



Justino and Joëlle



Dear Expectant Mother,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. It is with great emotion that we write this letter to you. Having gone through the adoption of our daughter in 2017, we have come to understand the sacrifice and fortitude it takes to entrust a child to another family.

Adoption was always something my husband and I spoke about. Having gone through childhood cancer, many doctors believed a pregnancy would be very unlikely. Even still, we did try to grow our

family the conventional way without success. Three miscarriages and a hysterectomy later, we pursued adoption and became parents for the first time.

Our daughter's birth mother, my friend, has shown us what true unconditional love looks like. Even though there were many challenging times, emotionally and physically, she was relentless in her decision. We honor you for your courage and your strength in considering adoption.

Justino and I have been together over 15 years and live just outside of Denver, Colorado. Our daughter Annemieke (pronounced Anna-meek) was born in the summer of 2017. We have two pets, Basil and Koa, who are fun high energy dogs who love to play. Our hobbies as a couple include spending time outdoors, movie nights, and getting together with other families. We attend church consistently and are both actively involved with our congregation.

We have a wonderful relationship with our extended family members whom all reside within the state of Colorado. We also enjoy seeing Annemieke's birth family as often as we can. Our daughter is especially close with her sister. We would love to have an open relationship with you if you are interested. However, we will respect your decision whatever you would like to do. Whether you would prefer little or no contact, occasional letters and photos, or be another member of our family, we would like to accommodate to your comfort level.

Thank you again for taking the time to read a little about us. We know this is a difficult time for you and hope we can be of some help. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, whatever you decide.

Sincerely,

Joëlle & Justino



About Justino...

Justino is in his early 30s and works full time in the Automotive industry. He grew up in upstate New York with his parents Antonio & Gale and two siblings Camille & Anthony.



Left to right: David, Justino & Joelle



Left to right: Justino biking with a group of friends



Left to right: Joelle, Annemieke, Justino, Gale, Camille & her daughters (Ingrid & Berit), Antonio



Justino & his parents, Gale & Antonio



Left to right: Joelle, Justino, Annemieke, Anthony & his wife Yujin

More about Justino...

Written by Joëlle



Justino is a great dad and loves every moment of it! He believes in working hard, playing hard and tries to find joy in whatever he does. He is the kind of person people want to be around as he just loves to have fun and has a great sense of humor.

Justino is also very active and loves to play sports, like basketball and soccer. He enjoys running, exercising, fixing things, hiking, and reading.

Annemieke loves when her papa makes her smoothies, plays blocks, and jumps on the trampoline with her.

About Joëlle...



Joëlle is in her mid-30s and works from home full time as an Accounting Specialist for a local bank. She grew up in Colorado with her parents, Francois and Laurette, and her three siblings David, Gabrielle & Sacha.



Wonderworks Branson, MO



Left to right, front: Francois, Laurette, Gabrielle, Sacha, Noam,
Annemieke, Aliza & David
Back: Joelle & Justino



Laurette & Annemieke



Annemieke with her cousins Aliza and Noam



Joëlle, Aliza & Annemieke

More about Joëlle...

Written by Justino

Joëlle is the strongest person I know. She has high expectations of herself and is a fighter through and through.

She loves children and is kind to everyone she meets.

Joëlle is very crafty and is often found crocheting, scrapbooking, or doing some other artsy activity. She enjoys being active but is also fond of relaxing with a nice book. She has recently found a love for gardening and is anxious to try more in the coming years.

Annemieke loves to play make believe, cook, and do arts and crafts with her mama.



About Annemieke...



Annemieke (ah-na-meek) was born in 2017 and is a very active girl. She enjoys being outdoors, playing dress-up, riding her scooter or bike, and jumping on the trampoline. She loves being with her friends, cousins, and siblings. She likes to observe her environment before jumping in, but once she joins the fun, she doesn't hold back.



Annemieke's Birth Family

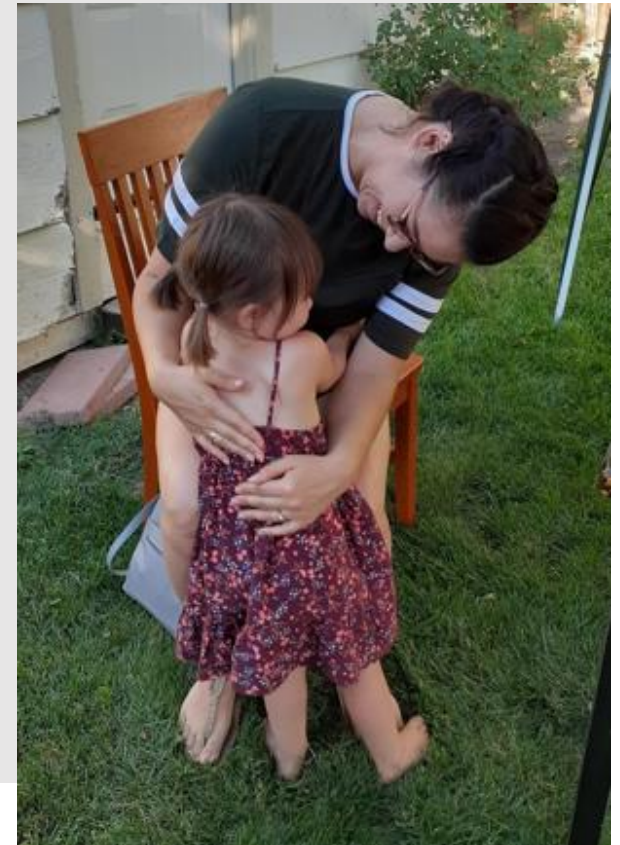
Annemieke has a wonderful relationship with her birth family, and we try to see them as often as possible. She has two older brothers and an older sister whom she loves to play with.



