

*Welcome to Our Story...*



Tim & Dee

Tim

Dee

Blaine

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce ourselves and share a little about our family. Our names are Tim and Dee, and we live in Washington state. We have a strong marriage built on a supportive partnership, a wonderful home, and are excited about completing our family through adoption. Our son Blaine is nearly three and **LOVES** interacting with other children. He can't wait to have a younger sibling!



With Auntie and Cousin



With his regular playmates and cousin

# About Us

Our story begins when we were set up on a blind date in 2007 by a mutual acquaintance.



Both of us had been waiting quite a while for the right one to come along, and suddenly, we had found our best friend and partner in life.



We wish you didn't have to be in such a difficult place right now. We also know that we wouldn't be able to become parents without you.

## Why Adoption?

See, when we were dating we discussed that we were open to growing our family through adoption. For us, adoption was always something we were excited about! What we didn't know at the time was that we would probably not have any other options. After we got married we found out we couldn't have children without IVF. After a couple rounds of this, with very low odds of success, we had our son. However, due to complications after the delivery, we are not able to have another pregnancy. To be able to complete our family through the adoption of a child would mean the world to us. We know that this new child will be a heaven-sent gift. We're looking forward to hearing more about you and your dreams for your child.

Blaine likes to help Mommy at work



# About Dee from Tim's Perspective

At the pumpkin patch



Riding the kids' train

Shooting photos in Argentina



Dee' in our backyard garden

Dee makes the very best cookies!



I can't imagine my life without Dee. She is a thoughtful, kind, compassionate person and a wonderful Mom. Dee works part time as a nurse practitioner at her own clinic, which means that our son can join her during the day, which he loves. Having a nanny also allows her to concentrate on her patients as needed while still getting plenty of 'Mommy-son' time in with Blaine. There's even a play area made especially for kids to enjoy! The flexibility is great, because she can be home with the kids at least 4 - 5 days a week. (With a new baby, she'll be taking a 9 week maternity leave, though) Her favorite days are spent taking our son to the park, making crafts, baking cookies, playing ball and going to playgroups with other Moms. Dee enjoys cooking, running, swing and other dancing, baking, tending to her vegetable garden, and reading.

I couldn't imagine a better partner in life. Tim is intelligent, always up for an adventure, and has a great sense of humor. He cracks me up daily. Tim is a great Dad to Blaine. He is calm, even-keeled, a hard worker and very loyal to family and friends. Tim works in the legal department for a town nearby, where he enjoys making a difference for the citizens he serves. About three years ago, he left a job in the big city for a position at a smaller city that offers lots of work flexibility, paternity leave, stable health care and great benefits. He is always home for family dinner time and has lots of time for fun family activities on the weekends. He enjoys art, hiking in the Cascades, Alaska, and Colorado, reading, travel, and doing handyman tasks fixing things.



Taking Blaine for a bike ride

## About Tim from Dee's Perspective



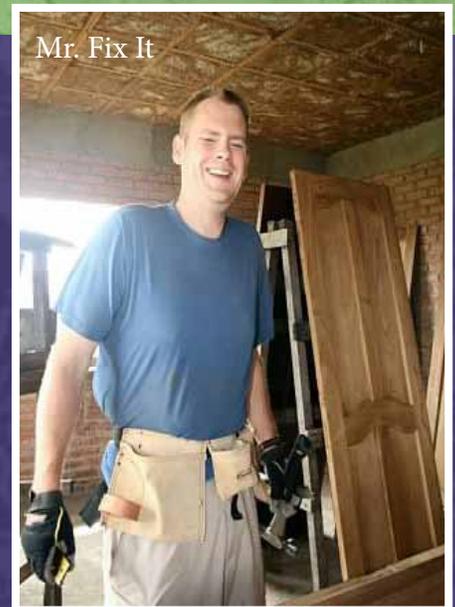
Daddy time playing Legos



Hiking in the mountains



Watering our blueberries



Mr. Fix It

What a smile!



# Blaine

Blaine is nearly 3. He is a very happy boy who loves other children and is fascinated with babies. Blaine enjoys going to play-dates, setting up train tracks, is obsessed with trucks and his toy tool sets, likes reading books, puzzles, and learning Spanish. He also loves going to music classes (Daddy loves classical, and Mommy loves all types...she used to play piano!)

