



A D O P T I O N S

APRIL UPDATE

COUNTRY UPDATES

Ukraine

Ukraine is now requiring an Interpol clearance check. The Interpol (or “International Criminal Organization”) check is required for all dossiers submitted to the Country. The Interpol processing time may take up to forty (40) days to conduct, once received.

The Fatherless Foundation, Inc. is facilitating a hosting program from Ukraine in June 2010. Host families are needed for these children.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Ukraine, please contact, Lydia@mljadoptions.com.

Nicaragua

The Fatherless Foundation is facilitating a new hosting program from Nicaragua. Families are needed to host children during the month of July. Please contact valerie@thefatherfoundation.com, if you are interested. This is a great opportunity to experience what it would be like to adopt a child of a different ethnicity or an older child.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Nicaragua please contact mark@mljadoptions.com.

Honduras

Contact Mark@mljadoptions.com, if you are interested in adopting a child from Honduras or hosting a child from Latin America.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Referral time for adopting a child from Congo is currently only 6 – 8 months. Congo is one of our

newest country programs and has seen incredible growth. Thank you to our families!

Contact Sonja@mljadoptions.com, if you are interested in adopting from Congo.

Bulgaria

Our Executive Director, Michele L. Jackson, along with our Eastern European Program Director, Lydia Tarr, traveled to Bulgaria this month to research the possibility of a new country program. We anticipate Bulgaria opening in the upcoming months. We are excited about this possibility!

If you are interested in adopting a child from Bulgaria, please contact, Lydia@mljadoptions.com.

Haiti

Our Haitian Program Director, Lydia Tarr, will be traveling to Haiti in the coming months to determine the status of adoption in Haiti.

If you are interested in adopting a child from Haiti, please contact Lydia Tarr at Lydia@mljadoptions.com.

Other Countries

If you or someone you know is interested in adopting a child from a country where we do not have a current program, let us know, as there are several services that we can provide.

ADOPTION PREPARATION

Team Member Spotlight

We are thrilled that Kathy Slaughter, LCSW has joined the MLJ team and recently taken on the role of Home Study Coordinator. Her extensive background in community-based social work and emphasis on family systems prepared her to work in adoption. Before becoming involved with MLJ, Kathy worked for Community Hospital as a mental health therapist. She provided both group and individual counseling to parents and children, and also spent much of her time traveling to her client’s homes to provide onsite support and evaluation.

Kathy Slaughter received her Master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan in 2005 and her bachelor’s in philosophy from Purdue University in 2004. She is a passionate

advocate for social justice, having worked extensively in needy communities and through lay service within the Catholic Church. She lives in Indianapolis with her husband and their puppy, Zoe.

Home Studies

We offer home study services for both domestic and international adoption. If you are an Indiana resident and would like to start the home study process please contact Sonja Brown at sonja@mljadoptions.com.

Adoption Education

The next adoption education course will be offered at MLJ on April 21 from 6-8 p.m. This session is entitled "Parenting the Adopted Child."

Please contact sonja@mljadoptions.com, or visit www.mljadoptions.com to RSVP.

READoption

Due to the recently implemented Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, all adoptions completed in foreign countries must be domesticated through the legal process of readoption. This process should be started as soon as your child comes home.

Please contact sonja@mljadoptions.com for more information.

TESTIMONIALS

Interested in learning what former clients and current clients are saying about the services that we provide?

Check out the new addition to our website at <http://mljadoptions.com/Testimonials.aspx>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Initial Adoption Seminar

MLJ is offering a Free Initial Adoption Seminar for those considering either international or domestic adoption on **April 21 from 6-8 p.m.** at the MLJ Adoptions, Inc. offices.

If you reside sixty (60) miles or more away from our offices, you are eligible for a free telephonic informational seminar.

Please visit www.mljadoptions.com to RSVP.

Affording Adoption

We are thrilled to announce that MLJ Adoptions, Inc. will be offering free seminars addressing the cost of adoption and the opportunities for adoption funding, including grants, loans, tax credits, HR benefits, fund-raising, and more. Led by our Financial Resource Coordinator, who raised more than \$50,000 for her own adoptions. Seminars will be provided on the following dates and times:

May 17, 2010 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Twin City Bible Baptist located at 7252 S. Meridian Marion, IN 46953.

June 19, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MLJ Adoptions, Inc.

Please RSVP by visiting <http://mljadoptions.com/SeminarInfo.aspx>.

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