

**Story Submitted by Ringland Family of Marietta, GA
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My name is James Ringland. My wife, Tovah, and I welcomed our son Nathan to our family January 24, 2007, in the Tver region of Russia. Since becoming a family, we have experienced the daily joy of watching our little Nathan grow into a wonderful boy.

He enjoys life and makes fast friends everywhere we go. Among our weekly traditions are visiting two restaurants on the weekends where the wait staff of both know him by name and have dubbed him their respective goodwill ambassadors.

Additionally, we visit a local stable on the weekends where Nathan rides his favorite horse, Buddy. Nathan loves horses and guitars. He has a number of stuffed animal horses that he likes to pretend he rides around the house.

We are so proud of the progress Nathan has made since joining our family. He is considered to be above the developmental progress of his peers in his day school classes and he is adored by all who know him. It's strange, it's like everyone knows how special he is.

Nathan has a wonderful support group of family and family friends. Our adoption has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. Like all parents, we are partial to our child, but we feel truly blessed by his specialness.

We truly want his birth country to know Nathan is well cared for and truly loved and treasured for the special little guy he is. We are indebted to our adoption agency, the Eastern Adoption Consultants (EAC), for facilitating what seems to us like a perfect match between parents and child.

We encourage everyone who seeks our advice to go forward with their adoption to strongly consider Russia, in particular, because of the kindness shown us by the people and government of the Russian Federation. We could not have hoped for a better outcome.

Sincerely,

James Ringland

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