

Hello!

We're Meta & Dave Corrales

Thank you for considering open adoption and taking the time to read our letter. While we can not fully understand all that you are going through, we can offer you the reassurance that we all want the same thing – the best possible life for your baby! We are grateful for the opportunity you might give us to become parents and welcome you into our lives.

Our Story

We met 15 years ago, while on a Mexican cruise. Meta was traveling with her best friend and Dave with some buddies. We met early on in the cruise, and for the rest of the week were inseparable. We had an instant attraction and really enjoyed each other's company.

When we found out we lived within 5 hours of each other, we decided to give the long distance "thing" a try, and two years later we were married! We've always known we wanted to be parents, and have decided that open adoption is the best way to expand our family.



Hiking in the hills near our home



We would love to hear from you!

Please feel free to contact us any time!

Toll-free at 1-866-484-4494, e-mail us at corralesdm@yahoo.com or check out our web site at www.daveandmeta.com. You can also call our adoption counselors at the Independent Adoption Center at 1-800-877-OPEN (6736) or visit their web site at www.adoptionhelp.org. We look forward to meeting you, and developing a lifelong relationship with you.

Sincerely,



Swimming with dolphins in the Bahamas.

Through Us, Your Child Will Have:

2 loving parents,
3 adoring grandmas, 2 super grandpas,
1 favorite aunt, 2 best uncles, 7 awesome cousins,
and lots of extended family: great-aunts and great-uncles, tons of 2nd cousins, and friends of all ages!



Playing with our friend Sophia

About Dave

Dave is a warm and loving man who is very affectionate, and quick with a hug or kiss. His easy-going nature, generosity, and patience make him an amazing husband and will make him a wonderful dad. Dave has a passion for sports and grew up playing Little League baseball, football and running track. His dad coached his Little League team, and Dave is already counting down the days to the start of our child's Little League season. Dave is a kid at heart and is a natural with children. Our nieces and nephews all clamor over Uncle Dave when we see them, and you will frequently see him on the floor, under a pile of children! Dave loves to take pictures and brings our camera almost everywhere. I know he can't wait to start taking pictures of our child! As the store manager of a large regional paint company, Dave is always home by 5 pm and doesn't work weekends, which will allow him lots of time to care for our child.

About Meta

Meta, pronounced May-ta, is the kindest and most caring person I've ever met. She is loving, intelligent and full of life. She is a natural caretaker, devoted to her family and friends. She has a passion for cooking and makes a fabulous BBQ ribs and a mean cheesecake. I know she can't wait to pass on our favorite recipes, and teach our child about the love and skill that all cooks like her share. Her amazing cooking, creativity, and green thumb has turned our house into a home. Meta loves to read and has quite the library. She has even kept all her favorite children's books for our child's own library. Meta **works from home** as a corporate travel agent, and really enjoys her job. Her work experience as a busy travel agent has primed her well to juggle the tasks of being a mom, and I know she'll be a wonderful one.



Feeding our friend Troy



Our kitty Maui

Our Home

We live about 45 miles east of San Francisco, in **Antioch, CA**. We have a room already picked out for the nursery, and it's just waiting to be filled with the sounds of a happy child. We enjoy spending time in our backyard, whether we're working in the garden, barbecuing with friends or just enjoying the outdoors. There is plenty of room back there for a swing-set and a wading pool, and even a children's garden. Our home is on a cul-de-sac in a neighborhood full of families, with several wonderful schools and parks nearby. There are always children outside playing and riding their bikes. We have a sweet calico cat named Maui, whose favorite spot is wherever the sun is shining. We live only an hour or two drive away from the beach or the mountains, and look forward to family weekend trips -- to Lake Tahoe to play in the snow, to Santa Cruz beach and boardwalk to frolic in the sand, or just out for a Italian dinner in North Beach in San Francisco.

Family Ties

Family is very important to us. Dave comes from a large Hispanic family, and we all live within an hour of each other. Everyone is so excited about adding another baby to the family! Dave's side of the family always has gatherings for all the major events like birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or sometimes just because it's Saturday! They can throw quite the party, and are already making plans for the "Bebé Bienvenido" or "Welcome Baby" party after we bring home our baby.

Meta's family is originally from Holland. She is very proud of her Dutch heritage and traditions, and loves to grow tulips in the garden. As children, Meta's family celebrated the birthday of Sinterklaas, or Saint Nicolas. In early December she and her sister would leave their shoes outside their door, and in the morning they would be filled with chocolates. We can't wait until it's our turn to fill our child's shoes!



Dave's family and Meta's mom

We have so much love to give to a child, and we hope that this letter has given you an idea of who we are. We look forward to getting to know you!