Brent & Amy

A Note From Us

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for considering our family's interest in adoption. We respect the courageous decision you are making for your child. Adoption has always been near and dear to our hearts as we each have adopted sisters. At ages seven (Brent) and nine (Amy), we each have vivid memories of our sisters joining our families. Since early in our relationship we've had the desire to build our family through adoption. We have one biological son who is three. It is exciting to realize he will have the same experience we did by becoming a big brother through adoption. Our parents are also ecstatic with the possibility of us adopting a grandchild. We have both have had friends from different cultures and traveled to different countries. We understand and respect cultural differences and would welcome these in our home.

We each grew up attending church with our families but it wasn't until late high school and early college that we accepted our faith as our own. We have both been Christians for many years and are actively involved in a large, contemporary church in our area. We will raise our children in the Christian faith and pray one day they will accept their faith as their own. During college, Brent went on several short-term mission trips to the Middle East. The year after graduating college he spent as a missionary in that region. Upon returning to the United States, he soon began a Master's program in mental health counseling. He has been working in that field for the last 11 years, most recently as a site director for a large agency.

While in high school, Amy decided that she wanted to be an elementary teacher. Coming from a small town, she chose a small, private college a couple of hours away from home to pursue her degree. She has been teaching elementary grades in the same school district since 2000.

We are well established in our careers. Brent's job offers a lot of day-to-day flexibility that assists with childcare. While Amy's schedule as a teacher allows for summer and holiday breaks to spend expanded time periods as a stay-at-home mom for our son and future children.

We are praying for you and the decision you are making. Throughout the adoption process we are praying and trusting God that He will complete our family in this amazing way. Please enjoy reading our profile to imagine how your child would belong in our family and among our friends.

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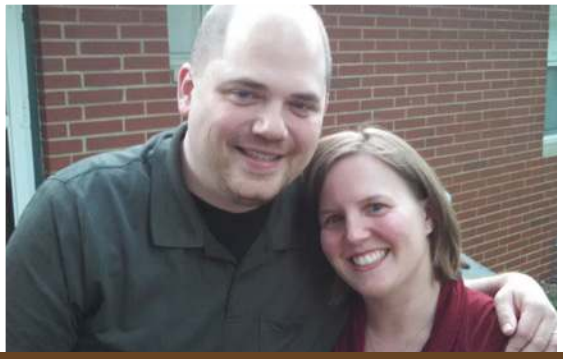

About Us

We have been married for seven years. We were living in different parts of the state when we were matched through an online dating website. We arranged our first date when Amy was going to be in Brent's town for a friend's birthday. She left the party for a few hours and it changed her life forever! Amy knew during that first date that Brent was "the one." It was also discovered on our first date that we both had adopted sisters; what a surprise! We were engaged four months later and married the same weekend as our first date, one year later. Our personalities are very similar; in fact, the pastor who married us said we were the most compatible couple he had ever married! We both enjoy traveling, taking walks, hanging out with friends and spending time at home as a family. We love to celebrate with traditions that are special to us and our families. Each year on our anniversary, we recreate the reception meal including cake from the bakery where ours came from. We value experiences with our son and look forward to more adventures with future children.

We were both 31 when we married and wanted to start a family soon. Things didn't go quite according to our plan as we experienced years of unexplained infertility. Our son is a blessing but we knew our family was not complete. Adoption has always been on both our hearts, long before we even met, and knew it could be our family-building path since our first date. We were being lead to adoption to create our complete family.

Amy
according to Brent

Amy is truly my best friend. I love spending time with her and sharing about our day. She is a dedicated mother, wife and friend. Amy enjoys cooking and having others at our house. She is very creative in coming up with activities and projects for our son and her students at school. She is so good with kids, whether it is our son, nieces and nephews, teaching at school, or volunteering at church. Amy is very loyal to her friends and family and is there for them in difficult times. Her faith is important to her and that has been a cornerstone in our relationship from day one.

Brent
according to Amy

Brent makes me laugh every day. His sense of humor is what drew me to him instantly and convinced me he was the one! He is exactly what I needed in a mate. He challenges me and complements me in personality. We are best friends. He is a sensitive guy, which suits him well as a counselor. He was my shoulder to cry on and hand to hold through our hard times with infertility and miscarriage. We made it through all of that stronger than ever and I know it's due to his support. Now I can see him embracing his role as father. He leads our family in reading the Bible and daily prayer. Brent is our spiritual leader. Our personalities are similar though our interests are diverse. We honestly take an interest in the other's likes. (I even went to a baseball game on our honeymoon!) He loves to follow sports, especially baseball and football. Brent dreams of visiting lots of ballparks with our children someday. He is ready to share his love and leadership with another child.

Our Family and Friends

Brent has one sister who lives out of state. She is married and has two children. Although they are several hours away, we have had the chance to celebrate some holidays with them. We recently planned a vacation in their area to visit with them for a few days. Brent's parents live about an hour away from us so we get to see them a few times a month for meals and family outings.

Amy's mother lives a couple hours away from us. Her father passed away many years ago. Her younger sister is married and has one son and is pregnant with a daughter. Because her sister lives close by their mother, we get to see them anytime we are visiting. Even though the distance is greater than to Brent's parents, we still get to see them several times a year. At Thanksgiving, we usually host at our house since we are in the middle of both sides of the family.

Brent with his friend Steve at a concert

Amy's sister's wedding

Brent and his sister

Brent's parents

Baseball game with the family

Amy and her best friend Melissa

Visiting Brent's college friend

Friends from church

First 5K with my coworker

Brent's Bible study friends

Brent's college friend Nate

Amy and her mom

Our home

Our home sits in a quiet neighborhood at the edge of a small town. Our neighborhood is a mix of young families and retired couples. It is a four-bedroom two-story house that we are very blessed to call our own. There's a large yard with a play-set in the back. We have lived here just over two years. An added bonus to the house being perfect for our growing family, we are both much closer to our jobs.

Although we are in a small town, we are a short drive away from shopping, restaurants, and our church. The nearest city has lots of fun opportunities for kids and adults to explore. Our town offers a few nearby parks, a YMCA, an awesome library, and lots of small town charm.

Our backyard

Amy's sister and nephew

In Closing

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and consider our family. Though we may have not met, please know we are praying for you and your child.