



# A D O P T I O N S

## MARCH UPDATE

### COUNTRY UPDATES

#### Ukraine

Families are needed to host The Fatherless Foundation's next group of children who will be visiting in the month of June. Ten children (ages 8-14) have been chosen to travel to the US from Ukraine for the summer hosting program. We are currently accepting hosting applications. A listing of children will soon be available for viewing.

Keep a look out for a possible service trip to Ukraine in Fall 2010.

Also, check out a great blog that we follow, <http://www.buildinghopeinukraine.org>.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Ukraine, please contact, [Lydia@mljoptions.com](mailto:Lydia@mljoptions.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@mljoptions.com](mailto:valerie@mljoptions.com) if you are interested.

Keep a look out for a possible service trip to Nicaragua in July.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Nicaragua please contact [mark@mljoptions.com](mailto:mark@mljoptions.com).

#### Honduras

Contact [Mark@mljoptions.com](mailto:Mark@mljoptions.com), if you are interested in adopting a child from Honduras or hosting a child from Latin America.

#### Democratic Republic of Congo

Due to the orphan crisis in Congo there are many waiting children. Current referral times are immediate to three months. The current time frame is expected to be 6-8 months to complete the adoption of a child from Congo.

Contact [Sonja@mljoptions.com](mailto:Sonja@mljoptions.com), if you are interested in adopting from Congo.

#### Bulgaria

We hope to have a new country program from Bulgaria opening in the upcoming months. We are excited about this possibility!

It appears that referrals would take approximately 6 to 8 months from submission of dossier. Children would be available from 3 years and older. However, younger children may be available, though the length of waiting time may be extended. Children's ethnicity is typically Caucasian. The program would be open to married couples and single women. The required travel associated with this program would consist of two trips of approximately 5-7 days each.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Bulgaria, please contact, [Lydia@mljoptions.com](mailto:Lydia@mljoptions.com).

#### Haiti

Haiti is currently not accepting new dossiers at this point in time. We hope that this status will change in the near future. We will continue to research the process in Haiti and keep you updated. Several of our team members will be traveling to Haiti in the upcoming months.

If you are interested in adopting a child from Haiti, please contact our Haitian Program Director, Lydia Tarr at [Lydia@mljoptions.com](mailto:Lydia@mljoptions.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

#### Home Studies

We understand that a home study can be intimidating to prospective adoptive parents;

however, we want to make it a positive experience that prepares prospective parents to bring an adopted child into their homes and lives, as well as assists Indiana courts and foreign governments determine that prospective parents are qualified to adopt a child.

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](mailto:sonja@mljadoptions.com).

### **Adoption Education**

The next adoption education course will be offered at MLJ on March 24 from 6-8 p.m. This session is entitled "Preparation & Adjustment."

Please contact [sonja@mljadoptions.com](mailto:sonja@mljadoptions.com), or visit [www.mljadoptions.com](http://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](mailto:sonja@mljadoptions.com) for more information.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Initial Adoption Seminar**

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

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

Please contact [sonja@mljadoptions.com](mailto:sonja@mljadoptions.com), or visit [www.mljadoptions.com](http://www.mljadoptions.com) to RSVP.

#### **Hall Family Fundraiser**

Connection Pointe Church in Brownsburg is hosting a Dinner Reception, Auction and Fundraiser to benefit Hall Family Adoption. Ami and Brad Hall are adopting twin girls from the

Democratic Republic of Congo through MLJ Adoptions, Inc.

The purpose of this event is to assist the Hall's in bringing their baby girls home. This will be a wonderful night with dinner, a variety of unique auction items and a live music.

Join us on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to assist in bringing these babies home! Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10 guests. Please RSVP to [halladoption@yahoo.com](mailto:halladoption@yahoo.com) for tickets and more information.

Feel free to contact [nicole@mljadoptions.com](mailto:nicole@mljadoptions.com) if you would like your adoption fundraiser to appear in the next MLJ Adoptions, Inc. Update.


#### **Affording Adoption**

Coming Soon. We will be offering free seminars addressing the costs of adoption and the opportunities for funding that exist, including grants, loans, tax credits, HR benefits, fundraising, and more. Led by our Financial Resource Coordinator who raised more than \$65,000 for her own adoptions.

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