

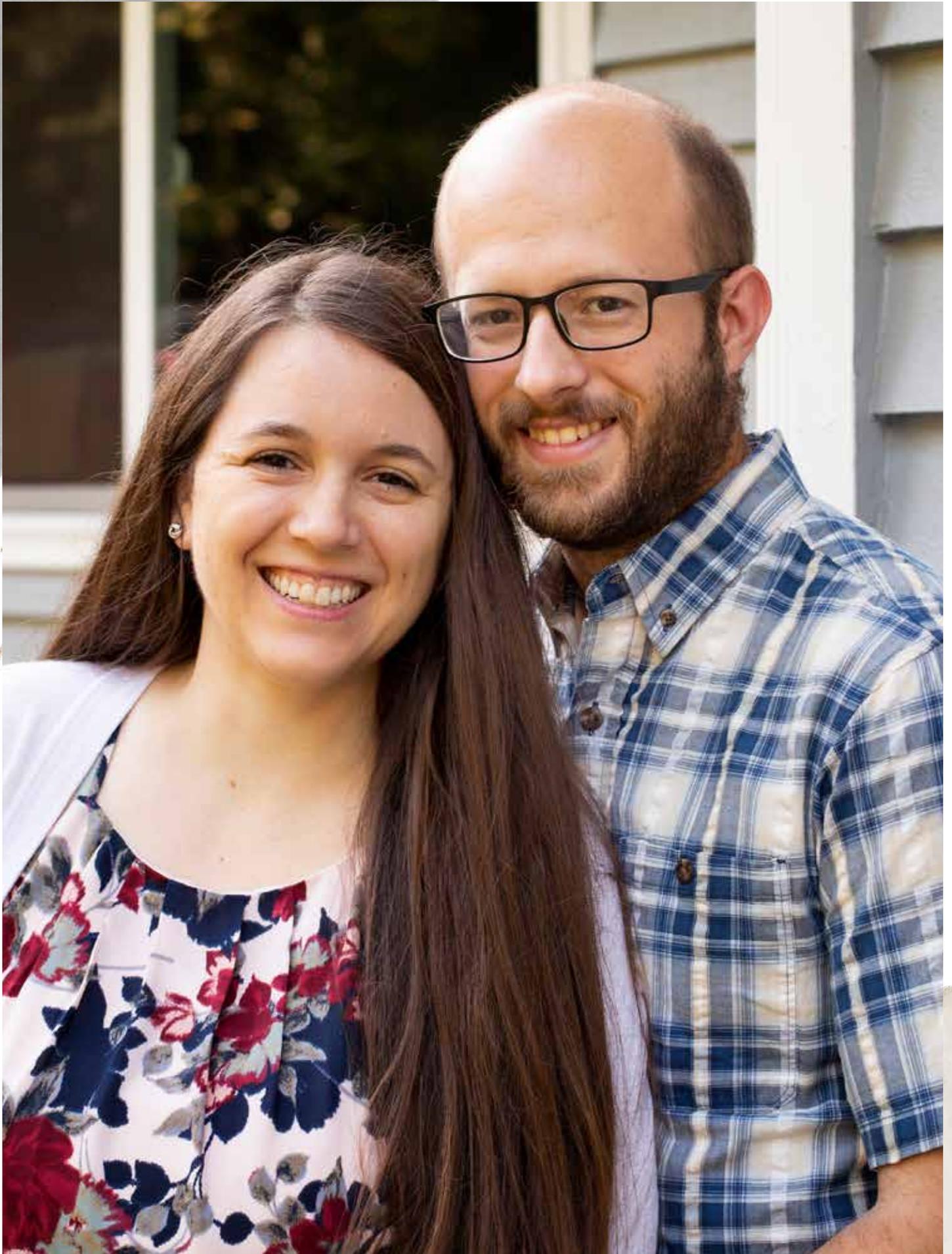


TERRY AND SABRINA

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FOR OPENING
OUR BOOK







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SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU

