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								2008	2009
1 Bethany Christian Services 3025 Harbor Lane N, Suite 316 Plymouth, MN 55447 763-553-0344 www.bethany.org/plymouth	1. 2-3 Months 2. \$3,500 3. Yes	Ethiopia	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infant: 12-18 months Referral of 2+ year old: 6-12 months Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$23,650-\$27,050	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year with 5 years preferred 25-45 years old for infant or 50+ for older child Single females accepted 	6-8 days	0	5
		China	9 months to 12 years old (mostly girls and some boys with minor needs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 39+ months after dossier log-in date Wait after referral: 6-12+ weeks 	\$25,770-\$26,020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced 30-45 years old: May be assigned a child approximately 9-12 months of age 46-50 years old: May be assigned a child one to three years of age 51+ years old: Do not meet the guidelines for adopting a healthy child, but may be eligible for older children or those with placement special needs Maximum 4 children in family Singles not accepted 	12-20 days	9	4
		Hong Kong	6 months to 15 years old (for special placement needs only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting children only Wait after referral: 6-8 months 	\$16,550-\$19,450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-50 years old (may be older than 50 for older children) Singles accepted 	Preferred (4-7 travel days, if chosen)	0	1
		Philippines	2-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 24 months (and increasing) Wait after referral: 6-8 months 	\$20,350-\$23,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 27-45 years old 	4-7 days	0	0
		South Korea	6-18 months old for healthy infants and 6 months to 5 years old for special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infants: 12-16 months Wait after referral: 3-6 months 	\$28,225-\$33,655	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-43 years old Healthy infants placed only in GA, MI, IN, IL, WI 	4-7 travel days preferred	0	0
		Colombia (CRAN)	3-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old (25-50 years for older children or those with special placement needs) Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs 	6-8+ weeks	0	0
		Colombia (Ayudame)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs and children over 4 yrs Childless couples only for healthy infants 	6-8+ weeks	0	0
		Colombia (Chiquitines)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for children with special placement needs 	5-8 weeks	0	0
		Colombia (Los Pisingos)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs Childless couples only for healthy infants 	6-8+ weeks	0	0
		Colombia (ICBF)	9 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years for child 0-5 years old Shorter wait for older children and children with special needs Wait after referral: 1-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs 	6-8 weeks	0	0
		Haiti (ON HOLD)	Birth to 6 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-10 months for boys and 9-12 months for girls Wait after referral: 12-18 months 	\$22,890-\$24,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 7 years 30-50 years old 35 years old minimum for single female applicants Maximum of 2 children accepted Statement of Faith is required 	3-5 days	0	0
		Lithuania	2-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-12 months with proven Lithuanian heritage after placed on registry and up to 3+ years if no Lithuanian heritage Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$28,689-\$35,989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-47 years at application Maximum 45 years between ages of parent and child Single female applicants with Lithuanian heritage accepted 	1st trip is 7-14 days and 2nd trip is 7-14 days	0	0
		Russia	18 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 8-10 months (longer for a female) and 4-6 months for older child Wait after referral: 3-6 months 	varies greatly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of marriage/children in family varies No more than 45 years between ages of parent and child Single applicants accepted in some regions Childless couples cannot specify gender Must be U.S. citizens 	1st trip is 1 week and 2nd trip is 4 weeks	1	3
		Ukraine	3-15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 8-12 months after dossier received in Ukraine Wait after referral: n/a 	\$38,350-\$41,550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage length varies No more than 45 years between the age of the child and the oldest parent Singles not accepted 	7-8 weeks	0	0



