



Derik, Elizabeth and Annabelle

Dear Birth Parents:

We are overwhelmed, blessed, and beyond thankful to get to be on this journey we are now on.

To tell you a little more about us, my husband Derik and I have been married for 8 years and have a 5-year old daughter, Annabelle. Our hearts have desired to have another child, and we have not been able to get pregnant again. Annabelle is hoping for a little sibling or two and she has already stated that she would like them to sleep in her room (although that is not our actual plan). Derik and I are committed to each other and it is our joy to raise a family. Our family comes before anything and we are able to unconditionally love, provide, and protect Annabelle and will be able to do the same if we are blessed with additional children.

We have lots of family in town, so any child or children added to our family would be surrounded and very loved. We also are for an open adoption. We are willing to stay in touch with you and your family and we are willing to send letters and pictures.

We would be honored to have you consider us for adopting your child. We imagine that is the hardest decision for a mother to make, and we also believe that adoption is an ultimate act of love. If you would consider this, it would give our family an opportunity that we have been longing for.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read this letter and learn about us. We hope that we have the opportunity to learn a little more about you, and we welcome your questions.

Praying for God's wisdom, direction, and peace for you in the days ahead.

Blessing upon blessing:

Derik and Elizabeth

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" Jeremiah 29:11



This is Us: We've been married for 8 years, and have been good friends over 12 years. We met at church and served together. We purchased our first home together 3 years ago. We enjoy quality time together as a family, being outdoors, and cooking dinners together. We are committed to our church and have met some of our closest friends there.

Derik: Derik is 46 years old and works full-time as the Facility Manager for a private school. He is a hard worker, he can fix about anything, and he serves his family incredibly well. He is funny and he is the one that our sweet daughter goes to when she wants to play and have some fun, as well as for protection. Derik enjoys doing house projects and knowing that his family is well taken care of.

Elizabeth: Elizabeth is 42 years old and she works full-time as the Executive Assistant at our church for both the Head Pastor and Executive Pastor. She puts her family first and loves our daughter unconditionally. She also can be silly and our sweet daughter comes to her for comfort and food. Elizabeth enjoys gathering people and hosting in their home.

Annabelle: Annabelle is 5 years old and began Kindergarten this year. She attends school where her Daddy works. She is a sweet and tender-hearted girl and has definitely inherited her Daddy's sense of humor. Annabelle loves to swim and she loves to get together with her cousins and friends. She has 5 cousins that live in town.





Meet Bentley: Bentley is our puppy dog—he is now 1.5 years old and fully grown at 9 pounds. He is a sweet dog, loves to play, and licks lots to show his love.

Our Family: We have LOTS of extended family in town. All the grandparents have helped in taking care of Annabelle while mom and dad are at work. And, Annabelle adores her cousins. We are very close to family and are so thankful that they have been such a huge part of Annabelle's life and will be of our future child or children, as well. (And having built-in babysitters is pretty great, too!)