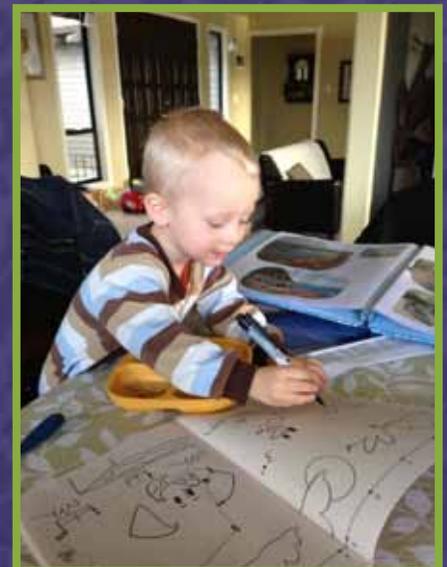
Playing trucks at bilingual playgroup



Fun times with friends



Storytime with Uncle



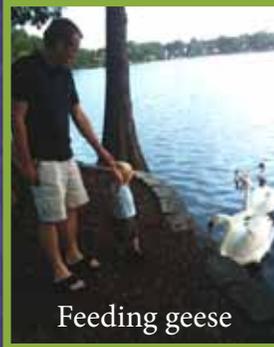
Practicing connect-the-dots

# Our Home

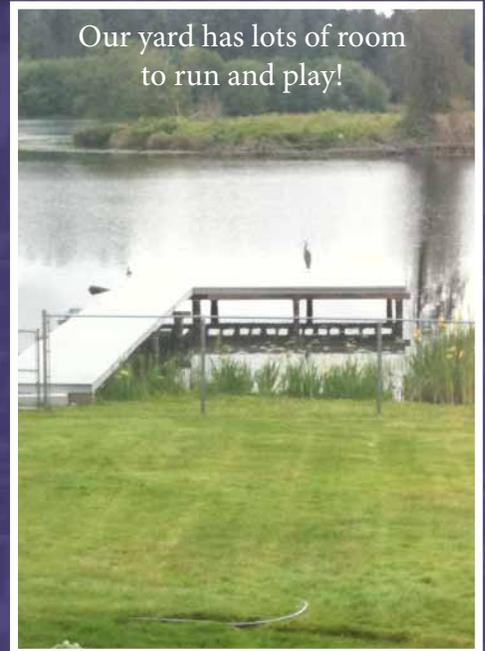
This year we moved into our dream house on a lake



Our home is located in a quiet neighborhood next to a beautiful little lake where we enjoy stunning sunrises, and is fully fenced. We have a garden where we grow fresh vegetables during the summer. Our friend's children love to come over for Tim to row them in our rowboat around to enjoy the bald eagles and the ducks. Kids also love to swim and go fishing in the lake.



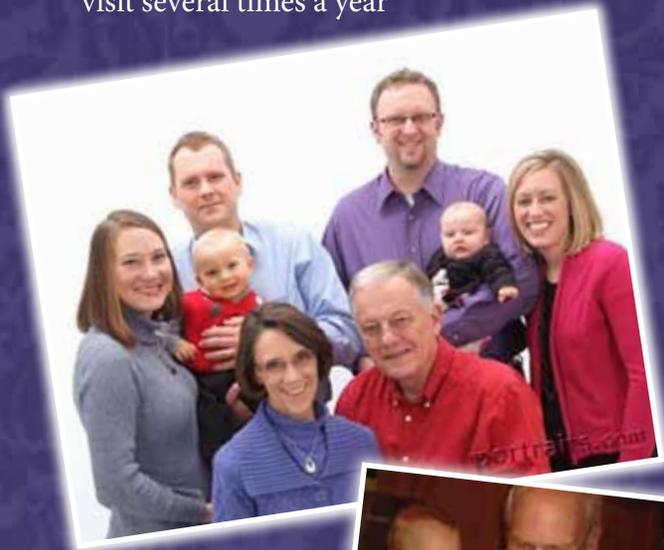
Our yard has lots of room to run and play!



