

A photograph of a man with short brown hair and a light blue shirt, smiling and carrying a young child on his shoulders. The child is wearing a red sweater and brown shoes, and is smiling back at the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow and green. The text 'AMERICA WORLD ADOPTION' is overlaid on the right side of the image, with a butterfly icon between the words 'AMERICA' and 'WORLD'.

AMERICA WORLD ADOPTION

*Building families according
to God's design of adoption.*

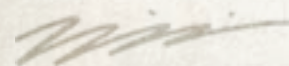


THE KNIGHTEN FAMILY

Building families according to God's design of adoption.

Welcome to America World Adoption, where we are dedicated to building families according to God's design of adoption and providing service that is personal and dependable. We are a faith-based charitable organization with an established, well-respected reputation among adoption professionals, government agencies, and foreign adoption authorities. We are committed to maintaining integrity throughout the adoption process, and advocating for the fatherless while seeking to place them in loving Christian families. Our experienced staff will walk alongside you on your adoption journey with compassion and understanding.

As the parents of four children by adoption, my wife Renée and I know first hand all that it takes to bring home a child, and what is desired in an adoption agency. We hope you will prayerfully consider one of the greatest blessings you can receive - a child by adoption.



Brian & Renée Luwis
Founders

“AS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT AND ONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED
THE MIRACLE OF ADOPTION FIRST HAND, IT’S SO EXCITING TO
SEE HOW GOD IS USING THE ADOPTED BY DESIGN
MESSAGE TO INSPIRE, INFORM, AND CAPTURE THE HEARTS OF MANY
FAMILIES TO EXPERIENCE THIS MIRACLE AS WELL.”

– *Steven & Mary Beth Chapman*

- “We’re very grateful to America World Adoption for helping build our family through God’s design of adoption. Their spirit of compassion and attention to detail at home and in country made the wait and the process a blessing.”

- **Mark & Melanie Hall, Casting Crowns**

- “We are thankful for the way the staff prayerfully walked the road of adoption with us each step of the way to unite us with our three Ethiopian blessings. ‘Thank you’ does not adequately describe the depth of our gratitude to America World in helping form our family.”

- **Ed & Susan Wanderer**

THE CHAPMAN FAMILY





China



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.



PARENTS' AGES

Minimum age at dossier submission is 30. If both parents over 50 years, no more than a 50 year difference between child and younger applicant.



MARRIAGE STATUS

Married for minimum of 2 years. Single women can adopt and must be between 30-50 years old.



INCOME

Joint income- at least \$10,000 per member of the household, including adopted child.



MEDICAL HISTORY

No major medical or mental health issues permitted. BMI below 40.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

No criminal history in past 10 years permitted.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

No restrictions on family size for married couples.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Age 6 months – 13 years with medical needs, many which are minor and easily correctable. Healthy children over age 9 are available.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), for a waiting child is 10-24 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$32,150*

TOTAL COST - \$18,750**
WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

**Total cost will vary based on your state of residence, season of travel and exchange rate. Visit awaa.org for details.*

***Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements*

“GOD TOOK OUR DOUBTS AND SHOWED US OVER AND OVER

AGAIN HIS GRACE AND PLANS. WE THOUGHT WE COULD HELP

CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD, BUT SHE IS THE ONE WHO IS CHANGING US.”

– Jodi Smith

India



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.



PARENTS' AGES

See website.



MARRIAGE STATUS

Married for 5 years, or dating and married for 5 consecutive years. Single women may apply and must be between 30-50 years old.



INCOME

Must be able to show they can adequately provide financially for their children.



MEDICAL HISTORY

Current major or chronic medical issues are not approved. Cancer or mental health history is not approved if within the previous 2 years.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

All criminal history will be reviewed on a case by case basis.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

Couples with 3 or more children in the home can apply to adopt a child who is 5 or older.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Age 6 months to 15 years of age with medical needs; many needs are correctable.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), for a waiting child is 18-24 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$34,602*

TOTAL COST - \$21,202**
WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

**Total cost will vary based on your state of residence, season of travel and exchange rate. Visit awaa.org for details.*

***Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements*



“THE DAY WE REALLY DECIDED TO ADOPT WAS THE DAY OUR

LITTLE BOY WAS BORN. ISN'T GOD AMAZING?”

– Lynette Duncan



Haiti



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.



PARENTS' AGES

One parent must be 30 years old. Both parents must be under the age of 50. Single women must be between the ages 35-50.



MARRIAGE STATUS

Married at least 5 years. Single women can adopt.



INCOME

Must be able to show they can adequately provide financially for their children.



MEDICAL HISTORY

Applicants must show that they are physically and mentally fit to parent a child by adoption.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

No criminal history permitted.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

No limit.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Infants to 15 years of age, healthy and with medical needs.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), is 24-48 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$29,975*

TOTAL COST - \$16,575**
WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

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***Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements*

Ethiopia



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.



