

**Ingrid, Rainer,
Sina, Timon and Yanik**



Dear birth parent,

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We want you to know that we understand the difficult decision you are making.

We are very impressed by your strength and courage and we respect you for making the decision to choose adoption for your child.

We promise you that we will always love your baby, give your baby a loving and cozy home, and the joy of growing up in a big family.

Thank you for considering us as a forever family for your baby.



Ingrid and Rainer

Over 21 years ago we met at Ingrid's parent's house where Rainer was called as a veterinarian to treat a sheep. Immediately we fell in love and we spent a lot of time together. It was a wonderful time.

Soon after we met we realized that we would like to spend our lives together and we got married two years later.



Our wedding with friends and family at the civil registry office in August 1997.



Our wedding at our Catholic Church.

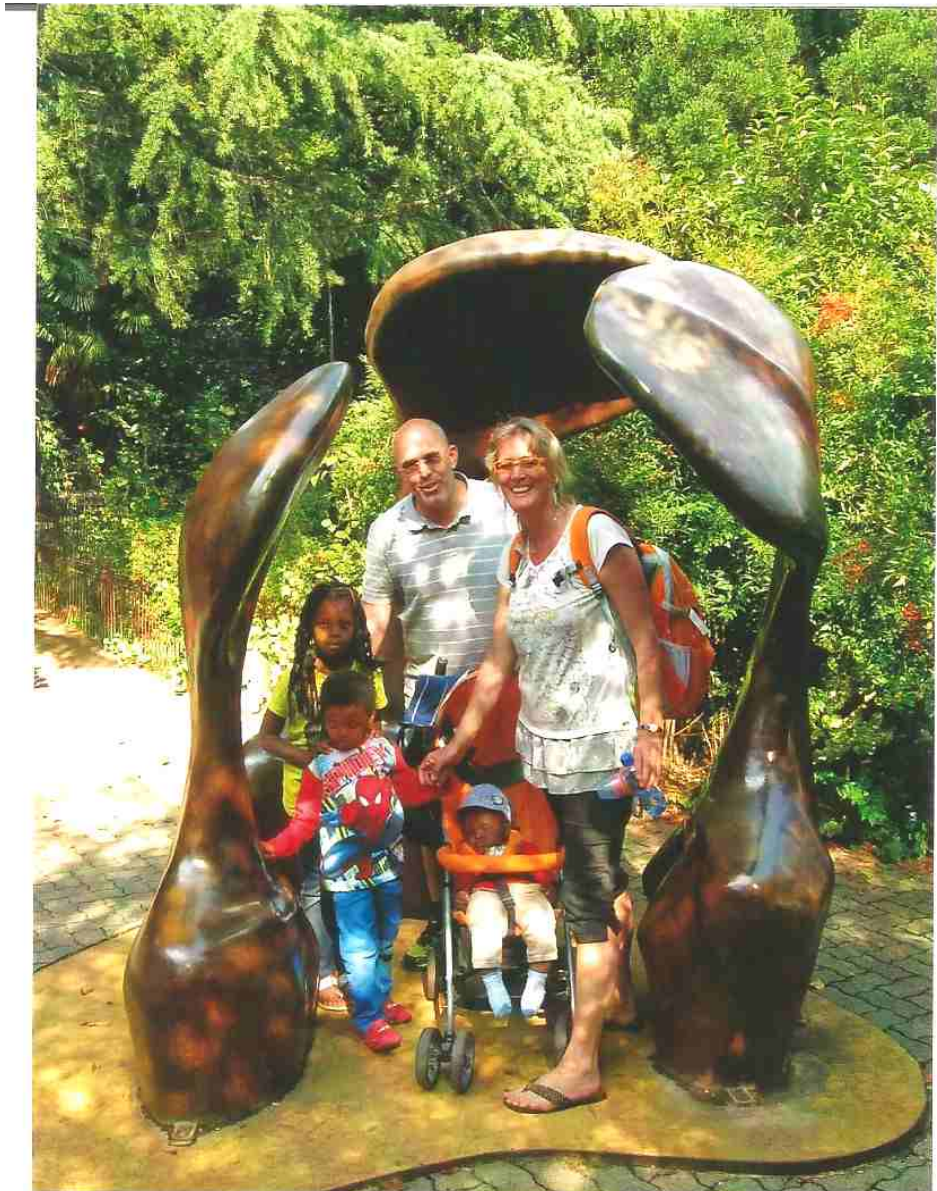
Not only did the love of animals connect us, but as we both come from large families, our love of family connect us as well. We really hoped to have a family with many children. After years of trying, waiting, and fertility treatments we started to inform ourselves about adoption. We both felt that this would our path to creating our family. Today we can say that this was the best decision of our life!

