



A D O P T I O N S

International Adoption
Initial Information Packet

MEET MLJ ADOPTIONS

We understand that the international adoption process is overwhelming and complex. As a **non-profit, Hague Accredited adoption service provider** based in Indianapolis, Indiana, our team will guide you through the legal and social process of adoption while preparing, encouraging and supporting you along the way.

We have experience.

The MLJ Adoptions team consists of a diverse group of professionals who possess the experience, education and passion to serve children in need of families. Our staff includes adoption attorneys, social workers and an all-star support staff dedicated to meeting client needs. Our team's commitment to vulnerable children is both personal and professional, and includes several parents through adoption.

We provide support.

Our team provides support from start to finish on your adoption journey; from home study completion to dossier preparation to assistance in country to providing post adoption counseling. We walk alongside you during your entire adoption journey.

We offer community building.

We are committed to community building among our families, hosting events throughout the year celebrating adoption. We advocate for our families to share support and encouragement with each other through our private, online forums and support groups.

We're here to help no matter what your questions may be. It would be a privilege to provide additional information to you about the international adoption process.



MLJ Adoptions strives to prepare, encourage and support families before, during and after adoption to best meet the needs of the children we serve. We provide **ethical, compassionate** and **attentive** adoption services to loving and committed families.



Bulgaria



Burkina Faso



Haiti



Peru
Pilot Program



Ukraine



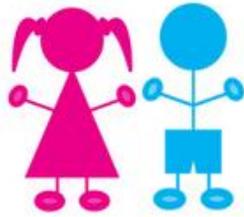
Indiana
Home Study

ADOPTION SERVICES



26

COUNTRIES
SERVED



400+

CHILDREN
PLACED



250+

HOME STUDIES
COMPLETED



50+

CHILDREN
HOSTED

International Adoption Services MLJ Adoptions can assist families with adoptions from Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Samoa and Ukraine.

We offer **Home Study Services** for Indiana residents:

DOMESTIC Adoption

INTERNATIONAL Adoption

RELATIVE Adoption

KINSHIP Adoption

STEP-PARENT Adoption

EMBRYO Adoption

Orphan Hosting is life-changing event for both the host child and the host families. MLJ Adoptions facilitates a Ukraine Hosting Program twice a year.

Post Adoption Reports We can assist Indiana families in completing agency-submitted reports. Many countries require some type of post-adoption reporting to ensure that your child is thriving in his or her new environment.

ADOPTION PROCESS



Throughout the process, families will work with **state**, **federal**, and **foreign** entities to complete an international adoption. Depending on the country, the process and timelines will vary.

MLJ Adoptions comes alongside each family at every stage of the process to answer questions, provide guidance and give support.



Country	Average wait from dossier submission to match	Approximate Total Expenses
Bulgaria	18—36 months	\$27,000 - \$34,000
Burkina Faso	9—18 months	\$30,000 - \$39,000
Haiti	18—36 months	\$29,000 - \$34,000
Peru	12 - 24 months	\$36,000 - \$38,000
Ukraine	2 - 9 months	\$20,000 - \$25,000

Please keep in mind that the time frames are approximate.

COUNTRY PROGRAMS



BULGARIA

Children in Need of Families

- Children in Bulgaria are in need of families due to economic hardship, abuse and neglect, lack of acceptance of unwed mothers and medical needs.
- Children in need of families are 12 months to school age.
- Children are primarily ethnic Roma descent.

Adoptive Parents

- Single women and married couples
- There are no set age requirements, but Bulgaria prefers 15-45 years age difference between parent(s) and child.
- Bulgaria often shows great flexibility for children with special needs, sibling groups and older children.

Travel

- Two trips are required. Both trips are between 7 and 10 days long.

Bulgaria is a Hague Convention Country



BURKINA FASO

Children in Need of Families

- Children in Burkina Faso are in need of families due to extreme poverty, lack of acceptance of unwed mothers, medical reasons where parents lack the financial resources to meet their needs, and loss of parents due to AIDS.
- Children in need of families are infants to teens.
- Children are of African descent.

