



We just wanted to start out by saying thank you very much. We really respect you for doing what God has put on your heart by placing your child for adoption. God has given you such a great heart and is using you and your child to glorify His name and He will be with you through this time. We will continue to pray for you and your child through this time as you make this choice forward.

We are Justin and Tagan Smith. We were introduced to each other through Tagan's step father who works with Justin. The more we became to know each other the more we began to fall in love. We started to see bits and pieces of what God was doing in our life by noticing the places in life we were in. We got engaged in New York City in central park on 1-1-11 then later got married 2 yrs. later we had our first child Malachi who was born in 2013. We currently live in the country where we have 2 dogs, 1 goat, 1 pony, and 10 egg laying chickens. Since 2014 we have been trying to have another child but have had 4 miscarriages, all around 6 weeks. After seeing a specialist, only to find out that nothing was wrong,

and making diet and life style changes, we truly believe that God has adoption in our story. With having peace with what He is doing we started to notice the new friends God has put in our lives that have adopted. We talked to each other and began to pray for the Lord to give us confirmation in this decision. I remember our pastor telling us to not look at the whole picture because you will get stressed out and instead to take the door that the Lord has opened for you and relish in the moment with his blessings. A few weeks later we attended Special Delivery's 10 year/ Jen Hatmaker event where our hearts just fell in love all over again with the reality of the gospel. We ended up seeing some old friends that have already adopted through Special Delivery and they actually told us the exact same thing our pastor had told us. We met up with special delivery and had a one on one session with Cindy where she showed us a book that we would be making for the birth moms. Tagan said, "That looks like a Shutterfly book that I can make online." That next day Tagan calls me and tells me to check my email and the craziest thing happened. That same book we just saw with Cindy was for free on Shutterfly! It wasn't because the free book that made our decision it was all the signs and confirmation God was telling us to look at. So we took that door that was opened and just watch God move.

This is Tagan, I grew up in the city, my dad passed away at a very early age and I have a younger brother, Tanner. For most of my life, it was just me, my brother, and my mom - trying to raise 2 kids by herself. I graduated high school in 2004 and went on to get my associate's degree in Accounting. I worked very hard my whole life right up until we had Malachi in 2013. I love to cook, bake, create things, crafting, and turning wood into a piece of art. I love getting to stay home with Malachi and teaching him new things every day and showing him the love of Jesus.

This is Justin, I grew up and was raised in a small town in Texas with a population of 500 people. I played all the sports they offered. After graduating high school in 2003, I then joined the United States Army in September, went to Iraq in 2005 came back then joined the National guard and was honorably discharged in 2011. I am currently working for the government as a Security Police Officer Lieutenant. I love teaching the word of God to my family and to our group of friends through our church. I have a wonderful set of parents Brad and Kathy, older brother Brandon and his wife Kendra with their 3 kids, Emily, Ethan, and Brynlee. I only have one grandma left, an uncle, aunt, and two cousins.

Malachi says hi! He is 3 and loves being outside and playing in his sandbox, jumping non-stop on his trampoline, and playing on his playset. He loves going to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to spend time with his friends while mommy works part time at our church. While at home he loves helping mommy cook and making different crafts and loves reading his Jesus storybook bible before bed. He loves spending time with his friends and family and loves going to Sunday school at church.

As a family we love spending time together by just playing in the backyard or just taking a nice walk around the neighborhood in the summer time. We love traveling to Justin's grandparents cabin in the mountains where we love to hike, fish, shop, four - wheeling, and most of all building our relationship with the Lord. We love spending time with our extended family and which we get together with them at least once a week.

We want to thank you once again, for taking the time to read this letter. We will continue to pray for you and your child through this time that God is bringing you through. Our favorite verse is out of 1 Corinthians 10:31-So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God!