

David & Jelmer

Update



Dear Birth Parent

Some time has passed since we shared our story. We want to share this update with you to give you a look into our life, and hopefully show you the happiness and love waiting to welcome your child.

A lot has changed in the world over the last years, we hope the pandemic has not been too hard on you, your loved ones, friends and family.

Here in The Neherlands, life has return to normal, and we patiently continue to wait for news from the States.

We know this decision can not be easy, and as you take a look through our update we hope you get a feeling of who we are and the love and life we can offer your child.



A message from David

I have continued to enjoy life and work hard over the last years, even studying and becoming a Dutch citizen. I now have dual nationality. Living in the Netherlands during the pandemic, was pretty ok. We have a great support system with family and friends nearby, and living in the countryside made it easy to get out for nice walks with gizmo and enjoy time together.

We hope in the future your child will also enjoy the calm countryside, fresh air and be able to spend time with us outside, learning about the local nature and farm animals near our village.

Time together and support from our friends has really been a great help over the last years since starting our adoption journey. Like us, our friends and family can't wait to meet and spend time with your child to welcome them into our lives.



Rollerblading in the lovely surroundings of our village



Sunday walk in a national park closeby



Dinner at a typical Greek restaurant in Kos, Greece



Friend Hettie came over for a coffee at Christmas



A visit to best friend Deirdre in Cork, Ireland



David and his colleagues at a concert wearing their pyjamas

A message from Jelmer

During the pandemic we realised what we value most in our lives, which is spending time with loved ones and of course together. Therefore we made the decision that I would leave my job earlier this year, rather than waiting for our family to be extended.

Since then I have been renovating the house and garden. In June I started volunteering at the local Animal Shelter. I clean the kennels, walk and play with the dogs and feed them. I really likes doing this and I get a lot of cuddles in return.

I love to keep myself occupied, so I started my own business in painting Houseportraits on request. This also means I work from home and I can decide when and how much I want to work, which is perfect for when we expand our family. Gizmo is really happy to have company for the whole day and I love to take him on extra walks, and give him extra treats and cuddles.



Jelmer just had to pose with this huge plant on holidays in the Canary Islands



Jelmer at his volunteer work

FUN FACT: JELMER IS A REAL PLANT COLLECTOR, AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE 28 PLANTS IN OUR HOME



Jelmer and friend Thijs running, they are being joined by his son



Jelmer holding the Houseportrait he made from our own home

Nursery

Our Nursery is ready to welcome your child into a calm and caring environment. We have chosen a Winnie the Pooh theme. As we both grew up with this, Winnie the Pooh holds a special place in our hearts. Jelmer made a watercolor painting for on the wall, and wrote a special quote of Winnie the Pooh to hang next to it in the Nursery.



"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS,
EVEN WHEN WE'RE APART, I'LL
ALWAYS BE WITH YOU..."



While waiting...

Family time, traveling and spending time with friends has really kept us happy while we continue to wait to become parents. Although time is passing by, we are patiently waiting to be chosen. There is an old Irish saying: "What's meant for you, won't pass you by" and we really live by this saying throughout our adoption journey.

Seeing the children of our friends, neighbors and family members grow up in such loving and caring homes has strengthened our wish to become parents even more as we see them so happy together.

We can't wait for your child to have a lot of friends, family, and fun with the amazing people in our lives. As we continue to explore the world together we hope to be able to share many adventures, cultures and experiences with your child in the future.



At the Harry Potter Studio's in London

A Christmas dinner with friends Hielke & Eline and Jeff & Anna



Christmas dinner with Jelmer's family



At the flea market with Jelmer's grandma



Birthday party of Cara-Mae, the daughter of friend Hettie



High Tea with Carlyn

While waiting...



Celebrating his dual nationality



Out and about with Gizmo



Climbing a mountain on Holiday



Baking Christmas cookies



Celebrating Jelmer's birthday at the Beach



Touring the Island of Kos in Greece



Meeting Fionn, the son of Elenore in Ireland



Celebrating Pride in Amsterdam



Lady Gaga concert in Arnhem

Sunset hike in the Irish mountains
with niece Hannah



While waiting...

Spending time with our family has been a wonderful support while we wait to meet your child and welcome them into our lives.

From holidays in Ireland, to cozy walks around local fairytale cities. Together we really enjoy what's important, time together, laughing and enjoying precious moments.

We hope you can see through this update, our support system and the many people who will play a part in loving your child as they grow up.



Christmas with Jelmer's family



Family Photo with David's
family in Ireland

Daytrip to Achill Island in
Ireland with nephew Luke



Walk through the old city of
Deventer with Jelmer's
mum and grandma