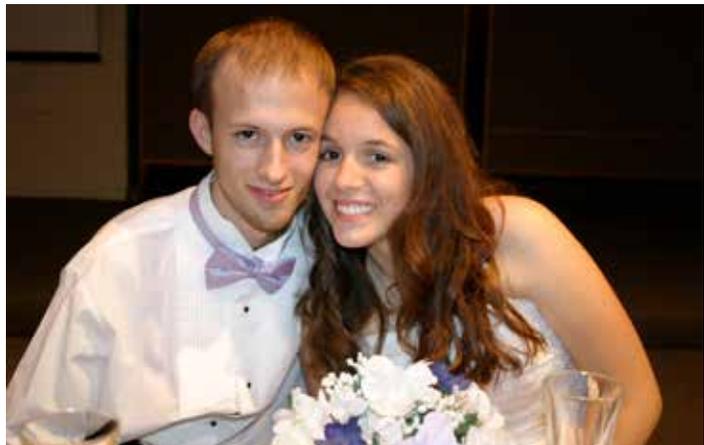
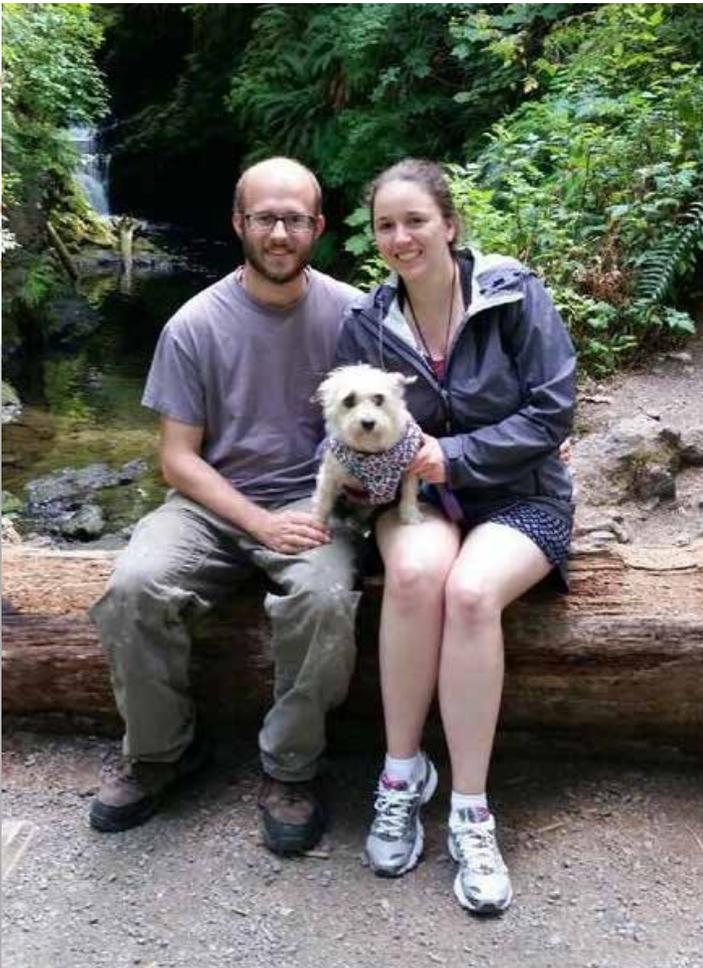
Welcome to our family book! **It is such an honor that you would consider looking at our book and possibly allow your precious little one to become part of our family.** We are Terry and Sabrina, from the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Terry is 35 years old and has worked as a Meter Inspector for a company since graduating from tech school. Sabrina is 33 years old and is in her 9th year teaching kindergarten (always have taught the little ones!). We have a dog Pepper and no children currently. We appreciate the time you are taking to travel down this difficult path and we cannot imagine how hard this must be for you!

