Dear Friend,

You have hopes about what your child's future might be, as well as what your future might be. We hope we can be a part of your plan. We hope that you feel safe with us, and that you can live your life to the fullest, knowing that we're there. We pray that we can be as much of a gift to you as you are to us. God keep you safe and walk with you.

Thank you for considering us.

Warmest Regards,
Bert and Mel

Us the day we closed on the new house.
Views on Adoption

We tried for years to have children, but couldn't. Instead, we started fostering - looking after kids from all walks of life. Saying "goodbye" to each little one as they go home gets harder and harder. Bert and I feel that it is time to build a forever family.

Discipline

Discipline should feature encouragement as well as punishment, and should never feel random. Being good role models and giving a clear picture of what is expected is important for discipline. How can you follow rules you've never seen? We never spank, or refuse food or essentials. For little kids, time-outs and talking often work.

Views On Education

Education is important, and we both come from educator backgrounds. We firmly believe that any child who has fun learning at home will do better at school. Finding out how things work and seeing the world around you are all teaching moments.

This is a few who made it back for Mel’s Grandmother’s 80th birthday.
Personality: Bert is quiet, kind, intelligent, encouraging, and positive.

Hobbies: He loves to cook, play guitar, read, and make video games.

Occupation: IT Systems Administrator & Programmer

Bert’s excited about a fun place to play music. Our whole family enjoys playing music.

Our families love learning and creating together. One family event we had a bonfire and worked on our light-writing.
### Mel

**Personality:** A caring teacher. She is creative, nurturing, and patient.

**Hobbies:** Drawing, music, photography, and helps out with local theatre.

**Occupation:** Creating webpages and editing graphics, but she also teaches and illustrates.

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The dogs are excited about the new backyard. Mel. is excited about the play house.
New House

The front of our new house.

We love how the nursery turned out.
Travel

Bert is from England, and his family still lives there. During visits we sometimes tour castles and cathedrals. Here's Bert's dad at Wells Cathedral during one of our visits.

Bert and his mom when we visited England last year.
Thank you for taking the time to read about our life. We want you to know we are thinking and praying for you and your little one.

Love,

Bert and Mel.