Dear Birth Parents,

Thank you for considering adoption. We realize this is a difficult time for you. We hope, even without meeting us, you can get to know us and what kind of parents we will be for your child.

We met each other while in college. We quickly became best friends, and then began “dating” a couple of years later. We've always enjoyed spending time together, whether that was hiking, playing video games, going on road trips, or volunteering at church. We help lead a small group at church and also serve on the tech team. We live in a small city with lots of parks, museums, and other things to do.

John is a nerd who loves video games, Star Wars, fantasy novels, LEGOs, and cooking. He works as an electrical engineer. He loves spending time with his family, and is always eager to help the people he cares about. Melissa is a bit of a nerd, like John, but unlike John, she has always had a slightly adventurous side, whether that was going on a backpacking trip or starting a business. She helped found a non-profit art organization 8 years ago and still loves leading it as the part-time executive director. When she’s not working, or volunteering at church, she’s usually gardening. As a mom, Melissa will continue working at the non-profit organization part-time, and our child will probably go to day care part of the time. Melissa’s role at the non-profit is flexible, though, which allows her to work from home sometimes. She may even bring our child with her to work!

It feels, in many ways, like God has been leading us to adoption ever since we met. Even while we were dating we agreed we were open to the idea of adoption, and as a married couple we ended up at a church with many adoptive families. Like most couples, though, we tried to have a biological child. After a couple of years, we learned that Melissa had little chance of ever getting pregnant, medically speaking. We worked with doctors for another couple of years, trying various medical interventions, but never could conceive a child. Melissa, especially, was heartbroken, but God was using that time and that struggle to strengthen her faith. Those years of struggle also helped us to grow closer to each other as a couple.

After 4 years, we felt like the timing was right—and had God’s peace—to grow our family through adoption. We are so excited about this opportunity to finally meet the child we have longed for. Our families are really excited for us, too. For Melissa’s parents, this will be their first grandchild, and even her brother is looking forward to being an uncle. John’s parents are excited, too, about having another grandchild (John’s brother has 3 kids).

Birth parents also hold a special place in our hearts. Early in our marriage, someone John and I knew well chose adoption for her birth child. We still remember the conversations about it with her during that time. We know how much you love this child, and we know that even if adoption is the right choice, it’s not an easy one for you. We want you to know that we are praying for you and your family, and that we will make sure your child knows that you made this choice because you love them.

Sincerely,

John & Melissa