



RUSSIAN PROGRAM



The PROGRAM

Good Hope Adoption Services Inc. has been working very closely with representatives in Russia towards accreditation with the Russian Federation, and has a Representative Office in Moscow. This program works with various regions of Russia. Good Hope Services include dossier preparation and support, travel preparation and coordination, and ongoing support while in country. Pre- and Post-Adoption

Supports are also provided to families through Homestudies and Post-Placement Services. Our coordinator, Vladimir Gelfand, and his staff are extremely experienced in the field of International Adoption, with over 20 years history placing children with adoptive parents from the regions of Kemerovsky, the Republic of Chuvashia, St. Petersburg, and the Republic of Bashkortostan.

ABOUT THE COUNTRY

The official name of Russia is the Russian Federation, which came into being after the former Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 into 15 separate geopolitical entities. Russia is by far the largest country in the world measuring in at 17.1 million square kilometers and covering more than 1/7th of the world's land area. Most of Russia resides in a continental climate with distinct periods of warm and cold weather. Russia has about 145.5 million people and it is the 9th largest populated country in the world. Another 30 million Russians reside outside of Russia. The official language of Russia is Russian and the country's main religion is Russian Orthodoxy.



WHO ARE THE CHILDREN?

According to the most recent INS Immigration Statistics, (2008), 54% of the 1,859 children adopted to US families, were male and 46% were female. 4% of the adoptions were under one year old, 75% were between the ages of 1-4 and 21% were over five years old. Younger children range in age from 12 to 36 months old, up to 10 years old. There are no age or gender restrictions on adoptions. Acc. Nationalities of the children include: Russian, Tartar, Chuvash, Bashkir and Gypsy. These children reside in public run orphanages grouped according to their ages. All medical services are provided .



WHO CAN ADOPT?



Couples and Single Women may adopt. Married non-US citizens residing in the US may adopt if their spouse is a US citizen. There is no official age requirement; each case is looked at individually. Divorced persons may apply.

THE PROCESS

The children available for adoption are referred to our Russian Office in Moscow. Our Agency staff receives photographs and medical information for a child referral before parents travel. We have the benefit of working closely with Dr. Boris Skurkovich of the International Adoption Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital, whose knowledge and experience with this country's adopted children is extremely helpful to our staff and the families throughout the adoption process.

- The entire adoption process takes approximately 6-9 months. 2-3 trips are required.
- The first trip is approximately 5-7 days, where the family meets the proposed child and submits their basic document package for registration..
- The second longer trip includes submitting the full dossier, the legal adoption and court, which can be up to 3.5-4 weeks. This trip could be broken into 2 shorter trips if necessary.



COSTS INVOLVED

- Good Hope Agency Fee: \$6500.00
- Immigration Filing Fees: \$830.00
- Foreign Fee: \$14,000.00-\$16,000.00
- Dossier Processing and Finalization Fees: \$3,000.00
- In-Country Costs are approximately \$6,000.00-\$8,000.00
- Travel is approximately \$1,500.00 pp.

The total cost, all-inclusive, averages \$29,000.00 to 33,000.00. 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 Good Hope Adoption Services at 508-385-7815 or toll free 866-50-ADOPT or visit our website at www.goodhopeadoption.org.

