

Chris, I just wanted to let you know I was thinking about you on the 2nd anniversary of my reunion with my birthmother. Since you were such a major part of it, I want to say "thank you" again.

I hope all is going well for you. I've told every adoptee I know, in person or on the Internet, about Kinsolving and how you were successful in my search after I had spent 20 years searching with no results.

Take care, and best wishes,

MB/TN

Chris, Thank You.

Hopefully I can come up with the right words, so that people who come to you for help will know the passion and energy that you put in your work is truly from your heart. Here is an e-mail I got last night from my mother. You have truly made a difference in this world and in my life. Thank You!!!!!!

You sure are good-looking and those grandsons of mine , just by seeing them I feel a real closeness as I do with you. I can't believe all that has happened in the last 24 hours. My head seems to be spinning out of control and I feel at times like I'm in the twilight-zone! The magnitude of your phone call can only be compared to your persistence and dedication to find me , which I will forever, be in gratitude to you for doing so. Don't worry about me telling the boys, it will be alright. As of now I'm considering getting them all together to tell them, possibly this Sat. I will let you know straight

-away. I couldn't rest easy tonight until I heard from you and now I feel much better. I guess I should wait till about 7pm to e-mail you at home? Well believe me I didn't sleep a-wink hardly last night so Mother is ready to hit the pillow. Take care and try to rest well, especially in knowing I'm here for you and that means forever. I Love You , Baby. Talk to you tomorrow, for sure..

TS/NYS

Hi Chris,

I want to let you know that I talked with my birth mother for the first time last Monday. I was very prepared for the call. I had rehearsed many times based on the advice you gave me on how to approach her. I was prepared for her to hang up, deny it, or be totally silent, but I had not prepared myself for her to be happy. I guess that would have been too risky for me emotionally. Hearing from me was the answer to her prayers. We have talked three times now, and I sent her a picture of me yesterday.

She wants to see me, if that is what I want, and she wants to tell her three children. I know it will be hard for her, but she says they have a right to know that they have a sister.

So far I like her, and it has been a real blessing to me to learn how much she did to be near me. She took care of me for the 6 weeks and then instead of going home, she went to Greensboro, found a job and a room to live in, and went to the CHS every day to see me until I was gone. She tried to find out about me at the courthouse in Richmond and has called the CHS several times to ask if she could find me.

I was not looking for a mother, I had a mother; but I found more than I was expecting. I do not know where this journey will lead us, but I have already gained something very satisfying and have been able to give her the gift of knowing that I am well and happy.

K/VA



Dear Chris,

I just wanted to let you know that I made contact with my son and met him last night for dinner for the first time in 35 years! He looks just like me.

After so many years of searching for him on my own, you have made the impossible happen in a few short weeks.

Please accept my deep thanks for your great work and for performing a human miracle.

Chris, you are, indeed, an angel from heaven.

DD/Birthfather
PA

Chris - I wanted to let you know I made contact with C, my birth mother and we have been exchanging e-mails for a few days now. She has pretty much confirmed everything you told me and she seems willing to continue sharing info. Thank you for your work. Please feel free to use me as a reference in the future. I have already told a girl friend about my experience with your company and I feel sure she will be calling you.

Sincerely,

TM/NC



Hi Chris,

I'm writing this in case you would like to include it in your newsletter.

It is a big long, so feel free to edit.

Like many of your clients, over the past 13 years I spent many hours working on my search for my birthmother. I joined search & support groups & read a lot of books. I also gave money upfront to various adoption search agencies, who apparently did nothing. It was expensive, time-consuming, frustrating, emotionally exhausting and, at times, depressing. When I heard that your company charged a fee only if the person was found, I decided that I had nothing to lose. I faxed you all the information I had gathered over the years on a Friday afternoon at 3:30. By Monday morning, you had all of my birthmother's information! I was amazed! You even included information about other family members, which all proved to be correct.

