

# Paul & Miriam



## **WE'VE GROWN UP WITH ADOPTION**

**Both Paul & Miriam grew up with adopted family -- Paul's sister and Miriam's cousins. Miriam's sister has adopted 3 kids. Both of us had been taking steps to adopt, before we even met. Two months after we got married, we began the paperwork to adopt.**

**We wanted to adopt a baby, but most of the agencies wanted us to wait a couple years. We proceeded by trying to adopt through foster care and fostered a baby, a toddler and several preschoolers. Crushed that all of those children, who had become part of our family, returned to birth family, we returned to looking for a baby to adopt through private adoption. Maybe yours?**



**Paul is a gentle man. Cats and kids fall asleep on his lap, but he is ready to get up when kids want to play.**



**He's worked 20 yrs as a Residential Appraiser. He's substitute taught special needs kids.**



**Paul loves hiking & disc golf outdoors.**

**Paul enjoys disc golf & hiking, worship, prayer, Church events, reading books, watching movies/TV, many kinds of music, & learning new things. He swims daily & works out.**





Miriam enjoys the water—skiing, swimming, sailing, or snorkeling in Hawaii. She also enjoys hiking & skiing on the mountains.

She loves to worship God with her guitar and lead kids in worship

Miriam has worked both as a computer programmer, and as a school teacher. She wants to stay home the first two years with our new baby.

**Miriam loves a full day of activities with our kids & then having special times blessing them at night, after reading & talking with them. Her smile, and energy, and giving of herself is amazing to see. She sets up fun teachable play times everywhere. The children she interacts with at public school, Sunday School or home, all respond with joy and happiness when she is around.**



**Our Happy Beginning started with prayer and worship.  
We're in love with God and with each other.**



**Miriam was mother to over 40 kids in Sudan. After a few years, she had visa problems and came back to the USA early. She felt led to go to immerse herself in God at the International House of Prayer.**

**Paul was a leader in his church, preaching, and leading prayer. He felt he should go to the International House of Prayer for a season. They met 10 days later in a weekly home group, fell in love and got married. Our wedding started with celebrating God's goodness. Our kids will learn about God's goodness & love for them.**

**For the Jewish & Christian holidays we invite family and friends over to celebrate God's goodness to us!**

**We have no kids. These lived with us last year. We want to give our kids every opportunity to explore activities, and discover and use the gifts and passions they have—in art, music, sports, dance...**



**Winter fun: Ice skating, skiing, sledding**



**Park**



**Friend's farm**



**Sitting with Santa**



**Science museum,**



**parks,**



**dance,**



**our backyard**

**We enjoy the lakes and coast.**



**Ziplining & snorkeling in Hawaii is awesome!**





**Yosemite National Park**



**Niagra Falls**



**We love Africa**

**More exotic places we've been or hiked:**



**Israel**



**Egypt**



**We like to hike**



We enjoy outdoor sports: softball, tennis, disc golf..



Miriam enjoys triathalons and mud runs



## Our Extended Family:



Miriam's sister Linda's kids



Sister Amy's kids



Sister Peggy & hippo Sophia



Miriam and cousin Debbie



Robert's Courtney & Debbie



Paul's sister Debbie, husband Rob, 3 kids (Rebecca, Ryan, Robert), Grandma, and us

# Our Home

We live in a valley with snow-capped mountains an hour's drive in 3 directions. There are clean lakes, and lots of wildlife.



Nursery awaiting a baby.



2nd bedroom waiting for children



Our living room sofas face the TV and the window to screened porch/backyard



Our backyard fall & spring

*Our prayer for you birthparents*

*Heavenly Father,*

*Bless them with peace of mind and heart, for the sacrifice of carrying this child, and then placing the child, where he or she will have two parents devoted full time to loving and nurturing this child.*

*Fill their future with Your love and abundant blessings!  
In Jesus' name.*

To you from us..

We would love to stay in touch with you. We can exchange phone numbers and email addresses, if you want. We will send you photos and updates. We are sure at some time this precious child will want to meet the one who gave him or her birth. We want to ensure easy communication to make this as easy as possible for you and the child.

We do plan to adopt another 1-2 children, so this child will have siblings. Our children will know our unconditional love, and God's unconditional love. We pray you also will know His love.

*Sincerely,*

*Paul & Miriam*

