

# Dusty and Melinda

Dear Birth Parents,

We are Dusty and Melinda and we are so thankful that you are considering adoption, and for thinking of us as possible adoptive parents. We cannot begin to imagine what you may be going through right now, but truly appreciate the outstanding love and courage it takes for you to make the decision to travel the road of adoption. We are extremely excited to have the opportunity to provide a safe, supportive and loving home for a beautiful, young child. We are honored to be a part of this incredibly personal decision and very excited about the prospect of welcoming a child into our home and becoming a family.

We met each other during our freshman year of high school and began dating during our junior year. We dated until Dusty graduated college and at that time we got married. So, I guess it is safe to say that we were “high school sweethearts”. Not long after we bought a house in a great neighborhood and spent a summer fixing it up. We love the home that is has made for us and now we await the day to make it complete with the addition of a child. We have now been happily married for five and half years and are extremely anticipating the day that we get to bring a baby home to be a part of our family. We currently do not have any children. We have suffered a miscarriage and numerous infertility treatments with no success. Those events and God’s guidance has led us down the path to adoption.

We are both employed in the education field. Dusty is an elementary school teacher, basketball coach and football coach. He has finished his degree to become a school administrator and is looking forward to what the future may hold. Melinda is a paraprofessional in a local school district and spends countless hours babysitting for family and friends at church. We both eagerly look forward to the day when Melinda can be a stay-at-home mom to care for our child. Last year, we took over the role of leading and ministering to the youth group at our church. We get so much joy teaching and being around children.

A simple “Thank you” isn’t nearly enough to say for this incredible decision that you are making. Though we have not met we are in awe of your compassion and courage. The gift of adoption is the ultimate act of selflessness and unconditional love. We promise that your baby will be loved, protected, encouraged, supported and surrounded by family and friends who will love him or her unconditionally. We will always let them know that you were incredible people who placed their needs above those of your own. Thank you!

Sincerely,

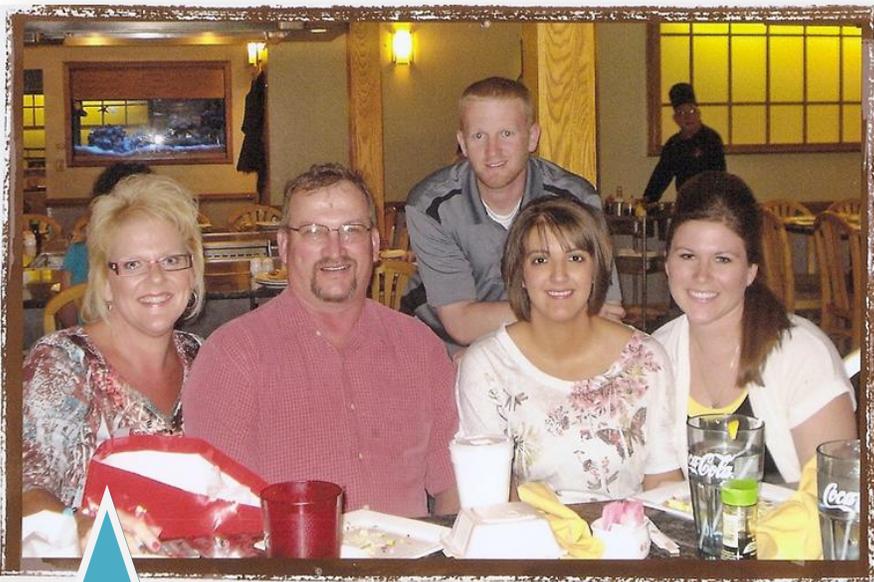
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# Fun Family Facts

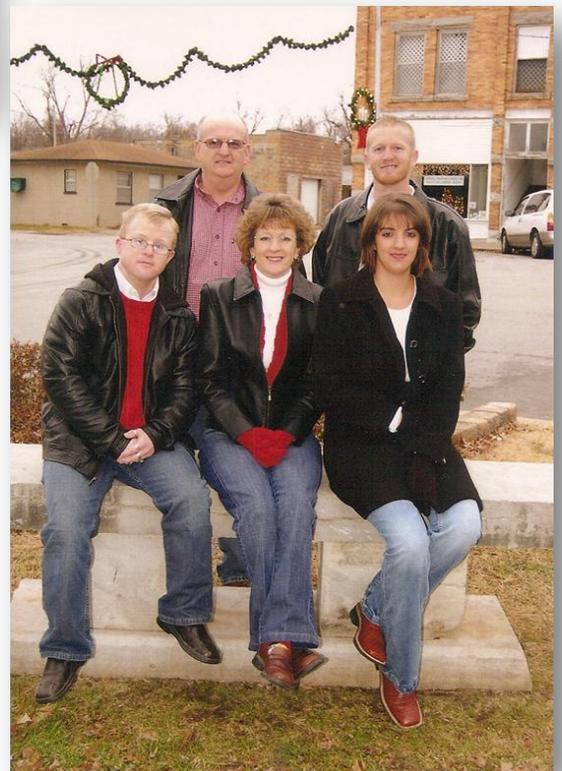
## Views on Adoption

We spent the first few years of our marriage building our relationship into what it is today. We both knew that we wanted children, but through infertility, it has not happened. We now believe that adoption is God's plan for us and we are excited to begin the process of being matched with a beautiful baby. We look forward to bringing a new baby home very soon! We are looking forward to meeting you, if you would like. We will also send you pictures and letters to keep you updated.



## Family Life

We are both very involved with our families. We have a large, close, extended family. The support that we receive from our families has been a huge factor in leading us to the decision of adoption. They can't wait to have a new member welcomed into the family!

