

I Talked to my Bmom...

Kinsolving,

Well I did it , I called and I talked to her. She was very receptive and I have since spoken to her again this morning WOOOHOOO!!!! I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!! I am going to be calling her again at 12:30 today....thanx ...thanx ...thanx ...

S.S.

New York



Hey Chris!!

Sorry this has taken me so long. I am just busy, busy, busy with my hectic and demanding schedule. I will be glad to share any news with you for the Vanguard newsletter.

I contacted my Birthmother about four weeks after getting the facts from you and she could not have been any more kind or gracious in receiving my phone call or understanding my need to have some questions answered. We must have talked for two hours and have continued to talk about every three weeks since the initial contact. She surprised me on my birthday with a painting that she painted herself and is a very talented artist. We share a lot of common interests and especially enjoy our children. Like me, she has two boys who are very close in age to my own (big surprise), and we share similar philosophies on parenthood and religion. The other big surprise was that she had married my Father a year after putting me up for adoption, and they were married for ten years! We have not discussed many details about that period in her life but we have certainly enjoyed finding each other and getting to know each other as one adult to another. I respect the strength it took for her to make the unselfish decision to put me up for adoption, and she respects the strength it took for me to survive adoption.

I have no idea what the long-term outcome will be for our reunion and I don't plan to force the relationship at all. Everything has flowed beautifully since she and I have made contact and I am sure that she and I are more complete women because of our connection. I am forever grateful to Kinsolving for making this possible. Thank you for your determination and support for the past three and a half years --- your perseverance has changed my life forever.

J.P.  
North Carolina

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I want to thank you for giving me the courage to see the things that will now haunt me, yet give some peace. I am forever changed by this experience, I am grateful to you for all your help, & for showing me who I am, and for showing me who I could have become if I made different choices in my life.

NSM  
California

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Thank you.

I wanted to take the time out to say Thank you for your help and encouragement for the quest to find My natural birth family. They also want to say Thank You. My Two Sisters are beautiful and very sweet, they look just like me, there is also a strong resemblance between me and the other family members, I have My Grandmothers teeth, & I look just like My maternal Grandfather, who passed in the 1960s. He was a Presbyterian Minister, he passed when he was only 41 years old. He died of a pneumatic heart attack.

When I was Born I was born addicted to Heroin My natural Family thought t would be safer for me to be placed in foster care & later to be adopted to protect me of the lifestyle of my Mother. She had all sorts of problems be with drug dealers or the law. She was in & out of jail all the way to her disappearance in 1990. I am amazed at just how much one person such as S has effected so many lives in & outside of her family, to think that If she had not abused drugs the children that would not have been born, & the children who were born maybe some just might have led somewhat normal lives, which brings me to my Brother D who was brought into this world when S was only Sixteen years old. D grew up with his fathers side of the Family, they wanted him to have a black upbringing, and wanted him away from the drug lifestyle that S so much enjoyed (enjoyed with harsh consequences) away from the drug dealers and away the any influence that so much might sway their beloved Grandson in the wrong direction in his life, yet somehow D also fell victim to the life our mother led. D was killed in the

streets of Oakland, shot in the leg, he bled to death at the age of 29. The sad part of it all, is grandma B wonders why her beloved Grandson D wont call her, little does she know, the Family has decided not to tell her afraid it may take her over the edge to death itself, somehow they felt it would be better that way after all the turmoil she had gone through with her daughter S. Still to this day Grandma B will cry at why her first Grandchild D will not call or visit, she wonders at what she had done to make this so, or to wonder who she can hire to find out where he moved to. She looks in the white pages to see if there is a new listing for a D (who left behind two children of his own). When I visited My maternal Grandmother she had mentioned D, & it hurt me to know that I knew of his demise before the visit, I was forewarned by my Aunt not to tell her what had happened for it my kill her, so I sat and lied to her with my eyes to seem interested in who my brother was knowing full well I would never really know who my brother was. The second time I visited Grandma B was during the weekend of the of the week of my first visit with her, this time my newfound Sister A was with me. I also sat quiet while Grandma B inquired About our Dead Brother, who's ashes remain at some unknown address in the United States somewhere. The heartache that must be going through this women is beyond what my words may say, yet it leaves me with this understanding that I relate to. Her name is S.L.A, Pandora's box, a legacy of heartache, suffering, for just not her, but her first son D, and her son N (myself), but most of all she left a scar to forever wound her two daughters, A, & M, who witnessed their mother shooting drugs in her arm. Daughters who will always go through life not knowing whether the men they are with will abuse them just like boyfriend of their mother, or just like the fathers of these two girls. I sit and tell myself now " really was lucky" I did not have to endure the suffering these girls went through. I sit there and tell myself "be glad be very glad" that I am alive today to discover the horrors My Mother has put this family through. I tell myself how fortunate I was to have a family adopt me who loved me very much, even after the horrors I put them through. well nothing compared to that of S.

