



# ADRIAN & DORIS

*Dear Expectant Parent,*

**WE WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND PEACE OF MIND.** You are trying to find the perfect family for your child, and we cannot imagine how difficult this must be. We are grateful to you for taking the time to learn what our family is all about, and why we are seeking to adopt. Over 10 years ago we left Switzerland, and moved to the United States because of Adrian's job. Soon after, we faced infertility, but then learned about the blessing of adoption.

Our three children were all adopted within the United States, through both open and closed adoption. Every day, we thank God for the blessing He has provided us! Hopefully you find what you learn about us genuine and interesting.

*Adrian and Doris*

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# about US

We both grew up in the same community in Switzerland. We met at church camp in Italy, became a couple 24 years ago, and have been married for 14 years now. Thinking about our future, we always dreamed about having a bigger family; four children sounded so wonderful!

Our three wonderful children, Flurina, Linda, and Cedric, show us every day that our dream can become reality. Together we like to go on camping trips and always look forward to feeling free outdoors. The kids like to help with gardening, and washing cars in the driveway, or simply play in the sandbox. We have fun playing games that spike our imagination, and we love to read books. We have family movie nights with popcorn. We also all join in to take care of the chores.

## our WORK

**DORIS** has a Master's degree in law from the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Nevertheless, her true calling, she found in educating our children.

**ADRIAN** has a Ph.D. in process engineering. He works for a company providing services and equipment to the Oil & Gas industry as manager of process engineering. Adrian is directly responsible for his team, and enjoys working with them daily.



ANOTHER CHILD TO JOIN THE FUN (AND SILLINESS!) IS OUR DREAM



SWISS ROOTS



ATTEMPTING TO LEARN THE GUITAR

## THE FUN SIDE of life!

Our favorite get away is to hook up our travel trailer and go camping. Sometimes just for a quick weekend at a state park close by, or a week in the Rocky Mountains. Either way, we take breaks from TV, computers and media, and let the children embrace life outdoors, learning about animals, the weather and camping skills. We also found that living in a confined space such as a travel trailer forges the family bonds, and develops respectful interactions amongst all family members.

We like to read and sing songs together at bedtime. We enjoy cooking family recipes and arranging food attractively on the plates. We have several family traditions such as the coloring of Easter eggs by making dye with onion skins or the Swiss Saint Nicolas Day tradition of the "Grittibaenz", which is a funny looking home-made bread dough man.



FRIENDS FOR LIFE



THE CREATIVE SIDE OF THE FAMILY



CAMPING - ALWAYS READY FOR THE NEXT THING!



PLAYING TOGETHER - PRECIOUS MOMENTS



"FIXIN" THINGS!

## meet the SIBLINGS

**FLURINA** is developing a strong sense of family, and is taking on responsibility for her siblings. She loves horseback riding, and enjoys just reading about all kinds of animals quietly in her room. Despite her hearing issues, she is on a dance competitive team, and simply loves music.

**LINDA** is our most outgoing child. She will always let you know how she feels, and what she thinks at any moment of the day. She enjoys learning, and has a flair for drawing with many intricate details. She admires Flurina, and tries to do everything with her.

**CEDRIC** is our 3-year-old boy. We were always told that boys are different, but we couldn't imagine just how much different. He has the most charming smile, and his sounds are definitely boyish, as he loves cars and trucks. He too goes to gym class, as he is full of energy until he drops in bed at night. We love his smirk at the corner of his mouth that will always win our hearts!

## DORIS (THE DRIVING FORCE)

Doris is and has always been the driving force in our family. She is constantly seeking ways to strengthen our family ties. Her full dedication goes towards promoting our children in all aspects of life. Flurina has been challenged by hearing impairments since birth. For her, Doris became an interpreter for American Sign Language (ASL). All three of the children know signs as well, and acting out stories has become a big favorite of them. When it became apparent that public schools might not lead our children to fully explore their potential, Doris decided to homeschool them. Sharing her life experience and teaching our children the best of both European and US culture through teaching them English, German and ASL has become the center of her life.

## ADRIAN (CALM OF THE STORM)

Adrian is an honest, strong and reliable husband. He always has an open ear, and cares about the needs of others. He is very involved in our family life, and takes the children with him for grocery shopping, long walks with the dog, and tasks around the house. He is not only handy with the sewing machine and a big help in the kitchen, but he also can fix about anything. He built a big swing set in the backyard from scratch, made a balance beam for gym practice, and monkey bars for the kids. He has broad interests he likes to share with the kids. I love that he camps out in the living room voluntarily with a sick child, taking care of them all night.

# OUR FRIENDS & family

Being from Switzerland, our direct family obviously is far away. However, social media and modern technology allow us to stay in close contact with all of them. *When they come to visit us, we have a wonderful reunion.*

The friends we found here in Tulsa are very dear to us. *In our immediate vicinity, literally across the street, live five families with a total of 21 children, including ours.* This network turns out to be very strong and supportive through life's challenges, and provides relief in times of need.

## about our FAITH

The girls start out their mornings with a Bible lessons from their curriculum. *All three kids love to go to Sunday school at our church* while we parents interact in a unique class consisting of deaf, blind and deaf-blind members and a few who hear. During the sermon, Doris helps signing songs and portions of the message.

We are part of a small group on Sunday evenings, where we discuss aspects of Christian life and faith. We share personal experiences to encourage one another. *We believe God led us to Oklahoma, and placed our three children into our arms. We are praying to welcome another child into our hearts and home through adoption again.* A child who will know His name and strength, and will find reassurance in faith.



NO DRESS CODE FOR HOME SCHOOLERS!



SO MUCH LOVE TO GIVE!



ALWAYS READY FOR A CRAFT



A GOOD MOVIE, WITH MUSHU THE DOG!

## our HOME & COMMUNITY

The center of our life is a combined kitchen and living room, both in our house and the travel trailer. *Our children are involved in daily activities like cooking and house care, and we make it a priority to always eat together at the table.* On weekends, we play together in the yard, go grocery shopping together, and of course we walk our dog Mushu, at least once, sometimes twice as a family. We live in a large neighborhood with a golf course attached. The winding roads provide lots of safe opportunities to ride bikes or pedal cars or to simply run around, Cedric's favorite thing to do.



## in CLOSING

We are excited about welcoming a new baby to complete our family. We promise to be loving and supportive parents to your child, and to provide a safe, stable home. We offer the opportunity for a good education, hobbies, and adventures. We will always be open and honest about the special way your child came into our lives through adoption. We are happy to exchange letters and pictures with you, and would like to discuss the possibility of visits if that is what you wish.

Thank you for considering us as the adoptive family for your baby. God bless you! Gott beschütze Dich!

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