Our journey in choosing adoption is because of Sabrina's endometriosis and we do not feel that Sabrina's body could handle a pregnancy. We have always known we wanted children and through prayer and planning, we feel we are ready to take this next step in our lives! **We are excited to bring a child/children into our lives to love them and care for them.** Spending time with family is a big part of who we are and we can't wait for our children to experience this as well.

We want to thank you for considering us and we want you to know that no matter what future you choose for you and your child, you truly will be supported and loved, and we want you to feel comfortable with whatever decision you make. **We look forward to the possibility of getting to know you and being a part of this journey.** You are in our hearts and will be praying for you. Thank you for reading our book.

WITH LOVE,

Sabrina + Terry





OUR Story

Even though we grew up in the same town, we didn't meet until high school when we were set up on a blind date to play tennis. We never expected that a match on the court would lead to us finding our perfect match for life. We ended up going to homecoming together, and we've been inseparable ever since! Terry would go over to Sabrina's house every day. Whether it was an afternoon doing homework, walking a trail nearby, or dinner with Sabrina's family, we loved being together. **We brought balance to each other with Sabrina being more outgoing, unafraid to take the lead, and Terry being more shy, laid-back, and hardworking.** Terry would leave Sabrina little notes of encouragement to brighten her day and show her how much he cared for her, and Sabrina was the first to say "I love you" out loud. After a year and a half of dating, Terry proposed in our favorite park where we often went to talk and dream together. We were married in the church Sabrina grew up in, surrounded by family and friends a year later.

In 14 years of marriage, we have built our life together based on faith, family, and unwavering commitment to one another. Our trust in God has carried us through times of uncertainty, and we remain each other's greatest support in all circumstances. While we love a good adventure, we find joy in the simple days at home with our dog, Pepper. We love to tend to our growing garden or pull out a pile of board games to play. **No matter our age or season of life, we choose to love each other more each day.** We know we can always count on each other, love spending time together, and we're excited to be taking this next step in our lives to grow our family!







WHY WE ARE *adopting*

We have always wanted to have a family, but the road to get here hasn't been easy. Sabrina was diagnosed with endometriosis, which can cause pain and infertility. After a successful surgery a few years ago, we are grateful she is healthy and pain-free. Pregnancy is possible, however, there are still risks that could affect Sabrina's health, as well as the possibility that this diagnosis could be passed on genetically. We considered many different options, but ultimately decided it was best for us to pursue ways to grow our family that would help protect both Sabrina's health and our future child's. While this was hard to process at first, we came to a very healthy and peaceful place through prayer and counseling. **When we officially decided to adopt, we were all-in, ready, and excited to start the journey!** We hope to have an open adoption with regular letters, photos, and updates throughout the year. It's important to us that our son or daughter know their story and as parents, we want to leave the door open so that they can better understand, be empowered, and pursue the type of relationship they want to have as they get older. We believe this is a healthy way to start, and will always support and encourage them as their own journey unfolds.



Friends Say I Am: Thoughtful, giving, can see potential in people

Favorite Book: Chicken Soup For The Soul series

Favorite Plant: Asparagus Fern and Rose Bushes

Favorite Place On Earth: Sandy beaches

Favorite Memory: Bringing our dog Pepper home

I am Inspired By: Family and close friends with long-lasting marriages

MEET *Sabrina*

A perfect day for me would include sipping mint tea, board games with Terry, and snuggling our dog Pepper. **My love-language is giving, and while it sounds clichè I truly enjoy doing things to brighten someone else's day!** Sometimes that is little things like dropping off coffee to a friend who had a rough day, sharing a treat I made, or setting up meal trains for friends going through a hard time. One thing I love to give my time and creativity to is planning weddings, which has become a fun hobby! It's such a special day that can be full of stress, and I want them to enjoy their celebration! I've helped plan four weddings so far and can't wait to do more. I love animals of all kinds and sponsor an elephant named Shukuru in Kenya. I advocate for healthy farming and believe it is important to cultivate environments and practices that help animals thrive. **I enjoy cooking and gardening, staying active, and love dresses so much I wear one almost every day!**

