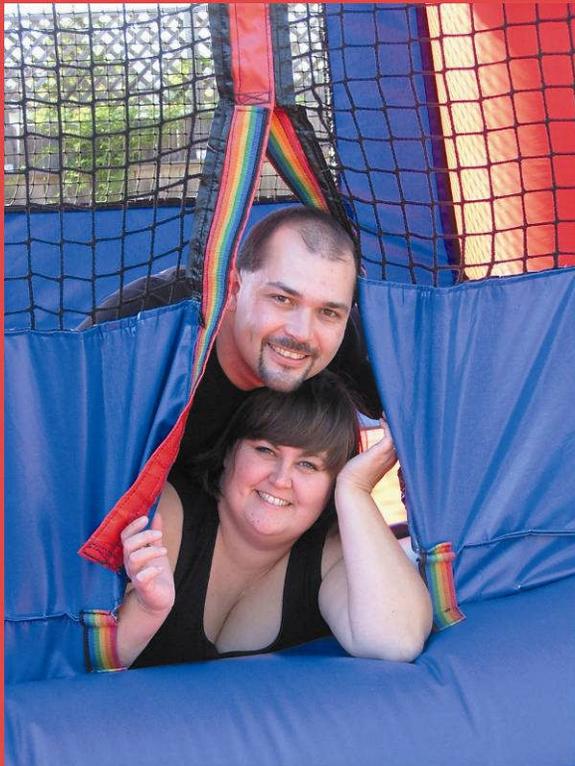


Dear Expectant Mother,

We're very thankful that you've chosen adoption for your child. We hope this letter will give you a look into our hearts, our home and the life we hope to share with your little one. Our hope is that after getting to know us through this letter, and in person, you will feel comfortable entrusting your baby's journey from Gods arms, to your arms, to ours.

About Us...

Welcome to our "House"
Bounce House that is!



Bill and Candy take a turn in the bounce house.

We've been married for 9 years, but have been together for 13. We met at church, in high school, and stayed friends through our college years, but knew we were meant to be together. We know God moved mountains (almost literally!) to bring Bill from Tennessee, where he was attending college, to California, where I was going to school. Ever since then, we've been dedicated to our friendship and our marriage.

We've become very comfortable with adoption because of Candy's brothers, Cody (now 15) and Tyler (now 18), who were both adopted through private adoptions. Candy's parents brought Cody home at 3 weeks old and just missed Tyler's birth by 10 minutes! Both of their adoptions worked out so well that when we couldn't conceive a child, Bill and I decided to seek our family through adoption as well.

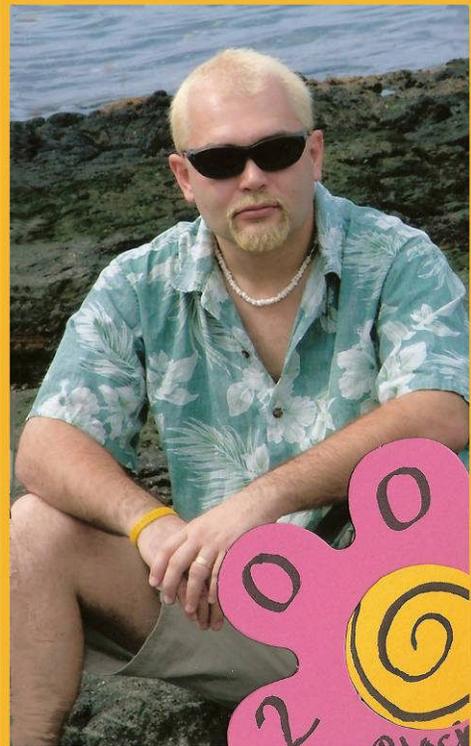
ABOUT BILL...

Let me introduce the love of my life and my rock, Bill. He's 5'10", has brown eyes and brown hair, except for New Years when he usually goes blonde, shaves his head or tries something new with his hair! He works as a Graphic designer for a local, family owned sign shop, where he's nearly one of the family.

He comes home everyday at 6:00, so our child will share in regular dinner times, where we each take turns doing the cooking and talking about the day. During off time, Bill enjoys Sci-Fi movies and building models, which I know he can't wait to share with our kids! He loves to take me and our two golden retrievers, Sadie and Leo, for walks on the beach, and he has a great love of the outdoors. All of these things make him, my 15 year old brother's favorite person! I can't wait to introduce him to you so you'll have the opportunity to experience his sense of humor and adventurous spirit for yourself.

Bill also enjoys reading and often reads to me before bed. He loves to give all the characters different voices and tries to include all the sound effects, too! This makes reading together a very fun event that we will be able to share with our child. We both feel that reading is very important and can open up lots of opportunities and we believe that this is a great way to encourage our child to love reading too.

