

Josh & Betsy

Dear Birth Parents,

We are writing you this letter to thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We pray daily for the child that God has already chosen for us to spend the rest of our lives loving and caring for. We can't imagine what you have gone through thus far to come to the decision of adoption, but at the same time we are so excited that such a blessing will be born. We may never feel or understand the emotions that you are dealing with during this process but we do empathize with them.

We have been married for 12 years and from the beginning we started off with a plan. Betsy was just finishing college and starting her career as a teacher and Josh was moving up in his. Both of us were trying to build a foundation for a family. Betsy was going to work a couple of years as we found a home to buy to raise a family in and save money so she could stay at home to raise our children. So we started working on our plan but little did we know that wasn't God's plan for us! After lots of ups and downs it was made clear what He had in store for our family, adoption. In 2013 we adopted our daughter Lucy. We cannot even put into words how this beautiful little girl changed our lives and everyone around us. His plan was and is truly perfect! We have felt God's calling again and want more than anything to complete our little family with another child. If we have learned anything through this journey it is that it's in God's timing and not ours. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Again, we can't imagine what you are going through but we already have the utmost respect for you because of the unconditional love you are showing this baby and that you can make such a choice. We could consider it a pleasure to send you pictures and letters as they grow, as we do with Lucy's birth mother. It is important to us that you know how much they will be cared for and most of all loved. We also want you to know that you will always be a part of their lives and this precious child will know how much you cared for them. Thank you again for such a wonderful, unimaginable gift that you would be sharing with us. Our words just aren't enough.

Love,

Josh, Betsy & Lucy



Fun

Family

Facts

Views On Adoption

Adoption is extremely important to us. It's changed our lives dramatically in the best way imaginable. We will raise our children with the knowledge that they are adopted. They will have a very special scrapbook that tells about their story. We will help him/her understand that their birthparents made a selfless decision of adoption because they were loved so much. Openness and honesty is how we will approach adoption and we will always try our best to answer any questions they have about you as they grow older. Birthparents will be portrayed in a positive manner and mean more than anything to us.



Child Care Plans

Our families are important to us. We live a very short distance from both of our parents as well as our siblings. We see each other often and they are anxiously waiting for another niece, nephew, granddaughter, grandson, cousin to spoil and love. In our absence our family will step in and help with baby sitting on occasion.



Views on Parenting, Education, and Discipline



We feel that each child is different when it comes to disciplining, you must find what works for that child. We will give choices, time-outs and use Biblical principles. It is important to us that our child understands we are correcting them because they are loved. Positive reinforcement is also very critical to discipline. We will always begin and end any type of discipline with conversation, love, and prayer. Discipline should be as a way to learn, not punish. We feel that education is very important and we will do everything we can to foster a love of learning. Betsy has a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Master's in Education. Her passion is helping children learn. We feel that it is vital to be involved in our children's education. Our desire is that our children will attend college, trade school, or some type of higher education and we will do everything possible to provide whatever they need to further their education.

Hobbies & Interests



About Betsy

Personality: Compassionate, Mentor, and Loving

Hobbies: I love anything that involves family and animals.

Occupation: Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, I was a kindergarten teacher.

Religion: Christian

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian



Making Memories



About Josh

Personality: Very Hard Worker, Giving, and Outgoing

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my cows on our farm, golfing, riding motorcycles, and playing with Lucy.

Occupation: I am a financial advisor.

Religion: Christian

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian



Circus
With
Daddy!



Family Life

The most constructive influence in our lives have been our parents. They raised us with love, guidance, a strong work ethic and Christian principles. Our parents emphasized the importance of education and it's significance in life. We believe that they values instilled in us as children helped us to achieve our personal goals in life and continue to motivate us. Josh has one sister and one brother and Betsy has one sister. All of our siblings and their families are excited for us to adopt again.



So Excited to be a Big Sister!



Checking on her cows!



Religious Life

We attend a Baptist church with lots of young families. We are very involved in many activities. Josh teaches a College and Career class, attends many men's activities, and helps in any way he can. Betsy teaches a 4-5 year old class and volunteers in the nursery often. Our children will be raised in church with the love of Jesus and a wonderful church family.

Our Home



We have a five bedroom home nestled on a farm in a small town outside of a city.