I am a kindergarten teacher and I am very passionate about my work. Some of my greatest moments as a teacher are being able to support my students and be their safe place. Not all of my students receive the care and nurturing they need at home, and being able to fill those gaps has been so special to me. Knowing the amount of love I have for each child who walks in my class, I can only imagine the depth of love I will feel as a mom. I can't wait to teach our son or daughter how to cook, garden, read, and celebrate who they are every day in our home. **I look forward to the holiday traditions filled with Easter egg hunts, Thanksgiving dinners, decorating the Christmas tree, as well as the everyday simplicities of family walks with our dog, movie nights on the couch, and exploring nature.** I'm so excited to be on this journey to motherhood!



Hobbies:

Animals • Plants & gardening • Cooking • Swimming & the beach • Walks in nature



Friends Say I Am: Intellectual, a problem-solver, willing to try new things

Favorite Book: The Wheel Of Time series

Favorite Plant: Strawberry plants

Favorite Place On Earth: The woods

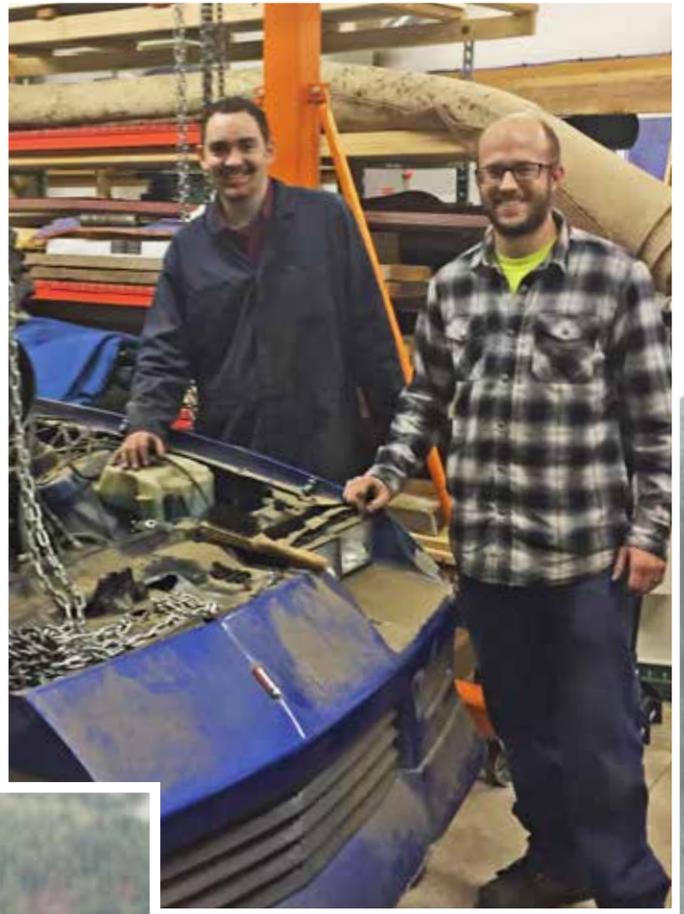
Favorite Memory: S'mores around the campfire with family

I am Inspired By: Success of others and dedication to family

MEET Terry

I have always been a problem-solver and the type to think outside the box. This led to a love of science and technology, and soon after I graduated from technical college I took a job with a natural gas company. With technology constantly changing, my job never gets boring and I enjoy the new challenges it brings. In my free time, I like being creative and working on different projects. One fun hobby I have is working on a series of fictional novels and board games with Sabrina's brother. I think it is important to hear different perspectives and be open to new ideas, so I like reading books and listening to different podcasts on all kinds of topics. I grew up going camping, fishing, and being outdoors and still have a strong connection to the woods and nature. A few years ago I started gardening, and it has become a passion of mine. I built garden beds for our home and enjoy growing different foods. **No matter what I'm doing, you can often find me with a good cup of coffee close by, my favorite beverage any time of day. Most of all, I love my family, spending time with Sabrina, and our dog, Pepper.**

