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Back in late 2007 when my husband and I first decided to adopt, it seemed like such a daunting task. We spent quite a bit of time doing research on the topic – but there were so many different things to understand and consider – it was very intimidating. We had heard that it was virtually impossible to adopt domestically so we were assuming that we would move forward with international adoption. Though, the more we read, the harder international adoption was starting to sound. I called a friend who had adopted a few years earlier and she immediately said “you HAVE to call Marcia.”

We met with Marcia in February of 2008. Her knowledge of adoption and of everything we would need to know and understand immediately put us at ease. Marcia and her team held our hands throughout the entire process. They explained to us everything that would happen, discussed with us things that we should think about and be prepared for, and even helped us get our profile done. If we had to do that on our own, I’m afraid it would’ve taken us much longer! Any time I had any question at all – Marcia’s team was always available to help.

Exactly six months after our first meeting with Marcia, we held our newborn son in the hospital. What an amazing journey and a wonderful way to start our family.

So in the fall of 2009, we were thinking about expanding our family, and we didn’t hesitate to contact Marcia and her team. We had one placement fall through when the birth mother changed her mind, and another one that didn’t work out for a few reasons – but six months and 10 days after we first started the process, our daughter was born.

We were very lucky with the adoption process, but I don’t want to over simplify it. The whole process is very emotional and often uncomfortable. You have to be able to make snap decisions that could change your life and you have absolutely no control over much of anything. You have to understand and think about things that you’ve probably never thought about before. It’s not always easy and the right answer isn’t always apparent. That’s why I would recommend working with Marcia and her team of people who live and breathe the world of adoption every day. It is an emotional process, and it’s a really good feeling to have someone on your side to guide you and advise you.

We couldn’t be more thrilled with the results of working with AIS or with our wonderful family. We’ve referred AIS to many people and will continue to do so...as we’ve seen time and time again that working with them works. We’d be happy to answer questions you have about AIS or the process in general.

Sincerely,

*Sonda and Steve*