

## **Outline for Introduction to International Adoption**

- Outline of the typical international adoption process.
- What type of kids are available for international adoption?
- What is the youngest child available?
- Is it possible to get a young healthy child or baby?
- International adoption regulations.
- What governmental entities are involved in international adoption?
- How to decide on what country to adopt from? Will the country accept you? Does the country place children that you think your family is a good fit for?
- What are some of the country-specific requirements for adoptive parents?
- Can adoption agencies have different or more stringent requirements than the foreign or US government?
- What are the health risks for children adopted internationally? Many international adoption programs are considered special need programs, meaning that the kids have needs that will impact parenting; however, the type of special needs varies considerably. What type of special needs do children have?
- What type of care do children have before adoption?
- How to find children abroad who are waiting for adoption? How to adopt a child on a waiting child website?
- How much information will you have on the health of the child when you receive a referral?
- How big of a risk is it that a country will close down to international adoption once you apply? How do you mitigate the risk of losing the money you invested?
- What to look for in an international adoption agency?
- Pre-adoption education requirements.
- How much does international adoption cost?
- Are grants available?
- What is the Adoption Tax Credit and can it be used for an international adoption?
- How long does it take to adopt internationally?
- Is it possible for single women, gays, lesbians, or other members of the LGBTQ+ community to adopt internationally?
- Importance of post-adoption reporting.
- How do internationally adopted children acquire US citizenship?