Tim + Kristi

About us

A play, a castle, a ring… Our story starts as kids meeting in theater class. We grew up onstage together, until one year, Kristi joined Tim's family on a trip to Disney World. Near Cinderella's Castle, romance blossomed! Now we've been married for 15 years. We are forever best friends, committed for life, and still love Disney trips.

We love to laugh. Late nights playing Mario, board games (Kristi usually wins), racquetball, day trips, travel to amazing places—we see life as an adventure. Christ is our cornerstone, and His love inspires us to love others: we volunteer at church, sponsor children internationally, and help others in our community. We can "adult" with the best of them, but we're also laid-back and enjoy being silly.

Tim is a novelist and editor with a doctorate in English. He's also on staff with a Tier One university, where he's taught writing in the past. He works hard, and loves new experiences—he's summitted the highest Rocky Mountain, explored Yucatan cenotes, and swum with a school of whale sharks. Kristi is happy at home with coffee, a blanket, and a Sudoku book, but is just as hard-working. A beloved preschool teacher for many years, she's now a stay-at-home Mom. Kristi loves keeping up-to-date with friends and family, Bible study, and binge-watching Netflix.

In addition to our teaching backgrounds, we have 11 years of parenting experience raising our three sons, who are all eager to dote on a little sister. We've been blessed with financial security, and we have an established, happy, and loving home in place, ready to welcome a daughter.

Favorites

	Tim	Kristi
Occupation	Writer/editor	Stay-at-home mom/homeschool teacher
Education	Ph.D.	High school
Color	Green	Purple
Movie	Star Wars	The Notebook
Holiday	Christmas	Christmas
Vacation spot	Hawaii	Disney World
Food	Key lime pie	Coconut shrimp
Hobbies	Reading, camping, video games	Crafting, photography, watching TV
Music	Rock / beach country	Praise music / '80s pop
Childhood memory	Vacations with my family	Camping with my grandparents
Bible verse	Micah 6:8: *"This is what the Lord requires of you: To seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."*	Jer. 29:11: "'*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'*"

About Kristi

(by Tim)

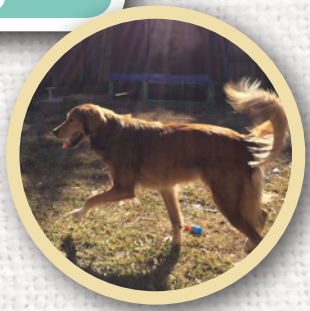
Kristi has this remarkable ability to make every person feel valued and special. She's creative and artistic, and she comes up with the neatest family activities. She likes to be silly with the kids—I love to hear them all laughing! The kids come alive with her and thrive on her unconditional love. Kristi can be reserved with new people, but she's "mama bear" when needed—fiercely loyal and protective. She's always thinking of others, whether sneaking out to mow the lawn for me or writing notes for the kids' lunches. Kristi is an excellent cook, and musical, too—always singing, staying upbeat, and making our home a happy, sweet place to be. Kristi is such a gift to everyone who knows her, and has more love to give her family than anyone I've ever met.

About Tim

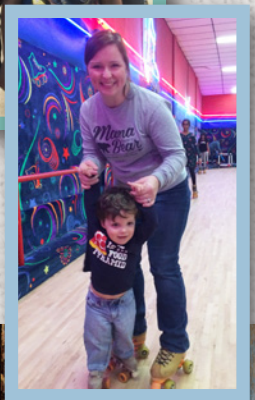
(by Kristi)

Tim is super smart and accomplished, but also down to earth. He has such a tender heart—he goes on mission trips, writes letters to our sponsored kids, and asks our waiters in restaurants how we can pray for them. Tim is a peacemaker, gentle and patient, and helps our children talk things through. He models servant leadership and has served in children's ministry for years. Tim has a diligent work ethic but mostly works from home, which means lots of time with us. The kids adore playing with him… he'll make up fun stories, carry them around on his back, or take them on adventures like special "dad and me" camping trips. Tim is an amazing father to our boys, and I know he will be a wonderful daddy to a little girl.

Our home & community



Our home has 2 stories, 4 bedrooms, and a shady backyard with a fort, swings, trampoline, and covered patio. Kristi loves to decorate the house for the current season and holiday traditions. Our home is kept clean, but not a place for white gloves; it's a place for giggling, pillow fights, and hide-and-go-seek. We live in a nice, tree-lined neighborhood with a diverse mix of people, and playgrounds and walking trails are nearby.



We're actively involved in our church, which is welcoming, missional, and Bible-based, with a terrific children's ministry. We live in a major cultural hub with all the opportunities of big city life, but the delights of the great outdoors are close by. We join community events, such as parades, pumpkin patches, and the state fair, and we make memories with good friends (some of whom were adopted), such as Easter egg hunts in the spring and door-to-door Christmas caroling each winter.

Our family

We have three boys—age 11, 6, and 3—and we're proud of how kind, brave, and creative they are. We tailor our parenting to each child's needs; one thrives in homeschool, another in public school. Our family is a mix of "always on the move"… vacations, activities, friends, and church… and "happy at home," whether playing in the backyard, grilling burgers, or riding bikes. We LOVE doing things together, and we read to our kids and pray as a family daily. We enjoy traveling but also local activities—zoos, museums, state parks, playgrounds, movies…. Also, we have a Golden Retriever mix from the shelter, a sweet, playful dog that lives for belly rubs and family walks.

Both sides of the family live nearby, so we have a built-in support network of two sets of grandparents, plus aunts, uncles, and cousins (and many close friends). We see family often, and everyone is so excited and supportive about adoption. In fact, both of Tim's sisters were adopted, so our adopted child will have that in common with two of her aunts and can talk with them about it anytime. His sisters have a mixed ethnic background, as do other members of our extended family; our adopted child will likewise be loved and welcomed for who she is, while honoring the importance of her cultural heritage.

Our boys with Kristi's parents and Tim's parents

Kristi's sister and her fiancé

Celebrating Christmas with Tim's siblings & sister-in-law

Dear friends of ours from church

Dyeing eggs – an Easter tradition

Fun at Disneyland

Our "chipmunks" dressed up for a fall festival

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to get to know us. Our kids are the light of our lives, and our faith and family are the most important things to us. We believe in laughter, grace, and gathering memories more than we gather stuff. God's love and mercy lead us in better times and harder ones. We raise our children to stand firm for what's right, to leave this world a kinder place, and to find the beauty that surrounds us if we look for it.

Our sons are eager to play with and love on a little sister, as the Three Amigos—protective big brothers—become the Fantastic Four. We want nothing more than to wrap a daughter into a life of love and joy. We want to encourage who she is, raise her to embrace and value every part of her unique story and heritage, and give her the foundation to accomplish her goals, whatever those are—because our greatest dream is to help our children reach theirs.

We are praying for you, that God would bless you with peace and clear direction. Thanks for reading.

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What adoption means to us

We've had adoption on our hearts since before we were married, having seen it first-hand: Tim with his sisters, Kristi with her best friend. Through three births and a miscarriage, the desire to adopt never left us. We see adoption as a loving, miraculous part of our family's story, as it is of the adopted child's. We believe it's a beautiful reflection of what God has done for us, adopting us into His family, and our hearts are full of love for any child that we have the privilege to raise.