

# THE ADVENTURES

## Of Nate & Emmy

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### -Excitement and Romance!-

We leave fingerprints wherever we go. On whatever surface we touch, depending on the qualities of the substance, an impression is made, material is moved, or visible remains are left behind. God's "fingerprints" on our lives are worth discovering and remembering. One such fingerprint in my life was the decision to devote my purity to God when I was 15. God had made it clear that even this area of life belonged to Him and that I needed to surrender it to Him, to ask Him to keep me not only physically, but also mentally and emotionally for my future husband if marriage was in His plan for me. I chose to wear a ring as a reminder of that promise that had "True Love Waits" inscribed on it, and from time to time God used His Word, conversations, and sermons to remind me to pray about this promise and write letters to whomever Mr. Right would be. A decade later, I publicly gave my husband that ring as a part of our wedding ceremony, and was given his in return. I am beyond grateful.

A plethora of evidence of God's sovereign, yet intimate care was seen in all of the details that were woven together for the wedding on May 12th, 2016. God provided loving friends and family who graciously gave of their time and talents in various generous ways (which we are *SO* thankful for), but one of God's provisions that stood out the most to me is how He provided for my Dad to walk me down the aisle. A father is irreplaceable in the life of his child. Mine was trapped in Fort McMurray, Alberta just barely over a week before my wedding here in Texas because his campsite/worksit area became the evacuation hub for the majority of citizens and workers fleeing the massive fire. Regular routine flights from his workplace turned into "triage" flights based on importance/need of departure, with my Dad further down on the list of priority. I took the time to call my Dad, text him, pray with him, and send him Scripture passages to comfort him as we both knew that only God could truly provide. And He did. God provided the flight to remove my Dad from the ordeal, and provided a wonderful friend who was previously a truck driver who knew how to deliver on time! My Dad not only was able to enjoy my wedding, but also my graduation from my...

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### -God is Good-

A short time before we were married Emily and I were out doing some shopping together, and someone rear-ended us, causing whiplash and as we were to discover later... some other effects. We began chiropractic treatments, and noticed the effects of back pain and recovery after the event. After a period of treatment the Chiropractor ordered a series of MRI's to see why our pain had not improved as much as he would have liked. After our wedding the chiropractor ordered yet another series of MRI's this time with dye contrast, and referred me...

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### -A Letter of Introduction-



Hello,

My name is Nathan Windle, and I'm sure that if you are one of the many people who have committed to support Emily Tiel (now Emily Windle) through prayer or finance you have heard of me once or twice. I was just wanting to take a short amount of time to introduce myself. For those of you who are hearing from us for the first time, thank you for taking the time and Welcome! For those of you who have supported Emily faithfully with your prayers and finances...

Thank you for continuing to take the time to listen to and pray for us! We covet your partnership in our ministry.

### Where I'm from:

I was born in the far eastern part of Montana in a small town called Baker. At the time my family was serving as pastor to a church in an even smaller town north of Baker called Wi-baux. (it's French) If you know of where I'm taking I am impressed by your knowledge of Montana's small towns! I was born to Larry and Ruth Windle and my three older siblings. At the age of four my family felt God's call on our lives to enter a...

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## -Excitement and Romance! (continued)-

...Spanish program two days before the wedding.

Another blessing, was how God incorporated various leaders into one of the dedicatory prayers during the wedding. Not only was it important that our families publicly dedicate Nathan and I as a married couple to God, but that the leaders in our lives stand with us in prayer as well. We recognize that there are many more people who have impacted our lives than those who stood with us, but we were especially blessed to be prayed over by our bosses, fellow staff members, our local pastor, and various board members of RGBM. As you will read in Nate's section of this update, your prayers are needed more than ever as God has presented us with an unexpected opportunity to grow in faith, trust, and hope... together. Thank you so much for already walking with us this far!

By: *Emily*



## -God is Good (continued)-

...to a neurosurgeon. They discovered a tumor growing on my spine (meningioma), and that I will have to have immediate surgery. All indications are that it will not metastasize, but will need immediate removal to prevent long term damage. The surgery is scheduled for August 10, unless an earlier date opens up.

Please pray for the medical staff in this touchy, microscopic surgery; the effects of the whiplash that Emily and I both suffered; for our support raising efforts as I cannot travel long distances; for the complications that this presents for my fall semester of studies.

By: *Nathan*



MRI of the tumor.

## -Our Call-

God has blessed us immensely, He not only has given us each other but He has also chosen to give us a direction in which we are to go. God has asked us to continue in our positions at RGBM. Emily will continue as the assistant to the vice president of ministerial advancement. I will continue in my role as the manager of our campus coffee shop, Koinonia Koffe. A slight change in our ministry is that Emily and I were recently accepted as fulltime missionaries with RGBM.



## -A Letter of Introduction (Continued)-

...different field of ministry. We raised our support, joined a mission and moved, for a short time, to a language school in south Texas called Rio Grande Bible Institute, to learn Spanish. Once language school was complete we moved to Bolivia, South America.

It was during this period that a major event occurred in my personal life. I was joined by a Person who has been a lifelong friend and companion: the Holy Spirit! Through the urging of my siblings and the guidance of my folks I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. Through His power and blood I was washed clean and now have an inheritance in heaven.

As a family we served in church planning in Bolivia our first term of four years and then served another two years with my father as the field director. We loved Bolivia and thought that we would be there for many more years. We were excited for what God was doing. In the years that we were there we saw God multiply the churches tenfold, but after having served six years in Bolivia, God chose to move us on to the next stage in our family's service.

We left Bolivia not knowing where God would move us. We moved on faith only knowing that He wanted us to leave. On the day that my dad told our support team that we were leaving Bolivia, three people individually contacted him asking if he would be willing to be the president of a small Bible College and Language School in the south of Texas: Rio Grande Bible Institute (RGBI).

When I graduated from high school I was not sure what God wanted me to do. I went through the Language School program at RGBI and entered the Bible College. I also started working in the campus bookstore. God didn't give me peace in the Bible College and soon I dropped out to work in the bookstore fulltime. By that time I was an assistant manager and was in charge of a proposal for a student community center and coffee shop.



In the spring of 2014 I met a lovely girl named Emily Tiel, I was managing the now started coffee shop and studying fulltime in a Biology major at the local branch of the University of Texas. I was struck by her beauty and desire to serve the Lord. Before the semester was up she and I had agreed to pray for each other in our ministries. I thought that was the end of it and continued my work and studies placing Emily in the group of missionaries that I prayed for regularly. It was a great surprise to me when a little over a year later I was contacted by Emily ask-

ing how she could be praying for me. We began praying with each other over Facebook, one of the requests was what Emily should do in the future. God answered this request in a rather unexpected way. Emily received an invitation to join the staff at RGBM as an assistant to the vice president of ministerial advancement. Upon Emily's return to Canada from Mexico we started dating.

Emily was accepted onto the staff of RGBM and with her so near our relationship flourished. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2015, I proposed. We were married in May the next year. That is my testimony in brief, I hope that you enjoyed and were blessed by it and that you are now familiar with who I am a bit more.



By:



The New, Bigger, Better Family!



Smooches! Yay!



The Awesome Bridal Party!



The Great Escape!



The Prayer of Leaders!