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2 Children's Home Society & Family Services 1605 Eustis Street St Paul, MN 55108 651-646-6393 www.chsfs.org	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$500-\$3,000 (based on income) 3. No for regular programs and Yes for Waiting International Child program	Colombia	3 months (Colombian American families) to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral for children 7 years and older: 12 months or less Call for details on referral times for Colombian American families and WIC Program Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks 	\$3,500-\$14,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples for 3-5 years 25-38 year olds can adopt younger children 39-55 for older children Single women can adopt children age 7 and older single men can adopt boys age 8 and older First-time parents must be open to gender Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children 	Approx. 6-8 week stay in Bogota and approx. 4 week stay outside of Bogota	17	30
		China	7 months to 13 years old (mainly girls in regular program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 40+ months (wait times may increase to 4-5 years) Wait after referral: 6-11 weeks 	\$10,780 - \$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced 30-49 years old (couples 50-54 may be considered for WIC) Must be in excellent health and have a Body Mass Index (BMI) no greater than 40 0-4 children currently living in home and youngest must be at least 1 year old when dossier is sent to China Minimum income \$30k + \$10k/child living in home. Net worth minimum of \$80k 	2 week stay (one parent must travel)	80	72
		Costa Rica	5-15 years old (younger children available with special needs and sibling groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-12 months Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks 	\$8,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 5 years Single women can adopt Age 25-55 (youngest parent should be at least 15 years older than child) No serious health issues and no criminal background issues 	1 trip of approximately 6 weeks and both parents must remain in country until the adoption is completed	new	new
		Ecuador	18-48 months old and up to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-18 months Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks 	\$14,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years Single women may adopt girls; single men may adopt boys Age 25-50; oldest parent can be no more than 45 years older than child Ecuador is quite restricted regarding mental health, medical and criminal background 	at least 8 weeks; in the case of a couple, one parent could travel home after approximately 4 weeks	new	7
		Ethiopia	25 months to 12 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-18 months Wait after referral: 4-8 months 	\$10,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year Priority given to Ethiopian Americans Age difference between the youngest parent and child cannot exceed 50 years and maximum age for parents is 55 First-time parents and families adopting siblings must be open to gender 	1 week stay (escort possible for \$3,500)	276	230
		India	Infants and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for details on wait times 	\$10,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 5 years 30-52 years old All parents must be 43 or under to adopt a child 6-18 months 0-3 children currently in family Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children 	1 week stay	33	15
		Korea	5-6 months old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-9 months for boys and 9-12 months for girls Wait after referral: 3-6 months 	\$14,350 (WIC) - \$17,350 (General Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years at adoption study approval and no more than one divorce per spouse 25-43 years old with less than 15 years between spouses 0-4 children in the family and if 0 must be open to gender No serious health issues, including weight High school+ education For families in MN, IA, Western WI, DC, MD and VA. Others may adopt through the WIC program Married couples with one or both spouses of Korean descent may adopt through the general Korea Program regardless of state of residence 	1 week stay (escort option possible for \$3,500)	150	120
		Mexico	5-15 years old (younger children available with special needs and sibling groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12-18 months Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks 	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 3 years if previously divorced Couples and single women allowed 25-50 years old, but over 50 may be considered for WIC No serious health issues 	2 trips required: 1st trip (both parents) is 10 days and 2nd trip is 3-5 weeks	new	new
		Nepal	infants and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12 months Wait after referral: 2-8 months 	\$13,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 4 years and at least 31 years old Single women 35-55 years old Can have up to 4 children in the family if they are of the same gender Must be open to gender (if you have a child or children in the home you will receive referral of opposite gender) Must own your home and have annual income of \$30,000 No serious health issues 	3-4 weeks (one parent can travel)	new	new



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		Peru	Waiting children 2 years to 15 years old	• Referral: 8-18 months • Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks	\$8,000	• Married at least 2 years • 25-55 years old • Single women or single men (single men are eligible to adopt children 8 years and up) 30-45 years old • Age requirements may be flexible	25-30 days (both parents stay until adoption decree is signed)	7	4
