



A D O P T I O N S

UPDATE

Thank you to all who expressed an interest in assisting the orphans of Haiti after the January 12th earthquake. The team at MLJ Adoptions, Inc. has been truly touched by the outpouring of generosity by those who are willing to help. We are thankful that several families are considering providing these vulnerable children and others with a forever family.

COUNTRY UPDATES

Haiti

The MLJ Adoptions, Inc. team has volunteered countless hours and several days researching reports, confirming details, and making contacts with those in Haiti, in an effort to create opportunities for as many people to help as possible. The situation has been changing and will likely continue to change over the upcoming weeks.

MLJ Adoptions, Inc. is involved in a "grass roots" effort to bring Haitian children to Central Indiana on a Humanitarian Parole visa. This is a complex and difficult process that will take time to develop. While we are hopeful to provide a hosting opportunity, we recognize that we may be limited to our Haitian adoption program.

While we continue to work hard to find loving homes for Haitian orphans we remain committed to our other programs as well. MLJ Adoptions, Inc. is committed to finding loving homes for the orphans of the world. We recognize that just as there is an orphan crisis today in Haiti, there is an orphan crisis every day around the world, with an estimated **147 million orphans worldwide**.

If you are interested in hosting or adopting a child from Haiti, please contact our Haitian Program Director, Lydia Tarr at Lydia@mljadoptions.com.

Ukraine

Families are needed to host The Fatherless Foundation's next group of children who will be visiting in the month of June. We are currently accepting hosting applications. A listing of children will soon be available for viewing.

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@mljadoptions.com if you are interested.

Honduras

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

Nepal

We continue to monitor and research several countries where we do not currently offer programs.

We have learned that the adoption of children from Nepal may soon be suspended. The government may suspend international adoptions in an effort to implement new laws and procedures to safeguard the best interests of Nepal's orphans. We will do our best to keep you updated on new findings.

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.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Raising funds for your adoption is a vital step in the adoption process. One proven, effective event is a concert sponsored by your local church. Now available is a service to help you coordinate such an event. You have the freedom to tailor your evening with additional, creative ways to raise funds (bake sales, auctions, etc.).

The concert will be made up of professional musicians who will donate their time and talent to your event - with their theme being built upon caring for orphans/orphan ministry/adoption.

MLJ will also be present to answer any questions your guests may have and will also explain to your guests how they can make tax-deductible gift towards your adoption. This fundraiser can also coincide with your church's desire to raise funds for caring for orphans or to a more specific ministry such as the Haitian crisis.

For information, please contact Joy McClain at joymcclain@mljadoptions.com, if you are interested.

ADOPTION PREPARATION

Home Studies

We are please to announce that Cathi Slaughter, LCSW is currently assisting Brooke Randolph, LMHC with our home studies. Thank you Cathi, for all of your hard work. It is our goal to complete home studies in a timely and professional manner.

We offer home study services for both domestic and international adoption.

For information regarding home studies please contact Brooke@MLJadoptions.com.

Adoption Education

The next adoption education course will be offered at MLJ on February 24 from 6-8 p.m. This session, entitled "The Adopted Child," is a mandatory course for adoptive parents. This course discusses the stages of child development as they affect the adopted child.

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

READoption

Due to the recently implemented Hague Convention on Inter-country 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Initial Adoption Seminar

MLJ is offering a Free Initial Adoption Seminar for those considering either international or domestic adoption on February 10 in Anderson from 7-9 p.m. and February 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the MLJ Adoptions, Inc. offices.

If you are unable to attend a weekday seminar we are also conducting a seminar on Saturday, March 6 from 1-3pm at the MLJ offices.

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

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