



Dear Birth Mother,

We are Jeff and Jamie, and we are truly honored that you are taking the time to read our letter. We are so excited about the opportunity to bring a baby into our home and show him or her all of the love we have to offer. Thank you for making the decision to choose life for your baby and for looking for the best home for your child. Hopefully, this letter will provide you all of the information about our home,

our family, and our love of children that you need to make this very important decision. If not, we will tell you how you can learn more about us at the end of the letter.

We have been married for over 8 years, but even before we were married, we committed to each other that one day we would adopt a child. At first, we tried to get pregnant but were not successful. So we started an adoption in Russia, but then Russia suspended all international adoptions. After the adoption in Russia fell apart, we decided to try in vitro fertilization (IVF) and were blessed with a baby girl, Campbell. One year later we tried IVF again and were blessed a second time, this time with a son, Cooper. But we still felt that we had never answered the call we had accepted before we were married and still wanted to fulfill that commitment to provide a loving home for an adopted child. We decided not to try IVF again, but instead to grow our family through adoption. So here we are writing you a letter and praying you will choose us to love your baby.

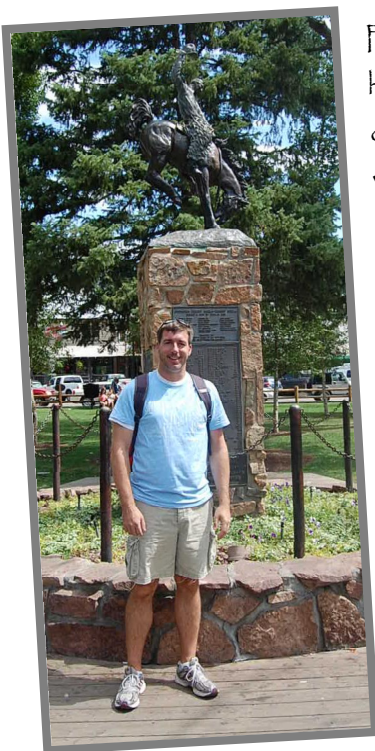
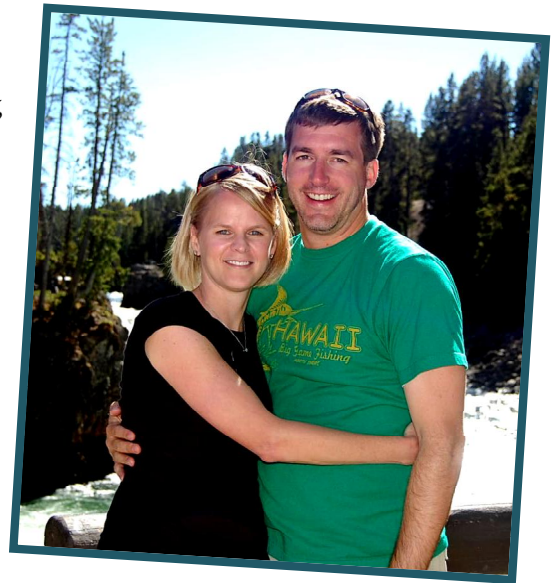


We live in a wonderful, family-oriented neighborhood. We moved to Indiana last year and looked for a town that would offer great schools and great family activities. Our home has 5 bedrooms and a finished basement full of toys. One of our favorite parts of the house is the yard which is large and a great place to play, with a fishing pond directly

behind the house. The neighborhood has two playgrounds, a pool, and is near multiple city parks. We spend a lot of time exploring these outdoor recreation spots and walking or riding bikes along the sidewalks with the kids.

We first met in high school when Jamie's family moved to Tennessee and came to visit our church. We became friends that year and have stayed close ever since. We dated on and off for almost 13 years before finally getting married in 2001. We knew it was right for us to get married because we were such good friends and shared so many dreams in life. Our marriage is still based on that friendship and on our faith in Christ.

We started off our married life as educators, both teaching and coaching in local middle schools. We left education to work in pharmaceutical sales to have more time for family life. The decision to leave education was not easy for either of us. We will always encourage our children to give education their best effort and, hopefully, foster a love for learning. But now, my (Jeff's) job allows me to be home more and allows Jamie to stay home with our children -- she is a terrific, stay-at-home mother, and I couldn't be happier that our children get this time with her while they are young.



From the moment I met Jeff, I knew there was something special about him. I knew in high school that he was the man I wanted to marry one day. I knew he would make a wonderful husband and daddy. When we were dating after college, he was a youth minister. I would go with him on Wednesday nights to help with youth activities. He was so involved in the lives of the teenagers in the youth group. He was interested, really interested, in knowing them. The kids absolutely adored him. They invited him to high school football games, the movies, and just to hang out on the weekends with them. You could tell that they trusted him and liked the investment he was making in their lives.

I watched Jeff change careers, from being a part-time youth minister to a full-time teacher and middle school coach. His passion for kids was so much a part of his life. He gave them 100% every

day. When I would attend the football and basketball games that he was coaching, I would hear the parents talking about him. They always said so many nice things about him. They spoke of how much their sons really liked him. He was a great encourager and motivator. He cherished the team spirit and inspired his players to do the same. There was one young boy, John, on his basketball team who was diagnosed with cancer and had to go through chemo.



