

Dear Expectant Parents,

Life has led us down roads we didn't know existed and some we didn't want to travel on, and those roads have led us here. Hi we are Adam, Sara and Bethany. Our journeys started separately with Sara in Washington and Adam in Michigan. Adam grew up surrounded by his entire extended family on both sides within an hours drive from home. He spent countless hours at the family farm, holidays at the Aunt's and Grandmother's homes or just playing in the woods with his older brother. Sadly, Adam's childhood was marked with loss when his younger brother passed away at the age of 5. This caused a lot of turmoil in the family and ultimately caused the divorce of his parents. After a dark time he chose to follow God's leading, join the Navy and explored the world! That's how he ended up living in Italy and Japan. Sara grew up with her older sister and parents a day's drive away from extended family. She remembers camping trips, hanging out with a few good friends and becoming a long distance runner. She chose to go to college and ultimately decided to work for Young Life in Germany with US Military teens.



Now comes the good part, how we came to meet each other in Slovakia. Slovakia, you ask? Yes, that's not a typo. We were leaders on a high school youth service project and instantly had 'camp crushes' on each other. We keep in touch via snail mail and skype a half a world apart, Adam proposed, Sara said "yes" and we got married in 2009. The next day we moved to Michigan and started our joint adventures together while Adam went back to school. A few years later we moved to Montana where Adam works as an accountant and Sara is a stay at home mom. We love living in our Montana neighborhood with our bird dog Leo.



After so many years apart we found out we like to do many activities together like hiking, snowshoeing, camping, board games, fishing (Sara is working on her patience with this) hosting friends, movie nights and volunteering with the youth at our church. Our most favorite activities together includes animal watching in Yellowstone during the winter and adventures with our dog. We also do things apart. Adam likes to hunt, read books, mountain bike, drink coffee, cook and watch movies. Sara has a love for gardening, quilting, crocheting, baking, running and having coffee dates with good friends.



We became a family of 3 when Bethany entered our lives! Sara was out of the state visiting her sister when Adam called to say that her birth mom had chosen us to be her daughter's parents! After hanging up the phone Adam flew around the house finding what he needed (including picking up our car seat at the Post Office that had just come in that day!) before driving to the hospital to meet Bethany. Adam spent the next 3 days with Bethany, learning how to change diapers, bottle feed and stare in awe at his daughter. Sara flew home as soon as she could and met her and Adam at home around midnight. We officially adopted Bethany as an 8 month old. She is full of joy, loves babies, fish, dogs, reading and anything with water. We are so thankful for Bethany's birth mom and her brave decision to choose us. She has hung out with the 3 of us several times in addition to being in contact with Sara via video chats and pictures.

Eight years later our desire to grow our family has only become stronger with time. If you decide to choose us we are looking forward to making you and your child a part of our family through open adoption. We learned through our time with the military that family is more than those you are related to. Family is who you do daily life with through the good and the bad days. Know that you are already in our prayers through your decision and this process. May you have peace in the times to come!

Love,

Adam, Sara and Bethany