



## As we wait...

Dear Friends and Family,

We are so excited to share this special time with you and can't wait to get back home! Remember, we can't come home right away, so just wanted to share a few things about the process as we wait.

After taking placement, we still have to wait to be cleared by the adopting state and our home state before we can go home. We have to wait for ICPC which stands for the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. Essentially, the state we are in now has to make sure all of our paperwork is good to go, then they will send the paperwork to our home state. Our home state has to clear us too, then we can head home! If we leave before getting clearance, we could jeopardize our adoption.

Please be patient and understanding during this time, as we are anxiously awaiting the call to be cleared too. As soon as we hear any updates or get the 'all clear', we will let you know right away. Also, please understand that our agency is doing everything they can to help, but this wait is part of the process. There is nothing we can do or anyone we can call that will make it go faster.

As we wait, we promise to send as many pictures and baby updates as possible. I know you all want to see us and the new baby, and we will make a plan to see everyone as soon as we get home. Thank you for all of your love and support.

