

First of all I want to apologize for being a "doubtful Thomas". You really cannot imagine how shocked I was when you said my case was done. I could not believe it.

You see, I have paid 6 other companies, and I have gotten nothing! And when I say I have paid six companies - yes, I paid them UPFRONT. I paid three companies in Florida,

One in Texas, one in Missouri, and one in New York. I have spent a total of \$6500.00 TRYING to get my search done.

When I heard of Kinsolving - I thought well - why not. They don't charge anything up front - They can't do it either and so I have nothing to lose by trying.

I don't know how you stay in business when you don't even charge a deposit or get any money at all while you are working on the case - but I for one am grateful you don't because I never would have tried you otherwise after all the money I had already spent and gotten nothing for it.

I know I came on pretty strong with you when you called me. Again I apologize for that. Its just that I have been HAD soooo many times. But you are absolutely right. I have noone but myself to blame for paying anyone upfront when there is certainly no guarantee that any adoption search can be completed. But the \$650.00, \$950.00 etc. seemed like

a small amount to risk. But as you can see over the years it certainly has added up to alot of money.

I wish I had known about you many years ago. But I guess its all in the past now but I just wanted to say I was sorry for being rude and doubting you.

When I received your email with all of my information I simply was overwhelmed. Even though my birthmother was deceased I was overjoyed to know who she was and to have answers to my questions. As you told me - searching is about finding out the truth - not about relationships. You were right. I got my answers and although I was sad that I could never know her I now know so much and I can never tell you Thank You enough times.

I did make contact with her sister and the family has openly shared information with me. They have assured me that my birthmother would have been happy to know me. I do believe them. But I do now have my answers and again want to thank you for giving me my answers at long last.

You should advertise more and let people know you are out there! Even though you are more then most companies I am thrilled I found you. You "really" worked on my case

and you solved it. Only proves to me that the other companies didn't try. But of course why should they. They had already been paid.

I will sing your praises on every board I'm ever on and will be your biggest supporter. I actually told a whole group of people they were fools to pay people up front like I did. But I guess you have to live and learn!

Thank you so much again.

SW/NY

Words cannot express my appreciation to Kinsolving for enabling me to enjoy one of the happiest moments of my life. When I first got a computer in 1999, I took a chance and starting doing a search for my biological Mother (family). At that time I came across some information but hit a brick wall just as soon as I thought I was getting some where. Over the years I have searched on and off with no success. One day about a month ago I saw a website for Kinsolving and got information from them in order to proceed with a search. After receiving Kinsolving's information I put everything on the back burner since I didn't want to hit anymore brick wall, so I felt no knowledge was better than no leads.

On Labor Day 9-1-03, I received just a follow up email from Kinsolving to see if I had done anything and at that point I decided to proceed with my search.

Less than 24 hours later I had all the information I could possible need or would have every hoped for.

I got all the information via email and than a representative as well as Ms. Lee went over the information with me line by line to make sure I understood what I got and to see if I had any questions on how to proceed and I had a lot.

Today 9-10-03 I spoke with my birth mother and it was wonderful, I hesitated initially to make the phone call not knowing how she would react, but my hesitation was for nothing, we had a great conversation, will be talking often and are both very happy to be getting acquainted after 50 years.

I cannot begin to say thank you to all who helped but I will be thankful to them everyday for the rest of my life.

SA
NY

hey chris! well i just wanted to let you know that i finally got up enough nerve about 3 wks ago to call up my b-mom. I had lots of fears face me, but i finally called her up. Anyway I first told her my name and that i was adopted 28 yrs ago. I then asked her if she had given up a baby 28 yrs ago? she said yes, may 22, 1975. I said yep! anyway we have talked several times since, and we email each other every day! I just went down to meet her and her husband yesterday. It was so amazing! It all seemed so unreal. I still dont think that my brain has absorbed it all! She never did have any other children! It is amazing how there are so many similarites and i finally get to SEE with my own eyes instead of my imagination! What can i say! adopted mom and dad couldnt be happier either. everyone will soon get together and meet. I want to thank you so much for whatever and however you found the info i needed. I hear of so many people searching and searching! I cant believe how easy it was for you to find her. Thank you again!!

sincerely,
LT/NC



Chris -I'm not sure how to even begin to thank you. The words thank you are taken for granted so often and seem to be so insufficient in expressing my feelings right now. But that's all I know to say is THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

DM
NC



I just wanted to thank you! Because of your help a few years back we found my husband's birthmother. She had died a few years prior and all though his step siblings wouldn't meet him, we did meet his cousin. She was kind enough to give us some pictures of his birth mom and talked with us about everything.