I waited about 3 weeks before calling her. I wanted to be prepared for whatever the outcome would be. When I did call, I had my initial introduction all ready, which I had prepared with your help (AND with the help of a glass of wine!) My hands were trembling! Luckily, she answered

and was home alone. She was understandably shocked at first, and asked me to repeat my birthdate and birth name. She was receptive to my questions and soon we were having a conversation, comparing personality traits and physical appearance. She was widowed fairly recently, and had lost her Mom (my Grandmother) only a month before my call. I can't say she seemed "ecstatically" happy to hear from me, nor was she unhappy. She did say she had thought about me over the years, not constantly, but more so during certain times in her life. She said she had been wondering about me a little more lately, perhaps because of all she had been through recently (her words). She has never had any other children, and says that is how she wanted it. She claims she was too "selfish" to be a good mother. We

spoke for 3 hours during our first conversation. I was surprised at how much we had in common - interests, food preferences, body type, etc. It was exhilarating, but also a little anti-climactic. I was happy she was receptive to my call. I know I was lucky she didn't reject me, but I think deep down I was sort of hoping she would have been a little happier to hear from me. I should mention she is on anti-depressants, and continues to struggle with some depression, despite the medication.

I took a flight to her home for a weekend visit in January. I was very happy she invited me for a visit, as that validated for me that she was acknowledging me. I stayed in her brother's (my uncle) home. We don't look alike, which was disappointing. I think as an adoptee you hope to find someone who looks like you. She is very nice, though, and meeting her in person has helped put our relationship on a different level.

It has been about 5 months since our first contact. I can't say I'm a different person, or was "transformed" by finding my birthmother, a term I have often heard used by adoptees who have "found". I do feel a lot of questions have been answered for me, and no longer feel like I came from "space". I have a background now. I think I am a little more confident. Since we are trying to maintain a long-distance relationship, we don't seem to be able to get to the point where we can have conversations about day-to-day events. We talk about twice a month, but it has gotten difficult lately to keep the conversations from being repetitive from the last ones. I have heard most of her "stories", and she has heard mine. I have 2 young children, but she is not interested in children and doesn't ask about them or show any interest when I speak of them. She did send flowers on my birthday, and sent a card on Valentine's Day which said, surprisingly, I thought, "to my daughter". My husband says he thinks she is growing into the role. After all, she thought of herself as a childless person until she was 62 years old! I am very happy to have put all my questions to rest, and very grateful to you for your help and support. You have been really amazing, and I would (and have) recommend you to anyone who is searching. Thanks, again.

Sincerely,
DK/NY



Just wanted to let you know Ive stayed in touch with my birth aunt and introduced her family to mine shes real terrific. I cant thank you enough for all your help, I even spoke to my 1/2 brother a few times and will meet him soon. My birth mom is still not keepin contact but its her loss and she has a track record of the same. No big deal. Thanks again and have a great holiday season.....

JD/NYS

Dear Chris:

God looked down at us birthmothers in our sorrows and sent an Angel to help us, it was you Chris Lee, you are a saint in healing broken hearts . I cried for 45 years thinking i would never meet my daughter , When i was 15 yrs. old i was forced to give up my baby, in 1959 since then i did Marry the father of my child we went on to have 3 more daughters, we have been married for 42 yrs. our daughters did find out that they had a full blooded sister, now they were suffering as i, so they insisted to find her, i said there is no way you will ever find her , NY state wont give any information on her. They went crazy trying to do their own search and got no where. Untill someone in our city had a reunion and put it in the newspaper , My daughter called the women that helped this reunion and led my daughter to you . My daughter called you up and got the application my husband and i thought this could be a scam , but we agreed to hire you and it was the best decision we ever made , Please anyone out there hire Chris Lee to search for you and you wont be sorry, she is an Angel sent from God. Feb 1st we celebrated my b-daughters birthday and introduced her to her aunts and uncles . I felt like i gave birth to her again . I used to cry all night on her birthdays and wished she could be with us, all because of Chris Lee I am the happiest woman in the world . I would like everyone to read this letter, and call kinsolving.com and you wont be sorry. Thank You
NYS My Deepest Gratitude
If anyone would like to e-mail me and ask any questions please do.