Our Adoption Story

After we completed the adoption course and all the required paper work, we sent our dossier to South Africa. After one year we had been informed that a baby girl at the age of 3 months was waiting for us. Our first adventure started and we traveled to South Africa. We were so happy when we could finally hold our little girl, Sina, in our arms.

Overfilled with the joy of finally becoming parents, we knew quite fast that we would like to have a second child, a sibling for Sina. After 3 years of waiting we got “the call” and we welcomed her little brother, Timon, at the age of 6 months into our family. Sina is a very special big sister who enjoys playing and helping to take care of her baby brother. As soon as we saw the bond, the feelings they share, and how beautiful it felt to have a large family, we decided to send our application for a third child to South Africa.

This time we had to wait 4 long years for the desired phone call and finally we were told that a 7 month old boy was waiting for us.



It was beautiful to see how our children, Sina and Timon, were happy about their little brother Yanik joining our family. Yanik is a real sunshine and very special to our family. Our kids get along very well and are very caring and loving.



Our daily life is very easy going and therefore we decided, together with our children, that we would like to welcome one more child into our large family. At this time friends told us that it is possible to adopt from the USA.

We decided to adopt our fourth child from the USA, because we heard that in the USA the birth parents can choose the family for their child and we can all share information. This is a thought we love very much.

Another reason we chose to adopt from the U.S. is that the children in South Africa are now much older by the time it is possible to adopt them. All psychologists in Austria told us that it is better to integrate a baby in a big family, rather than an older child.



We also have cousins living in USA. They come very often to Austria and we are very close. This is another reason we will have for visiting the USA even often. Our family and friends are very happy that we want to adopt another child. They all knew that we always wanted a big family and we are sure that they will always help us in any situation.

When we told our children Sina, Timon and Yanik that we will adopt another sibling for them they were fulfilled with joy. We are sure that they will welcome their new sibling with love and patience.

Rainer

I was born on in August 1965 in Vienna, Austria. My parents Monika (a Lawyer) and Walter (a Construcion Engineer) provided a loving and caring home in the city of Vienna. I have three siblings.



My sister Veronika, me, my brother Heinrich and my sister Irene.

I have an older sister named Irene (a Theologist) and she lives with her four children in Upper Austria. My younger sister, Veronika (a Biologist), lives with her three daughters in Vienna. My younger brother Heinrich, (Physicist), lives as well in Vienna with his three kids. I have a very good relationship with my brother and sister and we meet regularly.

In school I managed to realize my dream to study veterinarian medicine. After university and several internships I opened my own buisness, 23 years ago. I have my own clinic for animals with several employees. I enjoy leading and working with my team. My children love coming by the clinic and accompanying me on check-up visits for horses.

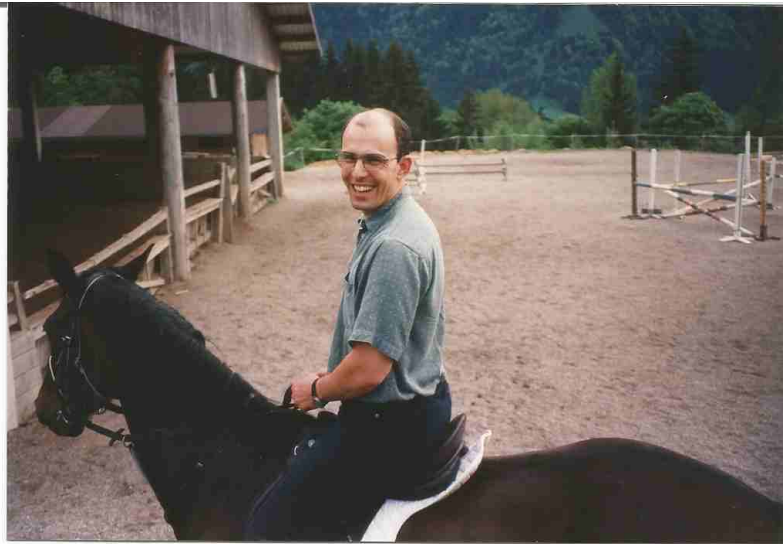
We own properties which are located in Vienna and in Lower Austria where we gain additional income by renting them.