Thanks so much again for the answers.

MH
TX

Hi, you successfully helped me locate my son's birth parents in 11/02. He has one other sibling that was not included in the original information that I am now attempting to locate.

(overall the reunions have been very positive thus far. He has developed very close relationship with his birth family.. Thanks again for helping to make his life complete)

Thanks
CC (adoptive mother)
NC



Hi.....Go to Chris Lee's website....Kinsolving.com
Her fee varies based on your case. I deliberated for too long before hiring her and did not get to meet my Uncle because he died shortly before I was reunited with my mother. My fee was....I paid it at tax time.....and it was sooo worth it. My case was complicated, I did not have any identifying information for her to go on....and she found in 3 days for me.
I dont know how she does it....but, she was very professional and even has installment payments that you can make over a year or 2 if you choose to do that. I am not a rich person...I am just a working girl....in law enforcement and I did not think twice about the money....I needed a peace of mind. You can find my letter on the issue of the Vanguard that she posts on her website....after my reunion.
Hopefully you do decide to hire her.....I am her biggest fan....she accomplished for me in 3 days what I had been trying to do over the computer and thru newspapers and flyers for 10 years, she gave me a peace of mind. Good Luck. Let me know how it turns out.

GW
NY



Hey Chris;
Just wanted to let you know that P and I have met last week for the first time. It was unbelievable...like a dream come true. I just could not believe I was looking into the eyes of the woman who gave me life. In the first few minutes just looking at each other

she began to tell me who I looked like. It was something I've waited 37 years to know. Also, she gave me my birth fathers name. and I learned he lived in the same town I grew up in. I think I've found him but not 100% but I'll still working on that! My BM said he pretty much left the picture after he learned she was pregnant with me. My BM has an adoptive son who she has now told all about me and he is accepting of me. I look so forward to meeting him as well. This could not of turned out any better if I had of written it myself. She was so happy to be found!

Chris, thank you so much for your time and dedication. I will be your best advertisement!

Well, I told you I'd let you know how things went so there you have it. It was great!!

Have a great day!

DM
NC



Chris ,
I had to write you and tell you how wonderful my reunion has been going. You found my baby boy this year. I can not believe I waited and put myself through the grief for so many years. He is wonderful, Smart, handsome, driven and determined. It was such an odd experience he blended into our family like he had always been there and was just returning from school for a visit. He has been here twice so far and we look forward to seeing him again. I can not thank you enough for taking away the wondering- God "Bless. I am enclosing a picture so you can see my wonderful reunited family.

KB
PA



Dear Chris,

Please take the time to read this, I'll be as brief as possible, just wanted to say "Thanks".

You e-mailed my search information Aug 5th. I called my b-mom that evening. She was shocked, but elated. Followed your instructions, she went silent, I kept talking. After about an hour we hung up, she told me she needed some time to "digest" everything. Husband had always known about me, however, my two half brothers were never told. Before she hung up, she said, "you know I never even got the chance to hold you, or to tell you that I loved you, so I'm going to say it now, I love you and there hasn't been a day that has gone by that I haven't thought of you".

An hour or so passed and my phone rang, it was her. She said, "I've thought this over, I want to meet you and I want you in my life. She said, "I let you go once and I'm never going to let you go again".

And so that night two families lives were forever changed. My mom and step dad have thanked me numerous times for having the courage to make that phone call. We've already met once for a long weekend in Florida, and they came here for 10 days in early Sept. We are making plans to be together for Christmas.

Thank You Chris for finding her for me. You have given me a priceless gift, a treasure beyond words, you have given me back my mother, and to her, her only daughter whom she has missed so very much.

God Bless You,
PM
PA



Hello Chris,

I just wanted to let you know that I contacted my birthmother. The hardest part was getting her not to think I was a solisiter. As soon as I started telling her when I was born there was immediate silence and then she started crying. She asked me one or 2 questions and then put her husband on the phone. After a few minutes she came back on and we spoke for quite a while. She did ask a few times how I found her since the hospital had her register under a fake name. I told her what you told me to and she didn't question it anymore. I wasn't sure if we continue to talk if I should eventually tell her I hired you if she asks again. Anyway we exchanged email addresses and phone #s and are going to talk again. It went very well.