Chris,

Sorry I haven't written, just been very busy. I met with my daughter finally and it went well. She's had somewhat of a difficult life having lost her adoptive Father when she was young, but told me repeatedly that she was well taken care of by her Mother. She's close to her brother who was also adopted, but not so with her two other brothers that her Mother gave birth too. We've tried to schedule a time to get together again, but with car trouble, her 4mo. old baby, etc. we have yet to do so. We've talked on the phone though and are continuing to try and make plans. I'll let you know how things progress. Thanks again for all you did.
Sincerely,

BG/NC

Hi Chris, I met my bith mother yesterday. What an experience. It was like looking into my own eyes! I also met my half sister and will soon be meeting the brothers. It will be interesting to see how this progresses. BTW, I have given you very good references to 2 people and I know they decided to hire you. B and I have been in touch and I know her story turned out pretty good. You are providing a much needed service. It is amazing how many of "us" there are out there.

KF/VA

hello chris, i talked to my birth mom, for quite a while, probably 2 hours, she does not want to meet me, as it would disrupt her life too much, her adopted son does not know about me, and the only people who knew about her pregnancy were her parents and sister , and they are all dead. she likes her life the way it is , with no surprises., she is happy and healthy , and is glad to know that i have had a good life, and sees hereself as the vessel from god to have made my life and my parents life happy and fulfilled, or some suh stuff, she has many friends, and many sisters in law and it would be too disruptive to them if they know. so, she did not want mmy name or address, but i am going to send her pictures, and she is okay with that and i can call her whenever i want. and if she cant talk it is because she cant talk about it in front of whomever is there. so it went well - and after having such a nice talk, she said we couldnt meet, but i think she just has to think on it for awhile. she said maybe when she is 92 we can meet! she has a sense of humor for sure. thanks again.

JF/NYS

Hello Chris and all,

I finally contacted my birthmother yesterday.

All is well! Your advice was most helpful in getting through to her.

She was hesitant at first then shocked, but after 20 minutes of conversation she stated that she wanted to speak with me again in a few weeks to give her time to digest. I was thrilled that she wanted to talk to me at all. Then she called back a few hours later to say to everyone "knows who needs to know" and to call her anytime! We'll see how our relationship blossoms!

Thanks for your assistance!

AL/nc



Chris,

You are welcome to use me as a reference. Feel free to share the information below (with the personal information removed), which I have read to my mother (the adoptee) and she has approved. You may also give my email address to your prospective clients wanting to chat with someone who has had a positive experience. (I know I would have appreciated this when I was contemplating professional assistance!)

My mother had a successful reunion with her maternal birth family recently thanks to the information Kinsolving provided us late last year. Although it turned out that my mother's birth mother passed years ago, Kinsolving found siblings and provided contact information for them. It took my mother some time to work up the courage to contact them, but she eventually did. They were cautious at first, but amazed by the resemblance. Fortunately, they found a relative who confirmed that a child was put up for adoption by my birth-grandmother. My mother's half-sister and half-brother then received her with open arms. They refused to let her stay in a hotel on her very first visit, insisting that she stay with them, even though they had never met face to face. They all got along well, finding much in common, and my newly-found half-cousin told me that my mother fit right in with them. What a blessing it has been to my mother and our whole family to know the truth. The whole experience has been positive, start to finish. Thank you, Kinsolving, for making this possible.

-HH

p.s. We're now in the process of confirming kinship with my mother's paternal side. Although we have yet to find definitive proof, we are making progress with the help of an open-minded potential sibling.