S also has 4 sisters and one brother, who have all been through therapy in some form of another to get past this all, this living hell, nightmare. They still are not able to have closure due to the fact her (S's)body has never been found or recovered, which leaves the question, "is she alive? has she changed for the better?" maybe she just wanted to change her identity. until her body is found or recovered or identity revealed, this family will never have closure. Generations will have been told of the past that S had left behind. I get the question now after 3/4 of the search is over. Are you disappointed in what you have found.

MY answer. "I have found a treasure two sisters which I already adore and a family that has endured heartache willing to embrace me.

Dear Kinsolving,

I want you to know once again how thankful I am that you exist. And that you have a wonderful heart...

Mom and I will celebrate our year anniversary on Friday the 27th. I can't believe it's been a year.. Where has the time gone...

I can tell you one thing though. It does not seem like we've been apart for 40 years.. We have this bond that is indescribable.... And I thank you for that....

Love,D.S. New York

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Dear Kinsolving,

It took a long time and a lot of courage- I finally called my brother tonight. He was so unbelievably receptive to my call. We spoke for over an hour. We are both thrilled and want to meet each other. Thank you for helping me find him, helping my dream come true and most of all, your advice on how to contact him. thank you from the bottom of my heart- I also recommended you to some one else.

sincerely,

M.H.  
New York/North Carolina

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Kinsolving,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how my reunion went with my birth mother. When I initially contacted her, she would not even acknowledge that she had given a child up for adoption. I was too scared to call back myself, so about two weeks later, my husband called her home and her husband answered the phone. They spoke for about 25 minutes, and it was confirmed that she had given up a child, but my bm's husband had made it very clear that she wanted no contact with me at all. My husband

and I decided that we would not intrude on their lives any further, and after a good cry, I was pretty content with the knowledge I obtained from your services. Well, the next day, I received a phone call from my bm's husband, and he said that my bm was seriously considering calling me. She called me that evening and we talked for about 3 1/2 hours. We decided to exchange pictures, as she was skeptical. Four days later when they received my photos, I received a very special phone call from my bm's husband who could not believe the resemblance. We spoke very often over the next three weeks and on August 18, 2000, I took a plane out to her home to meet my "family." It was the best weekend of my life. I have a sister that is one year younger than me, and we look so much alike, and I also have a brother that is 5 years younger than I am. We got along so good, it was like a fairy tale. I stayed at my bm's house and at my sisters house while I was out there. Today is October 23, 2000, and I just returned home yesterday from my second visit with my family.

They are coming to my home to meet my family and staying for the week in December. My mom and I will have our first Christmas together in 32 years. Everyone is so excited to meet each other.

Chris, your service has changed my life and I am forever grateful for what you have done for me. If you would ever like to publish my reunion story, I would be honored.

Thank you,

L.M.  
Illinois



Chris the Miracle continues. We will never forget you. My sister's daughter had her baby one day before Emma(my granddaughter) was born. Thanks to you we get to have all these cherished moments together. All our best. Always remember what you have done for us.

Love,

J & L  
Florida/California

G is keeping in touch with me regularly and really making me feel special! I am so fortunate and want to thank you again for finding her!

S.G.  
D.C/Virginia

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Chris,

I wanted you to know that right after I talked to you last week, I threw in the towel, went to my desk and wrote my son a straightforward letter, raced to the post office and sent the letter overnight mail. He returned same and I was reading his letter on Oct. 16 (this past Mon). I've already written back and sent pictures. We're on our way. My family and I are elated.

Thank you very much.

M.A.  
New York

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Dear Kinsolving,

I have just completed the application you mailed me and had a single question about the search process. Somehow I meandered into your periodical newsletter and became enticed by all of the wonderful and the not so wonderful letters from your previous clients. Needless to say I read every single one of the letters you posted and now have several questions.