My parents, siblings, and my aunt in Vienna 36 years ago.



Me with my first two dogs when I was 18 years old



Riding was always one of my favorite hobbies



Me in my clinic

Ingrid



Me with my older sister, Brigitte.

I was born in March 1971 in Vienna, Austria, Together with my two sisters I grew up in the suburbs of Vienna in a big house surrounded by nature. This way my parents could also have animals living in our garden.



I am the little princess in the white dress sitting in the middle with my sisters Brigitte and Karin.

I am very close to my sisters. We see each other very often as we only live 5 minutes away from each other.



My sisters and I on Christmas Eve with our cousin, Stefan, and our pets.



My sisters and grandmom at our wedding!

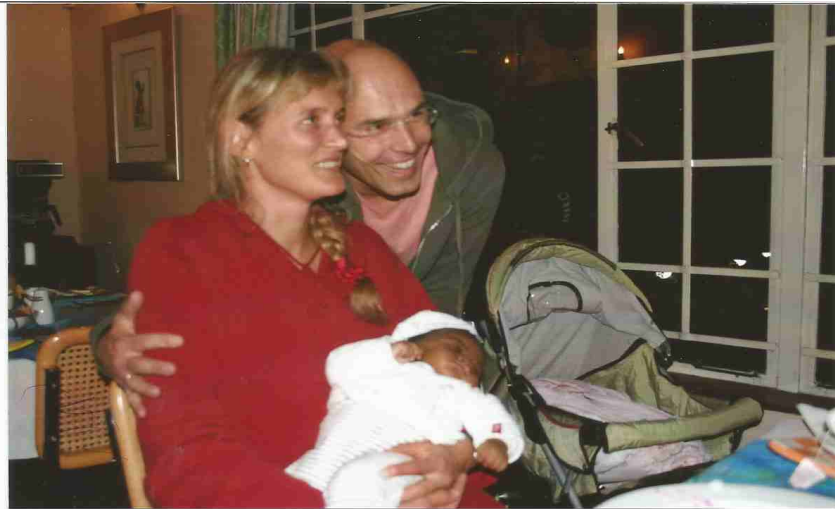


Christmas Eve with my parents.

After highschool I worked for 5 years in a bank. At the same time I helped Rainer to open his own veterinary clinic. I strongly felt the urge to continue my academic career so I decided to study therapeutic pedagogy and during my studies I worked with disabled and blind children. I enjoyed this work a lot and it also fulfilled me. Soon before the adoption of our first child I decided to stop working so that I would not have to leave the children during the school year. Currently, I support Rainer`s clinic with administrative work which can be handled from at home only. I also want to keep it this way as I really enjoy being a full time mum. I will be at home to watch your child everyday as your child grows! Accompanying our three wonderful children in their journey of discovery and growing up makes us very happy. Rainer and I spend our entire time with our family and our animals. We love to travel and to teach our kids about other countries, cultures and languages, and we can´t wait to travel to the USA with them to meet you when we are lucky enough to adopt again.

SINA

Sina was a very active child since the beginning. Even when she was a baby she monitored everything that was going on around her. She is very energetic, caring and she loves being with her family. Sina loves her two younger brothers, she enjoys playing in nature and with the animals that live with us. Her hobbies are swimming, horse riding, biking and attending Karate lessons. When she was younger she enjoyed Kindergarten and now she enjoys going to school. She is going to a catholic private school where she made many friends and she is as well appreciated by her teachers. She is a very curious girl and she has very good grades.



Our first days as a family...



Sina is growing up...



Sina with her cousins Peter and Elisabeth.



Birthday party! A lot of little princesses!!!



