

Hello,

Our names are Greg and Theresa and we hope that through sharing our life story you are able to gain insight into who we are as both individuals and as a couple.

Our story began in the fall of 2006 when we found each other through a website. Only one problem. There were 200 miles between us! It did make dating a challenge, but we didn't let it stop us. Many weekends were spent traveling. Two years later we married in Milwaukee.

Our neighborhood is quiet and we have great neighbors; many with children. Time is spent in our garden taking care of flowers and a variety of vegetables. There are large, open parks nearby that we enjoy. Plus, we take advantage of the local bike trails.

*Theresa:* I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. My twin sister and I are the eldest of 5 children. All of my family still lives in Illinois, but we enjoy spending time getting together for many holidays and weekends at my parents' lake house in Wisconsin. In school, math was always easy for me and I enjoyed it, but I also became passionate about learning the French language. I earned a double major in college along with a teacher's license for both. I teach both math and French at our local high school where I enjoy taking students on trips to France. Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending time with my husband playing card and board games, gardening, reading and camping. I also like to take my nieces to the zoo, the park or a local museum. I love being an aunt, but have always dreamed of being a mother, too.

*Greg:* I grew up in a small community in Michigan. My dad taught junior high history and my mom stayed home with the children. I am the oldest child. My sister lives in Indiana with her husband and five children. She and I are very close, and I am truly thankful for my relationship with her as an adult. She has done an amazing job raising her children and I respect her parenting skills. I've always had an interest in music and art. I played the trumpet from grade six to twelve. I enjoyed drawing in art class. I remember sketching portraits with charcoal and trying to make them as realistic as my abilities would allow. Now I work at an advertising agency where I use my artistic ability to prepare images for advertising circulars. I like to ride my bike, fish and throw boomerangs. A couple of years ago I had fun competing in a 90-mile bike race.

We have enjoyed our years together and are looking forward to starting our own family and sharing our love with a child. Being able to provide a strong education in combination with Christian values is important to us. Also, both of us grew up in households with a stay-at-home parent and we would like to do the same.

Our families are very supportive of our decision to adopt. Both sets of grandparents look forward to having another grandchild to spoil. The holidays and many weekends are spent at the lake house with Theresa's parents or in Michigan with Greg's parents and sister's family.

We are open to discussing the extent of openness in the adoption plan. We will love this child unconditionally, but also believe that the child should know your love, too.

Thank you for reading our letter.

*Best wishes,  
Greg and Theresa*