



Dear Expectant Parents,

We would like to use this letter as an opportunity to help you to get to know us.

We are Kris and Missy and we met in the summer of 1998 at a church picnic. Our first conversation was on opposite sides of a volleyball net, and our friendship and relationship grew from there. We were married a year later and live in Missoula, MT. We moved into our first home five years ago, and it has plenty of room for a child as well as a yard for him or her to play in. Our neighborhood is growing, but is still peaceful and friendly and we live very close to a good elementary and middle school.

Kris was born in Missoula, MT and grew up in different foster homes, starting at the age of three. He has three older sisters who were an important part of his life while growing up. He now has a loving relationship with his mom, who lives in Helena and is very excited for her next grandchild to be added to the family. He has also remained close to his sisters and their families.

Missy was born in Sioux Falls, SD and her family moved to Montana when she was an infant. She has one younger sister who also makes her home in Missoula with her husband and young son. Her parents live in Great Falls and come over to Missoula often for visits with her sister's family and us.

We have always talked about our desire for children and to start a family. We have been unable to conceive, which eventually led us to the decision to pursue adoption. So, for now our furry family consists of our two cats, Daisy Mae and Blackfeet, whom we shower with love and attention. We have nine nephews and nieces whom we have always enjoyed spending time with and making them a special part of our lives. Spending time with them, but especially with our nephew Jacob made us realize, even more, our desire to have a child as a permanent part of our lives and to be parents.

We enjoy doing things together such as golfing and going to movies. We love to go to Missy's parents' cabin on Flathead Lake to jet ski and boat during the summers. We are also blessed by the support and friendships we have at our church. We have recently started playing on our church's softball team as well. Kris is a great softball player, but

Missy has never played before and is having fun learning and practicing to improve. Kris loves playing the drums and enjoys any opportunity to play on our church's worship team. Missy is a dancer who started ballet as a young child, studied it in college, and still enjoys dancing, though she doesn't get as many chances at the present time.

From Missy about Kris...Children are naturally drawn to Kris. He is very excited to one day be able to share his love with a child. He will be a fun-loving dad who will be there for his child no matter what he or she may face in life.

From Kris about Missy...Missy has always had the heart of a mother that will be fulfilled when a child joins our family. She will be a warm and compassionate mom. She will also be able to encourage her child to become the person God created him or her to be.

We welcome the opportunity to have you become a part of our lives through an open adoption, if you choose. We are praying for you and the decisions you are about to make. If you decide to make an open adoption plan, please contact Catholic Social Services at 800-222-9383. We hope we will have the opportunity to meet and get to know each other better.

Blessings,
Kris and Missy