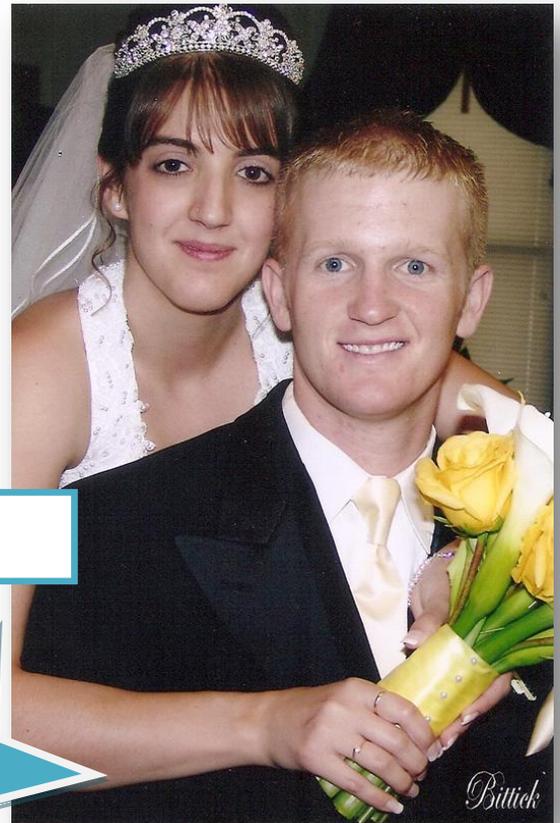


## Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

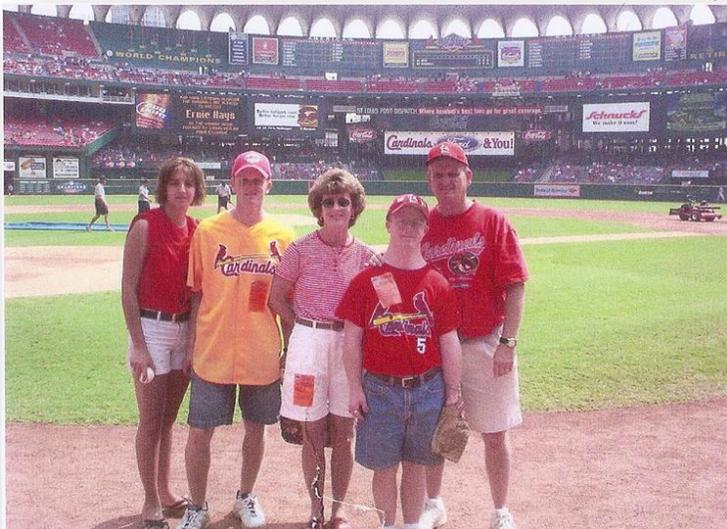
We both believe that the most important factor in any relationship is love. When a person loves a child they will do whatever they can to help them succeed. We look forward to the opportunity to love, nurture, and care for a child. We both work in the education field and are strong believers that a good education will open up many doors down the road. We promise to give a child the love, guidance and support he or she needs to be successful. We will keep him or her close to us, physically and emotionally, providing love and support so he or she can expand and grow into the person he or she is meant to be. We realize that we are not parents yet and how we will parent will depend on the unique personality and needs of the child.



Our wedding day, 2006



Enjoying a day with family  
watching the Cardinals!



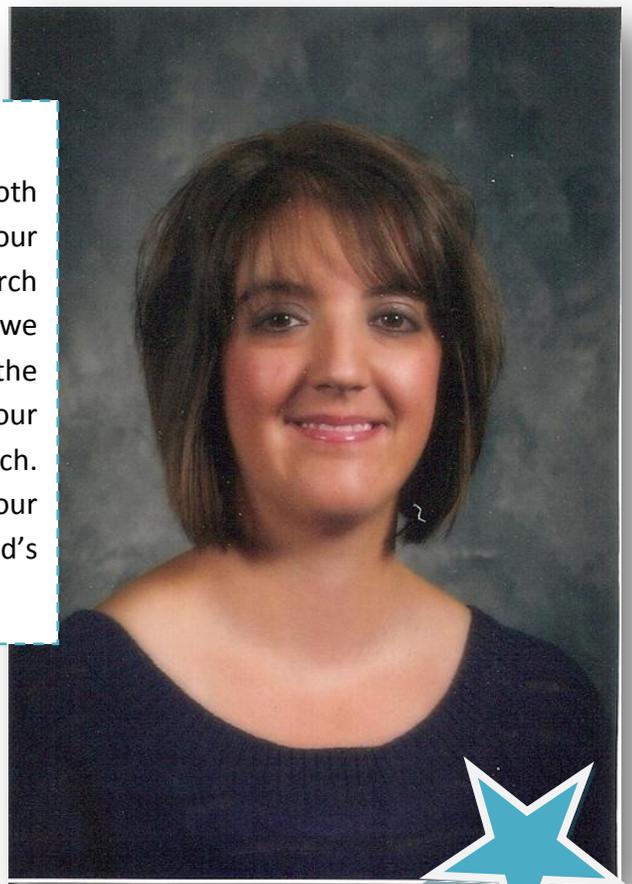
## Child Care Plans

We both are fortunate to have jobs that allow us time off to initially bond and care for the baby. Our plans are then for Melinda to stay at home in the near future. We have arrangements with a friend who has a local daycare, but eagerly await the opportunity for Melinda to stay at home with the baby.



### Religious Life

We are both very involved with our church and church family. Last year we were blessed with the opportunity to lead our youth group at church. We both seek to live our life according to God's will for us.



### Our Home

We live in a three bedroom home with a big backyard in a friendly neighborhood.