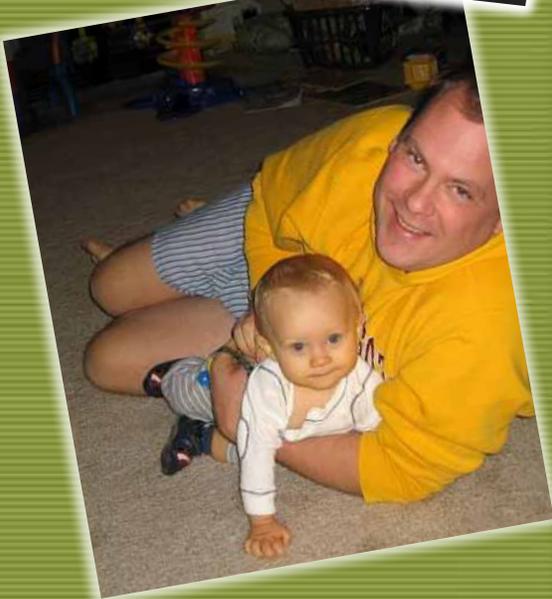


Welcome to Our Story...



Tim & Dee

Dee

Tim

Blaine

In 2011

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 two and LOVES interacting with other children. He can't wait to have a younger sibling!



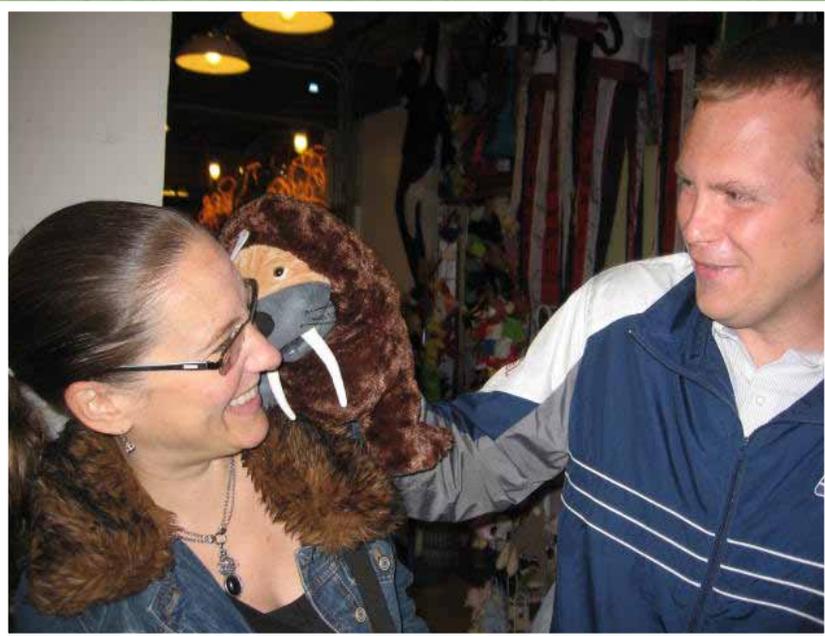
With Auntie and Cousin



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've now been married four very happy years.



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. 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, vegetable gardening, 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 2. 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, playing with Tonka trucks and his toy tool sets, reading books, puzzles, and learning Spanish.

Playing trucks at bilingual playgroup



Fun times with friends



Storytime with Uncle



“Who should I pet first?”

Our Home

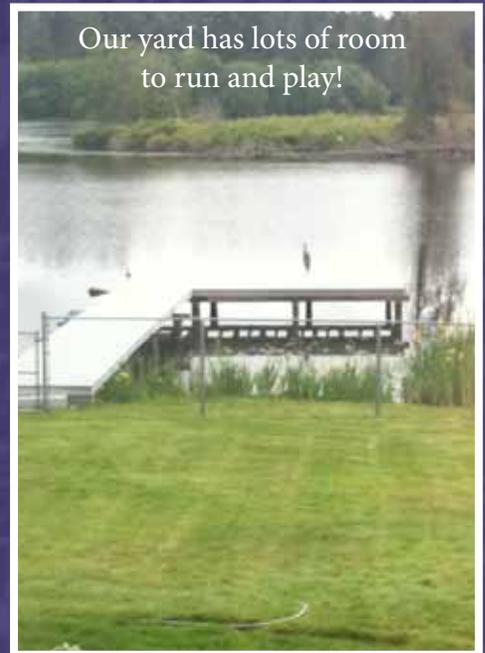
This year we moved into our dream house on a lake



Our home is located in a quiet neighborhood next to a beautiful little lake where we enjoy stunning sunrises. 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.