I've always been a family guy, and looked forward to the day we would start our own. I have many fond memories of family vacations, camping trips, family dinners, and playing with my sisters and cousins growing up. My dad read me the book *The Hobbit* as a kid, and ever since then I've loved to read. With two sisters and now three nephews and a niece, I'm not afraid to play anything from Legos to Barbies. I love getting to spend time doing different activities with the kids. **I'm excited about becoming a dad and investing in our son or daughter in a way that helps them grow into the person they are meant to be. I want to share in whatever interests they have, pass on my own, and provide a stable, loving environment for our family to thrive.**



Hobbies: Computers • Hiking • Reading • Creating • Gardening



Sabrina IN TERRY'S WORDS

"Sabrina adds light to my day and meaning to my life. She's the person I trust the most and cares deeply about other people's feelings. Sabrina has a loving and nurturing nature making her great with children. She is a talented teacher, setting rules and boundaries while also giving her kids voice and room to grow. She instills a love of learning, and no matter where we go kids just seem drawn to her. She's going to be a great mom!"

Terry IN SABRINA'S WORDS

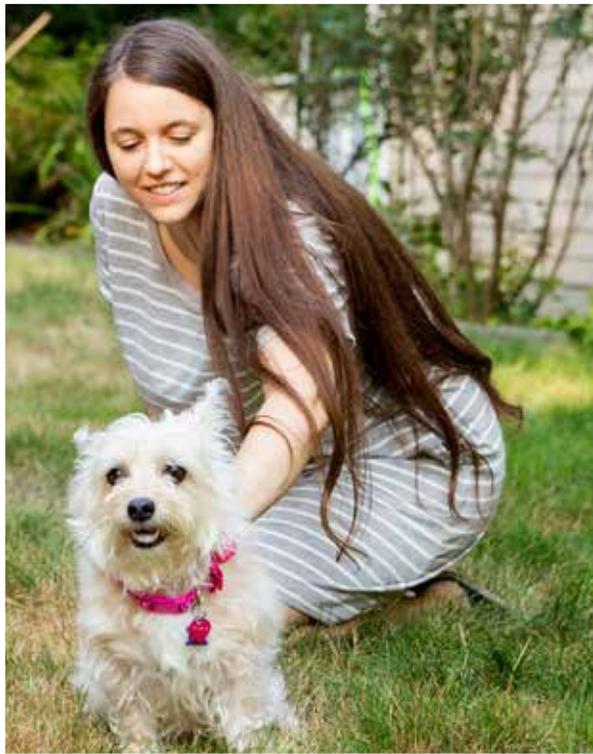
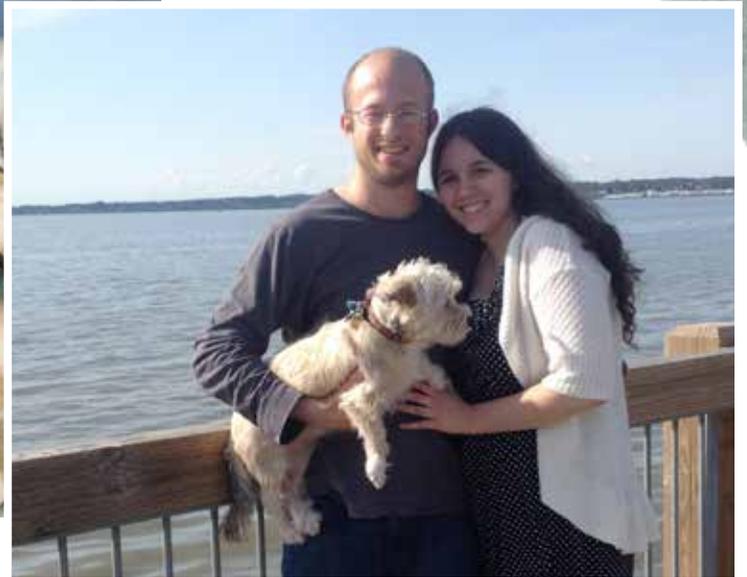
"Terry is hard-working, caring, attentive, and the most patient person I know. I can trust him with anything, and he is my greatest support. As I've watched him over the years with our niece, nephews, and friends' kids, I know he's going to make an amazing, hands-on dad! Terry is a good listener, always willing to hear different perspectives, and I know that this will help him be understanding with our child and teach them to do the same with others."