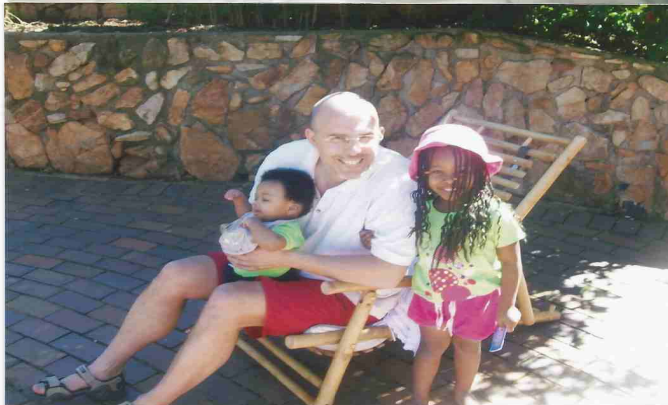
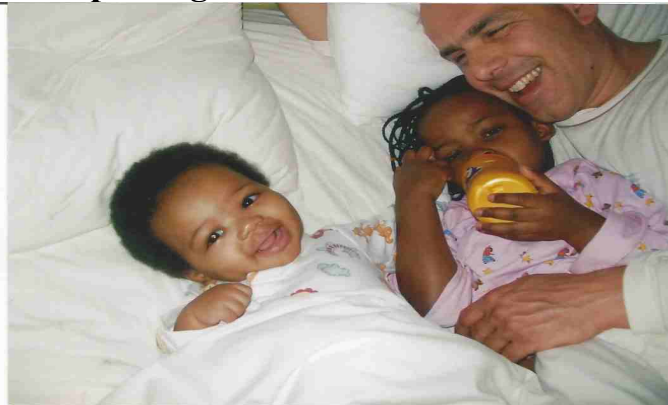
Sina with her horse Maggie (on the left side).

Timon

Timon is a very funny and sporty child. He loves to joke and to spend his free time outdoors. He is also a typical boy who enjoys riding his play truck and his mountain bike, and he loves to skate board. Timon enjoys attending Kindergarten and has many friends. He makes us laugh a lot when he says funny things.



Our first meeting which was very emotional. Timon was 6 month old and he was living in an Christian Orphanage in a suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa.



Our first days together. Sina was such a happy and proud big sister!!!

Timon is growing up...



Holidays in the Mediterranean Coast in Tuscany and in Croatia.

Timon loves to go on vacation. He enjoys swimming in the sea and eating foreign food like croatian truffle pasta and all kind of seafood.



Fun with his sister in a big family park near Vienna.



Also fun with his little brother Yanik!

YANIK

Yanik was 7 months old when we flew to South Africa to adopt him. Yanik was placed with a very nice foster mum and from the very first moment we could see that he is a very happy boy. His foster mum told us that his smile is soooo special.



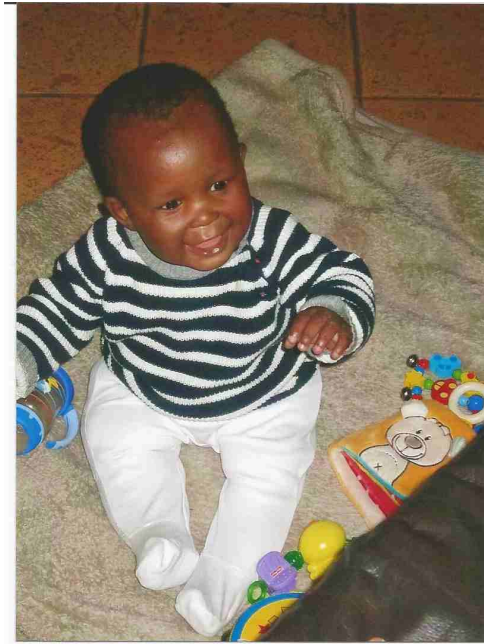
The first meeting...We all have been so happy with this special little boy!!!



Fun at a safari park with our children!



At home with some of our pets. Not so wild!



This smile is really special! Isn't it?



First birthday at home! We have been so happy that we are now five!



Fun in Istria!

Religion is an important part of our life.