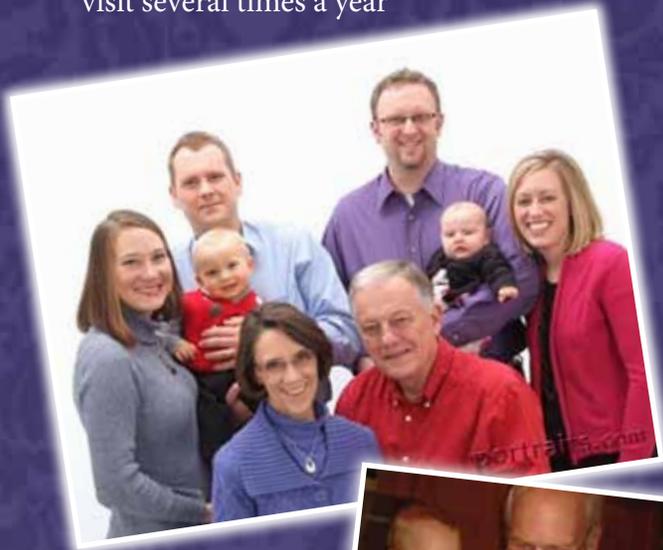
Our yard has lots of room to run and play!



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, 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.

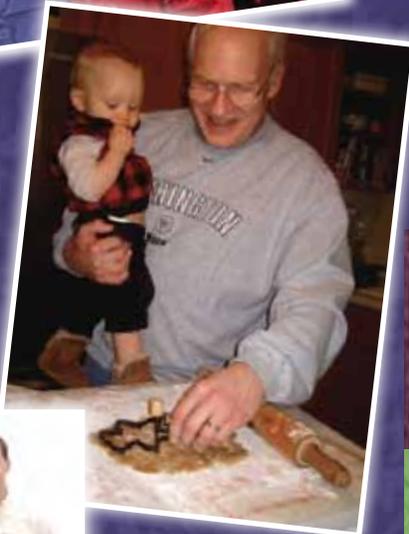
Tim's parents live in the midwest, but visit several times a year



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.

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 celebrate birthdays and special occasions with family and friends.

Our Hobbies



Riding bikes

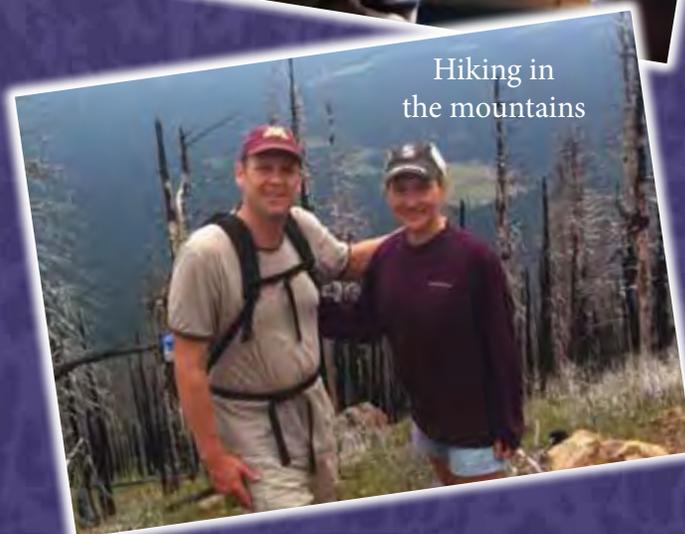


Blaine meeting a horse at the county fair

Watching animals at the zoo



Exploring a cornfield



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!

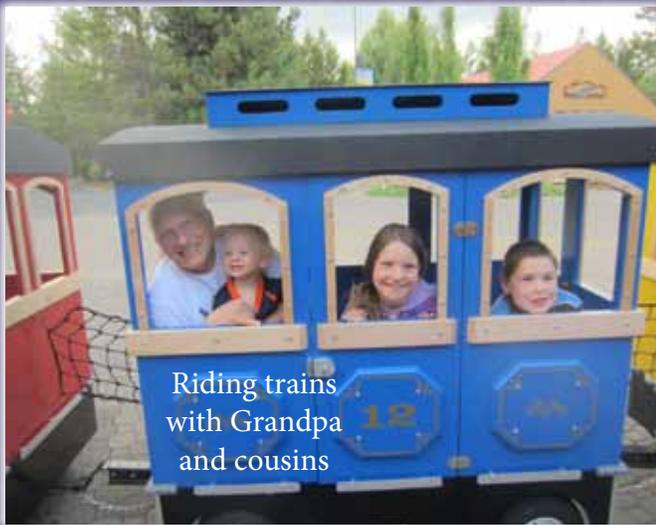


Pinata party in the garage

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 would love to meet you, be there for you at the birth if you wish, and to provide photos and updates via email or the agency, per your preference.

Our Hopes



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. 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 are looking forward to hearing more about you and your dreams for your child.

*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.