



A QUICK LOOK AT OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Country	Youngest Age of Children Available	Average Time of Completion	In Country Travel	Number of Trips Needed	Approximate Cost (before Tax Credit) ₁	Approximate Cost (after Tax Credit) ₁	Age Requirements For Parents	Number of Children in Home	Length of Marriage Required	Single Parents	Sibling Groups Available	Special Needs Children Available	Post Placement Requirements	Terms of Citizenship
Bulgaria	2-6 years	24 months	5 days (1st trip) 6-7 days (2nd trip)	2	\$26,291.50	\$13,121.50	25+	no restrictions	follow state requirements	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes	Yes: 2 years 4 visits	Automatic
China	8-14 months	12-18 months (SN) 6-8 years (non-SN)	10-12 days	1	\$30,080.50	\$16,720.50	30-55	Max of 4 (exceptions)	2 years ₉	Yes	Rarely (twins)	Yes	Yes: 6 visits	Automatic ₃
Colombia	4-6 years 18-24 months (rare)	18 months (SN) 4-5 years (non-SN)	4-7 weeks ₉	1	\$30,062.50	\$16,702.50	25+ ₁₀	no restrictions	3 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes: 2 Years 4 visits	Automatic
*Congo	8-12 months	18-24 months	10-14 days	1	\$27,226.50	\$13,866.50	21-55	varies	3 years	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes	Yes: 1 Year 2 visits	Must file in U.S.
Costa Rica	5 years ₆	24-30 months	8 weeks	1	\$31,126.50	\$17,766.50	25-60	no restrictions	5 years	Yes ₂	Yes (many)	Yes	Yes: 2 Years 4 visits	Automatic
Dominican Republic	12-18 months	24-36 months	8-10 weeks	1	\$33,694.50	\$20,334.50	30--60	no restrictions	5 years	No	Rarely	Yes	Yes: 5 Years 6 visits	Automatic
Ethiopia	3 months	18-24 months	5-7 days	2	\$29,472.00	\$16,112.00	25+	no restrictions	2 years	No	Yes	Yes	Yes: 3 visits the 1st year, 1 a year till 18 y.o.	Automatic ₃
Haiti	24-36 months	24-36 months	7 days (1st trip) 2 days (2nd trip)	2	\$33,710.50	\$20,350.50	35-55 ₈	2 under 18 y.o. ₅	10 years (can include dating)	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes (some)	Yes: 1 Year 2 visits	Automatic
Hungary	3 years and up	12-24 months	6 weeks	1	\$33,847.50	\$20,487.50	25-60	no restrictions	1 year	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes	Yes: 1 Year 2 visits	Automatic
Peru	18-24 months ₇	24-30 months	28 days	1	\$27,359.25	\$13,999.25	25-55	no restrictions	2 years	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes	Yes: 4 Years 8 visits	Automatic
Poland	3 years	12-24 months	4-6 weeks	1-2	\$29,979.50	\$16,619.50	25+	no restrictions	3 years	No	Yes	Yes	Yes: 1, 2 & 3 Years and every 3 years until age 18	Automatic
Taiwan	18 months and up	15-18 months	4-10 days	1	\$20,653 - \$26,653	\$7,293 - \$13,293	30-50	Max of 4 (exceptions)	5 years	No	Yes	Yes	Yes: 1 Year 4 visits & as specified by Taiwan	Automatic ₃
Uganda	6-12 months	18-24 months	4-6 weeks	1	\$26,705.50	\$13,545.50	23-55	no restrictions	1 Year	Yes ₂	Yes	Yes	Yes: 1 Year 3 visits	Must file in U.S.
Ukraine	5 years ₆	12-18 months	35 days ₄	1	\$28,406.50	\$15,046.50	25+	no restrictions	1 Year	No	Yes	Sometimes	Yes: 1 Year 2 visits	Automatic

- 1- This is a complete, approximate cost for all expense incurred for adoption including travel. Price listed is for in-state families. For updated fees, please visit our website at: www.lifelineadoption.org
- 2- Single Female applications only
- 3- Automatic if both parents travel
- 4- With acceptance of first referral
- 5- Some exceptions made

- 6- Children younger than 5 years old may be adopted if part of a sibling group
- 7- Special needs program only (defined by: children of all ages with 1+ special need, sibling groups, or child over age 7)
- 8- Only one parent is required to fall into this age range
- 9- 5 years if previously married
- *Congo currently on hold until a pilot family is further along in their process

TAX BENEFITS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released new figures related to the Adoption Tax Credit and Adoption Assistance Program on October 16, 2009. Your personal accountant or Lifeline representative can help you figure an estimate of how much you should be able to receive. For more information, [click here](#).

EMPLOYEE ADOPTION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

Many employers help their employees when they adopt by reimbursing adoption expenses with a cash benefit of several thousand dollars. If your employer does not offer this benefit, call Adoption and the Workplace at the National Adoption Center (800-TO-ADOPT) for materials to guide you in requesting this benefit from your employer. <http://www.adopt.org>

NO INTEREST ADOPTION LOANS AND MATCHING GRANTS

Lifesong is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. It is their purpose to help make adoption a reality for prospective parents who not have the funds to pay for the total cost of the adoption. Lifesong will provide interest free loans up to \$10,000 or 50% of the total adoption costs (whichever is lower). Couples seeking assistance must complete an application and submit it with a copy of their completed home study. For more information, <http://www.lifesongfororphans.org>.

ADOPTION GRANTS

Many organizations also offer adoption grants. See the contact information below on these organizations.

YOURSELF

We encourage adoptive parents to prepare financially for their adoptive placement. Disciplined savings, loans and gifts from family and friends, home equity loans or lines of credit, or liquidating investments, are ways to be prepared financially for the day the child is placed in your care. Set up an adoption savings account, and look for ways to make extra money. Let others know of your plan and need. Sell a craft, market a skill, or hold a garage sale. Also, visit the sight below for other fundraising ideas.

The National Adoption Foundation
www.nafadopt.org

A Child Waits Foundation
www.achildwaits.org

Abba Fund
www.abbafund.org

The JSW Adoption Foundation
www.jsw-adoption.org

His Kids Too! Adoption Assistance Program
www.hiskidstoo.org

Love Knows No Borders
thenest@cheqnet.net

Our Chinese Daughters Foundation
www.ocdf.org

The Micah Fund .
www.showhope.org

Kingdom Kids Adoption Ministries
www.kingdomkidsadoption.org

Child Welfare League of America
www.cwla.org

Feng LiLi
 180 Laurel Avenue
 Forest, IL 60045
 (847) 482.0500

Lifesong for Orphans
lifesongfororphans.org

The Manna Group
info@themannagroup.com

Ibsen Adoption Network
 2730 French Road NW
 Olympia, WA 98502
 Phone: (360) 866-7036
 Fax: (360) 866-7059
 (WA State families only)

The LYDIA Fund
www.lydiafund.org

A Child's Desire
www.achildsdesire.org

ICARE
www.intlcare.org

A Mother's Love
www.amotherslovefundraising.com

Chance for a Child
www.i-a-a.org
 email: achanceforachild@cs.com