Sina`s Christening Ceremony



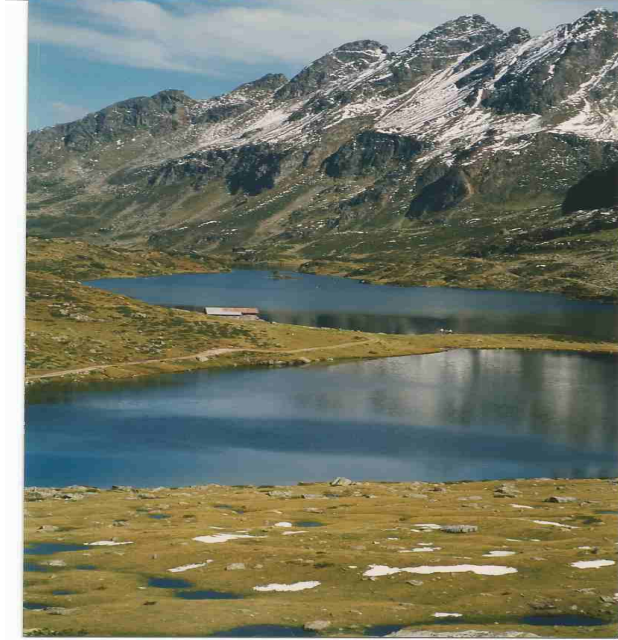
Timon`s Christening Ceremony



Yanik`s Christening Ceremony

AUSTRIA

Austria is a small country with 8,4 million inhabitants, located in the center of Europe. Partly surrounded by the Alps, our country is famous for its lakes and mountains.



Austrian mountains.



The little land in the middle (Österreich) in the heart of europe.

Our music and culture is well known through artists like Mozart, Strauss, Mahler, Brahms, Schubert, etc... The quality of life is very high and the capital, Vienna, was nominated for the 6th time in row as the “Most liveable city“ in the world.

The crime rates are very low and the city is very secure and safe. The health system as well as the school system is very good.

Also typical for Austria is the imperial horse breed of the Lippizaner.

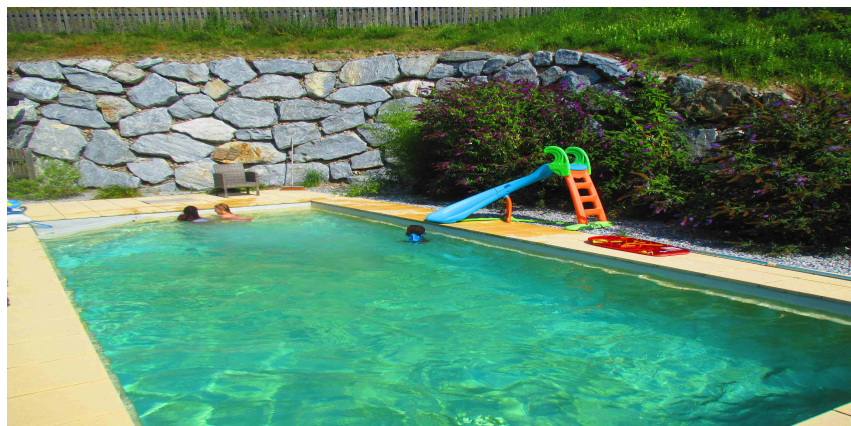


Lippizaner breeding station in styria.

Our first 17 years together we lived in our house which was attached to our clinic. We also had land so that we were able to hold horses. About 5 years ago we decided to move a bit further to the country side and to detach the buisness from our home so that our children can enjoy nature to the maximum. Our former home which is attached to the clinic, is now rented and we enjoy the life with our children surrounded by nature and our animals a lot. We grow vegetables and fruits in our own garden. Due to the large size of land we have many animals living with us: 4 dogs, 6 cats, 4 horses, several geese, goats, chicken and some guinea pigs. Sina, Timon and Yanik enjoy daily life with all our animals, our garden, playground, our Biotop (natural lake) and our swimming pool (both surrounded by a fence to be safe for the children)!



Our swimming lake.



Our pool.

Our Home



Our house, lots of room for all of us.