Bill checks out the black sand beaches...



while visiting the Inlaws in Hawaii!

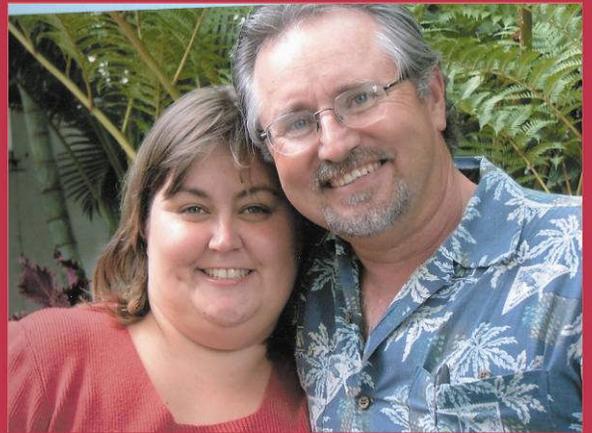
About Candy...

I (Bill) want to take a moment and tell you about the smartest choice I ever made, my beautiful wife, Candy. She's very outgoing and her personality lights up every room she's in! Meek and quiet don't describe her at all, though, and that's probably a good thing because she works with teenagers all day!

With a job in a local High School, she usually comes home at night with a story about the kids or with news about her Yearbook class, where she teaches the kids in design, layout and photography. She's also the keeper of the schools basketball trophy and takes it personally if another school beats her schools team and takes the trophy away!

During quiet times, she relaxes by crocheting, scrapbooking or studying. She usually likes to take an Internet course at home, every year. She is working toward a degree in teaching.

She is the kindest and most patient women I've ever met, and I thank God that she's in my life, because I, honestly, can't imagine life without her.



**Candy and her Dad (Chris)
visit in Hawaii for second time
this year! (Hmmm thinking of going AWOL?)**

What We Believe...

We will raise our child as a non-denominational Christian. Candy and I were raised going to Sunday school, youth groups and to Church and we believe in nurturing a personal belief in a spiritual relationship with God. In going to Church with us, we hope he/she will learn to have a personal relationship of their own with God.



Grandma and Cousin Cole ride the Honu (Turtle) at the local Zoo.

We believe that little ones should be aware of their actions as well as the consequences and effects they have on others. We want our child to learn to resolve their own problems, as much as they can, and we promise that we'll provide the guidance, support and love needed for them to excel at anything they try. We promise to give our child positive

reinforcement in their efforts because children are empowered by their successes. Life is an ongoing learning process and we feel if they can embrace learning, they can accomplish anything they set out to do.

We believe it's important to teach kids through life experiences and our love of traveling will be one way we'll introduce our child to different people, places and real life experiences. We often spend our weekends going on little road trips to see the sea lions along the coast, stop at little seaside towns to eat fish and chips or explore a coastal trail or two.



River Boat Gambler Jack Cross aka: Bill and Darla Dressler aka: Candy participate in the Murder Mystery Night Dinner Theatre.

We also enjoy visiting a nearby country barn, which is another place we're excited to share with our child! They've got a petting zoo there and we love to get fresh apple cider, hot corn on the cob and pick apples off the trees. Once a year we go on the hay-ride to pick our Halloween pumpkins!

Sometimes, when the weather's nice, we'll head to the mountains, to Grandma and Grandpa's cabin. We spend the weekend there BBQ'ing, playing UNO, fishing in the ponds, and swimming. Our family's newest tradition is going to see the hot-air balloons on the fourth of July (and sometimes we go for a ride in one ourselves!), in the valley below the cabin.



**Uncles Tyler and Cody
Cliffy the Dog and
Cousins Cole and Luke**

It's our wish to raise your child with the love of our extended family also. Grandma, Grandpa, aunt, uncles and cousins all live close by, and it seems we're all seeing each other nearly every weekend, for a birthday party. We promise you that we'll love, nurture, and cherish your child and that he or she will have a lot of extended family and friends who are already excited for him or her to be a part of our family.

We believe a good education is vital for our child to grow up to be an open minded, objective leader with high self esteem. We know that with these abilities, our child will be able to experience a life without regret and full of promise.

Our Home...

Our home, a three bedroom, Spanish-style house, in a cul-de-sac, has lots of great neighborhood kids and sits just two blocks from a couple of beautiful parks that Sadie and Leo love to play in. We've got lots of room, tile floors (so spills are no worry!) and no coffee table for little heads to bump into! Our child will have their own room; we feel that's very important, now we just need to know what color to paint it!



**Sadie and Leo
You mean you want your
bed back?**

Thank you very much for taking the time to get to know us and please know that we look forward to meeting you in person to answer any questions you may have.

*Love,
Candy and Bill*