

Dear Expectant Parent(s),

We are Marie and Joe and we want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We cannot imagine what you are going through, but we know that without you, and your sacrifice, we wouldn't be able to grow our family. We are forever thankful to you and you have a special place in our hearts.



We met six years ago in California through a mutual friend. We weren't looking for love on our first date, but it found us anyway. Joe proposed after only four months of dating and we got married two years later in 2014, in Minnesota. We moved to Montana five days later for Joe's job. Joe is a package truck driver for UPS and he's worked for them for 21 years. Christmas time is crazy busy but he likes the work and the people he meets. Marie is a teacher. She taught in California for 10 and a half years and Montana for five years. She has taught grades K-8 but loves kindergarten the best.

I, Joe, grew up in southern California. My mom was a single mom and I lived with my grandparents until she married my step-dad. I know my dad but I never lived with him. I have 2 younger half-brothers that I grew up with. In school I played the saxophone in the marching band. I even recorded a CD with my jazz band in college. I went to baseball games with my uncles and cousins and I am a die-hard Dodgers fan. I love fishing and I started hunting after moving to Montana. I'm also determined to plant a small forest in the backyard.

I, Marie, grew up in northern Minnesota. I lived with my mom and sister but I saw my dad and half-siblings on the weekends and in the summer. My dad remarried when I was 5 and my mom remarried after I graduated from college. In school I played the piano and many sports, but volleyball is my favorite. After graduation I moved to California for my first teaching job. I was only going to stay a year or two...10 years, 2 cats, and a house later I was still there. But it's a good thing I stayed, otherwise I wouldn't have met Joe.



We moved to Montana in 2014. We bought close to six acres of land and eventually built a log home. We live here with our daughter Elizabeth and two cats, Peanut and Lightning. Through the gift of adoption we were able to bring Elizabeth home in September 2018. She is an active toddler who keeps us on our toes; she is the light of our lives. We enjoy spending time together fishing, hunting, playing games, going to baseball games, working in the yard and doing projects around the house. We also enjoy spending time with our family, friends, and neighbors. We are church-goers and volunteer throughout the year with various activities. We like to travel but it's mostly within Montana and to Minnesota or California to visit family and friends, although we would like to go to Europe someday.



We are excited to grow our family. We can't wait to have another little one walking around, annoying the cats, and making little messes around the house. We look forward to future family camping trips, fishing, and going to games together. We want our next child to be happy and healthy. We want him or her to be active and have interests in and out of school. We enjoy music

and sports and we hope that our children find an interest - music, sports, art, scouts – that they love and enjoy doing. We would love for him or her to pursue higher education either at a university or trade school. We just want them to be happy, successful adults. We hope that you will be able to share in her or his successes and happy moments and be a comfort during the tough times that life brings.

You have an unimaginably important decision to make. We want to thank you again for taking the time to get to know us and for considering us in your decision.

~Marie, Joe, and Elizabeth

