ADOPTION JOURNEY

Our

John & Tessa
Dear Birth Parent,

We are grateful to you for allowing us to share a little bit of our lives with you. We started the journey to become parents about two years ago. Six months later we became pregnant, but we lost our baby shortly after. Since then we have dealt with infertility. There has been heartache and sadness in our journey; however, we know our trip is not over.

Adoption is not our Plan B. Tessa was adopted as a baby from Taiwan. Adoption has always been very near and dear to her heart. Our end desire has always been to be parents. The "how" has always been an open door. We both have ALWAYS wanted to adopt, and now is our opportunity!

Everyone's story is unique and beautiful. We hope and pray our story makes you smile and laugh even in the midst of a difficult decision.

John and Tessa
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John
Opportunity-seeker
Goofy - Peacemaker
Nature-lover
Avid hunter
Loves Thai food
Mental & Behavioral Health Counselor

Tessa
Creative - Unique - Easygoing
Traveler - Reader - Rock Climber
Loves sushi & sugary cereal
4th Grade Teacher

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About Us

We view the world as a gigantic playground, free to explore. Our friendship and marriage have been built on making memorable experiences with the people we love.

Our favorites include traveling, hiking, listening to 70's and 80's music, enjoying historical fiction reading and movies, and EATING. We really enjoy all types of food: the spicier the better.

We lived outside the U.S. for part of our marriage before settling down again in Missouri. We continue to make new memories whether it's camping in Yosemite National Park, rock climbing in Arkansas, or spending a day floating down the James River in Springfield, MO.
Our Home

We live on 2.5 acres in the country, in a home complete with a large kitchen, two living rooms, two bathrooms, one office, and three bedrooms. We love large community spaces for hosting. Most likely you will find our home filled with friends, a meal, and game nights.

Lucy, the Labradoodle

She loves walks and runs, eating ANYTHING (working on the soap eating), and chewing on deer antlers. She also really loves kids, which is going to make her the perfect family pup.
Adoption Philosophy

Everyone's story is unique and important. We want our child to value their story. Tessa's mom shared her full story with her when she was eight. The timing is tentative, but the entire story is a part of them and should be shared. We want their adoption to be a celebration of joining our family.

Openness

You are a really special part of our child's adoption story. We want to involve you by sending letters, updates, and pictures.

Thank You!

We SO appreciate you taking the time and care to view our profile!