I have to say that if I had any doubts about your services or pursuing this search those letters certainly quelled them. Even so, I am still apprehensive as to what path I will take if you do have a successful search. The fear and anxiety are sometimes overwhelming. I do not know if I possess the courage to actually pick up the phone and dial the number knowing how monumental moment it will be.

As I read the letters I noticed some of the postings mentioned your coaching of how to make the initial contact. I would be grateful for any advice you have on this because I really think it will be the hardest call I've ever had to place.

The question I initially wanted to ask was do you ever not find the person or a relative in your search? I realize all searches are different and that a definite time frame would be impossible to fulfill. I guess I am wondering at how long to I wait to hear from you before I give up hope that you will find my B-Mom?

Anyway, I appreciate the letters of success that you have posted, they are encouraging and heart warming. With several of them not only did I cry, but I felt the knot of uncertainty and anxiety I have always lived with loosen in my heart.

Keep me posted.

My contract should be at your office by next week at the latest.

Thank you,

V.D.  
Georgia

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Follow up:

Dear Chris,

I wanted to thank you and your staff for how quickly you handled my case. I received the information yesterday regarding my birth mother and in my haste to learn all about her didn't stop to properly thank you for your efforts in making this moment in my life possible.

I have to tell you one really personal detail. When I woke up this morning, it was the first time in my life I knew who I was, and it was an absolute divine feeling. I took a heavenly sigh and reveled in the knowledge that I knew my real name.

Anyway, enough dreaminess. I don't know how most people deal with all of this information at once. Since the phone call on Saturday I have been living in this hazy bubble that reality doesn't seem to penetrate. Is this normal? I think I have emotionally

shut down, mostly because I have been so incredibly calm throughout this. I keep waiting for the flood of emotion to break through the damn and I don't even remotely feel it coming.

Thank you again for all of your help with this.



Hello Again.

Wanted to say thanks again for all of your help in my adoption search. Reunion has gone well.

On to new stuff. I know someone else who is searching for her parents, but her case is a little more complicated(believe it or not). She was born in Pennsylvania, placed in upstate NY by Catholic Charities, and her adoption was finalized in Illinois. She was told that there was a possibility that her mother was a Russian/Lithuanian/Ukrainian woman here on a student visa. So here's the million dollar question,(and I bet you already know what it is!)

Can you help her? What are the chances? And of course, how much will it cost if you succeed?

Let me know when ever you get the chance.

Thanks for everything. I know you make a difference in a lot of people's lives.

J.S.  
New York



I called her today and used all your tips...it went perfectly! She wants to keep in touch and I'm sending her photos. She is sending me some as well. We talked for an hour and a half. I have already written her a letter and am putting it in the mail tomorrow. She told me she loved me and kept apologizing. I kept thanking her for talking to me. It couldn't have gone any better. Thanks again for helping me make this happen!



S.G.  
D.C./Virginia

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Kinsolving, I wanted to thank you for finding my birth mother.

I was able to reach her today by phone. I said exactly what you told me to say. She was thrilled. She told me that there hasn't been one day that has gone by since my birth which she hasn't thought about me. She was just looking at the only picture she has of me (3 months old) today. Was very glad to know I had a wonderful life with my adoptive parents. She eventually married my birth father. I was named after him. You were right about that. Also, you were right in that he was a policeman (large public utility). We will be sending photos to each other and I plan on going to New Jersey in early November to meet her.

What a great way to enter into the holidays. We are both so happy to have finally found each other.

Thanks again.

B.S.  
New York

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Dear Chris,

My name is S.T. You located my birthmother for me in November of 99. We have had a wonderful reunion and I've met most of my biological family. We have an ongoing great relationship and e-mail each other and talk many times each week. I can't thank you enough for the peace that the reunion has brought to my life. Please feel free to use me as a reference if ever needed.

The reason for my e-mail to you. My birth aunt also placed a daughter for adoption, and very much would like to locate her. She has given me the adoption information to help her in her search. I know you only deal with the parties involved directly but I'm

wondering if you could possibly point us in the right direction. A quote would be appreciated.

S.T.  
New York

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Dear Kinsolving,

Just a note to let you know that I just returned from L.A visiting my birthmother for the second time. She still has not told her husband about me which I find rather strange, but we have our own private relationship and it seems to be going nicely. We do speak regularly on the phone and we have become friends.

As always thank you ,thank you,thank you.

