



Justin & Selanie

Dear Birth Parents,

We are Justin (age 31) and Selanie (age 26). Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and learn more about us.

We met at a small university in Tennessee. Two days after we met through mutual friends, we went on our first date and have been inseparable ever since. Later we both said we never believed other people who said they “just knew” they were right for each other, but...we just knew.

We have been married for 6 ½ years. When we got married, we were both in school and decided to wait five years before we would try to have children. We thought we would have one or two kids and then adopt one or two. About a year passed without conceiving a child, and we both knew that expensive treatments were not the way we wanted to go. Since we had wanted to adopt anyway, we decided God wanted us to go ahead and begin growing our family through adoption.

We believe it is very important for a child to always know that he or she is adopted. The child will always know how special you are and what a great sacrifice you made to allow someone else to parent your child. We will be more than happy to share pictures and information with you over the years.

Justin is an only child but grew up with his older cousin Mimi like brother and sister. Today their moms (who are sisters) are neighbors and Mimi and her husband Greg live next to Mimi’s parents. Mimi and Greg do not have children so everyone is very excited about bringing a child into the family.

Selanie has a younger sister LuAndra, who is a make-up/special effects artist in Orlando, Florida. They don’t get to see each other all that often but visiting her can be an escape to sunny Florida. She is looking forward to being an aunt! Selanie’s parents (in North Carolina) are also excited to have their first grandchild and plan to move closer to us after they retire.

We hope you can get to know us through the following pages. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and our family.



How We Met

We met and almost immediately started dating when we were in college. Selanie was a sophomore and Justin was getting his Master's degree. One of Justin's roommates was dating one of Selanie's roommates. Our first date began on a Saturday morning at a baseball game, and continued the rest of the day with lunch, a movie, dinner, and a play that evening that some friends were in at school. We dated for a little over a year before we were married in 2003.



Selanie's parents met us in Gatlinburg so they could meet Justin in October 2002.



Our Christmas wedding at a bed & breakfast near Raleigh. We had a small wedding with family and close friends. December 2003



Fun Facts about Justin and Selanie

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Selanie



Justin

Last Movie Seen
In the Theatre

Avatar

Clash of the Titans

Favorite TV Show

The Mentalist

Chuck

Favorite Childhood
Memory

Spending summers
with grandparents
and cousins

Driving tractors on the
farm with his granddad

Favorite City

London

Ft. Worth, TX

Favorite Sport

football

football

Favorite Athlete

Shaun White

Peyton Manning

Hobby

scrapbooking

house projects

Favorite Holiday

Christmas

Christmas

Favorite Food

Japanese

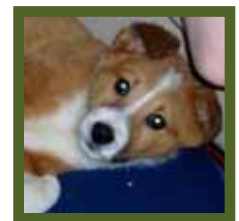
Mexican



Our dogs, Clark and Kent,
chasing water from the
water hose.

They are both rescues
and very playful!

Both love when our
friends come over with
their babies and children.



Our Home

We live in a quiet neighborhood with many kids riding skateboards and bicycles and playing in their yards. There are lots of children of all ages.

Our house has four bedrooms, and an additional room for the baby that is next to the master bedroom.

We have a large fenced backyard with two peach trees, an apple tree and a plum tree.

There is plenty of room for a swing set and toys, and we also have a pool.

Our neighborhood is close to the best schools in town.



Our back yard and the room that will be the baby's room

We both grew up in Christian homes. We are active members in a nondenominational church that has an excellent children's program. Selanie currently teaches in the third grade class (with a space ship theme) and will be in the nursery this summer. Justin works at the Connect Desk, which is like a welcome center. Recently our church has started a community-wide adoption ministry, so we have many friends who are adopting, have adopted, and are adopted.



Selanie co-teaching the five-year-old class at church.

Justin

Justin was born and grew up in Tennessee. He graduated in 2000 with a degree in accounting and in 2005 with his Master's in Business Administration. He has worked as a financial controller for almost five years.



Justin and Selanie with Justin's parents.

Justin's parents own a farm about 45 minutes from where we live. His parents, aunt and uncle, and their daughter (who is like a sister to Justin) and her husband all live on "the hill." There are dogs, cows and chickens on the farm, along with a large garden of corn, tomatoes, squash, and several other yummy vegetables. We have lots of cook outs and weenie roasts. Justin's parents and the rest of the family are really looking forward to adding to our family through adoption.



Selanie

Selanie was born and grew up in North Carolina. She graduated with a degree in psychology in 2006 and has plans to get her Master's degree. Selanie is looking forward to being a stay at home mom.



Selanie's parents and
Selanie with her sister



Selanie has one younger sister, LuAndra, who now lives in Orlando, Florida, but most of the rest of her family is still in North Carolina. Both of her parents have three siblings so Selanie grew up with lots of cousins to play with. This will be the first grandchild for her parents, and the first great-grandchild for her mom's family. Everyone is very excited about Justin and Selanie's decision to adopt.



Selanie and her sister at Disney
World in Orlando.



Justin with Selanie's cousin's 7-
year-old daughter, Mary Lindsey,
and her new puppy Max.



Cousins and their spouses on Selanie's dad's side of the family



The girls and the kids

FAMILY



Selanie's cousins on her mom's side of the family at Christmas

Vacations

We spend most of our vacation time traveling to visit Selanie's family in North Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina share the beautiful Appalachian Mountains and we stop there on many of our trips. We also spent our honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



Andrews
Geyser in
Old Fort,
North
Carolina



Biltmore Estate in
Asheville, North Carolina



Rock City at Lookout Mountain
in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Cheekwood Mansion in
Nashville, Tennessee



Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

Thank You

Thank you for reading our letter and considering our family for your baby. We hope you enjoyed getting to know us and we would love to hear from you and get to know you. We will be praying for you as you face a difficult decision regarding your child's future.



Justin playing with our friends' 7-month-old son, Jude, while we were baby-sitting. Jude had a great time playing with the remote control.



Selanie hanging out with our friends' 2-year-old daughter, Carlee Hayse. Her parents are friends from school as well as our group leaders from church, and also have twin baby girls.



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