Everthing you told me to say was perfect. What a strange feeling it was speaking to her. That was something that I really never thought would ever happen.

Thank you again.

LA
NJ



Mz Lee,

Thought I would drop you a quick update. It took me two months to move on contact. I choose by letter with a way out if Mom decided that was what was best for her. She called the minute she got the letter!

WE have been communicating by E-mail and telephone and are taking it slow. Just getting to know each other. The similarities are uncanny! My Mom is happy she is found and looks forward to many years as part of the bigger family we have discovered.

Thank you for your help in this life changing move!

AR
DC



Chris,

Hello. You had reunited me with my family in Jan, 2002. Everything has been going pretty well. My mother and I are still getting to know one another. I have been getting quite a few E-mails about you and your agency. I always reply when people ask about the fee that this identity crisis that adoptees face does not come with a dollar sign attached to it. Even if the reunion does not go well....the adoptee or birthparent has the peace of mind to continue in their lives. Especially the adoptee, we no longer have State

departments slamming doors in our faces while we cry oceans of tears because we cannot figure out who we are. Why? Because of people like you that are committed to the adoption triad and you are opening all those doors that have been shut on us. I want the adoption community to realize that life is too short....why spend it in agony? I no longer spend hours crying about my situation, I have moved on with my life. Had it not been for you, I would still be in despair. My mother recently gave me lots of framed pictures of my deceased family members, grandparents, two uncles and great grandparents. Do you know how proud I am to have them hanging on my wall? I call it my identity wall to anyone that asks about it. I always think of you when I look at them. It would have not been possible had I not hired you almost 2 years ago. I also received from my mother antiques of my grandmothers that were heirlooms that I can pass on to my daughter....and on and on. I can finally fill out my children's family trees in their baby books. How amazing is that? I can finally look in the mirror and know exactly who I am, for better or for worse.....I will always feel indebted to you for your service. You may not be a religious individual, I do not know, however, I do know you are one of the angels that walk the Earth and may God Bless you always. My mother has had several surgeries and is very ill....who knows how much time I have with her. I cherish the time I have been given because of you.

Thank you.

GSW

NYS



Dear Chris,

Just thought you'd like to know that after nearly a month with no contact I spoke to my birth mother tonight. I had sent the pictures that I thought might make me "real" and she got them Wed. Tonight she said she had spoken to her husband and eldest daughter and they said to invite me to visit. She said she could hardly wait to give me a hug! She asked that I come before the snow comes, which could be any day now... To say I was ecstatic was an understatement. My daughter kept telling me to go slow that I was pushing too hard but my instinct said I had already wasted too much time. My Birthmother said as much.

Thanks so much for the info.

BF

NY

<< Hello, Chris

I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you...

I called Mom the evening I received my info and talked for over an hour we both cried. Mom told me she made a little bootie with my d.o.b and the name she gave me Every year on my birthday she would wish me Happy birthday, and dreamed of the day we would talk. Mom knew the name of my sister that was adopted from another family and the name of My adoptive Parents but felt she had no right to intrude on my life so she waited for me to contact her. she did not realize that I would not have her name and thought that because It had been 40 years that I must hate her Because I had not contacted her. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mom gave me my first order, have all info for my Children and grandchildren ready for her. Mom is into genealogy and said she has a whole new branch to add to the family tree. all my siblings live within an hour from me and Mom is 30 min. drive away. We had our first face to face Saturday. Well, I found out what my non id meant by prominent citizen, that is all I knew about my father he was a blond haired blue eyed Irish Police Officer. Mom is going to set up a date for a family reunion. Mom new where I lived for the first five years of my life and would drive by so she could see me playing and to see if I was happy. On Cloud Nine and not coming down for a good while, it's great up here a breath of fresh air, a new chapter in my life.

O'Ya I got to tell you my husband had Chinese for lunch the same day I got my info and his fortune was "A Family Reunion in the coming months will be a Tremendous success" How is that for coincidence.