B.S.  
New York

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Dear Kinsolving,

I can not explain how I feel this day. I called my son just like you had instructed and he answered the phone! I told him that I was calling and it was a personal matter and is it a good time to call. He said yes. I told him my name again and said "I am your birthmother". He hesitated and then was completely ecstatic, he laughed and said, "Is this for real", and I said it was very real. He said he couldn't believe it. He said, all my friends say I am never at a loss for words, but I am NOW . He repeated over and over, I can't believe this is happening, this is great!

He said he had all his adoption papers and knew his birthname since he was little. He was raised in the church and he has his aparents blessings, should he ever want to search. We are meeting on the 21st! He wants to meet the whole family and can't wait. He said he will see me on the 21st but will probably be calling me a few times in between. I told him he can call me ANYTIME. I welcomed him back to the family and told him I love him, always have, prayed for him everyday. He said he knew he always

had an angel on his shoulder and now he knows why. I said I love you before we hung up and he said I love you too! God is Good! He has never failed to answer my prayers. This is all His work and blessings!

Thank you for your work and your professional way in which you handle your clients. I will keep you up to date! Thank you , thank, you!!!!

J.F. (now full and complete!)  
Pennsylvania



Dear Chris:

My daughter received your letter re: the registry today, and although we didn't recognize the name of your organization as it now stands, I felt sure that you must be the same wonderful woman who were running Adoption Search Consultants back in 1990!

That was the year we hired you to find A.'s birth mother and it only took a few days. I guess it helped that she, indeed, was born in Hickory which is also where we picked her up. But her birth mother was, and is, in Missouri.

A.'s b. mother came to NC twice that summer and she has been here twice since A.'s baby was born two years ago. A. has visited her twice in MO. So, it has worked out well, although I don't think they are really close. We are just happy that the reunion went well and that we know each other.

Good luck with your continuing work. I think you are doing a wonderful job.

Sincerely,

L.P.  
North Carolina

Hi Chris, I can't tell you thank you enough for giving me the best birthday present imaginable and amazingly enough I actually have to wait until my actual birthday to find out anything. That is pretty funny. Words can't express what this means to me. You gave me the only thing that my life had been lacking, the news of my sister. I will forever owe you a debt of gratitude for your services and I think that you are probably many peoples Guardian Angel and answer their deepest prayers and wishes. God Bless you.

God Bless and Thank you,

T.J.  
Alabama

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Hello,

Was out in California 3 weeks with my birthson. He returned home with me on September 16th. All is going supper well.

Thought you'd enjoy seeing his picture, one I took out in California. Now found and reunited, etc., I know I need to get a long letter to you very soon. Hard to imagine we got this far , such a miracle!

M.Y.  
Pennsylvania

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Hi,

I thought I'd take a minute and update you about what is going on. First of all, thank you soooo much for finding this information. We will always be so grateful to you. Your work has truly changed our lives.

B has only had one telephone contact with his birth mother, J. She is very scared (she's never told anyone about him except for one sister-we're not sure if she is still alive). It was awkward as you said it would be but she is willing to continue talking. The first conversation only lasted about 8 minutes because someone was coming and J didn't

want to keep talking but SHE asked B to call back in a couple of weeks. At least she didn't "blow him off." I can tell this will be slow. I sent her a nice letter and photos of B from different times in his life before their conversation.

As you mentioned, she lives in a very small town and is fearful of others learning about him. We hope as time moves on, she will become more comfortable with the idea and talk more and more.

You may be curious to know that we were on the right track about looking for a brother. The only problem was that J had a sister whose husband was going to the college. That's why I could never find the right name or even someone from Canada when I went through the archives. When J found out she was pregnant, her boyfriend left her and she stayed with her sister.

Already, B has answers that he's wondered about all of his life. There is still so much he wants to know. B told me that even if he never learned anything else, what he has so far has made such a difference to him. Even if J won't open up, at least now we know where to go to get the information. B will also contact his brother. He hasn't decided at this point if he'll wait until J passes away or not.

I can't imagine how you found out what you did. You are such a blessing to us. Thank you for doing the work that you do. You have made such a positive difference to us!

I'll keep you posted.

With Gratitude,  
K. K.  
New York



Dear Chris,

Hope you don't mind me e-mailing you, I'm so excited I received a recent picture of C. with her cat. She is beautiful. The ARC Agency told me how C.'s became Access 1 Bipolar disorder, it was from a fall she took & had a seizure @ the same time when she was (3) years old. I thought I was the cause of the Access 1 Bipolar disorder, because they say it is heredity.

