Ethiopia

Bal Jagat - Children's World Inc. works with <u>Children's Home Society and Family Services</u>. This agency is licensed by the Ethiopian government. We are able to provide home study and post adoption services. We have had success with this country and are very excited about the partnership!

• • Children's Home Society and Family Services

Children waiting for adoption include

Male and female children

- Infants (0-12 months), toddlers (12-36 months) and school age children (36 months and above)
- Sibling groups that may sometimes include twins and triplets Adoption Requirements

» Adoptive parents must be married couples or single women.

- » For married couples, at least one adoptive parent must be a US citizen » Couples must be married for a minimum of one year at the time the dossier is sent to Ethiopia
- The age of adoptive parents must be between 25 and 50 for consideration of an infant adoption

 ** Adoptive parents must be in good health

 They must be able to show sufficient income to parent the child

>> Ethiopian law does not allow the adoption of a child by a gay or lesbian

First time parents must be prepared to rise a child of either gender

Adoption Process

The Adoption Section at CHSFS-Ethiopia verifies that the child's document is complete for the adoption process before the child enters CHSFS foster care center. The department also receives and documents post placement reports of every adopted child.

Post Placement Report

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Post placement report of each child is sent from the head office quarterly for the first year, and annually thereafter until the child is 18 years old. The report includes pictures and updated information of the child as observed by social workers. A copy of each report is issued to the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) in Ethiopia as well as to the birth parents. CHSFS-Ethiopia has also requested a minimum of 10 minutes' video clip that shows the condition of the child to be sent along with the report.

Adoption Timeframe

From accepting a referral until the child travels to his/her new home, it takes approximately two to six months. Time frames are likely to vary depending on different situations and cases.

For more information about our Ethiopia program please contact us.