My advice to adoptees: Trust Kinsolving to help you find your biological family. Then, don't discount the willingness of your newly-found family to help you piece together the rest of your adoption puzzle. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that they want to know you as much about you as you do about them.

HH/NC

Greetings All,

Not sure if all of you knew this or not, but I was adopted when I was born. For those of you in doubt (and I know there are seeing that I look & act similiar to Mom & Dad), trust me, I was. For the past 6 years I have been actively searching for my birthmom, and just this Monday I received her name, address, and phone number! Well, last night I took the plunge and made the call. I was SO nervous that it took me 20 minutes to press the "Talk" button after I plugged in the number....

Anywho, I called at 8:04 P.M. last night, and she picked it up. Her name is B, and she lives in OH--ironically, the same city where I was born. I started off by asking for her, and she said "This is B."

I then stated that I knew her a long time ago, and that we met on _____. She said "Uh huh." I proceeded to ask her if she knew who this was, and she said "Yes." She then said that she was shaking b/c she was so excited. To make a long story short, she explained that when I was born, she had named me M. I have 3 half sisters, whom 1 is married (I think) and has a child (yup, I'm an uncle! Scary.) The one thing that I was so nervous about was that her family didn't know about me--well, they do. They have known about me for a while, and I think are excited about knowing who I am.

Well, I gave her my phone number, and indicated that I would like to meet her sometime. She enthusiastically agreed, so we are aiming to meet one another for lunch or dinner one weekend!

I have not told Mom and Dad about finally locating her, so don't tell them about it yet-- I'm calling home tonight with the news.

Better sign off. Take care all!

Regards,
JG/OH

Fyi Chris.....

Good morning family & friends,

As a follow-up to my email a few weeks ago, I finally met my birth mother & her family this past Saturday! I was nervous as heck, but somehow managed to make it through w/o totally embarrassing myself. :)

We decided on meeting at the Texas Roadhouse in S @ 7:PM. Originally, it was just going to be myself, and her immediate family, for a total of 9 people. Well, the number exponentially grew to a total of 16 people. You see, my b-mom's brother, sister and their families wanted to meet me as well. If you have seen the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," you will understand why I was so nervous. For those of you who haven't seen it, basically a Greek bride-to-be finally introduces her non-Greek husband-to-be to her family. Well, her family includes EVERYONE--think 60+ relatives! They bombarded him when they are introduced, and all of them talk, touch, hug, & kiss the poor bloke. But I digress...

It ended up not being like that at all (but I would've laughed my butt off if it had...). I walked up to the restaurant, and her husband (her second husband--not my b-father), was outside smoking a cigarette. He looked at me and asked what my name was. Told him "J" and he introduced himself--his name is J. He then told me that they were all inside seated in the waiting area. (Talk about strung-out nerves!) Walked in and saw the lot of 'em. He introduced me to my b-mom who was short (she wasn't kidding--5'2"), and I gave her a hug. She was nervous too, but luckily she didn't cry. (I was fearful that it would be a huge emotional episode.) I was then introduced to my b-grandmother, all 3 of my b-sisters, and then my aunt and uncle. My oldest b-sister has a 6 yr. old son named D, and he called my Uncle. That sounded really strange I must say...he is a piece work though. On at least 3 occasions in the waiting area he flipped people off. He doesn't understand what extending the middle finger out means, so I told him if he had to point, use the index finger instead.

While we were waiting to be seated--it was a 2 hour wait--we all talked, laughed and just studied one another. I brought some pictures of myself when I was young, as well as one of my family pictures. She gave me some pics of her kids and her grandson D. My b-mom also brought an old picture of my b-father. It was a side view, so it didn't show much. However, the one feature he did not endow me was his big honker of a nose! Thank goodness for small favors.