MEET *Pepper*

Our 8 year old terrier mix! **She is a sweetheart who loves to go on walks with us and be near Sabrina as much as possible.** Pepper truly enjoys company. Whenever we have family or friends over, she always gets a little sad after they leave. One of her favorite things is jumping into a pile of blankets fresh from the dryer. She's been raised around the neighborhood kids and is great around them. Pepper is an important part of our family. She goes on vacations with us, and most of our outdoor outings. **We know she's going to be great with our little one and we are excited to see how they bond!**

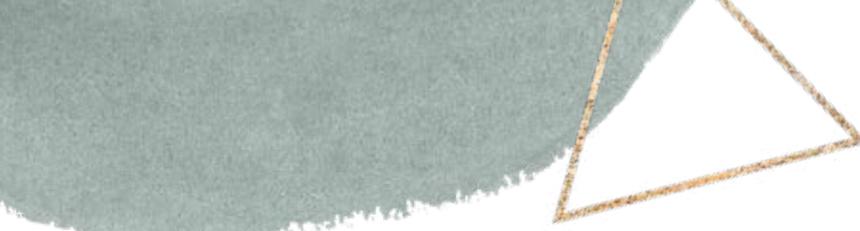




OUR *Home*

We live in a one story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a beautiful area of Washington. We love the amount of natural light that pours into our home and have a minimalist style, while still maintaining lots of warmth and welcoming vibes. You'll always find cozy blankets on the couch and lots of plants in the kitchen catching sun rays. **Over the years we have updated and remodeled different areas, truly making this house our home. We've loved getting to work on the sweetest room in the house, the nursery.** The walls are painted yellow and the overall theme is Peter Rabbit with several framed prints already hung up. There are many personal touches throughout the room like a handmade Moses basket from Africa, a rocking chair from Sabrina's childhood, and a growing collection of books. We can't wait for many more memories in our home to be made!





OUR LIFE *Together*

OUR FAITH

Our Christian faith and values are an important part of our lives that began for us both as children and has continued throughout adulthood. We enjoy attending and being a part of church, Bible studies, and prayer groups that help us to grow spiritually. **Our faith has helped guide us through difficult seasons, encouraged and given us hope, and guides us to love others well.** We look forward to teaching our child about the love of Jesus and helping them grow in their understanding of who He is. We are excited for them to be involved in activities like vacation Bible school and youth group, and hope to model what it means to live a Christian life.

GARDENING

One thing we both love to do is gardening! Terry's sister and brother-in-law taught us how to start our own garden. The more we went plant shopping with them, the more we fell in love with it. There's no such thing as too many plants, and we've cultivated a little oasis both indoors and in our own backyard. **We are passionate about creating a sustainable food source and style of living for our family, and love watching our plants and garden grow over time.** Both of us grew up gardening in some way, so it has brought back fond memories for us, and we're excited to continue this with our little one.





