

AGENCY NAME	ADOPTION/HOME STUDY 1. Approval Time 2. Cost 3. Accepts AS from Another Agency	COUNTRY	THE CHILDREN	GENERAL LENGTH OF WAIT	FEES (excl. travel expenses unless otherwise noted)	RESTRICTIONS (e.g., marital status, length of marriage, religion, age, number of children in family)	TRAVEL (Number of trips and in-country time per trip)	NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS	
								2012	2013
1 Bethany Christian Services 3025 Harbor Lane North #316 Plymouth, MN 55447 763-553-0344 www.bethany.org/plymouth	1. 4 months 2. \$2,100 3. Yes, but update may be required	China	6 months to 14 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: Traditional is currently 6 years+; WC/MCN is 1-18 months based on family openness Wait after referral: Traditional is 3-4 months; WC/MCN is 4-12 months based on LID (logged in dossier) 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$11,210 for the Traditional Program or \$8,860 for the Waiting Children Program, plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-45 years for child 6-12 months; 46-50 for child 12 months and old; special needs only if over 50 years old Single women only for "special focus" children 2 year minimum marriage length; 5 years if previously married Traditional: mo more than 4 children in family; waiting children: family must show they have the resources for additional children no history of pornography accepted 	12-20 days	unknown	
		Ethiopia	Infant to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 32-37 months for a child 0-3; 31-32 months for a child 4-7 Short wait time for children 8+ or a sibling group where one is a teenager Wait after referral: 5-10 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$11,400 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-50+ years, no more than 40 years age difference, upper age limit of 65 singles allowed 1 year marriage requirement (5 years preferred) heightened risk for families with 6 or more children 	2 trips: first is 3-4 days and second is 5-7 days	unknown	8
		Haiti	birth to 10 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-10 months for a boy and 9-12 months for a girl Wait after referral: 1-2 years 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of approx. \$14,000 (depending on orphanage) plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-48 years of age (must be 48 at time of dossier submission) single females ages 30-48 accepted 5 year marriage requirement 4 children maximum no arrest or porn addiction history allowed 	2 trips with 9-12 months in between; first trip is 2 weeks and second is 3-7 days	unknown	
		Hong Kong	6 months to 15 years old special needs only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting Children only Wait after referral: 8-10 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$1,700 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> both parents need to be at least 25 and not older than 50, singles allowed, 3 year marriage requirement 	4-7 days	unknown	0
		South Korea	6 months to 5 years old special needs only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 24-36 months Wait after referral: 8-18 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$18,565 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> both applicants need to be at least 25 and no older than 43, singles not allowed, 3 year marriage requirement, 4 children maximum 	Two trips 7-10 days and 5-7 days respectively OR one trip 3-4 weeks	unknown	0
		South Africa	12 months to 10 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12-18 months Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$25-\$35,000 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No set criterion by South African law Must be 25 at time of dossier submission Minimum 18 months marriage but prefer 2 years 	5-6 weeks	unknown	0
		Uganda	6 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-12 months (generally unknown as this is a pilot program) Wait after referral: 2-6 months for the Traditional Program and 3-9 months for the Waiting Children Program 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$10,900 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one must be 25, no age limit, over 50 considered on a case by case basis single females may apply to adopt girls, though Ugandan courts strongly prefer couples No set marriage length, one divorce per couple, must have a stable marriage family must show they have resources for additional children no history of pornography accepted 	2 trips that are 3 weeks each with 6-9 weeks between trips	unknown	0
		Brazil	4 years or older sibling groups and/or special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: For Brazilian heritage it's 6-12 months, for non-Brazilian heritage it's 12-24 months, and for waiting children it's a few weeks to a few months Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$7,900 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents must be at least 21 and at least 16 years older than the child to be adopted single applicants accepted on a case-by-case basis no minimum marriage length but stability must be established. Previous divorce permitted Family must show they have resources for additional children 	6-8 weeks and both parents must stay the entire trip	unknown	0
		Bulgaria	2-15 years old Majority of children are over age 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years for children under 6 years; may be less for children over 6 years and special needs children Wait after referral: 3-6 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$12,650 (varies with exchange rate) plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-50 years, no more than 45 years between parent and child and must be at least 15 years older than child singles allowed 1 year marriage requirement Income must be sufficient for number of children 	2 trips with 4-6 months in between; first trip is 6-9 days and second is 9-11 days	unknown	0

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		Albania	18 months to 15 years old special needs only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-18 months Wait after referral: 6-12 months 	Agency Fees are \$11,350 plus Country Fees of \$10,400 plus fees for background checks, court, training, and travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-50 years, Parents must be at least 18 years older than child and no more than 45 years older singles allowed 1 year marriage requirement Income must be sufficient for number of children 	1 trip 4-6 weeks long or 2 trips (first is 4 weeks and second is 7-10 days with 1 month in between trips)	unknown	0
2 Crossroads Adoption Services 7600 Parklawn Ave #352 Minneapolis, MN 55435 952-831-5707 www.crossroadsadoption.com	1. 3-5 months 2. \$2,600 3. On a case by case basis	China	Infant girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 60-72 months or more Wait after referral: 2-3 months 	\$13,500-\$15,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples 30-50 years old for infants and 20-55 years old for special needs Some health and weight restrictions 	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	0	0
		China (special needs)	0-12 year old boys and girls with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral is expedited: 6-9 months 	\$13,500-\$15,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs Some health and weight restrictions 	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	13	2
		Colombia	Boys and girls age 7 and older (sibling groups may also be available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral : 24 months Wait after referral: 3-5 weeks 	\$10,000-\$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples 25-38 years old for infants Age restrictions are flexible if adopting older children 	4-5 weeks (one parent may return after 2-3 weeks)	6	8
		Phillippines	Sibling groups and boys and girls with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-18 months Wait after referral: 3-5 months 	\$7,500-\$10,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years or 5 years if divorced 1 divorce per person allowed 	1 week	5	9
3 HOPE Adoption & Family Services International, Inc. 5850 Omaha Ave N Oak Park Heights, MN 55082 651-439-2446 www.hopeadoption.org	1. 3-4 months 2. \$2,900 3. No * HOPE also does studies for families using other placing agencies.	Phillippines	3 years and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infant: n/a Referral of 2+ year olds: 18-24 months Wait after referral: 6-8 months Special needs: 12 months 	\$25,000-\$27,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 years at application Married at least 3 years Some medical requirements Maximum 2 divorces per family 	1 trip for 8-10 days	2	1
4 New Horizons Adoptions Agency, Inc. 302 South Grove Street P.O. Box 188 Blue Earth, MN 56013 507-526-3518 www.nhadoptionagency.org	1. 2-3 months 2. \$3,350 3. Yes	Uganda (Sri Lanka, too, but not accepting applications at time of publishing.)	Infant to 5 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infant: 7-9 months Referral of 2+ year old: 7-9 months Wait after referral: varies Special needs: 10-12 months 	\$25,000-\$28,000 including travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 years at application; special approval for anyone over 40 years old Married at least 2 years For placements from Amani in Uganda: no alcohol, no tobacco, no contraceptive use, and must be born again Christian 	1-2 trips for 4-8 weeks	0	1