So we were finally seated. Dinner went smoothly as well. My b-grandmother & middle sister continued to crack me up to no end. The little kids (D & my 3rd cousins) provided entertainment when we ran out of questions. All in all, a really good experience I think. Mom and Dad are very cool w/ me getting to know my blood relatives, but they know that THEY are my parents and that won't ever change! I am thinking after a few more meetings, I will introduce my parents to my b-mom.

Well, I spent too much time writing this at work. I attached a picture of M, my middle sister who looks just like me! It's that uncanny, you'll do a double take...
(See attached file)

Take care all-
JG/OH



<< Well I finally called on the 15th of January. I had her write down my phone number and name first. Then I said

"this is a phone call you have either wished for or dreaded receiving for many years". I then asked her if she placed a child for adoption in 1961. She immediately said the date I was born and the hospital and that it was a boy. I told her that I was that child. She began to cry and asked why had I waited 42 years to call. We talked for about an hour. She told me her father had put her out on the street when she became pregnant. She had told her husband and her children about me. I have two half brothers and about 32 aunts, uncles and cousins. Her parents are still alive and her father and mother have felt a lot of guilt over the years about her situation when I was born.

I called her back today on the 16th and asked her if she was ok. I have even sent flowers to be delivered tomorrow. We plan to meet within the next 10 days or so

and we will talk for hours and days.

Thank You again Chris for your efforts that made this possible. ...

<< she has not shared any info on my father, and I have

not asked. I am sure she will when she is ready. We are sending pictures of each others family by mail. You are welcome to include this in the newsletter. I will update you as I find out more. Her parents and her brothers and sisters are only an hour drive from where I live. She told me today she had called her mother, and she was stunned because her father and her were talking about this only 3 days ago. She said "did u tell him he has a grandmother" and After she had her time with me that she (the grandmother) wanted and needed her time also. Thanks Again !!!!

DI/VA



Well Chris,
I drove down and met her on friday the 23rd. We talked about 4.5 hours and I drove home that night. She and I are greatful for your efforts. This has brought her so much peace and comfort. She had sopken to her parents and others for years about finding me, but was always told , What if he does not know he is adopted ? She told me all about her situation, and that she went to live with her aunt and uncle in Virginia until I was born. She had no more contact with my father after she told him she was pregnant. I think he was nasty to her. She has prayed for this contact from me for 42 years. We exchanged alot of pictures. We look so much alike and her sons and I look alike also. Her parents are still living and are anxious to meet me. Her mother and definately her father have carried alot of guilt for the way they handled her situation. We plan to meet again the 2nd week of Feb.
Thanks so much for making this happen for me . Please know you have brought and undescrible feeling to many people in my case and countless others.

DI/VA

>Hi Chris, wanted to update you on the father situation. I called and talked with him and he was very glad to hear from me. We talked for a while about things and then he wants me and my family to come and see him and his wife at some point. His wife at the time knew about but of course his children did not. This is a much happier ending than what I had with the birth mother. I still have contact with some of the birth mothers family.

Thanks

for responding to me and have a great day!

WH/NC



Years ago you found my birthmother for me. I was wondering if you could now search for my birthfather. My birthmother has been contacted and she says she "isn't ready to disclose to me the name of my father." I have the non identifying information on him which gives a little background and a physical description. She gave birth to me in 1969. The adoption agency told my adoptive parents a little information on him but not enough for me to find him alone. Your great work in the past for me was so appreciated and you are the only one I trust to handle this matter. Thanks!

BT.NYS



Just received my first birthday gift from my mom!! It was very exciting. She still has not told her kids though, but I think in due time.

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. She was at a wedding in Salt Lake City Utah when I was trying to reach her.

SH/NYS



Dear Kinsolving:

I have contacted my birth mother and we have had 2 telephone conversations. Prior to the telephone conversations, I went to her gift store and talked to her under the guise of being a consumer. Everything went fine.

She has not told her husband or daughter about me all these years. I just spoke with her this morning and asked her if she would like to have lunch or dinner sometime. She said that now is not a good time, but sometime soon, this may work. So I gave her my contact information and left the ball in her hands.

