



HARRY AND JIM





HEY THERE!
WE'RE JIM
AND
HARRY.



OUR RELATIONSHIP

We met in Austin, Texas thirteen years ago and got married in Vermont in 2009. We moved along the way to Michigan and then to Oregon.

We share the same sense of humor, love of adventure, and appreciation for the simple things in life like good food and good friends.





MEET HARRY

I am an organic farmer, a wannabe banjo player, and a lover of puns. I enjoy music, cooking, and bouldering. I love languages and am learning Japanese now.



FUN FACTS ABOUT HARRY

1. I SPEAK PORTUGUESE AND LOVE BRAZIL.

2. MY DAD IS A COAL MINER, AND I GREW UP IN A LITTLE TOWN IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS OF VIRGINIA.

3. I STUDIED LEPROSY IN INDIA WHILE I WAS IN COLLEGE.

4. OVER THE YEARS I HAVE TRIED LEARNING HOW TO OVER A DOZEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT HOW SUCCESSFUL I WAS.

5. I WAS A HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY TEACHER ALONG THE MEXICO BORDER.

6. I TRAINED A PAIR OF OXEN. WHOA!

7. I LOVE TOMATOES AND GREW OVER A HUNDRED VARIETIES THIS YEAR.





HARRY'S STORY

I grew up in a small town in Virginia surrounded by several generations of my family. I left home for college and have lived in Minnesota, Texas, Michigan, and Oregon. I was a teacher, medical researcher, graduate student, and organic farmer along the way.





MEET JIM



I am a project manager in high tech, woodworker and a home DIY guy. I value organization, so I am the family planner. Because I work in high tech, everyone asks me to fix their computer!



FUN FACTS ABOUT JIM

1. I am a jack of all trades.
2. I can build a computer from scratch.
3. I love home remodeling and I can wire electricity and install plumbing.
4. I plays the drums and flute and I was in high school band.
5. I have done quite a bit of brake dancing in my life!
6. My most interesting jobs included driving as a limousine chauffeur and working at a funeral home.
7. I'm a tiny house geek.



JIM'S STORY

I grew up in Oklahoma. My family is very warm, affectionate and close. My mother insisted that we sat down every night to eat dinner at the kitchen table. My family went on evening bike rides, went to church and took summer vacations. I had an active imagination and most of my childhood was spent playing outdoors. I am still a kid at heart and love to build forts inside the house.





OUR FARM

WE LIVE ON A 25 ACRE FARM JUST OUTSIDE OF PORTLAND WHERE WE GROW PRODUCE FOR A FARMERS MARKET AND OUR CSA. WE LOVE ANIMALS AND HAVE RAISED GOATS, CHICKENS, DUCKS, GEESSE, CATTLE, AND BEES. WE HAVE A YOUNG ORCHARD FILLED WITH MANY KINDS OF FRUIT AND NUT TREES. THERE IS A SMALL PATCH OF WOODS AND PLENTY OF SPACE FOR A CHILD TO ROAM.





OUR FAMILY





OUR FRIENDS

Over the years, we have collected many friends across the US. We are lucky enough to have visitors every summer and we always have a place to stay in other cities!





MILLIE & ZOLA

Zola is about 9 and Millie is 3. Both came to us through the Oregon Humane Society. They spend their days hunting and chasing voles and squirrels on the farm—when they are not sleeping. The bane of their existence are two barn cats named Carly and Edgar!



DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD



We want our child to be curious and thoughtful, filled with joy and chuckles, a little independent explorer. For a small child, our farm is filled with adventures, a place to learn the feel of leaves, the call of birds, the taste of the earth and its fruits--to grow in a place meant for growing.

We will teach them to be warm and respectful, to be generous and to think of others before themselves, and to be self-reliant, so they can better help others.

We are adventurers at heart and our child will be at our side whether it is climbing a mountain, swimming in warm waters, or figuring out how to fix the old tractor. We hope that they will come to see what we see: that life is full of many precious gifts.



OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS

We have always known that our path to having a family would involve opening our lives and hearts to another family. We hope that through open adoption we can surround our child with all of their relatives, biological and adopted, and that they can grow up feeling the love and care of many kind adults. We imagine get-togethers with the birth family on the farm with the grill going, a cold beverage in hand, and teasing and good fun. We want our child to visit their birth family's home, look at old photo albums, hear the cherished stories, and realize that families are built out of love and trust and come in so many varieties. For us, adoption is a beginning and not an ending.