OUR COMMUNITY

One of our favorite things about where we live in Washington is we get to experience all four seasons and outdoor, family friendly activities. In the winter there are places to ski and snowshoe, an outdoor movie theater in the summer, pumpkin patches in the fall, and lots of hiking trails and camping areas for the warmer months. **With both the ocean and the mountains nearby, we don't have to travel far to experience beauty and adventures outdoors.** Our annual trips to the beach and the cabin give us the best of both worlds, and we cannot wait to share these memories with our child! On a typical weekend, we take Pepper on walks or hikes with us, play board games, watch movies together, and love spending time with our family close by. Our town has a strong sense of community and is far enough away from the hustle and bustle of the city, while still offering plenty of opportunities. We have fantastic schools and Sabrina teaches nearby. **There's no shortage of sports and creative arts classes, and we can't wait to raise our family and make memories here.**

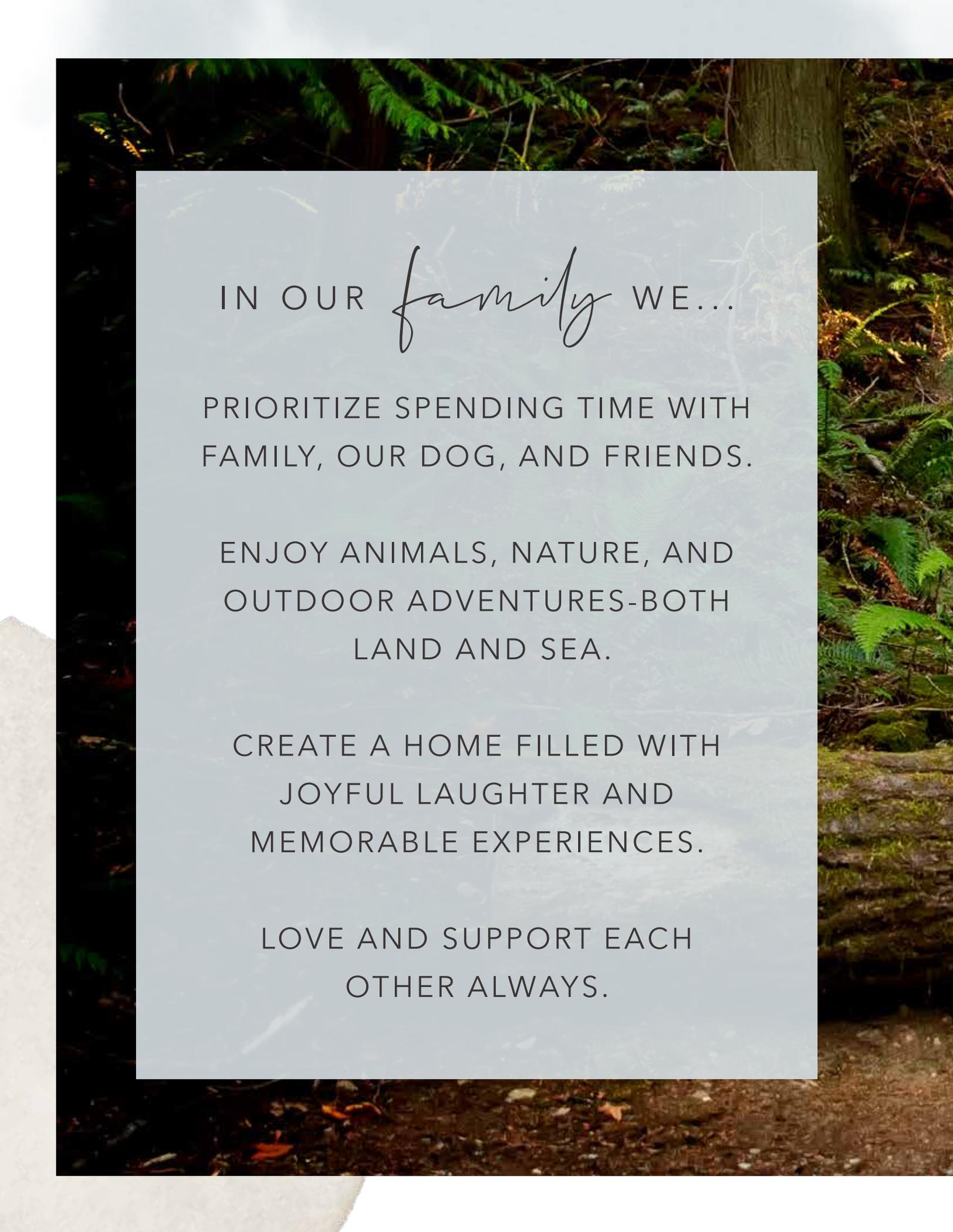
MEET OUR *families*

SABRINA'S FAMILY: My brother and his wife, who we are close with, live in our town and we see them at least once a month. We love doing different activities together like hiking, painting classes, game nights, or catching up over dinner. They are going to be a great uncle and aunt and are excited to be involved in our child's life! My mom lives in our hometown and we enjoy getting to visit with her a few times a year. She's excited to be a grandmother and has already started buying gifts for the baby! **While my immediate family is small, I am grateful we are surrounded by friends who are like family to us.** At my school I have a close-knit group of coworkers and we love to go on walks together, meet together for prayer, and support each other far beyond our classrooms. On the weekends we often hang out with our best friends and their little girl, always finding fun things to do in our community. **Family or friend, we have so much support and love for our little one already!**





MEET TERRY'S FAMILY: Most of Terry's family lives in our hometown as well, including his mom and stepdad, dad and his girlfriend, younger sister, brother-in-law, and their two boys. **When we are in town we enjoy family dinners, playing with our nephews, listening to Terry's dad who is a huge history buff, and a yearly crabbing trip to Whidbey Island. They are all so excited to be a part of this journey with us!** Terry's oldest sister, brother-in-law, and their son and daughter live within a couple of hours from us and we are incredibly close with them. We see them a few times a month and love to cook and shop together, do a family friendly activity in our area, and always look forward to our beach and cabin trips together each year. **We love that our little one will grow up with cousins around, and can't wait for all the sweet memories our families will make together.**