		Russia	12 months to 16 years old (faster referral for children over 2)	• Referral: 3-12 months for boys and 10-18 months for girls • Wait after referral: 3-7 months	\$18,250	• Married couples or single women • Recommended age difference between mother and child is < 47 years • Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis	1st trip is 5-7 days and 2nd trip is 3-4 weeks	71	36
		Taiwan	2-10 years old and all with special needs	• Referral to travel: 4-7 months	\$4,000	• Married couples, 30-45 years old (over 45 on a case-by-case basis) and in good health • Adoption study-ready applicants only	Travel required for one or both spouses (one-week trip approx.)	new	7 since 1999
		Thailand	16 months to 5 years old	• Referral: 9-12 months • Wait after referral: 7-10 months	\$7,500	• Married at least 2 years • Age 45 or younger (both parents); 25-40 to adopt child under 24 months • No serious health issues, including depression (past or present) • No criminal history, including DUIs • Maximum of 2 children in the home	10-14 days for both parents	5	7
		Ukraine	5 years and older (child referral occurs in-country)	• Wait after referral: 10-12 months after dossier submission	\$6,500	• Married couples at least one year • Age difference between adoptive parents and adopted children cannot exceed 45 years • Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis	Travel will be approx. 5-6 weeks (can be done in 1 trip or split up into 2 trips)	1 (pilot program)	2
3 Crossroads Adoption Services 7600 Parklawn Avenue, #352 Minneapolis, MN 55435 (952) 831-5707 www.crossroadsadoption.com	1. 3-5 Months 2. \$2,600 3. On a case-by-case basis	China	Infant girls	• Referral: 48 months or more • Wait after referral: 2-3 months	\$13,500- \$15,500	• Married couples • 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs • Some health and weight restrictions	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	16	4
		China (Special Needs)	0-12 year old boys and girls with special needs	• Referral is expedited: 6-9 months	\$13,000- \$15,000	• Married couples • 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs • Some health and weight restrictions	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)		10
		Colombia	Infant boys and girls (no gender pref.); older children and sibling groups available	• Referral: 24 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 weeks	\$10,000- \$19,100	• Married couples • 25-38 years old for infants • Age restrictions are flexible if adopting older children	4-5 weeks (one parent may return after 2-3 weeks)	15	12
		Nepal	Infant boys and girls 1 year old and older	• Referral: 12-24 months • Wait after referral: 3-6 months	\$15,000- \$17,000	• Married couples • 30-50 years old • Single women (not single men) 35-50 years old	2 weeks (both parents must travel)		0
		Philippines	Infant boys and girls 1 year and older school age children and siblings	• Referral: 12-36 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 months	\$5,500- \$7,000	• Married at least 3 years or 5 years if divorced • 1 divorce per person allowed	1 week	10	16
		Thailand	Relative and school age boys and girls	• Referral: 24-36 months • Wait after referral: 4 months	\$3,900- \$5,000	• Married couples or singles • Some other restrictions may apply	2 weeks	0	0
4 European Children Adoption Services 6050 Cheshire Lane North Plymouth, MN 55446 763-694-6131 www.ecasus.org	1. 2 Months 2. \$2,600 3. Yes	Russia	Infants and children 10 months to 16 years old	• Referral: 4-10 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 months	\$25,000- \$29,000	• Married at least 1 year • Couples and single women 25-55 years old	2 trips. 1st trip 4-5 days and 2nd trip 9-19 days	14	10
		Ukraine	Children and siblings from 14 months to 16 years old	• Invitation to travel: 5-8 months • Wait after invite: 1 month	\$22,000- \$26,000	• Married for at least 1 year • Married couples 25-55 years old • Maximum 45 years age different between oldest parent and child	25-35 totals days in either 1 or 2 trips	3	3
		Kazakhstan	Children and siblings from 9 months to 16 years old	• Invitation to travel: 5-6 months • Wait after invite: up to 2 months	\$32,500- \$33,500	• Married for at least 1 year • Married couples and single women 25-55 years old	28-35 totals days in either 2 or 3 trips	10	12
5 Hand in Hand International Adoptions 1360 University Ave. West., #176 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-917-0384 www.hihiadopt.org	1. 2 Months 2. \$2,500 3. No	China	6 months to 10 years old (mostly girls)	• Referral: 3+ years • Wait after referral: 1-2 months	\$17,980	• Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced • 30-50 years old (maximum 45 for infants)	2 weeks	36	20
		Haiti	newborn to 15 years old	• Referral: 1-2 months • Wait after referral: 12-18 months	\$19,000	• Married at least 8 years • Minimum of 33 years old for single women and for married couples, one must be at least 35 with a maximum age of 50 • Practicing Christian	5 days (one or both parents may travel)	4	0



