

Our names are Marieke and Eddy, we live in the Netherlands, Europe.

After a hard physical and emotional period with years of infertility treatments, our dream of becoming parents has led us to the path of adoption. Friends of us who adopted a little girl from the USA encouraged us to contact Joy and Michael because of their very positive experience with them. Right from the very first telephone call we had with Joy and later on with Michael, we felt so very much relieved, confident and above all very happy, they were the people who were going to guide us along our way of adopting a little baby. From the beginning we had such a comfortable feeling, and they never disappointed us!

Very recently, in August 2007, Joy called us with the very happy news there was a little baby girl for us to adopt! We had to make all arrangements very quickly so we could fly to the USA as soon as possible. Although we had to cope with a time difference, they surprised us again and again with responding our emails very quickly. Moreover we were never uncertain about next steps because of their pro active and clear and warm information that they gave us right on time. We were often wondering when they would sleep...From the moment we arrived in the USA Michael and Joy supported us as much as they could and were always there for us when we needed them. During our stay in the apartment they recommended us, we had contact with them almost on a daily basis which made us feel very comfortable.

The moment when we finally laid eyes on our little girl was a very special and beautiful moment and is hard to express in words. We felt attached to her from the very beginning and already cannot imagine our lives without her. Now, back home with our little baby daughter we are getting used to our new lives as parents. We can full hearted say it is so much better than we ever imagined it would be. Any fears and uncertainties we had before we adopted, disappeared when we started taking care of our little girl. Every day we learn more about her and love her more. She is already smiling now and yes, all the cliché's are becoming reality. We often tell each other we feel so proud walking around with her during the day or whenever showing her to visiting friends. We already look forward to all things we will do together as a family in the future. We are so very happy we choose for adoption, and we feel this is only the beginning of a wonderful live with the three of us. Whenever we are ready to adopt a little brother or sister for our little girl we very much hope to work with Joy and Michael again who are to us the very best.