Our kitchen



Our dining room



Our living room



Sinas room



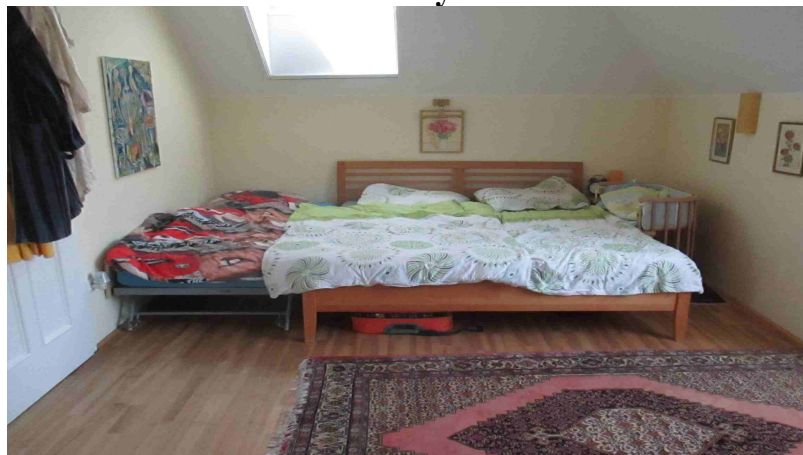
Timons room



Yaniks room



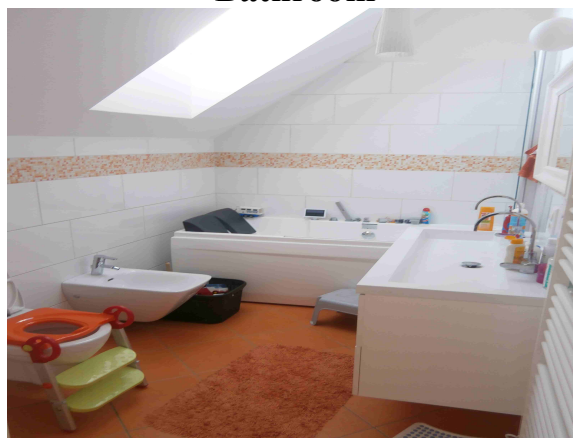
Your Baby`s room



Our bedroom. Sometimes the children join us...also prepared for your baby.



Bathroom



The childrens bathroom



A small part of our big garden.

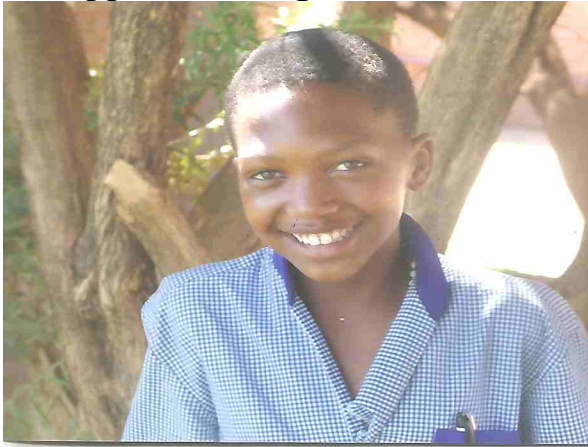


Our private playground.



Our stable where our horses and goats live. Sina, Timon, and Yanik like to feed them and help us to look after all our animals.

We both enjoy volunteering for the local fire department and for our church. We support charity projects like “Vaccines from Africa“ and for many years we have had two godchild, one in Ethiopia, and one in South Africa, which we are happy to support on a regular basis.



Solomon from Ethiopia.



Moses from South Africa.



Our big family

We have fifteen nieces and nephews: Peter, Paul, Antonia, Johanna, Lisi, Johannes, Floh, Maria, Irene, Lena, Kathi, Vroni, Sebastian, Lisi and Angelika. The children love being together and everyone is looking to a new addition to join the fun.

Our Animals

Our children grow up with a lot of animals at our little farm. We have 4 dog, 6 cats, 4 horses, 6 goats, geese, chicken, 3 guinea-pigs and 1 hamster. Your baby will also grow up with them.



Timon with some guinea-pigs.



Winterfun with our dogs.



Riding fun with Vinzi.



Sina, Timon and Ella with babykittens.



Take a ride on a dog!



Our goats with babies. Every year we have baby goats, little geese, and chicks. The children like to see them growing up.

