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Mark & Ashlyn

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Dear expectant parent(s),

Thank you so much for considering us as adoptive parents for your baby. It takes so much courage behind this decision to entrust your baby with another family, and we hold so much respect for you. If you were to choose us, it would be one of the greatest privileges and gifts of our lives.


Please know this: your baby would be deeply, wholly, and unconditionally loved. We would cherish them as our own in absolutely every sense, protecting them and walking with them through every stage of life.

Our faith is at the center of who we are, and we would raise your child to know the love of Jesus Christ. We would strive every day to pour out His love into their life daily, teaching them what it means to love others well, to serve with humility, and to walk with His purpose. We want your child to grow to be who God uniquely created them to be and to fulfill their special calling in this life.

You would always be a part of their story, and we are excited for the chance to show you love as well.

With sincere gratitude and hope,

Mark and Ashlyn





Where our journey began

Mark grew up as a Belarussian child in America, while Ashlyn lived across the ocean and grew up as an American child in Russia. Many years and many prayers later, God united our paths under the expansive skies of Albuquerque, New Mexico, when Ashlyn visited Mark's family's tiny little Russian-speaking church. We got married in the summer of 2020 and began cultivating our bilingual, bicultural home. In 2024, we decided we wanted more of the greenery and beautiful culture of the South and moved to Knoxville, TN.

Meet Ashlyn

written from Mark's perspective

Ashlyn is my loving wife - my biggest cheerleader! She is so intelligent, determined, and strong. She never wants to fail anyone or anything, so she puts her heart into everything she does. She is loyal to her friends and family, values living with integrity, and places Christ at the center of her life.

Honestly, my wife is so smart that I couldn't explain her work to you: she is a quantum physicist, so there is no doubt that any child she takes under her wing will rise to great heights.

She has such a heart for pouring into the next generation. I know that your child will be fully loved, adored, and nurtured by her.



Meet Mark

written from Ashlyn's perspective

Mark is such a loving husband and my very best friend. One of the first things that drew me to him was his dedication to serving other people. With the kindest and most compassionate heart of anyone I know, he is ready to drop any task to help someone in need.

He is an entrepreneur at heart, so we are never lacking in excitement and business ventures. Mark loves grilling, fishing, and he is completely obsessed with music. Sometimes I wonder if our house will ever turn into a musical studio. Ever since he was little, he has used this talent in church to help lead others in worship of our Savior.

He is so easy-going and absolutely loves spending time with friends and family. As the youngest son of his family of seven, he cherishes being an uncle to all of his nieces and nephews and is so excited about the opportunity to be a dad. He would make such a wonderful, dedicated, loving father to your child.



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Our Home

Some people tease that we live in a little history museum, because we love to collect antiques and style with a vintage theme. Our home reflects our old souls, but we fully believe it is meant to be lived in. (If things break, it's more excuses to go thrifting!)

Our neighborhood is full of kids playing outside, riding scooters, and four-wheelers. It's a very quiet community, family friendly and is about 15 minutes from a nature preserve, which is where we are excited to take your little one for picnics, swimming, and scavenger hunts.





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Our Dogs



We have two German shepherds: Valik and Tik. They are brothers from the same litter, and although Tik just ended up being forever puppy-sized, he has convinced himself he is the boss. Their home is our fenced-in back yard, and they love walks and lots of attention.



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The Bigger Family



Though one set of grandparents is in Georgia (Papa and Mimi) and the other in New Mexico (Grandad “Dedushka” and Grandma “Babushka”), distance is just a number. We are a very close knit family and visit with each other often. They are so very excited to have another grandbaby to add to their bunch! (Even great grandparents can't wait!)

Counting all the aunts, uncles, and cousins, your child will be showered with a lot of love and playmates.

Uncles Kirill, Tima, Elijah, Andrey and Aunts Irinka, Nadia, Lily, and Oksana and lots of cousins!!!



eager great grandparents



“great” Mema and Uncle Luke



Uncle Chris, Aunt Amielle, and cousins Samuel and Aerie



Papa and Mimi



Babushka and Dedushka

What we Enjoy

- Being involved with our church ministries
- Going to farmer's markets, flea markets, antique stores
- Foraging for mushrooms, picking berries, harvesting fruit
- Traveling to new places
- Visiting and exploring museums and historical landmarks
- Cozy nights at home watching movies
- Spending quality time with family

We are excited for the opportunity to share these experiences and traditions with your child and grow this list even further based on their interests!





Thank you so much for considering us and looking through our story. We are so thankful that you have chosen the path of adoption for your baby.

We would be so honored to be his/her parents, and we promise to love him/her with all of our hearts. God has been so good to us, and we would love to show and share His goodness and Light with your little one.

We would raise your child to pursue their dreams, whether that is through expressing their own trade skills or going all the way academically to pursue a PhD. We would teach your child English and Russian languages right from the start so they would grow to be fluently bilingual.

We will enjoy celebrating birthdays, Easter, Christmas, and other holidays with your child, hoping to form memories that will last them a lifetime.

You are so brave for making the decision of choosing adoption for your baby. We cannot imagine what emotions you may have, but we also want to be there for you and support you through this journey, while sharing with your child what a courageous and loving birth mom they have.



We already love you,

Mark & Ashlyn