



Chris, Amy, & Haddie

Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you for considering us as loving parents for your child. We cannot even begin to imagine the feelings and emotions you have or will experience in your decision to make an adoption plan. We admire your courage, strength, and love for your child and hope this letter and these photographs give a glimpse of who we are and the kind of parents we will be to your child.

Hi! We are Chris, Amy, & Haddie. Chris and Amy met during college while working at the local grocery store where we live. We quickly became friends, and after about three years, we started dating. We dated for about two years and then became engaged for a year. We were married in July of 2000 and have been married for 18 years! We believe we have a strong and committed marriage, because we have built a solid friendship over the many years we have known each other.

We dealt with infertility issues since we were married. Even while we were trying to get pregnant, we knew we were really meant to adopt. We were in an international adoption from China, which lasted over 10 years before we decided to stop that process. The wait was really hard on us, but taught us patience. During our wait, we decided to proceed with a domestic adoption through CSSM. We waited three years for our beautiful daughter, Haddie who is 2 years old, and could not imagine life without her. We were very happy with the process and love the openness of our adoption. Haddie's birth family is really an extension of our family.

During the wait Amy was able to go back to college and get an Elementary Education Degree. While Amy was going back to school, she worked at a grade school and has been a

second grade teacher for 7 years, at that same school! Chris is a controller for a university and has worked there for the past 16 years.

In our free time, we enjoy spending every minute with Haddie. We live close to some mountains that are great for hiking and camping. We have kayaks and we really want to take Haddie out on them. Traveling is also something that we all enjoy and try to take a couple trips a year. We recently took Haddie to the Museum of the Rockies to see the dinosaurs, which she loved! We like the challenge of “do it yourself” home improvement projects, and TRY to do them ourselves! Actually, Chris is a great handyman and can do pretty much any project that we need done. We like spending time with all of our family, who are all close by. We enjoy hanging out with our nieces and nephews, who love to come and play with Haddie.

We want to take this time to thank you for reading our letter and looking at our profile. We know it must be hard to really know somebody only through a letter and photos and then use that to make such an important decision. We hope that we have been able to give you a brief idea of who we are and would cherish the opportunity to have you and your child become part of our family.

Sincerely,
Chris, Amy, & Haddie