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		Pakistan	newborn to 8 years old	• Referral: 1-4 months • Wait after referral: 1-2 months	\$27,400	• Married 2 years preferred • 25-60 years old • Practicing Christian • Single women allowed	21-25 days	0	0	
		Philippines	6 months to 15 years old (mostly boys)	• Referral: 12-24 months • Wait after referral: 4 months	\$14,100	• Married at least 3 years • 27 years old minimum • Maximum 45 years between adoptive mother and child • Practicing Christian	1 trip for 7 days	14	24	
		Russia	9 months to 15 years old	• Referral: 1-12 months • Wait after referral: 2-16 weeks	\$24,400-\$30,400	• No maximum age, but often preferred that parents are no more than 45 years older than child • Single women may also adopt	2-3 trips (3-7 days and then 3-10 days and possibly a 3rd trip after the 10 day waiting period)	31	21	
		China (Special Needs)	6 months to 10 years old (mostly girls)	• Referral: expedited process • Wait after referral: 6-12 months	\$17,480	• 30-55 years old • Married 2 years (5 years if previously divorced)	2 weeks	1	0	
6	HOPE Adoption & Family Services 5850 Omaha Ave. N. Oak Park Hts., MN 55082 651-439-2446 www.hopeadoptionsservices.org	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$1,700-\$3,500 3. Yes	Philippines (HOPE works with many other countries, but is the primary agency for families who want to adopt from this country)	6 months to 10 years old and many more boys than girls. Special needs, as well. Families have to be open to children that are at least 3 years old.	• Referral: 18 months • Wait after referral: 3-4 months • Special needs placements are much shorter	\$11,100	• Married at least 1 year or 5 years if previously divorced • Single female applications for special needs children • 47 year old maximum difference between parent and child	1 week	2	3
7	Lutheran Social Services 2400 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-879-5230 www.minnesotaaadoption.org	1. 2 Months 2. \$2,000 3. Yes (if outside MN) and No (for families adopting outside of the Colombia program)	Colombia (private orphanages)	4 months to 16 years old; single children and sibling groups; some medical special needs	• Referral 0-3 yrs: 18-24 months • Referral 3-6 yrs+: 12-36 months • Wait after referral until travel: 3-4 weeks	\$36,290 (includes travel expenses)	• Married at least 1 year • Must be open to children of either gender (preference can be stated for older children) • Ages 25-38: considered for children 0-35 months • Ages 39-41: considered for children 36-59 months • Ages 42-44: considered for children 60-83 months • Ages 45+: considered for children 84 months and older • Single applicants considered for children 7+ years of age and/or children with medical special needs • Prefer families with no more than 1 child currently in home • Some flexibility is allowed for families wishing to adopt children with special needs or sibling groups of 3 or more children	5-8 weeks in 1 trip; both parents expected to travel; one parent may depart after two weeks, if necessary	9	14
			Colombia (ICBF)	12 months to 16 years old; single children and sibling groups; some medical special needs	• Referral 1-3 yrs: 36+ months • Referral 3-6 yrs+: 12-36 months • Wait after referral until travel: 3-4 weeks	\$26,290 (includes travel expenses)	• Married at least 1 year • Must be open to children of either gender (preference can be stated for older children) • Ages 25-38: considered for children 12-35 months • Ages 39-41: considered for children 36-59 months • Ages 42-44: considered for children 60-83 months • Ages 45+: considered for children 84 months and older • Single applicants considered for children 7+ years of age and/or children with medical special needs • Prefer families with no more than 2 children currently in home • Some flexibility is allowed for families wishing to adopt children with special needs or sibling groups of 3 or more children	5-8 weeks in 1 trip; both parents expected to travel; one parent may depart after two weeks, if necessary	2	1
			Home study and post-placement services for the country of your choice	Varies by country	Varies by country	\$5,550 plus placing program fees	• LSSMN is Hague/COA accredited • We offer home study and post-placement services to families in MN who are networking to a placing program of their choice • This gives families greater flexibility in choosing the program that best fits their needs	Varies by country	29	17
8	New Horizons 302 South Grove Street PO Box 188 Blue Earth, MN 56013 507-526-3518 www.nhadoptionagency.com	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$3,350 3. Yes	Liberia	All ages	Unavailable	\$8,380	• Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40	1-2 weeks	0	0
			Sri Lanka	All ages	Unavailable	\$15,000	• At least 25 years old	4 weeks	0	0
			Uganda	All ages	Unavailable	\$13,900	• Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40	4-5 weeks	3	0
			Ukraine	2 years old and older	Unavailable	\$17,100	• Married at least 1 year • 24-50 years old with no more than 45 years difference between parents and child	1st trip 2-3 weeks and 2nd trip 1 week	0	0