

## Dear Special Person,

First of all we want to tell you that we realize the difficult decisions you are facing. However, in spite of the difficulty, we believe you are a very unselfish and loving person to want the best for your baby. You clearly have a kind and warm heart because you are putting your baby first in your decision making.

We are excited to introduce ourselves to you and have you consider us as adoptive parents. We are Marc, Vivi and Austin Friedheim. We have been living in Northern California for the past 12 years. As you can tell, we have one child, a son, who is currently 7 years old. We are glad that you want to provide the very best for your baby and we hope that we can be a big part of that decision.



*Vivi, Austin and Marc*



*This is our home*

courts and a lake for canoeing and sailing. Our town has lots of opportunities for kids. There are parks and greenbelts all over town with lots of pathways for bike riding and play structures for kids to enjoy. Austin enjoys playing soccer with AYSO as well as spring little league baseball.

Our desire is to have a bigger family, yet after 6 years of trying to have a second child and at least one miscarriage, we are still a family of three. We are absolutely blessed to have Austin. We have certainly gained valuable experience in raising Austin during his lifetime. We can't wait to experience that joy all over again with an addition to our family.

We live in a 3-bedroom, 2-bath house. Our home is not huge but has a spacious living room and den as well as a good size backyard for the kid(s) to play in. We live in a very quiet part of town with lots of parks nearby. We are also members of a country club with swimming pools, tennis



*This is our living room*

## FAITH

Our family is centered on God and the family of God. We believe very highly in living according to the pattern God has laid down in the bible. We belong to and enjoy a vibrant community life in a local church. Vivi serves in the church nursery and the Christian academy during the school year. Marc leads a workmen for Christ youth group as well as a youth backpacking and high adventure program. Austin attends the Christian Academy and is currently entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our church emphasizes the importance of the family unit and has many family oriented activities year-round.



*Austin and his friend Emma (Picking out a Christmas Tree)*

## MARRIAGE

We are high school sweethearts, married since 1994.



*Cycling around the Buttes*

## FAMILY

The scariest thing we ever had to do was bring Austin home for the first time. We knew that becoming parents would be a serious task and we just wanted to do the best job that we possibly can. Our job as a parent is to lead and direct, nurture creativity and provide love and stability. We must also have compassion when they are hurting, express excitement at their accomplishments, and encourage them when the going gets tough. Above all, we believe our primary function as a parent is to train up a child to love God and obey

**Vivi has this to say about Marc:** “Marc is a loving husband and a wonderful father. He’s caring and thoughtful, always putting others first before himself.” **Marc has this to say about Vivi:** “Vivi has a sweet, quiet, and tender spirit. She demonstrates her love for her family by taking extremely good care of us. Her favorite activity is simply spending time with Austin and me.”

Our marriage has been a true friendship from the very beginning. We complement each other well and truly enjoy spending time doing activities together such as playing tennis, cycling, or simply sitting around our favorite board game.



*Marc and his 3 brothers*

His commands. Being a parent has not always been easy but it certainly has been the most rewarding adventure that we have ever started.



*Vivi's family*

Marc and Vivi's extended family live in Southern California. Marc is the oldest of 4 brothers while Vivi is the oldest of a total of 7 siblings (3 sisters and 3 brothers). We are very close to our families and visit with them often. During holidays we gather both families together as often as we can. While Marc's family is originally from the US, Vivi's family is Laotian. Vivi was born and raised in Laos and came to the



*Vivi with Austin and cousin Kendrick*

US at the age of 11. She speaks fluently in Laotian, Thai, and English. Austin has greatly benefited by growing up with a cross section of two different cultures to influence him.

## EDUCATION

We are both college graduates. Vivi has an Associate degree in Business and Accounting from Los Angeles Valley College. Marc has a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Davis. We have both benefited from pursuing a degree in higher education and will encourage our children to do the same.

## WORK



*Marc at the office*

Marc has been working for the California Department of Transportation as a Bridge Engineer for the past 9 years. This job provides very good health benefits,



*Marc was structure representative for the construction of this bridge in Truckee, CA*

retirement, and has been a source of financial stability for our family. Vivi works part-time at a local retail shop while Austin is in school. Our goal all along has been to have Austin grow up with his Mom at home rather than sending him to daycare. We have been able to do

this so far. Vivi loves being a stay-at-home mom. We want our child(ren) to grow up being loved and guided by their parents as much as possible.

## HOBBIES

Marc loves the sport of cycling and participates in local group rides at least once a week. Vivi enjoys long distance running and loves to cook and spends her time teaching others some of her tasty Thai recipes. Austin enjoys playing soccer in the Fall and baseball in the Spring. Together our family enjoys going on hikes or taking our bikes out for a spin. In



*Vivi and Austin at our church retreat*

our spare time we enjoy working on the next project around the house. We most enjoy traveling to new places and spending time exploring the outdoors together.



*The 3 of us at Bryce National Park*

## IN CLOSING

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We know that you are already making the right choices for your baby because you want a good home for your child. We are ready to make our home a warm and loving home for your baby to grow up in.

Sincerely,

*Marc, Vivi and Austin Friedheim*  
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*With our church friends visiting Santa Fe, NM*



*Austin and friends in our backyard*

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