Annemieke & her sister

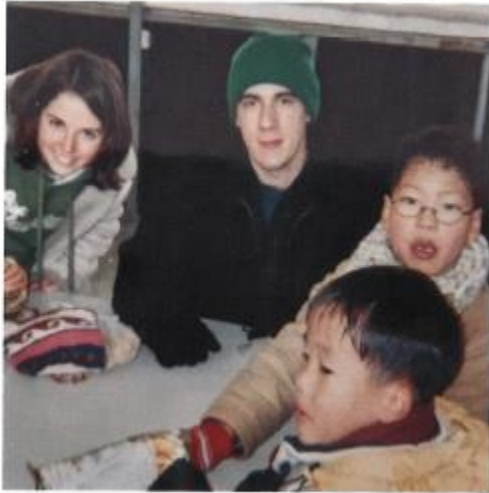


One month old Annemieke with her birth mother and sister



Annemieke & her birth mother

How they met...



Volunteering at an orphanage
outside of Seoul, South Korea



Two years after meeting, a
small marriage ceremony.



Volunteering in Ghana, Africa.
One year after initial meeting.

Justino and Joëlle met in South Korea in 2005. They then joined a service organization in the Netherlands where they volunteered to work with youth, helping restore schools in impoverished countries, and designed fundraisers to support beneficial causes all over Europe and Northern Africa. They were married two years later and began their journey together in Denver, Colorado.



Volunteers in the Netherlands, one year after Justino and Joelle (in front) first met.



Justino, (Ghana, Africa).



Justino & Joelle, (right), working on a mosaic at the children's center in the Netherlands.



Slovakia 2007



Justino in back helping to repair a school in a Buduburam, a Liberian refugee camp (Ghana, Africa).



Joelle in Slovakia, painting a fence and a medical center for children, 2007.

Our Values and Goals

God is at the center of all we do. We try to align our values & goals with His will. We believe in creating a God-centered family that focuses on love and respect for others and viewing all people as brothers and sisters. Our goal is to have a family God can be proud of and encourage our children to reach their greatest potential.

Even though we are strong in our faith, we hope to encourage our children to question everything and walk the path they choose when they are older.



Joëlle at Church Teen Girls Night



Justino (far right) at Youth conference in UT

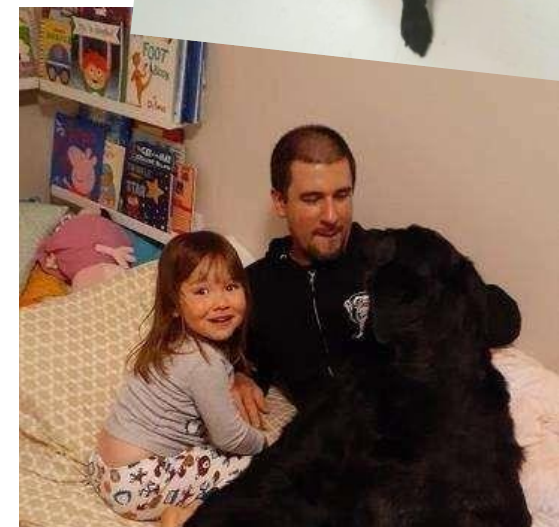


On a hike with some church families

The Dogs



Koa (left) and Basil (right) are the family's two pets. Justino and Joëlle wanted one dog but fell in love with these two littermates and could not walk away with just one. They were born in 2013 and are a mix of border collie & lab.



Family Information at a Glance

Father's Name:	Justino	Mother's Name:	Joëlle
Occupation:	Automotive Fleet Manager	Occupation:	Accounting Specialist
Education:	Associate degree	Education:	Bachelor's degree
Religion:	Christian	Religion:	Christian
Date of Birth:	June 27 th , 1988	Date of Birth:	February 12 th , 1987
Hair Color:	Black	Hair Color:	Brown
Eye Color:	Brown	Eye Color:	Brown
Height:	5'9"	Height:	5'0"

Children: Annemieke (2017)

Pets: Two dogs, Basil & Koa (2013)

Interest & Hobbies: We enjoy getting together with friends, going on hikes, spending time with extended family, road trips and movie nights. We enjoy having people over and hosting dinner parties.

Home: We live in a ranch-style home on the corner of a cul-de-sac. We are not far from a bike trail and a couple of city parks. The main floor of our home has three bedrooms and two baths. We have a large basement that is unfinished at the moment but consists of an additional bedroom, laundry room, bathroom and family room. We have a two-car garage and a large, fenced backyard.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?

We have become parents for the first time through adoption and are loving every minute of it! We have not been blessed to have children the conventional way, but God gave us a different path. We have also experienced the wonderful connection that can flourish between two families who are brought together through adoption.

Openness to birthparent(s):

Our hope is to have an open relationship with birth parents as we do with our daughter's birth family. We would like to think of them as an extension of our immediate family but will honor any wish the birth family has and respect their decision. We would like to be as accommodating as we can so both sides are comfortable.

Childcare plans:

For the first 3 months, Joëlle will take maternity leave and be home with baby. Afterwards, at least for the first years, we plan to have a nanny as Joëlle will continue to work from home. This will allow baby to be at home where Joëlle can still have one on one time and take breaks for feeding, nap, etc.

*Thank you for your
consideration!*