I am happy with where this has gone. I am ok with her taking time to decide if, how or when she wants to disclose me. At least, I have already seen her and talked with her in person and on the phone.

She did give me my birth father's name today. He was studying to be a chef. He is from Iran and she does not know if he is still in the country. She is not sure if T is his actual first name or a shortened version of his real name. She said everyone called him T. She did tell me that he wanted to keep me, but she was concerned that I would have been taken back to the middle east.

Thank you for everything thus far. This has been a good process for me and very positive.

MR/IL



Hi Chris, I am writing you to give you an update on my birthparents. I have received enthusiastic responses from both my birthmom and her daughter (her son doesn't know yet), and from my birthfather and his wife. He also has a son and daughter who do not know yet. He never knew I existed. They both want to meet me one day. My birthfather is a professor and has a PhD in anthropology. I resemble my birthmom and sister a great deal. My birthmom says she always thought of me and had cancer last year and says she used to cry at the thought that she could die and never know what happened to me. She says she always loved me. My birthfather wants to come and see me in May (he lives a few hours away) and says he accepts me and is proud to have me in his life. I feel really strange because I wanted to know of them but it is hard to process what kind of relationship I want. I had good parents already. I know it is a process and it is also complicated by the fact that I now have to acknowledge that I am biracial. I am happy yet very emotionally drained. My birth father has called me several times as has my birthmother. I am truly blessed and grateful to your services and your support and words of wisdom. Please let me know how I can write something for your magazine. I would like to write something nice so that you can include it and maybe encourage someone else to use your service and hopefully you can be a blessing to them the way that you were a blessing to me. I have a session with my therapist today and know this will be a complicated process of integrating new relationships but I know God never puts more on you than you can handle so I will be fine. I feel very grateful for everyone's support. God Bless you. Also I have given your name to a few people I hope that helps your business!

BG/MA

Hi Chris, I called her yesterday and it was very positive. I want to thank you for the personal touch you gave me. I know I was annoying and probably bothersome yesterday in my anxiety. I wrote down all of the things you told me(except not calling for 24 hours:)) and I am sure the words you said to use were comforting and tactful for her. I cannot say how much I appreciate it. I didnt tell her how I found her and acted like when she told me information about her history and family that I was hearing it for the first time. I am sending you a copy of an email I sent to my friend so that I wouldnt have to type it again. I am so grateful to you. I also sent your information to my old dean her name is F she will probably be contacting you. . I would be happy to share my story in your Vanguard if you like.

>I called her yesterday and at first she couldnt talk. She told me that her husband and daughter knew she gave up a child for adoption but didnt know I was Black. She said she was happy to finally talk to me and She was crying. She asked to call me back later and she did. Oh, I went to church last night and you dad was the lead singer and he was great! When I got back from Church she called like she said she would and we talked for an hour. To sum it all up. She met my father at Syracuse Univ. where she was a freshman in college and he was she thinks in grad school studying to be a dr. He had another White girlfriend. She isnt sure if he knows about me because she left college pregnant and never talked to him again. He was nice and smart and light skinned. She went to to live with her brother until she had me at a catholic hospital (probably Mercy) and gave me up for adoption. No one knew I was black. she held me at birth but that was it. She said she always wondered about me and thought about looking for me but didnt want to interfere with my life. She was crying and happy; she said she told her daughter that I was Black after She talked to me and gave me her name, address and phone number and email address so that I could send her photos and she could send me some. She told me about her family and her life. She has 2 kids (29 daughter and 30 yo son) The daughter is happy and excited the son she didnt talk to. The daughter told her that she should tell her husband but she is afraid because she said he is a little prejudiced. I told her not to tell him just for me because she needed to do what was right for herself. I can always call her when he isnt home and email her to her daughters home. She graduated valedictorian just like me and was also a cheerleader like me. She has a cleft in her chin like me as well as arthritis and vericose veins like me. She also did well in math and science like me. she is 5 ft tall and her daughter is 4'11" She says I got my ht from my dad.She smoked alot and had lung cancer last year but now is cancer free and says she was so afraid she would die without knowing about me and was happy I found her. She has 2 brothers one in ny and one in Co. We talked about my mom and hers. They both died recently.

