



Hello!

As we sit down to write this letter, it occurs to us that there seem to be no words to fully express our feelings of hope, thankfulness, and gratitude for you. We have long desired to have children of our own, and each of us has come from a family where adoption, both the formal adoption of children and the informal adoption of friends into the family, are a way of life. We cannot begin to imagine the difficulty you have had in making this decision, but we hope that looking through our scrapbook and getting to know us will help alleviate your fears and concerns about your child's future.

We have been married for 6 ½ years. We met our first day of work as we arrived for a training day at our new school where we began as English teachers. We became the best of friends, and over time, our love for one another grew. We were married 3 years later on the 5th of July, and we have spent much of our time since teaching, traveling, and spending as much time as we can with our families.



As the old adage goes, opposites attract, and we are no different. Michael has a very reserved, but spontaneous personality. He is one of those rare “whole brained” types who is very good at English, math, art, sports, and remembering the most random bits of trivia you can imagine. Michael is anxious to experience the joys of being a father, and he is thrilled at the prospect of playing with new toys and eventually dusting off and sharing his giant bin of Legos that his mom kept safe for a time such as this. Jennifer is outgoing and



throws herself whole-heartedly in everything she does. She loves to learn and just completed a Master's degree in Humanities from The University of Dallas, but in her dream world she harbors a desire to become a dolphin trainer in Hawaii.

Jennifer cannot wait to experience the “first” moments that come with being a mom: first giggle, first words, first steps, first everything!

We are both fun-loving, and if we were to characterize our marriage in one word, it would be laughter. As a couple, our interests are extremely varied, but there is one thing that we agree is far more important than the rest: family. We both come from strongly family-oriented backgrounds, and our child will be welcomed with open hearts on both sides. Even our 7 year-old



German Shepherd, Lyla, has gotten into the spirit! Her help in sitting on the directions and overseeing each step in the process was invaluable when Michael put the nursery together. Lyla was raised around children, and she amazes everyone she meets with her gentle spirit and calm demeanor.

We sincerely hope you will see our lives in these pages and envision a place for your child within our home. Please know that we are open to providing pictures of your child as s/he becomes part of our family through the first 18 years. We have a tremendous amount of love to give and are excited at the prospect of bringing a child into the next phase of our lives.



Sincerely,

Michael and Jennifer