Adoptive Parents

- Couples who have been married 5+ years and are between the ages of 29-55.

Travel

- One trip is required. The trip is between two and three weeks long.

Burkina Faso is a Hague Convention Country



HAITI

Children in Need of Families

- Children in Haiti are in need of families due to poverty, lack of acceptance of unwed mothers, cultural beliefs and medical needs.
- Infants to teens are in need of families.
- Children are of Haitian descent.

Adoptive Parents

- Couples who have been married 5+ years and one spouse is at least 30 years old.
- Single women at least 35 years and older.

Travel

- Two trips are required: the first trip is approximately two weeks long, and the final trip is approximately one week long.

Haiti is a Hague Convention Country



PERU

Children in Need of Families

- Children in Peru are in need of families due to poverty.
- Children of all ages are in need of families; the central authority prioritizes children matching children over the age of nine.
- Children with special needs and sibling groups are in need of families.

Adoptive Parents

- Married couples and single women.
- Couples who have co-habitated for at least 2 years.
- Adoptive parents must be between 25 and 52 years old.

Travel

- One trip is required. The duration of the trip is 6-10 weeks long.

Peru is a Hague Convention Country



UKRAINE

Children in Need of Families

- Children in Ukraine are in need of families due to poverty, lack of acceptance of unwed mothers and medical needs.
- Children aged 6 to teens are in need of families.
- Sibling group and children with special needs are in need of families.
- Children are typically Caucasian.

Adoptive Parents

- Married couples who are 25 -55 years old.

Travel

- One trip of 4-8 weeks is required. This trip may be able to be split into two trips of 2-3 weeks each.

Families must be open to adopting a child over the age of 6.



WAITING CHILDREN

The MLJ Adoptions Waiting Child Photolisting connects children with loving adoptive families willing to meet the needs of these special children.

- Our Waiting Child Photolisting includes children with mild to severe physical or mental needs, healthy children older than five and children who belong to a sibling group.
- Each of our program countries has children with special needs in need of families .
- The process of adopting children with special needs may be expedited.
- The children range in ages from infancy to teens and include both boys and girls.
- The family requirements and adoption process vary according to the child's country.

GET STARTED!

LEARN MORE



There is much to consider when thinking about adoption!

We offer free initial consultations for those considering adoption, during which we discuss the aspects of the adoption process and which country fits your family best. Prior to beginning with one of our programs you will want to schedule a free initial consultation either over the phone or in person. Please email info@mljadoptions.com, or call 317-875-0058 to set up a time to learn more!

SUBMIT APPLICATION & PAYMENT

Complete MLJ's International Adoption Application and submit both the application and a non-refundable application fee of \$295 to MLJ Adoptions.

Within 2-3 business days, our team will pre-screen the application to determine eligibility for our adoption programs, and provide the results via email. Please keep in mind that this application process is only an initial screening based on the limited information received; it is intended to prevent future issues to the best extent possible and limit stress.



BECOME AN MLJ ADOPTIONS' CLIENT FAMILY

To become a client family, families will need to submit 3 things:

- (1) Signed Adoption Service Agreement;
- (2) Signed fee schedule for the country program that they wish to start;
- (3) Initial payment according to the country program fee schedule.

Families will be given access to our online client portal to view your initial guides to start your Home Study and/or Step One information, and will be contacted by one of our staff members.

Upon request, MLJ Adoptions will disclose to prospective adoptive parent(s) the following information: the number of its adoption placements per year for the prior three calendar years, and the number and percentage of those placements that remain intact, are disrupted, or have been dissolved as of the time the information is provided; the number of parents who apply to adopt on a yearly basis, based on data for the prior three calendar years; the number of placement referrals via MLJ. Please allow MLJ five business days to get this information to you after it is requested.