>Before she hung us she told me she always loved me. I am really happy. I am also really tired and drained. As emotional as I am I didnt even cry. I think it is because I prayed to God for strength and Peace--Which I feel
>right now.

BG/MA



<< Hi guys!

Just wanted to let you know that there was absolutely no damage control needed whatsoever!

My birth mother called me tonight and we talked for four hours!!! It was so unbelievable! I still need to pinch myself to see if I'm dreaming.

It was everything (and then some) that I have always dreamed for and more than I ever dared to hope for! She said that she never wanted to Give me up and that she was so happy that I never quit searching for her. She said that I had her spirit! When I asked if she had ever got the
Chance to see me, she said she had because she snuck into the nursery when all the nurses were busy. A nurse found her and they had To call security on her (three times) because I was her baby.

It is so nice to know where I get things from and have answers instead of questions! I have so many incredible things I could say, but I'm speechless because I'm so happy. I even got to talk with my half sister!

She is the one that you didn't have a name for. It's so funny! We've both always wanted a sister! She said in the last couple years She has been drawn to Washington, but she didn't know why and now she does.

Also, I've always been drawn to Maine and now I Know why too!

Thank you thousand of times over for finding her as fast as you did! We both think you guys are angels!

CE/CT

Dear KI,

Hi! I know I have kept you updated in bits and pieces, but I figured I would put the whole story together so it's easier for you in your newsletter.

I started looking for my birth mom when I was 19. The adoption agency wouldn't give me any identifying information, so I paid to get my birth name and her name, and I took a year off college and moved to CT to find her. After a year of no luck, I moved back to the midwest and finished college. When I was done with college, I hired a PI to search for her. After six months of excuses, I stopped calling her. Then a year and a half later I got a phone call from the PI saying that I would hear from her in 30 days. Yeah, right I never heard from her again!

After the birth of our first son in 2002, I started thinking about searching again. In February 2004, I stumbled across your website while I was searching for my birth mom online. I submitted a query and signed the contract with you on Feb. 13th.... And I sat back expecting a long wait. Imagine my surprise after ten years of searching when KI called at 5pm on Valentine's Day (yes, less than 24 hours later!) and asked if I was sitting down! You guys are AMAZING! I was also very pleasantly surprised as to how much information you gave me in your report!

To contact her, I chose to send a card and a letter through Fed Ex. One thing I caution your clients is to never use Fed Ex or any other courier service! I cannot stress this enough! No matter what they promise you, they only provide door to door service! So, my 14 year old half brother signed for the Fed Ex. I was SO upset! Luckily for me, her family waited for her to get home to open it. When she saw the card and the letter I had sent, she started crying because she was so happy! ALL of her family couldn't be happier for us! When she called me, she told me on Feb 13th she had watched "It's A Miracle" during which there was a story of an adoptee searching for her birth mother. She said that she prayed and prayed that God would help her find me. So, we both consider KI to be His Angels! That first night, we talked for four hours and killed all three of her cordless phones! It was amazing!

To this day, we email and/or talk on instant messenger every day! I cannot stress enough how awesome this reunion has been!

When I went into this search, my only mission was to find her so I could say thank you for having the love to choose to give me a better life and to let her know that I'm ok and

to make sure she was okay. I went into it not expecting any type of a relationship, and now I am truly blessed beyond words with more family than I expected! Speaking of them, I must sign off as I am headed out to the airport (literally) to go fly out to meet them all!

Please feel free to use my name as a reference! You guys are awesome at what you do!!!

CE/CT