

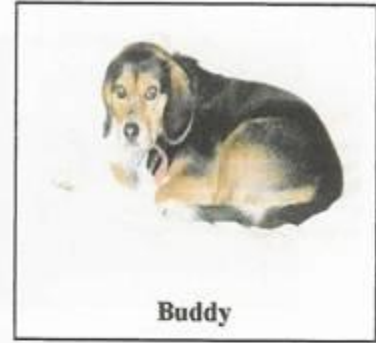


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Thank you, for considering helping our family grow. We believe children are a precious gift from God and he gives these gifts in many ways. Some families have children born to them. Others have children thru adoption. I believe adoption is god's way of reminding us of how precious children are.



**William (Rob), Jacob,
Kim**



Buddy

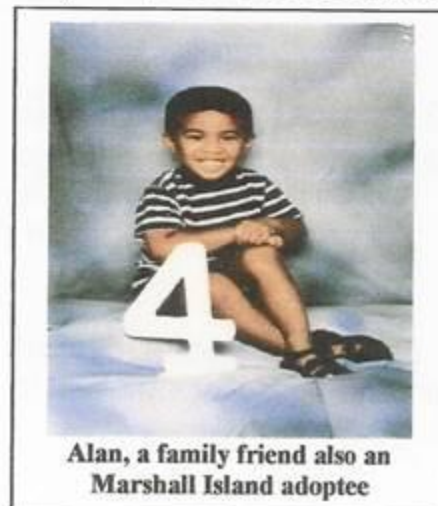


Kim's parents Clyde & Jeaneen Morland

We married in March of 1999. Nether of us had been married before or had any children. We both want children. After marrying and trying for a year we did the basic infertility checks. We felt adoption was the road we should travel, God was watching over us and within 6 months we had Jacob. We continue communication with his birth family in the Marshall Islands via letter, photo's, gifts, etc. In their culture, adoption is not the separation of a child from your family. It is accepting others into your family to raise this child for you. Jacob is aware of his island family.

We both have three siblings; our parents are around and enjoy Jacob as they will any other children we have. My maternal grandmother is 93 yrs. very healthy. We see her 3-4 times a year. We have several family members with children from 3 months – 9 years. We have family gatherings 3 -4 times a year. Family is a priority for us with lots of children around.

We live in a small community in Ohio. Population of our town is approximately 2,500. We have a new Primary K-3 that opened 9/2005; a new Intermediate Building is scheduled in 9/2007; a new High School in 9/2009. There are children in our neighborhood. The community promotes organized safe activates for children. An example is during Halloween the whole town has trick or treat. On the square local community organizations give apple cider and doughnuts. The Parks and



**Alan, a family friend also an
Marshall Island adoptee**

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Fredericktown Primary Building



Fredericktown Intermediate School



Fredericktown High School

Recreation Department have light sticks for the children so they will be seen. It is a community that enjoys being small with the luxury of larger communities within 45 minutes for a larger variety of entertainment.

As a family we enjoy time together at home, playing in the house or in the safe play area we created in our back yard. My hope is ours is the home all the children come to, to play. We visit the library to help our child appreciate the joy of reading.



We have a family Zoo Pass so we visit the Columbus zoo regularly. This pass also allows us to visit other zoo's around the state. During Christmas they have a festival of lights.

Ohio has many different activities, cultural events, Arboretum, Conservatory, COSI (Center of Science and Industry) for educational and just plain fun for children of all ages.

We educate our children about their own cultural, and heritage. Making their cultural apart of our lives.

Due to the RMI Adoptee Reunion we have several friends local and long distant. Jacob will always have a connection to his culture. We are also aware of other RMI settlements around the United States. Jacob has a sister that was adopted by a family in Virginia that we keep in contact with. He has a younger brother living in Oregon with an aunt.

At the reunion, we have native dancers, arts and crafts that would be made in the island. Yahoo has a group dedicated to the exchange of RMI education. There is an

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infant outreach program for the clinic on Ebeye island.

As the children get older, we will involve them in sports or other age appropriate activities that interest them.

I hope this over view will give you a better view of our family.

Warm Wishes,

William, Kimberly, Jacob & Buddy the dog



Jacob playing in the leaves at my parents house this fall 2005



Jacob and Rob swimming at July 2005 RMI Reunion



Alan, Lori & David friends also swimming at RMI
Reunion July 2005