Traveling



Our honeymoon in Corfu (Greece).



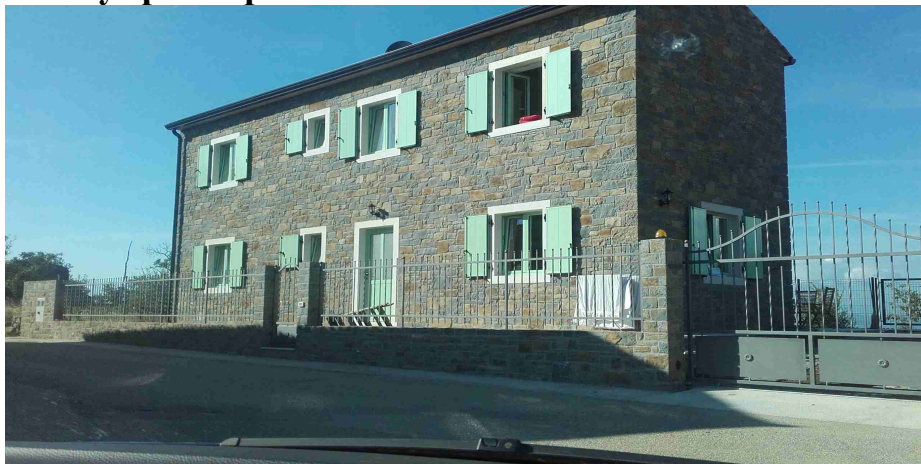
Holidays in the Austrian mountains.

We like to travel around and visit foreign places and people. We go on holidays at Eastern time, in summer and at the autumn school holidays. We often travel to our vacation house in Croatia and to other different countries and towns. On Christmas holidays we like to go skiing in the beautiful Austrian mountains.

Our favorite place to travel is to Croatia. We have a lot of friends there and its not far from Austria. This is the reason why we built our vacation house there. So our children can always feel at home there and meet their friends.



The view from our Croatian vacation house. You can see Italy on one side, the Austrian Mountains and on the other side the Mediterranean Sea in Croatia! A beautiful and very special place!



We built our vacation house last winter. The house is now finished. We have a beautiful garden with olive trees, palm trees and a small pool.



We love to meet our friends who live there along with their four children: Max, Ena, Bea and Jill.



Holidays with our friends.



Holidays with friends and their daughter Kim, adopted from Kambodscha.



Holidays in the Austrian mountains with our friends Gabi and Walter and their son Benny, adopted from South Africa.

We share a lot of hobbies together, like riding, hiking, carriage driving and travelling.



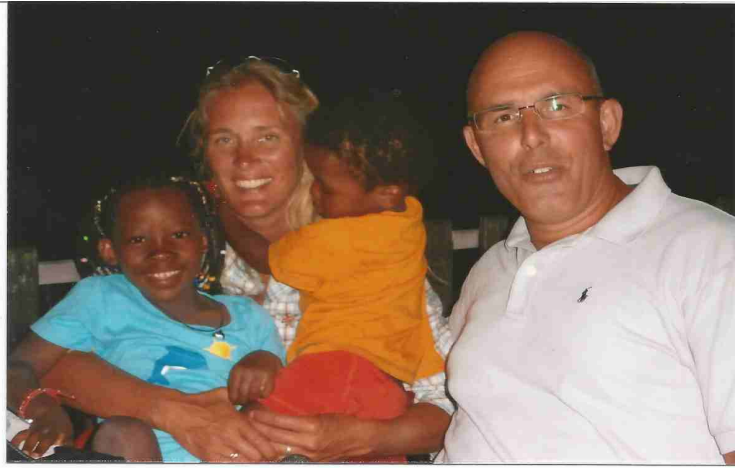
Carriage driving with our horse.