PARENTS' AGES

One parent must be 25 years old, both parents no more than 50 years old.



MARRIAGE STATUS

Married for at least 1 year; referral only after 2 years of marriage. Single women accepted on a case-by-case basis.



INCOME

Must be able to show they can adequately provide financially for their children.



MEDICAL HISTORY

No current major or chronic medical or mental health issues.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

Criminal records for minor incidents, which are at least 10 years old, will be reviewed on a case by case basis. No multiple offenses.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

Families that become pregnant must suspend the process until their child is 6 months old.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Majority of children are age 7 and above or children under age 7 with medical needs.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), for a waiting child is 36-48 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

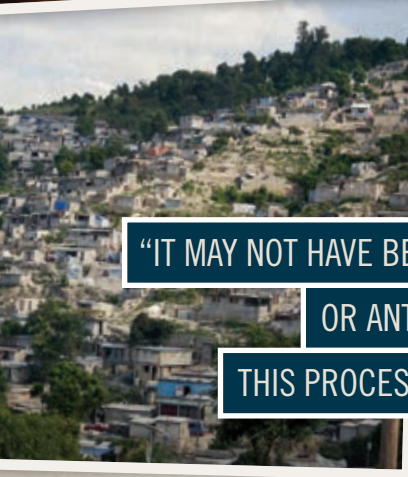
Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$31,430*

TOTAL COST - \$18,030**
WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

**Total cost will vary based on your state of residence, season of travel and exchange rate. Visit awaa.org for details.*

***Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements*



"IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE WAY I THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE,

OR ANTICIPATED IT WOULD BE ... BUT AS I LOOK BACK THROUGH

THIS PROCESS, HIS PLANS WERE ALWAYS BETTER THAN MINE."

— Melinda Myer

"OUR KIDS HAVE TAUGHT OTHERS TO LOVE

AND THAT LOVE SEES NO COLOR NOR RACE."

— Laughner Family



Honduras



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.)



PARENTS' AGES

Over 25 and no older than 51.



MARRIAGE STATUS

Minimum 3 years. Single women can adopt.



INCOME

Must be able to show they can adequately provide financially for their children.



MEDICAL HISTORY

Applicants must show that they are physically and mentally fit to parent a child by adoption.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

Reviewed on a case by case basis.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

More than 3 children under age 18 must show ability to add another child.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Healthy children age 7 and older and medical needs children 3 to 13 years; some sibling sets available.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), is 24-36 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$33,510*

TOTAL COST - \$20,110**

WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

*Total cost will vary based on your state of residence, season of travel and exchange rate. Visit awaa.org for details.

**Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements



Kyrgyzstan



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(Some exceptions may be made for waiting children adoption. Please see website for more information.)



PARENTS' AGES

Less than 60 years at time the adoption is finalized.



MARRIAGE STATUS

No marriage length requirements. Single woman can adopt.



INCOME

Families must be able to show they can adequately provide financially for their children.



MEDICAL HISTORY

No major, chronic, medical issues or cancer history permitted.



CRIMINAL HISTORY

Criminal background check required.



CHILDREN IN FAMILY

No restrictions on number of children in the family.



CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Children ages 24 months to 15 years are available. Most children are over the age of 5.



TIMEFRAME

The current timeframe, as of this printing (October 2015), is 18-24 months from application to returning home with your child.



ADOPTION EXPENSES

Adoption costs below include the home study, program fees, travel costs for 2 adults and post adoption services.

TOTAL COST - \$38,855*

TOTAL COST - \$25,455**

WITH ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

*Total cost will vary based on your state of residence, season of travel and exchange rate. Visit awaa.org for details.

**Total cost after Adoption Tax Credit. Check IRS for eligibility requirements

"MY SISTER HAS MADE THIS WHOLE

PROCESS MORE THAN WORTH IT!"

– Kristen Cassada

"WHEN YOU HUG YOUR CHILD FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU QUICKLY FORGET

THE LONELINESS AND HEARTBREAK OF WAITING SO LONG."

– Rachel Donoho

Waiting Children

Waiting children are orphans who have been identified as ready and available to be placed in loving homes due to an assortment of reasons. These reasons might include the fact that they are considered an older child, or are that they are diagnosed with a medical or developmental condition.

The medical needs that are typically seen are cleft lip/palate, heart defects, hearing or vision impairments, hand/foot/limb deformities, missing limbs, Hepatitis B, spine deformity, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, neural conditions, and developmental delays.

The majority of children available through this program have a medically correctable medical need and many children in our China program receive surgeries in China. Older healthy children are also available, but most will be age nine or older.

There are currently waiting children in our China, India and Ethiopia programs whose adoptions can be completed in as little as 12 months.



