

Dear Expectant Parent,

We are Jeremy (friends call him JJ) and Kaci, and we are thankful you are taking time to read our letter. We know it's hard to get to know us based off of a letter and pictures, but we will do our best to give you an idea of who we are.

Jeremy grew up in Louisiana with his parents and two siblings. He spent most of his free time playing baseball and eating his mom's delicious southern food. Working hard at baseball, he earned a scholarship to play at a college in Texas. Graduating in Communication with a master's degree, Jeremy decided to pursue ministry. He came on staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) in Montana, and ever since has been working with college students.



Kaci grew up in Montana with her parents and six siblings. She enjoyed playing volleyball, swimming, and camping with family. Her parents did foster care for a few years, and they were able to adopt one of Kaci's brothers through foster care. Later, her parents decided to adopt three of her brothers from Ethiopia. Kaci has been positively impacted by being a part of an adoptive family, and that encouraged her to go to college to study Family and Consumer Science. She worked for an adoption agency from 2012-2013 and then got married and moved across the state. Now, she has a job at an Elementary School working with children with special needs, which she loves.



We met in college on a mission's trip to Kenya, Africa. We were in Kenya for seven weeks and decided when the trip was over, we wanted to pursue a long-distance relationship. Jeremy ended up moving to Montana and we got married two years later. A couple years into marriage, we felt ready to expand our family. We tried for many years with the help of fertility doctors, but nothing worked. We decided it was time to stop fertility treatments and look into adoption. Since Kaci has four adopted brothers, adoption was not completely new to us. We actually had always talked about adopting, but we thought we would have a biological child first and then adopt...God had another plan. We are excited to be on this open-adoption journey, and to be adoptive parents someday soon.

Having a good community is a big value to us, so we spend a lot of time with our families and friends. For holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, we enjoy going to one of our family's houses. We love to eat good food and play games together. And hanging out with our niece and nephew is so much fun! They are five and two years old. We can't wait to have a child so they can become close with their cousins. We also have a lot of friends who have children, so we get to hang out with them and babysit their kids so they can go out on dates.



We like traveling, hiking with our dogs, camping, hanging out on our patio, and going out to eat. Since meeting in Kenya, we have been back to help lead the same trip three more times. Learning about other cultures is fascinating to us, so going to Kenya helps us to understand the diversity of our world. In the summers, we try to get in as much hiking and camping as we can with our two dogs. Our dogs are both 4 years old, Penny (left) and Kuja (right). Their favorite thing is going for walks, so we try to take them every day. We have explored many trails in Montana with them. They love to play, but also love to snuggle with us. When it's nice out, we enjoy landscaping and working outside around the house. We built a patio roof for our deck last summer with a fire pit, to host and have people over to roast



marshmallows for s'mores. When we don't want to cook, sushi is our go-to date night, but we enjoy going out to eat anywhere with friends and family.

We've told you about a lot of good things in our life. Overall, we have been fortunate in many ways, but we have also experienced hardships and losses. Jeremy's dad passed away unexpectedly 3 years ago and as you know we've struggled with infertility. These are two events that have been confusing and hard. But through the struggle, we have learned how to grieve and empathize with other people going through similar things.

We hope this letter helped you get a sense of who we are. We are so excited to become adoptive parents. We promise to provide a loving and stable home. We want you to know we admire your decision to make an adoptive plan for your child, that is incredible sacrificial love. Thank you for taking time to read our letter.



Sincerely,

Jeremy and Kaci