way he always asks me what I'm learning about. When I imagine him as a dad, I see him encouraging exploration and adventure in our children—whatever their interests may be. Kyle's patience, servant-heart, and encouraging presence is a daily gift to me and will be for our children as well.

OCCUPATION: Theological Education & International Development

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW: Kyle has a an amazing Donald Duck impersonation.

INTERESTS: discussing new ideas with friends, learning about and eating chocolate, reading The Economist, teaching at church, business strategies for social impact, Christian theology and ethics, working on projects with friends, and exploring the Twin Cities by bike





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When I (Emily) was first thinking about becoming a pastor, Kyle was the first person to tell me to go for it. He told me that he believed in me and that he would be excited for how that journey might unfold for us. When I (Kyle) began to realize I wanted us to move to Congo for a season, Emily was always willing to take the next step of discovery, partnering with me in the risks and unknowns of an overseas move. Through ups and downs, dreams and disappointments, desires and adventures, our relationship has always been about giving each other wings. Now, as we dream about becoming parents, that is what we hope to do more than anything for a child. The greatest gift we could offer would be to instill in him or her that they are lovable, capable, and worthwhile—in short, to give them wings.

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