



Hello,

Thank you for reading our letter and taking the time to learn about our family. We are Robert and Tori, and we are very excited about expanding our family through adoption. We are a very loving couple who appreciates what life has to offer, both the joys and the challenges. As you go through the process of deciding what is best for you and your baby, we'd like to share a little bit about ourselves and why we would like to adopt.

We met at a small church and got married five years ago. We were attracted to each other because we were both new home buyers, liked being outdoors and trying out international restaurants. A few other things we had in common were that we like to travel, volunteer in the community, and play with kids (until we had our son, this usually meant our nieces and nephews). We are very close to our families and try to spend a lot of time together. Robert's family lives close by and we celebrate everyone's birthday as well as holidays together. Tori's parents also live nearby and we see them regularly, but her three sisters are spread throughout the country. Although it's hard to be apart, they all live in great cities to visit, and we try to spend as much time as possible together, especially during the holidays. Tori's mother is from Chile, so Tori has a lot of family and friends there. In fact, we spent our honeymoon there and Robert got to practice his Spanish.



Tori's family on vacation



We started a family right away after getting married. Our son Nicolás is now four years old. Fortunately, we have similar parenting values. We believe strongly in raising a child with a lot of patience, humor, love and understanding. This love not only comes from us but also from our extended family, which means spending time with grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and close friends. We hope we are giving our son enough experiences so that he can learn to enjoy and appreciate all that life has to offer. For the last few years, we have tried to have a second child but have been unsuccessful. Struggling through this experience together has really driven home how special a child's life is and how much we want to expand our family. We have a lot of love and resources to give another child, and our family doesn't feel complete with just one. So, we are excited about the possibility of sharing our love, experiences and happiness with a second child through adoption.

As a family, we like to play outdoors, get together with friends, travel, and be active in our church and the community. We don't spend very much time without Nicolás and really enjoy doing things as a threesome. We live in a University town, which gives us plenty of opportunities to take in plays, musical performances and sporting events. In the summer, the town sponsors an outdoor festival of free music and entertainment with a movie afterwards. Nicolás loves it because of the wide open space to run around and all the popcorn and ice cream that he can eat. Saturdays in the Fall often find us going to our best friend's football tailgate parties. We are raising Nicolás bilingually. This usually means that Tori talks to him in Spanish and he answers in English, but he's still learning the language, which hopefully will help him later in life. We hope to raise any future children bilingually too. We recently got a cat, Twix, who is very sweet and very patient when a certain four-year old wants to carry her around.

We would be happy to keep in touch over the years and would like to be as open as feels comfortable. We like the idea of openness in the relationship but also have great respect for what would feel right for you. We have several friends who have adopted their children and have a variety of degrees of openness with the birthparents. We hope to create a relationship that feels comfortable for everyone. The child will always know their adoption story and that this decision was made carefully and lovingly.

Thank you again for taking the time to learn about us.

Tori and Robert