I have been telling other adopties about Kinsolving from the day you told me you completed my search, and will keep telling others. Thank you For making two families dreams become reality. A grateful adoptee.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

TH

FL



Hi Chris, you are amazing i would like to thank you on behalf of my family and myself. and i would recommend you to anyone who is searching. We called her like you recommended and couldn't of ask for a better outcome. We arranged a reunion at our Mom and dads house and it went great. We will be going out her way very soon. Thanks again and God bless you .

FL

NY

Thank You so much for finding J's family. I met with her half sister on Sat, just a few hours after you emailed me her information. J will meet her this weekend. Her sis immediately started crying when I told her why we were there. J got to hear those wonderful words (via cell phone) "We have been looking for you for years" "You were no ones dirty little secret" The entire family knew about her. Although very sad her birthmother/birthfather has passed away, J will get all the information she needs from her sister. I know J wants to write something to you for the Vanguard and send pictures, how does she do that? Just email you? Thank you again.

SC
NV



Dear Chris:

Just over three years ago you found my husband S's birth mother. The whole experience of getting to know her and her (our!!) family has been just wonderful. We're so glad to have them in our lives and they feel the same way about us. If you'd like S to write a full-blown testimonial, I'm sure he'd be happy to do so.

Through his birth mother, he found the name of his birth father and tracked him down. He now lives in Va although he was born and raised in a big family near where we live on Long Island, New York. His birth father told him (via a really nasty e-mail and without ever speaking) that he never wanted to hear from him.

Thanks so much

MB,NY



Hi Chris,

I haven't been in touch in quite some time. Thanks to you and your firm I did find my birthmother, in Spokane, WA. She is a very private person and wants NO contact from me. She refuses to give me any information on my birthfather. The most I know of him is

what you supplied . I would really rather do this via a 3rd person such as your firm. My BM is quite threatening and I feel VERY uncomfortable making any calls to her relatives.

Please let me know what you think. I can't thank you enough for the information you supplied me with in the past and hope that maybe we can do some more business together.

I hope this e-mail finds you in good health :-)

Sincerely,
PP
WA



Chris:

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday? I've spoken with my Grandma this morning and she was very happy to hear from me. We're making plans to get together in the near future. I will be visiting my mom's grave this weekend :-)

Take care and thanks again.

SR
NY



Chris,

I spoke with my birth mother's sister and daughter today, they were happy to hear from me, apparently my birth was not a secret and they have all been waiting and hoping for my call. M, who actually went by P later in life, was a big part of their lives, S described her as her best friend, she died in a tragic automobile accident in 1992, S told me that up until the day she died she spoke of wanting to see me. My biological father is also deceased, he was also killed in an auto accident years prior to P death. He was

married, has children, although S never met him, P spoke to her about him. His family would probably have no idea that he had a child outside of the marriage.

P's husband was actually older than her own father, he is also deceased, I don't know much about their relationship, but I sense a good story there. P is buried in Mt Carmel Cemetery with her Mother and Grand Parents. He helped build the school and church that his children, his children's children and their children all attended its called Assension Church and school (its absolutely fantastic)

They told me that the family was very supportive of P during the pregnancy and that they had hoped she would keep me and let the family help with the child rearing, it was my Grandmother in particular that had a big problem with her decision to place me for adoption. At that time P thought that it would be difficult for an illegitimate child to have a "normal-healthy" life in that neighborhood. They are very interested in learning about C's heritage. S has written to Catholic Charities but received the canned answer that we all do. I told her that we should attempt it again.

They are sending photos and have extended an open invitation for us to come out and stay with them. There are "lots and lots of great stories" that they want to share.

Thank you so much for calling me in August Chris, had you not, I wouldn't have made the move that has truly lifted a 20lb weight from my heart.

Your instincts are amazing! Call me if you have questions!

With Much Gratitude!

TK
III



Again thank you, thank you, thank you. May God Bless You many times over for all that you have and will do. You are an angel and just don't know it.

RT,
CA

Yes!!! Thanks for all your help....still trying to absorb it all. It is a bit overwhelming, but I expected that. I think I am still in denial...waiting for the bomb to drop, just letting my emotions out a little at a time. It is like when I had my daughter...I already had a son, so I told my adoptive mother that everything was too perfect, that it felt like something bad was going to happen. She assured me that everything was fine. I feel the same way now...everything went too well.... Hopefully it will continue.

