



Hello,

Our story begins when we met in Missouri on a blind date and have been in love ever since. We married in 2006 and wanted a large family, but that day never came. Nearly eight years ago we had a wonderful opportunity to adopt Zoe Grace, a child with special needs. She has been a great blessing to both of us. We are now wanting to expand our family.

David is the pastor at our rural Lutheran congregation. He has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary. Emma also has a degree in Early Childhood Education.

We are two people who would generally rather talk about anything other than ourselves, so pouring out our hearts here is not a simple task. But we have a strong desire to share our love and embrace a child (or children) into our family.

We understand this is a very difficult time, and that there are a wide range of emotions that birth families feel regarding the adoption process. We believe that our prior experience with adoption as well as asking God to lead, guide and assist us in the process will be helpful. Once we connect, and start to talk, and get to know each other, it gets easier and the process starts to become more real and less scary.

As parents, we plan to honor and respect your relationship to your child through open discussions, a life-book, and talking about you and your family. We believe it's important to discuss adoption with a child from an early age and we're comfortable with whatever level of openness you would like to have.

A beautiful Chinese proverb says, "A flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all."

We are very open to meeting you and hope it gives you comfort to know that we are loving, compassionate people who love children.

Sincerely,

David, Emma & Zoe