

Dear Expectant Parent,

We can't imagine what you are going through right now and the emotions you must be facing. We can't even try to imagine to be in your place. Please know that we support you in whatever decisions you make because we know that even considering adoption means you are willing to sacrifice your own wants for the needs of your child.

We are Alex and Anna and we have two boys, Ryan (3) and Caleb (1). When we were still engaged, 12 years ago, we discussed adopting. We both felt like that would be something we would like to do and would like to teach our adopted child everything we know. We would treat the child like our own, do a lot of traveling together and enjoy life as much as we can.

Ryan has been praying for a baby sibling. Caleb just wants to hug all babies out there and love on them. When Ryan was only 1, we fostered a 3.5 year old boy, for 5 months. Ryan remembers him and wants him to come live with us (he is very sympathetic). We also fostered the boy's twin sisters for couple months. We really wanted them to stay in our home forever. We treated them like our own children. We thought they could be with us, but we are sure they are in a good loving home now. Both sides of our large families supported us and helped when we needed it. It will be the same support when we adopt.

Anna gives all her time to the children. She would spend quality time with them every minute she gets; from eating every meal with them to doing chores to bathing and bedtime. She takes the children out to library once a week for story time; when weather permits, she takes them to the park afterwards. Other times she will take children on play dates with their cousins and friends. When time comes for school, we plan to do part time homeschooling. Every month, there's someone's birthday from our family, we always get together to celebrate those moments. We love to host twice a month on weekends to build relationships with family, friends, and community. We also look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Alex works really hard to provide for the family. After dinner, children love to join him outside or in garage and try to help him with whatever project he is working on. They come home with excited faces to tell Anna what they accomplished or what they tried to fix. We imagine our adopted child will be just as excited as our children. Alex loves to read books and Children Bible stories to our children at bedtime and say a prayer with the family. We do go to church every weekend to fill up our souls.

Alex is originally from Ukraine, came to US with his family of five siblings when he was four years old and moved to Alaska when he was 12 years old. He has no intention of moving outside of Alaska. He wouldn't exchange the beautiful Alaskan summers for anything! He loves hunting, fishing, hiking, trapping, beekeeping, woodworking, and camping. We try to go out of state, somewhere warmer, for a couple of weeks in the winter to get more sun. Anna comes from a family of 12 children. She came from Kyrgyzstan with her family to Oregon when she was seven years old. Then they moved to Alaska when she was 13. This makes us a bilingual family speaking Russian and English languages. Anna likes to do crafts, read books, and organize.

If you do choose us, we will take good care of your child. If your child comes from a different culture than ours, we will do our best to teach them about their culture. They are getting an extended family and more people to love on them. Thank you for taking your time and looking over our portfolio.

With love and respect,  
Alex & Anna