Thanks again,
SH
NYS

Chris,

The anticipation was killing me, but I got in touch with her yesterday. The conversation went well, she knew my name and had a picture of me when I was younger, I happened to be in the paper with my dog and she kept the picture, but lost it in a move. She also knew I worked for a small dept store in W when I was around 18... and tried to look me up in the W year book. Her nephews went to the same High School as I did one was two year older and the other 2 years younger. I asked for continuation...and she said yes. None of her children know about me so I told her that was fine and if she just wanted to keep it between us, then that was fine with me.

Thanks for all your help.
SH
NYS

Here is the latest I gave her my e-mail address in the certified letter then she said I did not respond to her but i did so even when I replied with her e-mail she still never got it then this afternoon she sent another e-mail asking what questions do i have to ask so I called to leave a message and she answered the phone . So I used the line you said that I have something personal to discuss and is now a good time and she said yes so I asked her full name and she said yes then I asked if she put up a child for adoption in nyc in jan of 66 and she said yes then she said a son was born and she could not remember the date but thought it was the 5th or 6th and asked me for my b-day and I

told her the 21st and maybe it became screwed up on the paperwork. She said that she could not remember the exact date because she had been trying to forget the date. But she did mention the same hospital the fact she was staying in a friend's apartment and that she new I also had an adopted brother. She mentioned somewhat of why she did it and is a family secret only her and her husband know (who she married when she was 44) and would discuss the situation with him. She mentioned she never thought it would come to this day. I told her to discuss as long and as much she needs and could call me or if she e-mails me and can not receive my reply I will call her the next day or 2.

Chris I would like to thank you for your help you helped me answer the biggest question I had in life about what if I never tried and would live with regrets the rest of my life, but now I do not have any regrets because I got an answer, I will have disappointment but at least no regrets. I guess as a typical male I can set it aside and deal with it with an unemotional attachment.

Thanks for everything.

JZ

NY



Don't let fear make your decisions about finding your family!

I want to witness to you all about my husband's experience in finding his family. First of all, he told me the rumors about them. Said there may be 11 of them, and he may be a Native American, and his name was "Ben." In my early 20's, I was so intrigued by this mystery and began to ask questions to which my husband, then boyfriend, and his father, shut me down. "No, I have a family already, and I am not interested" or "It's best not to go stir things up about a situation that may be bad as it could cause son to have problems."

I couldn't help it, but I just kept having this feeling that my husband needed them and the reunion would add to his family and not hurt it. Over the years, I have been on the internet and posted and searched many sites to no avail. He would sometimes tell me not to look or sometimes he'd ask me questions about a possible link. So, I knew he had mixed feelings. His adopted sister, not a blood relative, paid for a search and found her family. She feels so much better ever since although she and her birth mom took a slow start. (The b-mom hadn't told her current family anything about it, and she took a break to consider what to do and then decided to go for it.) I even broached the subject with my Father-in-law who didn't want to discuss it at all and scoffed at the Indian idea - although a pediatrician had told my husband that he was at least 1/4 native American.

So, I made a decision this year after searching since 1992. I contacted Kinsolving Investigations - Chris Lee, for the 2nd time. In February, she sent out an ad with a coupon for \$500 off the total search price. And, I made a secret committment to squirrel money away. I sent a deposit and signed a contract to begin. Then, she found the results only a few months later. She had a list of the kids, and a current name change and address for the birth mother. And, she had the father's name. And, she had the 2nd husband's name for the birth mother, and the two children born to that marriage. Alas, I learned why I couldn't find anything on my own. My mother-in-law is Canadian. The father-in-law was in the military. So, I called the numbers before I told my husband. Part of me was worried that the fear factor could be true and bad. When I first talked to the mother, she didn't believe me and thought I was a bill collector. So, I gave her a week to absorb what I told her, and I called again. This time she was more talkative, but still reserved and she told me that last she heard of the dad he was in Alaska. So, I looked in www.anywho.com for the name and I found it. I called the dad. He informed me that my husband has 14 brothers and sisters, and they have been looking for him and the 2 other boys who were also adopted.