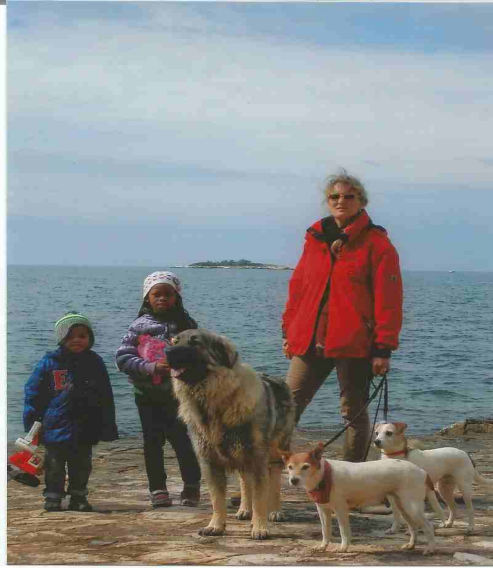
Riding holidays in Austria.



Holidays in Malta, Cyprus, Sardinia, Sicily,...



Holidays in Sardinia with Sina and Timon.



Holidays in Istria!



Fun at the beach in Croatia! Enjoying the sun in the spring.

FRIENDS

We are in regular contact with other adoptive parents. Our friends have adopted children from South Africa, Seyschelles, Ethiopia, Mali and the USA.



Party with our friends....



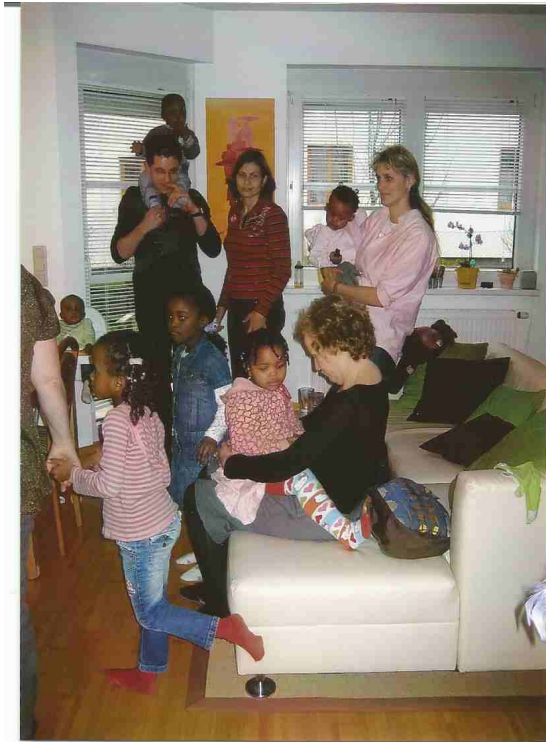
Sinas Birthday party!



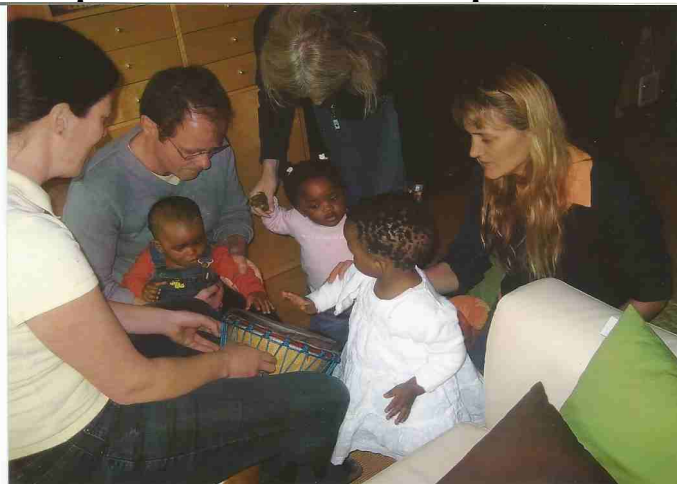
with Patrick from Ethiopia



Our Croatian friends with their four children



Friends with adopted children from Ethiopia and the United States.



Friends also adopted from South Africa and the United States.



More friends....



Thank you again for reading our letter and learning more about our family and the life we can offer your baby.

Our thoughts are with you during your difficult decision. We hope that this letter has given you some insight into our very happy lives.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call our Adoption Agency Forever Families Through Adoption toll free at (886) 922-3678 or (914) 939-1180 or our Adoption Attorney, Michael Goldstein, toll free at (800)-582-3678 in New York.

We wish you the best for an easy pregnancy and delivery and hope to hear from you soon.

Ingrid, Rainer, Sina Timon and Yanik