



I grew up in northern Iowa with my three brothers and parents. (My family now also includes two sister-in-laws and a niece or nephew on the way!) As a teenager, I came to know Jesus Christ through the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After high school, I spent a couple years at Central College (Pella, Iowa). Central led me to work as a camp counselor with kids who have a parent in prison. It was during those summers that I knew I wanted to spend my life discipling kids.

While at Central, God directed my steps to transfer to Moody Bible Institute (Chicago) to pursue a B.A in Children's Ministry. In Chicago, I served in the children's ministry at my church for five years. I also worked as a full-time nanny, which gave me a small glimpse into parenting! God has been faithfully preparing me for my role at Pine Ridge.

My prayer is that our kids will increasingly grow in their knowledge and love of Christ and be making disciples at school, in the community... wherever they go! One favorite passage is 2 Cor. 3:4-5, *"Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but **our sufficiency is from God.**"*

Besides kids, I enjoy reading, writing, coffee, and Skype dates with friends. Perhaps of most importance, if you ever want to get ice-cream, I will never turn you down!