

Many years ago a dream of adoption was dropped into the heart of a little girl. As is common for young children, that dream was accepted without reservation into adulthood...

If you are reading this you are at a crossroads, standing on a precipice of decision that will forever change you from the inside out. We cannot know what exactly you must be feeling, though we hope one day you will feel safe to share those pieces with us. We would like to only offer this, whether you choose to parent or adopt you have already made the bold and beautiful choice that any true parent would make; you chose life! Where there is life, there is always hope. For that decision alone you have our utmost respect and admiration.

Our path to you has been several years in the making. Marshall and I met in 2001 at our college campus of CSU. On 9/11/2001 when our country was attacked by terrorists, we both sat in our dorm rooms in horrified silence as we watched on live T.V the twin towers fall. This event changed the trajectory of our lives. Marshall felt a calling to fight against terrorism which led him to enlist in the Army infantry immediately upon finishing his degree. As for me I was blown away by this man who could stand by his convictions so firmly, even if it cost him his own life. We married in 2003 at the age of 23 and 20. The following month he was deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne, he returned home nine months later with an aggressive cancer. It was a devastating time for us as we walked through pain and sickness that we never could have imagined. It was the cancer treatments that would cause infertility, though God would lead us to embrace this as an opportunity and not a handicap. We were advised to pursue IVF and encouraged it would likely be successful. However, I was sure of what God planted in my heart at such a tender age and was confident adoption was always plan A. We saw absolutely no reason to pursue fertility treatments of any kind. Truly, as we welcomed our first child home, the loss and pain of our story made complete sense as what looked like ashes was made into beautiful things. We can now say with integrity that we truly are grateful for the cancer, for the combat, for every heartache and struggle because it was those specific things that brought us our son and his birth mom.

Since we were blessed in 2017 with our first child through adoption, we have come to understand the breaking that has to take place in order to knit our family together, and we do not take that lightly. We know that adoption is filled with equal parts joy and pain, yet even amidst the pain and the grief adoption is ALSO stunningly beautiful delivering a message of love, redemption and grace; much like the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We think it is vital our children know their adoption story and the great love and sacrifice that compelled their birth mom to choose adoption. Thank you for your heart, for your courageous love, for laying your own heart down for the sake of your child. If you choose adoption I am confident you feel it is the best and most loving choice for your child, if you choose parenting I am confident it is the best and most loving choice for your child. Either way, God holds your future, He is enamored with you, you are His daughter and He loves your child more than anyone else could. You can rest in Him, and trust Him for He is always faithful.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and look at our pictures, there is so much more to share! We genuinely hope that we can get to know you better and that we can be a blessing to you as much as you are a blessing to us. God Bless and keep you <3

Love,
Jeanie, Marshall and Eli