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She has used her passion for music and talent as a musician to serve on the worship team at church. Corey and Abby were married in 2007 and are the parents of three young children.

As they prayed and asked God for direction about their future, it was clear that cross-cultural ministry was the path they were to follow. It was evident—rather quickly—that Africa was going to be a great fit for the Stocksdales. Botswana has captured their hearts, and they are so encouraged by how their skill sets align with the ministry needs expressed by the national leaders of the church.

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