

Dear Birth Parents,

Where to start? For two fairly outgoing people, introducing ourselves through a letter has proved to be a more challenging task than we originally thought. This is only magnified by the fact that we can only imagine what you are going through right now. We are awed by your courage and love for your baby and are honored that you would take the time to read this. We don't yet know your name, but we have been praying for you and your baby, that the peace of God in Christ might guard your heart.

We are Ryan and Nikki. We met through Ryan's sister KC. Nikki volunteered to help KC by giving Ryan a ride to the airport and we were married 18 months later. We have been married for 10 years and have a 4 year old son, Caleb, through adoption. We also have a golden lab named Tozer. Our journey towards adoption has been a long one. We had unsuccessfully tried to get pregnant for about 3 years and throughout the process the Lord kept bringing us back to adoption and pushing both of our hearts in that direction. Now we can't imagine building a family any other way. Our first adoption experience was so great and we look forward to the next one.

A little bit about us: Ryan grew up in Alaska, was in the Navy and currently works as an airline pilot. Nikki grew up in Iowa and is a stay-at-home mom to Caleb. As a family we really enjoy spending time in the outdoors, whether it be hiking, running or skiing. We also really enjoy having people over to our house and spending a lot of time with extended family. However, if there were one thing that we would want you to know about us above all the rest, it is that our ultimate hope is in Christ. We have lots of desires in life, including another baby, but none of those desires compare with the hope that we have in Christ. This hope dictates how we live our lives, hoping to make much of Him in our lives and the lives of others. We aren't perfect, but we love Christ, we love each other and we can't wait to love your child.

In Christ, Ryan, Nikki, and Caleb