

Dear Birth Parent,

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a child to add to our family. From bed-time stories to family vacations, we are thrilled to parent another child. Our families have raised us to be loving, caring, responsible Christians and in turn, we feel blessed to raise our children in the same manner.

Our desire to have children has always been strong. After trying to have a biological child, we were told we most likely would be unable to conceive naturally. In 2009, we were blessed to be chosen to parent our son, John Thaniel. We will be forever grateful to his birth parents for choosing us to be his mom and dad. Thaniel is the love of our lives and brings much joy to all around him. He is longing to have a sibling and is looking forward to welcoming a new brother or sister in to our home. In 2016, after years of waiting to be chosen for another adoption, we decided to attempt in vitro fertilization. To our delight, we discovered Amanda was pregnant with twin girls. However, at just 23 weeks and five pregnant, Amanda had to undergo an emergency c-section. Our precious angel, Iris was lost at birth. We were blessed to spend four days with our little Josephine in the NICU before God called her home to heaven to be with her twin sister. Our hearts ache for the loss of our sweet girls however, we are trusting in God's plan for our family. Following the heartbreaking loss of our twins, we feel God is calling us to adoption now more than ever.

Education is very important to us. Our love of children has led us both to become elementary school teachers. Amanda teaches kindergarten and has her Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Brad teaches English to second language learners and holds a Master's Degree in Linguistics, as well as, Philosophy.

Childcare is essential and we feel it is important for our children to have a healthy, loving environment during the early, formative years. After Amanda's maternity leave, our parents are looking forward to spending time with a new grandbaby and assisting in our childcare needs. Because we are both teachers, we have ample time off during the summer months to spend together as a family.

Faith is a vital part of our lives and we attend a local Christian church. God's hand has always been a part of our decision making process and we now realize why He placed so many people with adoption stories in our path.

Adoption is a unique story and we will always tell our children about the selflessness, courage, and love of their birth parents. We hope to keep in touch through letters, pictures, and possibly visits. Our children will be proud of their rich heritage and will always know they were adopted.

We are truly grateful that you have taken the time to read our profile and learn about our family. We are thinking of you and praying for God's peace and guidance as you make your decisions and, if possible, we hope to meet soon.



Sincerely,

Brad, Amanda, and Thaniel

Our Little Angels-Iris and Josephine

