



Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you so much for giving your baby the gift of life. What a gift of love and sacrifice! While things in this life don't always turn out as we plan, God can bring good out of all circumstances! I know this very well in my own life. My life-long dream was to marry and have a family. However, even though God has not provided a husband for me (at least not yet), I do believe He is calling me to have a family—through the miracle of adoption. If you would allow me the honor of adopting your child, I promise (and I'm one who keeps my word) that I will love the child with my whole heart, and I will do my best to raise the child to know the love of Jesus Christ.

I have loved and been around children all my life, and I began babysitting (with supervision for the first few years) at the age of 10. Some of the kids would ask their parents to go out so I could come over and babysit (play with them). They were the closest things I had to my own children until my nieces and nephews were born.

"Next to my relationship with Christ, there is nothing in this world I want more than children."

After growing up on a grain and hog farm, I studied soil science, graduated from The Ohio State University (Go Bucks!), and then worked for a year as a soil conservationist. But God had other plans and called me into the ministry. I went back to school to learn to become a pastor, and have served as a pastor for the past 12 years. I am currently serving as the pastor of a small town church. Although my children may not have a father in this world (unless God changes His mind), they will have many good male role models in my family and in the church—not to mention many honorary aunts, uncles, and grandparents in the church. Throughout the years I have enjoyed teaching children and helping with the after school program, directing the district children's church camp (and intentionally worked to welcome children of all races), directed a youth program, helped at a youth camp, and just enjoyed hanging out with the youth and children in the community.

"I don't want to go through life without children."

The past six years, I have also been blessed to serve as a "Big Sis" (through Big Brothers/Big Sisters) to my "little brother" Dylan, now 17. When they asked me the type of child with whom I'd like to be matched, I asked for a child they were having trouble placing—because every child deserves to be loved and have a chance at life. Dylan is far from perfect (he's a teenager!), but my case worker said he is a totally different boy than he was six years ago—thanks be to God!

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, hiking, walking, gardening, mowing (or anything outside enjoying God's creation), playing the piano, singing, taking pictures, cooking, cheering on the OSU Buckeyes, and reading. I am a student at heart, and am currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree.

"My life has always revolved around kids."

Being a single parent will be a challenge, but it will be a blessed and joyous one! I trust that where God guides, God provides—and I believe God is calling me to adopt in the same way He called me to ministry. I also believe openness in adoption is healthy for the child and helpful for the birthparents (if you so desire). Therefore, I am open to figuring out the level of openness that is best for you—such as sending pictures and letters, and some visits. Thank you for your time and for considering me in your adoption plan. Please know that I have been and will continue to pray for you and your baby.

In Christ's love, *Alice*



Playing with my nephew Tommy who was adopted from Guatemala.



Playing with children at an orphanage on a recent mission trip to Mexico.



We had a great time when I took 4 of my nieces & nephews on vacation to Disney World



Playing with my niece Anna.

You may choose this family or any of the others approved by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, which is a state licensed adoption agency. This family represents the agency in informing the community about pregnancy counseling and adoption services. Please call Beginnings...The Adoption Center office for more information at (937) 223-7217 or 1-800-300-2937.