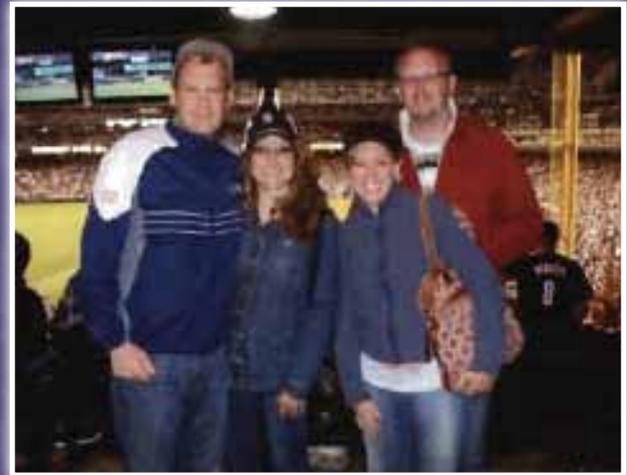
Although we enjoy quiet times at home, we also like having friends and family join us

We live in a safe neighborhood near families originally from Nigeria, China, Korea, Ireland, and other countries. We also have quite a few Latino friends who we speak Spanish with from time to time, so our family is exposed to a variety of cultural influences. There are trails within blocks and several parks within walking distance. We also live near a major metropolitan area with access to universities and the Arts. Some of the things we enjoy locally are farmer's markets and fairs, a great library, a wonderful school district, and an adorable downtown and beach area.

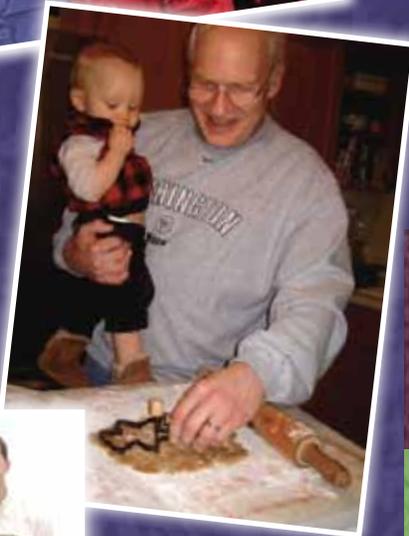
Tim's parents live in the midwest, but visit several times a year



Tim's sister and husband at the baseball game



Grandpa making gingerbread cookies at Christmas



Dee's family

Grandma and Grandpa live only ten minutes away



# Our Family

Dee's parents live close by and love being grandparents. Grandma often hosts fun parties like Cinco de Mayo or Chinese New Year. Tim's parents currently visit two or three times a year, but have recently retired and soon plan to live half the year in our area. Until then, we Skype with them weekly. We have two nieces and a nephew who we see regularly and adore. Our youngest niece was adopted in 2011, and our extended family is so excited to add another child through adoption!

We are a couple who enjoy each other's company. Every evening, we sit down for our family dinner to talk about our day together. On the weekends, we go hiking, to the zoo, or the county fair. Both of us love participating in sports and watching our favorite football teams (although Tim as a Minnesota Gopher usually won't cheer for my favorite team the Gators!) in the fall. We love to celebrate birthdays and special occasions with family and friends.

# Our Hobbies



Riding bikes



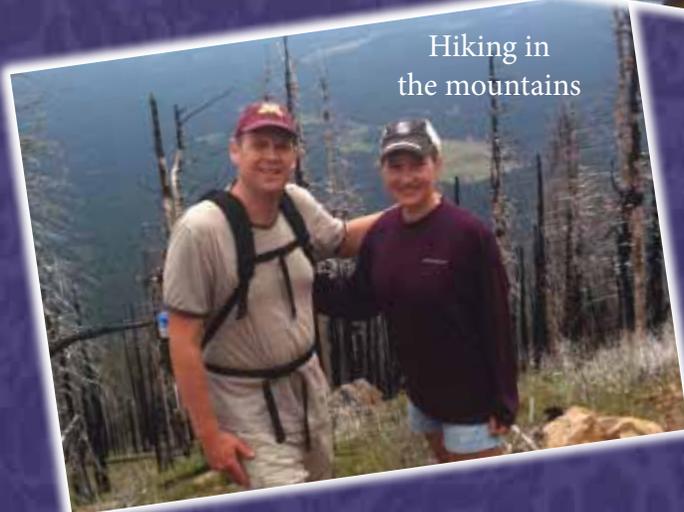
Blaine meeting a horse at the county fair



Watching animals at the zoo



Fun at the beach



Hiking in the mountains

# Our Faith

Our Christian faith is important to us. We attend a wonderful church. It is a loving, friendly congregation with people of European, Hispanic, Asian, and African American heritage that serves those in need in our community.



Some of the things we have been involved with are helping the homeless and helping with construction and medical projects for an orphanage our church works with in Mexico.



# Traditions

We celebrate plenty of fun-filled holidays with our friends and family, like Christmas, birthdays, and Easter!