The whole team, including Jeff, shaved their heads to show that they were all fighting with John. This was just one of the few things he did to show he cared about his students.

As we began discussing having a family, he made a career move that would enable him to be at home during the evenings and on the weekends. He wanted to make memories with our kids that will last a life time. He has already discussed daddy/daughter dates with Campbell. He took her to her first WNBA game this past Father's Day. He "camps out" with Campbell at least once a month. They sleep in their

sleeping bags in the basement and watch a movie - or at least they turn a movie on. Campbell never makes it through the entire movie without falling asleep in his arms. Jeff takes her running, too. She loves to put on her Nike shorts and running shoes and head out in the neighborhood. Sometimes, I even catch them holding hands as they run. We look forward to one day running a 5K with all of our kids.

Cooper and Jeff have a great bond, too. Cooper loves to ride on Jeff's shoulders, and they like to listen to music together. When the garage door goes up at the end of the day, Cooper starts grinning and running to the door. He knows it is "daddy time". Jeff has always loved being around kids and that love continues within our home. I know he will love our new baby just as deeply, and they will share their own special father-child bond.

Jamie is a terrific mother. I know she feels blessed to have two wonderful children after all we went through in trying to get pregnant, but they are also blessed to have a mother like Jamie. She loves them completely and unconditionally. That's the way Jamie has always been with people she cares about. It's one of the many reasons I first fell in love with her. She is deeply loyal to her friends and family and also compassionate to others in need.



Jamie cherishes all of the little moments she spends with the kids, taking them to the apple orchard in the fall or to the sprinkler park in the summer. Many times, I come home to be greeted at the door by Campbell, and the first thing she says to me is, "We had a fun day today." Then she tells me about all of the things she did with her Mommy.

Recently, Jamie made flash cards for Campbell to help her learn her alphabet and numbers. The teacher in Jamie wanted Campbell to really learn them and not just learn to recite them. They also do arts and crafts together – I love coming home to find a new painting for my desk or a driveway covered in sidewalk chalk. The sand table on our back patio is another tool for Jamie's creativity as she teaches the kids to pretend and be imaginative.

This past year on Father's Day, they made special plans for me, taking me out for lunch and giving me gifts. Later that day, Campbell and I were getting ready to go to a basketball game, and Campbell stopped, went to Jamie and softly touched her face as she said, "You are a good mommy." Jamie's eyes filled with tears – she could not have been told a sweeter thing. I stood there and felt what a powerful testament that little comment was to Campbell's heart, but even more to her mother's impact in her life. But Campbell got it a little wrong – Jamie is not a good Mommy. Jamie is a GREAT Mommy. She cannot wait to expand our family and is already thinking up new adventures that they can all share together.

There are just a few more things you should know about us. First, church is really important to us. We want our children to have a strong sense of what is right and wrong, but more importantly, we want them to develop their own faith so they can make good decisions in life. We pray with each of them every night before bed, thanking God for how special each of them is and just asking for His help to be good parents. We also pray every night for your baby and for your decision to entrust us with your baby's care and upbringing. Second, we stay very active and love to be outside as much as possible, especially if it involves sports and recreation. We love taking the kids to baseball games, basketball games, the zoo, the pool, and the parks in our area. Lastly, one of our favorite times of the day is reading books before putting the kids to



bed. Jamie and I love to read and, as former teachers, hope to foster that same love of reading in them.

Some people would say two kids is enough, but we disagree. We know there is room in our home and in our hearts for your baby. We definitely want to be open with all of the kids about how they came to be ours, whether by IVF or adoption. But how they came to us doesn't matter, just the fact that we can provide for them and show them all the love we have to give. All of the things we enjoy doing now, we want to do with all of our children -- camping and



going to ball games and just playing in the yard. We have already talked about taking the kids to Disney World when our new baby is old enough to enjoy the Magic Kingdom. We love to capture as many family memories on film as possible and look forward to sharing pictures with you over the years, if you wish.

Because Jamie and I both have sisters, we want our children to experience what it is like to have siblings to grow up with. Having that special bond with brothers and sisters is going to enrich their lives in so many ways. We cannot wait to share vacation memories and build holiday traditions with all three of our children. Campbell is really

excited about adopting a baby brother or sister - she already picks out clothes for the new baby every time we go shopping. We know Cooper will be a protective big brother.

This is such an incredible time for us as we await your decision for your baby. We can only hope and pray that you will see in us the kind of family you would want for your child - one that will love unconditionally, play without ceasing, and offer your child the chance to chase all of their dreams and reach all of their goals. Thank you for choosing life for your baby and considering us to make that life truly special.

If you would like to know more about us, talk with us by telephone, or meet us in person, please let Steve or Joel Kirsh know. They will gladly assist you. You can reach them, any time, at 800-333-5736.

We wish you all the best and hope to hear from you,

Jamie and Jeff
Cooper and Campbell