Financing Your Adoption

It doesn't take long to realize that adoption is costly. From paperwork to traveling to bring your child home, the expenses quickly add up. Fortunately, there is a great deal of help to adoptive families in covering adoption expenses.

The Federal government's Adoption Tax Credit quickly diminishes adoption expenses with a tax credit of up to \$13,190 per child*. Additionally, there are a growing number of organizations providing grants to adoptive families to decrease expenses even more. Many adoptive families are also very successful in fundraisers to assist with adoption expenses.

* Maximum tax credit for 2014 per IRS topic 607

VISIT WWW.AWAA.ORG/FINANCINGADOPTION

FOR A LIST OF RESOURCES



Beyond Adoption

AMERICA WORLD IS MORE THAN A PLACING AGENCY.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF
ORPHANED VULNERABLE CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.

Storyteller Missions



Storyteller Missions exists as an adoption advocacy ministry that partners with international orphanages in sending out teams of short term missionaries with the goal of providing long term care to vulnerable children.

Upcoming Trips:

● HAITI

January-February 2016

● ETHIOPIA

March 4-12
May 27-June 7
June 18-25
July 22-August 1
November 4-12
December 2016

● HONDURAS

November 2016

● UGANDA

February 27-March 6
Summer 2016

● INDIA

2016

● CAMBODIA

2016

● CHINA

March 3-13 (Guangdong)
March 10-20 (Shaanxi)
June 9-19 (Gansu)
June 16-26 (Shaanxi)
July 7-17 (Shaanxi)
July 21-31 (Guangdong)
October 6-16 (Shaanxi)
October 13-23 (Gansu)
October 13-23 (Gansu)
November 10-20 (Guangdong)

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Welcoming Angels

Through Welcoming Angels, older orphaned children from various countries are given the opportunity to live with families in the United States for 4-6 weeks. Our commitment through this program is to raise awareness of the plight and needs of older orphaned children while advocating for them to find forever families.

WHY HOST?

● TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

for older orphaned children to meet loving, committed Christian families.

● TO SHARE

their culture with American families.

● TO MAKE

new friends.

● TO RAISE AWARENESS

of the plight of older orphaned children.

● TO EXPERIENCE

American culture and learn English.



“LEARN TO DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE, CORRECT OPPRESSION;
BRING JUSTICE TO THE FATHERLESS, PLEAD THE WIDOW’S CAUSE.”

Isaiah 1:17 Fund

During the year, we focus on specific giving opportunities such as diapers, formula, sensory toys, Educational expenses, operational expenses of our transition home in Ethiopia and developing new adoption programs.

GIVE TODAY AT WWW.AWAA.ORG/GIVE



America World

began in 1994 to assist families wanting to adopt internationally. Since then, the need to care for orphans has increased as adoption wait times grow. You can make a difference in the lives of orphans who wait for their forever families through your financial gift—providing nutritional, medical and even educational needs. Your gift is tax-deductible and goes toward your choice of initiatives:

- **ISAIAH 1:17 FUND**, which provides for specific needs of our orphanage partners and transition home.
- **AMERICA WORLD PROGRAMS**, which provide needs specific to the program/country of your choice.
- **STORYTELLER MISSIONS**, which provides for the needs of orphans met by our Storyteller Missions teams to various countries each year.
- **HALLIE’S HOPE FUND**, which provides America World families with post adoption support after they return home with their child.
- **GENERAL DONATION FUND**, which provides for the greatest needs that arise throughout the year for orphans and vulnerable children not covered in initiatives above.

For information about giving through corporate sponsorship, or questions about financial gifts, please contact us at Development@awaa.org or 800-429-3369.

SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES,
FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL WHO ARE DESTITUTE. SPEAK UP AND JUDGE FAIRLY;
DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY.

Proverbs 31: 8, 9 (NIV)

America World Adoption is a 501(c)3 non profit organization, accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

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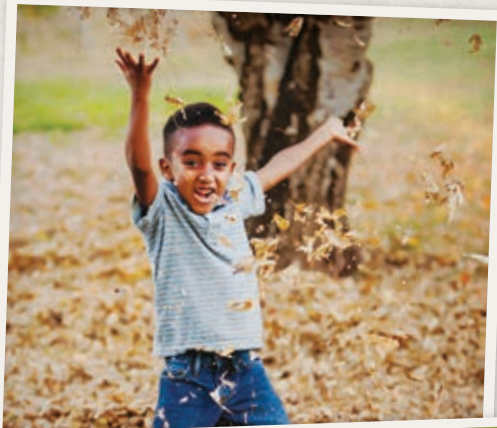
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- ☐ General Donation
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- ☐ India Program
- ☐ Storyteller Missions
- ☐ Hallie’s Hope Fund
(Post Adoption Support)

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