



Dear Expectant Parents,

We are writing to introduce ourselves in the hope that if you make an adoption plan for your baby you would consider us as adoptive parents. We are Mark and Caroline. We have one son, Zach, whom we adopted from Guatemala. Zach is 4 years old. We do the best we can to teach Zach about his birth family and culture, but it is difficult since he was born in Guatemala. We have no way of understanding how difficult this decision is for you, but hope that through an open adoption and continued contact that we might help to decrease some of the pain. We look forward to adopting a child openly here in the US so that he/she can know about his/her family and have all the opportunities possible to develop a strong sense of self. We are grateful to you for considering us as adoptive parents.

We are a close, loving family. Mark is a farmer who grows organic vegetables and helps to train new farmers. Caroline is a physical therapist who works helping adults and children who have hurt themselves or who have had surgery. We enjoy many sports and outdoor activities: skiing, camping, hiking, sledding, gardening. We also enjoy traveling to visit family and to explore new places. Zach is a typical four year old, playing with cars and trains, loves soccer and frequently expresses a desire to have a younger brother or sister. We have two border collies that love children and play well with Zach. We do not have any family that lives in Montana. Mark's parents live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Caroline's mom and youngest sister live in Boulder, Colorado and another sister lives in Iowa City, Iowa. It is an exciting possibility for us to have an extended family living here in Montana and would welcome a birth family as our extended family.



Our greatest joys as parents are activities with Zach and the amazement we feel at watching him grow and learn. We include Zach in all of our activities and would do so with a second child. We try to expose him to a variety of experiences: museums, music, art, travel, recreation, and people of all ages and cultures. We try to be firm but loving in our parenting style setting boundaries but letting him make his own choices when possible.

In closing, we will do our best to create a home full of love and laughter for all our children. Thank you again for considering us as adoptive parents.

Love, Mark and Caroline