Christmas time!



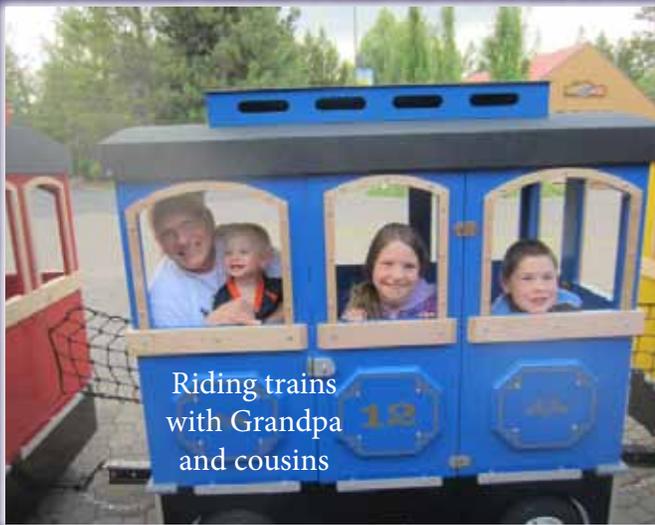
Pinata party in the garage



Hunting for Easter eggs



# Snapshots



Riding trains with Grandpa and cousins

Vroom vroom!



Halloween



Dee at the lake with friends



"Faster!"



First pony ride



Dee and friends at work



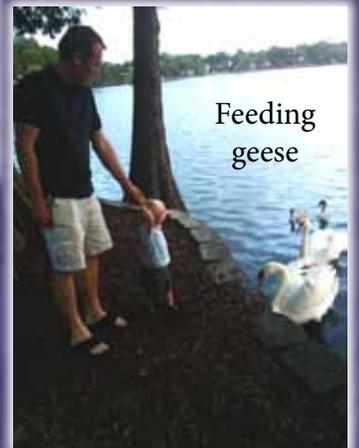
Mowing the lawn



Visiting the fire station



Fresh veggies for dinner!



Feeding geese

# Our Adventures

One thing we love to do is travel and see new places. In the past we've traveled to Puerto Rico, Argentina, San Diego, Florida, and Mexico. We hope to share these experiences with our newest little one when they are older. We hope to raise children who have an appreciation for cultures throughout the world and have great compassion for others.



Providing a quality education for our children is important to us. Both of us worked hard, but had our family's encouragement in obtaining our graduate degrees. We will support the individuality of your child's gifts and interests to help him or her achieve her goals.



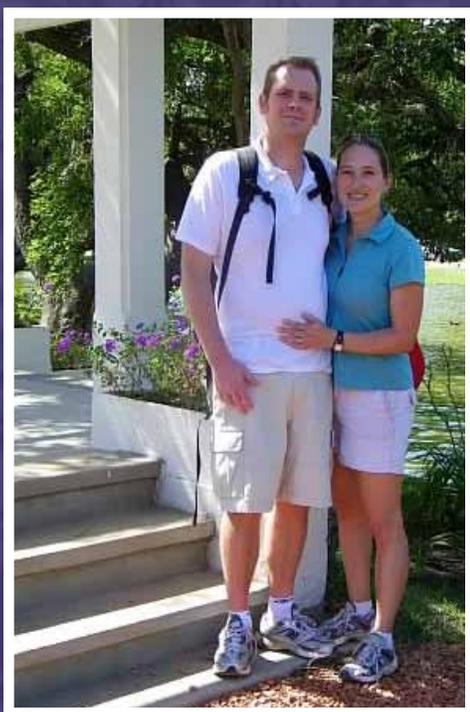
We are open to as much or little contact as you feel comfortable with. We can meet you before the birth if you like and can send photos and updates in the way that works best for you.

# Our Hopes

In 2011



# Our Promise



We will provide a stable, loving home with lots of hugs. We will teach our children respect, honesty, kindness, responsibility, compassion for others, and empathy. We will support our children in whatever their interests and talents are and will help them achieve all their educational goals, including college if they desire. Adoption will always be part of the story, and they will know that they have not one, but two mothers who love them very much. We will strive to always be worthy of the sacrifices you have made and the trust you have placed in us. We will honor you. This is our pledge.

*Wishing you peace  
and blessings  
in your life,*



Tim & Dee

*Thanks for Reading..*

We are so looking forward to a little one joining our family. There is plenty of love in our home to share. If you'd like to learn more, please contact our adoption professional.