IN OUR *family* WE...

PRIORITIZE SPENDING TIME WITH
FAMILY, OUR DOG, AND FRIENDS.

ENJOY ANIMALS, NATURE, AND
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES-BOTH
LAND AND SEA.

CREATE A HOME FILLED WITH
JOYFUL LAUGHTER AND
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES.

LOVE AND SUPPORT EACH
OTHER ALWAYS.



before YOU GO...

We cannot express how grateful we are that you took the time to look through our book and we hope that it gave you a little more insight as to who we are and what kind of life your child would have with us. **We hope to provide a stable and loving home full of opportunities to try new things, travel to new parks and beaches, and learn how to love others and understand they would have a family that loves them.**

If you were to choose us, we promise to provide and commit to the following for your child:

- A **loving home** where they know they will always be supported, loved, encouraged, and listened to
- To support their interests and talents, while also **encouraging them to try new things**
- An **importance for education** and supporting them through their educational career
- To encourage a **Godly walk with Jesus** through church, prayer, conversation, going to Sunday school, youth groups, and small groups, while allowing them to grow and find their own faith
- To always be **open and honest** about their adoption story
- To **keep a connection with you**, and to support a relationship with the child, if you desire, in a way that works best for everyone involved
- To encourage **healthy eating habits and a healthy, active lifestyle**

Adding children to our lives will be such a blessing and we cannot wait for the little things like decorating the house for a birthday party or going to the pumpkin patch together. **We look forward to reading and teaching them, creating goodnight routines, and eating meals together and we hope to share these memories with you.** We would like to leave you with a quote by J.K. Rowling that has meaning to us, "Family is a life jacket in the stormy sea of life." With that, we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally and will do everything in our power to be the best parents we can be. Thank you again for getting to know us.

WITH LOVE,

Sabrina + Terry