



# CHINA PROGRAM

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**Good Hope Adoption Services, Inc.** partners with **Homeland Adoption Services** in Nyack, New York for their Waiting Child Program. Homeland works directly with the China Center of Adoption Affairs, placing children with minor medical needs from select orphanages in China. The children range in age from under a year up to school age. We offer this program with much enthusiasm and experience to qualified families.

Services include the following:

- Home Studies
- 1-800A Filing and Advocacy
- Dossier preparation and support
- Pre-Adoption coordination followed with ongoing support while in the country
- Post-Adoption Supports, including Post-Adoption Reports.



## ABOUT THE COUNTRY

China has one of the oldest continuous civilizations. Located in Eastern Asia, it is the fourth largest country in the world and has at least 14 countries and 4 seas bordering it. China is the world's largest populated country with over 1.3 billion people inhabiting it. The country is formerly known as the People's Republic of China and is a socialist republic, ruled by the Communist Party of China under a single-party system. The climate varies depending on the area you are in and ranges from mountains to tropical beaches. The government enforces a one-child rule with flexibility in rural areas claiming that it will maintain this law until 2020. Some areas unofficially allow 2 children as long as the second child is a girl.



## WHO CAN ADOPT?

China will accept dossiers from couples married at least two years, (or 5 years following a divorce), and up to age 54 to qualify for the Homeland Adoption program. Applicants must be at least 30 years old. Prospective parents should be in good physical health and mental health, have adequate resources to care for a child, have no significant criminal history, and have a body-mass index of under 40. Additional requirements and restrictions apply. Please contact us prior to application to discuss your individual eligibility.

## WHO ARE THE CHILDREN?



According to the most recent INS Immigration Statistics (2008)- Of the 3,852 children adopted to the US from China, 79% were females, 21% male. 952 of the children were under one year of age, 2,533 were between one and four years old and 394 were over the age of five. The Children available from China are mostly girls, although, boys and older children may be available by request. The China Center of Adoption Affairs provides the referral information with photographs and a medical profile about the child, including a brief social history and a developmental profile. Since the children have been abandoned, medical history is limited to orphanage records. Information about birth parents is not available. At this time the children that are available through the CCAA Waiting Children's Program have either correctable medical conditions such as cleft palate, prematurity or mild health conditions or mild malnutrition, vitamin deficiencies, rashes, etc. may exist.



## THE PROCESS

An adoption from China typically takes from 12-18 months. CCAA will expedite adoptions for applicants who were born in China. Once your dossier is completed, it is sent to Homeland's staff in China, where it will be translated and taken to the China Center of Adoption Affairs (CCAA) in Beijing, where it will be registered and processed. The referral of a child will be received approximately 2- 12 months after receipt of your dossier. This is subject to change, according to the current processing times at CCAA. Upon acceptance of the referral, you may travel within 6-8 weeks.

## THE COSTS

- Good Hope Agency Fee: Dossier Coordination & Pre-adoption Support: \$3,200.00
- Home Study Service: \$2600.00
- Post Adoption Reports: \$1500.00
- Homeland Adoption Fee: For all foreign adoption related placement work: \$11,650.00
- Travel Expenses: Approximately \$2,500.00 per person.



The total cost, all-inclusive, averages \$25,000.00 A federal tax rebate offers a rebate of up to \$10,000 off the federal tax assessment, over the course of two years following an adoption, to qualified families. Other financial aid may be available in the form of grants, low interest loans, or work-related adoption benefits.



**For Additional Information – Contact Nancy Reffsin at 413-253-3592, Pam Thomas at 845-727-0500 or Good Hope Adoption Services at 508-385-7815 or toll free 866-50-ADOPT or visit our web site at [www.goodhopeadoption.org](http://www.goodhopeadoption.org).**