

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska International Adoption Program

Updated 2/21/07. All fees and countries are subject to change.

	Children Available	Parent Requirements	Waiting Time	Cost	Travel
China	6 -18 months of age at referral Toddlers and older children available Primarily girls; some boys Predominantly healthy children Some children with minor correctable conditions or special needs Can only adopt one child at a time	Married couples between 30-49 yrs of age for children 0-3 years Annual Income of at least \$10,000 per person in Household Net worth of at least \$80,000 Healthy Parents (See worker for Restrictions) No Single Women Marriage/Divorce Requirements (See worker for Restrictions) Up to 4 children already in the home	Travel 15-18 months from log in of dossier to referral of child.	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$12,500 Plus Travel Expenses	1 required trip 6-8 weeks after the referral Both parents preferred, only 1 required Trip length is 2 weeks Families will travel in groups
Ukraine	2 yrs old-8 yrs old, majority of children are 3-6 years old Boys and girls Some children with mild or minor medical issues All children have developmental delays Special needs children are available	Women/Married Couples 25 to 55 yrs No restrictions on other children in the home/ number of marriages/divorces Older Applicants on case by case basis	Travel 5-6 months after dossier is submitted and approved	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$15,550. Plus Travel Expenses	1 required trip Both parents required to travel After 10 days only 1 parent required Trip length is approx. 3 weeks Families must travel without Child referral
Poland (Families Needed)	9 months to 14 years of age Average age is 12-14 months at placement Both boys and girls, more boys available Siblings are available Developmental delays are common Special needs children are available	Married couples- must be married at least 2 years May have other children Parents must be no more than 40 years older than the child No divorce requirements Single women may adopt special needs	Dossier to referral is 4 months Referral to Travel is 2-4 months Can take longer if family has specific preferences Process Varies	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$17,500-\$21,250 Plus Travel Expenses	4-5 weeks total 1-2 required trips Both parents required for first 2-3 weeks 1 parent required to stay for additional 3 weeks, or both parents return for 1 week
Hong Kong	1 yr to 16 years Most are school age More boys than girls Siblings available All children has some developmental delays	Age 25 year minimum, no more than 50 years between parent and child Married Couples or Single Women Must be married at least 3 years No restrictions on divorce or children already in the home	Application to placement approx. 12 months	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$10,100. Plus Travel Expenses	1 trip, for 2-3 days Escort is an option if there are special circumstances
Colombia (Not accepting New families)	2 months - 12 years of age Average age is 10-12 months at placement Some special needs toddlers with minor physical disabilities Older children & sibling groups Open to either gender	25-35 yrs for infant, up to 38 yrs for 3-6 yr olds, up to 45 for 6+ Married for at least 2 yrs. Infertility must be explored if an issue One Previous divorce each is accepted Single Females for older & special needs No significant medical or mental health issues No more than 2 children already in the home	Dossier to Referral is 8-12 months Travel is 2 weeks after accepting referral.	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$7,800 for ICBF-GOV Plus Travel Expenses	1 required trip-Both parents Adoptive father may return to the US 4-6 weeks total
Russia	12 months to 16 years old Must be open to either gender Siblings are available Majority of children are healthy Most children have developmental delays	Married couples and Single females 25-50 years of age No restrictions on length of marriage, previous divorce, or number of children in the home. Existing medical conditions maybe acceptable	Dossier to Referral is 15-18 months.	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$19,000 - \$23,000. Less for older children Plus Travel Expenses	2 required trips Only 1 parent required for 1st trip Both parents required for 2nd trip 1st trip is approx. 5-7 days then 1 month later 2nd trip is approx. 14 days
Philippines (Families Needed)	12 months to 14 years of age, most 18-24 months Healthy, special needs and siblings are available Must be open to either gender Medical conditions, malnutrition and minor developmental delays are common Some children in foster care	Married 3+ yrs or if previously married must be married for 5+yrs At least 27 yrs of age with no legal record Prefer married, childless, Christian couples between 30-45 yrs Prefer Filipino heritage No more than 40 years between parent and child 2 yrs difference between child adopting & children in the home One divorce acceptable - No single applicants	Dossier to referral is 14-18 months Referral to travel is 3-4 months Stable but slow	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$8,200. Plus Travel Expenses = approx. \$4,200.	1 required trip One parent required Trip length is approx. 5-7 days
Guatemala (Families Needed)	2 months to 12 years of age 6-9 months at time of placement Both boys and girls, must be open to either gender Children are cared for in Foster Homes.	Married Couples 25-45 years of age, Older parents for older children Previous Divorce accepted No significant medical or mental health concerns No other children restrictions	Dossier to Referral- Immediate Monthly Updates of Pictures & Medical Information Referral to Travel 5-6 months	Agency Fees: \$1,850 Foreign Fees: \$24,500 + \$450 DNA Plus Travel Expenses	1 required trip Both parents required Trip length is approx. 3-5 days
Mongolia (Families Needed)	12 month and older Must be open to either gender Sibling groups are available Developmental delays and malnutrition are common	Single women ages 30-40 Income \$35,000+ Married couples for 5+yrs, Ages 25-45 One divorce acceptable No legal record or medical/mental illnesses Prefer no more than 2 children in the home	Approval of dossier is 4-8 weeks Dossier to placement 12 months or less Referral to travel is 3-4 months ** Wait time is currently taking longer**	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$13,300. Plus Travel Expenses	1 required trip Both parents required Trip length is approx. 14 - 19 days
Vietnam (New Program) (Information Soon to Follow)				Agency Fees: Foreign Fees: Plus Travel Expenses	
Kazakhstan (Not accepting New families) (Re-Open Mid-March)	12 months – 9 years old Both boys and girls Healthy children and siblings available Developmental delays are common Caucasian and Asian descent	Single women and married couples Ages 25-55, 50 years and older may adopt older children No restrictions on divorce, length of marriage or children in the family	Dossier to placement 9-12 months	Agency Fees: \$1,850. Foreign Fees: \$21,500-24,500. Plus Travel Expenses	1 or 2 trips required Both parents required for 1 st trip 1 trip of 5-6 weeks or 1 trip of 3 weeks with a 2-3week wait then 2 nd trip 1 week