C. has moved out of the ARC Agency & the adult group home. She went to live with a foster parent. She has been in many foster`s homes, because of her mood swings. Apparently C has lived with there before & they got along good, so Y the old case worker set it up for her to go there on (Fri. 9/1/00. The case worker, Y, & the a-mom & myself are going to set-up a meeting soon, & I will give them medical info. on my family & the group will try to get medical from the birthfather`s family. Also give them some pictures of myself growing up too. Before I knew of C, I had my will change & I decided to leave her my doll collection. I found out that she loves doll & would be very happy to get them.

Please keep on praying so that I can see & hold her real soon. I want to thank you, to me you are a angel from Heaven. I believe & the group PACER believes it is a miracle that you found my beautiful daughter. I will always be grateful to you for the way you change my life, I`m VERY VERY HAPPY.

Sincerely,

Your friend,  
A.K.



Hello!!

Chris, I don't know if you remember me or not. You helped me back in 1988 to search and find my daughter. Someone I used to work with years ago called me the other day needing some information for an adoptee to search here in Georgia, and, of course, my first thought was of you. I pulled out a box of papers and information from way-back-when the other night and called the phone number from an old AIE newsletter and got the recording about Kinsolving. I just wanted to check in with you and see how you were doing and give you a little bit of an update myself.

My daughter, K, is married now and has a little girl of her own. She still lives in Savannah and I don't see her quite as often as I used to before she was married. But we still talk quite often and exchange e-mail a lot. She gets to Atlanta a couple of times a year and we always get together to do something (we both love to "shop 'til we drop"). Over these many years, our relationship has evolved into a wonderful "friendship", one which both of us are very comfortable with. Her Mom and Dad are both still living. I thank God every day that she had such wonderful, loving parents.

Just this past Mother's Day I received my first Mother's Day "greeting" from K in which she acknowledged the "selflessness", etc. of my surrendering her for adoption. It was something that I had been waiting to hear for some time and it really caught me off guard. I had worried about the time when she would have her own child and what she might think about my having given her up. I figured it could go either way (good or bad). Well, anyway, she said that she hadn't given it much thought until her daughter was born and she had to think about what it must've been like for me to give up a child.

What about you?? I hope everything is wonderful for you and your daughter?? I'd love to hear an update.

I know the laws have changed so much in the last 10+ years. And I'm ashamed to say that I've sort of lost touch with what's going on out there in the adoption arena. In the last few months, Dateline has run a story twice now about a "reunion" that is so touching. I still get choked and cry when I see these reunion stories. I owe you quite a debt of gratitude for all you did ( moral support, etc.) for me back in 1988 in helping me to find. And, while I haven't stayed in touch, I think of you often.

Well, I've given your information to this friend to pass on to her adoptee friend. Hopefully, you'll hear from her. Please let me hear from you when you have a few minutes and let me know how you're doing. Take care.

S.C. Georgia



Update!

well - things have moved along so quickly and wonderfully! I have met my other brother and sister - and 4 of my 6 half brothers & sister!! ( there is 10 of us!) The only thing I was not prepared for was my brother to back out - he originally contacted you for the search a few years ago - and now he has freaked out feeling like we have abandoned our adopted parents (they both are dead!) and forgetting who raised us etc... any suggestions? ( I can not thank you enough for helping me find them - they found out about me 3 years ago and have been looking - I found them first!)

M.Z.  
North Carolina

Chris: everything is going great. G. has asked us to write his parents, an honor. We are going, all 4 of us, to visit 09/08/2000. The kids are doing very well. With many emails daily with G.. You were right, we couldn't be prouder. Still know the bubble could burst, but we shoulder on with eternal optimism. Many pictures from 1st day home from agency June 69, to New Years 2000 will make the first visit less tense..

Thanks again Will advise of outcome, thanks for standing with us and your reassurances and encouragement

J & S L  
Florida

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HI,

Just had to let you know that I have just returned from my first visit with my mother and father and oh my I can't explain how I feel. It was so incredible!!! I met them about 40 miles from where they live; however , I did ride by their house. My life will never be the same and it feels soooo good! My mother is slowly opening up and my father is so awesome. We really have a great rapport. It's amazing.