Basically, what happened was not good. Dad did 4 tours of duty in Vietnam. Mom was Cree Indian from Canada and left without assistance to tend to 12 kids. Both parents had substance abuse issues. Mom had a nervous breakdown and left the kids. Dad came home from the war and couldn't make it alone either, so he put up all the kids into foster homes. The last 4 were adopted. I got to talk to one of my sister-in-laws on the phone and she had been looking for my husband for years. She produced a copy of a letter she sent to the Archdiocese of Raleigh, NC in 1985. They wrote her back and listed the complete names and dates of birth for all 12 along with the last known address for the Dad in Alaska. I linked them up with the Mom now in Indiana and the last two kids from the 2nd marriage, but there were two missing.

Chris Lee suggested that I write NC Social Services for the place where the last two were adopted, so I did and learned that they went together to a family in Waynesville, NC. So, I then posted a search listing on Sibling Search's website. I had grim hopes. And, to my absolute surprise, last month, they found me. One of them has a wonderful wife who had a dream to find us by a search on the computer. She did it and there we were. He lives only 3 hours away from us. The rest of our new added family lives in: Alaska, Montana, Arizona, Canada, Indiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Florida. When I told my husband about the information that I learned, he didn't say much. He just went into the garage and pounded on stuff all night. He wouldn't talk to them at first, he needed time. Now, he has connected to his brother and he can't stop talking about it all. Yes, there are problems. The older children went on the street as they were into drugs and alcohol. The oldest boy and second oldest girl have died before he could meet them from substance abuse related illnesses. But, there is also great good coming about. First, the mom quit drinking a few years ago and she is now beginning to open her heart and forgive herself after all these years. I learned she was in foster care her

whole life and never felt wanted anywhere. She was discriminated against in Canada for being an Indian. She didn't have the necessary tools to raise kids - especially alone. The dad has been able to open up as well and thanks me for making this effort. He was seriously injured in Vietnam and got PTSD and depression from all the horrors of war. How could he handle such a big family alone without any help either?

They are both so happy now. The other boys were angry at their mom for a long time and now they are beginning to forgive and are going to make attempts to contact their mom. Some of them who are still abusing substances are striving to get clean and sober. There are serious talks of family gatherings, and lots of love and laughter exchanged. It makes me feel so good to see these hardcore, stubborn types open up to love for each other. The healing is magical and the love is a natural high for them all. Being an only child, I can't tell you how great it feels to have so many brothers and sisters. I had 3 brothers call to check on us before the hurricane. That feels nice. They even say the same things and act the same ways and they were not around each other before. They are taking what they like about each other and leaving the bad stuff alone. They are focusing on today and togetherness rather than ego or old feelings. I get calls from brothers, sisters, nieces, and wives of. I also can tell you how precious my mother-in-law and father-in-law are to me. My husband has his identity now, and his name. He is complete and peaceful.

So, please take heed. Get that fear behind you and reach out. If you have been looking for a while, get some professional help. There is usually a very good reason you are stuck without any response. Then, when you get your answers, don't let fear hold you back. Remember that there could be some dire circumstances you don't even know about. Go for it. I am so glad we did. And, I can tell you as a first-hand witness, this gift is never ending and it is priceless.

EG
NC

Chris,
I am still trying to sort everything out. I was actually thinking of asking for your advice, but thought you are probably bombarded with requests for that. Thank you for finding my birthmother so quickly & for the good advice you gave regarding the initial contact. Everything went very well and I am still getting to know her. We are very much alike, and that amazes me. She seems to like that, also, although neither one of us is the jumping-up-and-down type. She was

open to answering my questions & even asked a few, herself. We have talked on the phone 4 times now, the first time for 2 1/2 hours and the last time we actually were on the phone for 6 1/2 HOURS! I sent her pictures after our first conversation. She said she would send me some, although she still hasn't. She also says she will call me next time, but she hasn't done that, either.

She seems glad to hear from me when I call (and stays on the phone a long time, doing as much of the talking as I do!). She told me from our first conversation that she was on anti-depressants & going thru a difficult time in her life (her husband died 2 yrs ago, mother died 2 months ago, 16 yr old cat died week after I called her. Cat is like child to her as she has no children. However, she is definitely functioning- going to work, etc.

She never had any children, and claims that was by choice, ("too selfish", etc). Is now in the process of changing anti-depressants due to unpleasant side effects. Says she is sorry about not getting to the photos, yet, but

is unable to get motivated, is "a procrastinator, is embarrassed about not getting to it", etc). I can't help but wonder how she could not make it a priority. Although I tell her it's fine, it is really very hurtful to think it is of such little importance to her.

