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Kunkle, Zoi Yi Xing
Vancouver, British Columbia
Adoption Place: Chenzhou City, Hunan Province
Adoption date: August 2005
Age at adoption: 10 months

Zoi Yi Xing Kunkle, 11, was left in front of a Best Supermarket on Renmin West Road in Chenzhou City, Hunan Province, on August 15, 2005. Her umbilical cord was still attached.

Three days later, after she had been taken to the Chenzhou Municipal Civil Affairs Bureau, the umbilical cord dropped off and her birthdate was assigned: August 12th, 2005. Pat Jacobs-Kunkle and her husband, Roy, became Zoi's parents on June 12, 2006. Zoi was 10 months old.

Today, Zoi lives with her parents in Vancouver, Washington. She has two school friends who were also adopted from China. She loves animals and thinks she might want to be a vet. She has two older brothers, ages 32 and 34, and a sister, who is 29.

"I kind of want to be a vet, but I kind of don't want to be a vet because if I was a vet I would have to do surgery on an animal and I wouldn't want to do that," Zoi says.

Zoi says that she sometimes wonders about her birth parents. Indeed, her desire to learn more about her life in China prompted her to want to talk with Our China Stories, her mother says. We talked via Skype.

"I sometimes think about them but I mostly just have questions for them about, like, other family," Zoi says. "When I was in, I think, second grade, our teacher had us write this note to someone. And so I wrote a note to my birth mom in Chinese in case I ever find her. I have this little box, I guess, that I put it in. And then I took a picture of it, of the outside design and the inside design just in case I ever lose it so I could rewrite it."

If she ever meets her birth parents, Zoi knows the first thing she will do.

"I would give them the note," she says, "and then I would wonder if you guys had any other children...It would be like I was giving them an interview, kind of."
She plans to search for them when she's older.

"It's not 100 percent that we're going to find them," Zoi says. "But we can still try."



Zoi with her parents