Thank you so much...what a difference you've made in my life. We all had a good time and agreed to get together again. They really enjoyed meeting my husband and my mother picked on him a lot. I feel like I'm in another world. Thanks again.

N.B.  
North Carolina

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Dear Kinsolving,

As the holiday season approaches I just wanted to drop you a short note of thanks once again.

Three years ago you found my only child, a daughter, for me. This is the most significant event in my life other than giving birth to her. I just can't thank you enough.



I will be eternally grateful for your kind and gentle counsel. What only took 2 1/2 weeks changed my life forever. I now have a beautiful daughter and grandson. Saying "thank you" will never be enough.

Blessings to you.

D.S.  
California



Chris,

I would love to share J's & my reunion story. I am leaving for Florida tomorrow, a trip I had planned in June. I am going to Tampa to see my brother, Orlando to a B-Moms convention, & Friday J (my daughter) is picking me up & we're going back to Tampa for the weekend. I think ours is a once in a life time type reunion. We bonded immediately & have talked on the phone an average of 10 hr. a week since you found her. In April she is coming to St. Louis for a week, so saying I am blessed is an understatement. I plan on taking tons of pictures of our first meeting so will get her permission to send them to you.

Today is J's birthday & I know what I would be doing today if it weren't for you. Instead I am having my own celebration.

A.B.  
Florida



Dear KI,

I know you have so many clients that you cannot possibly remember me. You located my birthmother for me eight years ago. I wanted you to know that she and I, along with all of my new brothers and sisters, have maintained a very close relationship. She and I look identical. I still thank you everyday for helping me.

It was the best money I ever spent. I know you must get a lot of satisfaction from clients that have happy endings. I am in the process now of putting together a "biological scrapbook" which I have included my story, her story, letters from the agency etc.

I just thought I'd drop you this note to let you know how we all were. If you ever need help with any of your work in this area I hope you will feel comfortable asking me. I will always make time to help you.

May your wonderful work continue. Thank you again.

A.T.  
North Carolina

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Dear KI,

Although it has been only a few weeks, I have been communicating with my birth family via e-mail, letters and phone calls. Thank you so much - you provide a wonderful service! When all my feelings are in place, perhaps I will write a long newsletter item. I would be happy to give any reference via e-mail.

Thanks again,

C.W.  
New York

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Hello, Kinsolving -

Last night was a night to remember - I tried to call T first - no answer. I called J and the line was busy for hours....finally got through. I told her I was her birthmother and she started crying and saying she couldn't believe it. We talked for hours - she has a son and daughter - I'm a grandmother of an 15 & 11 year. old! She was 100% receptive and wants to fly out to meet me next week. Things were not good for her at home and she got into a lot of trouble, as you probably know. They both did.I'll talk with her again tonight to set up the plans. I can't wait to meet her in person.

One of my list friends called right after I hung up w/J. We visited and then I called T. Well, in the meantime, J had called him to see what he thought about me calling....except he hadn't talked to me yet, and had no idea this was happening. Nor had he talked to J in over 4 years. So he was doubly shocked to find out from J I had called and would be calling him. Talk about circuit overload - he had it.

He was more reserved, probably due to the lifetime of military training. He has a 2 1/2 son T, born in Germany. He's happily married. We had a good conversation and he sent me a long email today. I think he felt more comfortable writing. He told me about his life and that he wants to know and meet me. I was so wired by the end of the phone conversations! I talked to my husband for a long time afterwards and stayed awake mulling over all the details of each conversation - I wish I could have taped it!

I was delighted to tell Sylvia to put FOUND by my name. It is only because of her list I found out about all the avenues available for searching - and Kinsolving.

So, please mark a successful reunion by my name on your files. It was well worth every penny -things happen when they're supposed to. Call it karma or whatever. I believe it.

J had the registry papers for months but hadn't sent them in. She said she knew I would find her. T said he considered searching but didn't know where to start and a new baby kept him busy. he just didn't get around to it.

J told me her amother told her about the accidental meeting in the market. Said the cops arrested me because I had "violated our contract and remained in town after the relinquishment." She said her mother told her the police made me leave town.... Absolutely horrible things were said about me. It's a good thing I live so far away from the aparents.

I'm getting ready to call J now and arrange our meeting - doing the same thing with T. I want to meet each separately, then together later. Too much has happened between them. Siblings!

I'll keep you posted. I'm so happy!

S.M.  
New York