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**INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTION
PROGRAM**



Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE DO I START?

Do your research. What countries are you interested in? Is there a proven adoption program? Is the country part of the Hague Convention? Do you qualify to adopt in that country? Next, before the agency can start working with you, an Adoption Application Form needs to be submitted to Alberta Human Services.

WHAT COUNTRY?

International adoption programs can open, close, or change at any time. It is important to research what countries have a proven program or if there are any restrictions.

HOW OLD ARE THE CHILDREN?

Countries of origin determine which children are eligible for international adoption. Newborns are not generally available because efforts must first be made to place them for adoption in their country of origin. The majority of children adopted internationally arrive when they are between two and six years old.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

A timeline is hard to predict because it is dependent on which country you choose. There are different stages to an adoption such as the application, the Home Study, waitlists, match proposals, and travel to the country.

WHAT IS THE COST?

No matter what country you choose to adopt from, our fees remain the same. The cost difference depends on the country you choose and if you work with a coordinating agency. Most international adoptions range from \$30,000 to \$75,000.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WHAT EDUCATION DO I NEED?

It is a requirement by the provincial government that all prospective families complete an International Educational Seminar. We provide in-person seminars every three months. We cover topics such as the process, institutionalization, attachment, medical issues, and adopting older children.

MORE INFORMATION:

We understand international adoption can be challenging and confusing. We will do our best to help and guide you through this journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact our office at info@smallmiraclesadoption.com