It's also hard to understand at this point, since she seems so glad to hear from me when I call. I also don't understand why she never calls me, since she has ended the last 2 conversations by saying next time she will

be the one to call. I don't suggest it, it is HER idea. I'm not sure if I should keep calling her, assuming she is going thru a difficult time right

now, or just stop contact & leave it up to her to reach out to me. I miss her, though, and find myself wanting to talk to her. I think if she shared those feelings, wouldn't she call me after a couple of weeks have passed?

I'd also like to mention that she is an educated, articulate person, well-read, with a very good job.

As a birthmother, I thought you may have some insight. If you happen to get a spare moment, perhaps you could send some of your thoughts? I would really appreciate it.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

DK/NY

Hi Chris,

I am Calling or actually e-mailing with good news! My birth mother has decided to have contact with me and we have been e-mailing back and forth the past few days. We will decide when to meet but it has been suggested my wife and I meet her and her husband in Boston all we have to do is pick a date. So once again thank you for everything. Maybe in time when I feel it is right I will try to get some info on my biological father and then we will possibly search again..Thanks again for all the time you have spent helping me.

JZ
NY



I had to sit down and drop you a line and say thank you for helping me locate my sons. It is more than I dreamed about and more than I could wish for. I know that life is not peaches and cream and if I could have done things different back then I would have. My sons and I now have to pick up the peaces to the puzzle and put it all back together. The abuse that the older two endured is unreal, and the feeling of abandonment by the youngest is too. All I can do now is be here for them and that is what I plan. I was able to celebrate M's Birthday for the first time in 19 yrs. and it was great. Friends and family were here and we hopefully made a good memory for him. You know after listening to him and G about thier lives I just don't understand how people that adopt a child and hurt that child how do they face themselves in the mirror everyday. They chose to take that child and raise them, they promise to love and protect that child, but then they beat, rape and torcher him or her, I don't understand. I never will. But I am here to say I have them now and I have walked in thier shoes so I can see them through, and we will survive. Again Thank you for finding them all for me. To have them to hold, to look at and to see them it is unbelievable. Not only do I have them back but two daughters in laws and 4 grand babys. Just so much more and hopefully a life time to come. May god bless you and yours and may your dreams be fulfilled, I don't even know you but I truly have love in my heart for you.

CB
TX,AL,NM

Dear Cris Lee, I am grateful for your finding my birthmother so quickly. As she is 78 years old time was of the essence. I couldn't bring myself to call her so I sent her a letter. I told her that I wanted to protect her privacy but I had questions about myself that I would like answered. I said that I understood her reasons for giving me up for adoption and I wouldn't want to change my life in any way. I told her about my husband and her grandchildren. I enclosed lots of selected photos. I asked her to call me and told her when I would be home. She called me and we had a wonderful conversation. We talked for about an hour. She told me who my birth father was (she had never told anyone else). We are going to write and send photos to each other for a while before we get together. (She may need a little time to tell her children). I will be patient. I now feel complete-I have roots! Thanks again. Feel free to print this in your newsletter.

DO
VA



Thank you for your thorough and timely handling of my case.

From the time I signed my contract, it took less than a month for you to locate the name, address and phone numbers of my birthmother and half-siblings.

Although the information was difficult to receive (as my birthmother had passed away 3 years ago),

I was able to use the information you gave me to locate my surviving half-siblings, a brother and sister. I have already met them both, and they have been kind and generous with stories and photographs.

I also found out from them that I was not a secret, AND that my birthmother talked about me, and had tried to find me in the last years of her life.

From an adoptees viewpoint, those are the sweetest words one can hear.

Thank you again for everything,

JC
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Dear Christine - Thank You so much for the tremendous service you have provided to E and I. We now have the opportunity to contact our birthson after so many years of futile searching on our own. The wondering will soon be over and the Truth will be known by all. All because of YOU! I appreciate your professionalism, friendliness and sound advice on how to proceed. I have taken all of your suggestions to heart. You have, indeed, performed nothing less than a Wonderful Miracle in our Hearts and Minds. Thank You Again For Everything.

Sincerely

DD
PA