Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Island Coast International Adoptions, Chartered. We have enclosed information about the services we provide and information about our international adoption program.

If you are interested in our services, please complete the enclosed application and return it to ICIA at the Cape Coral address listed below. If you have a completed homestudy, please submit a copy also at this time for review.

Upon receipt and review of these documents, we will contact you for a consultation, and discuss the compilation of your dossier.

We look forward to working with you. If there are any questions, please feel free to call at any time.

Sincerely,

The Staff at Island Coast International Adoptions, Chartered

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# INDIA

Children Available:

Infants 6 months of age and older at referrat toddlers and older children, sibling groups and special needs.

Fees:

\$14,500 plus approximately \$4000 in escorting fees

The fees are paid according to the following schedule:

Application fee \$500 Due with application and PP sheet Homestudy review fee \$250 Due with application and PP sheet Primary Provider fee \$1000 Due with application and PP sheet \*\*\*Once these fees are paid, they are non refundable.

Orphanage fee \$3500 Due with dossier Legalization fee \$2000 Due with dossier \*\*Once these fees are paid, they are non refundable.

Project development fee \$5000 Due upon acceptance of a referral Maintenance fee \$2250 Due upon acceptance of a referral \*\*Once these fees are paid, they are non refundable.

Travel Requirements:

The adoptive parents are not required to travel to India. The child can be escorted to the United States. However, adoptive parents can travel if desired.

Length of Process:

Adoptions from India generally take 8-12 months from the time of referral. Referrals can take up to 4 months for infant females and up to six months for infant males.

Adoptive parents with OCI or valid Indian passports will have priority with referrals.

#### Criteria:

Married couple with 5 years of a stable relationship

Prospective adoptive parents having composite age of 90 years or less can adopt infants and young children.

However, in no case should the age of any one of the prospective adoptive parents exceed 55 years.

Single persons up to 45 years can also adopt.

Age difference of the single adoptive parent and child should be 21 years or more. A prospective adoptive parent in no case should be less than 30 years and more than 55 years.

A second adoption from India will be considered only when the legal adoption of the first child is completed.

Same sex couples are not eligible to adopt.

# **Interesting Facts:**

All babies and children are from an orphanage.

Photo updates occur two times within each case.

Children receive medical care.

Families are granted guardianship of the child and will have to finalize the adoption in the United States

# Additional helpful information:

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS)

I-800A Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country \$670 and \$80 per person for fingerprinting. For India, do not start this process until you have accepted the referral of your child or your homestudy is 5 months old.

Order six copies of your birth, marriage, divorce and death decrees. You will get these from Vital Statistics in the county and state that the decree was filed in.

Homestudies must be completed by a Hague approved social worker or agency.

# **UZBEKISTAN**

## **NEW PROGRAM!!!!**

Uzbekistan is Central Asia's most populous country. Its 27 million people, concentrated in the south and east of the country, are nearly half the region's total population. Uzbekistan had been one of the poorest republics of the Soviet Union; much of its population was engaged in cotton farming in small rural communities. The population continues to be heavily rural and dependent on farming for its livelihood. Uzbek is the predominant ethnic group. Other ethnic groups include Russian 5.5%, Tajik 5%, Kazakh 3%, Karakalpak 2.5%, and Tatar 1.5%. The nation is 88% Sunni Muslim and 9% Eastern Orthodox. Uzbek is the official state language; however, Russian is the language for interethnic communication, including much of the day-to-day government and business use.

Under Uzbek law, the Guardianship and Trusteeship Organization (GTO) of each local Mayor's office is responsible for the care of orphans. ICIA will submit the dossier documents to a local Mayor through its GTO. This is a newer program, so there could be many changes that adoptive parents should understand.

The government offices responsible for intercountry adoptions are the Uzbek Ministry of Education and the local Mayor's office ("Hokimiat") in the region where the adoption takes place.

There will be one trip to Uzbekistan of 2 to 4 weeks or two trips of varying lengths. Both parents must travel in person to identify their child and one parent may leave earlier during the process, leaving the POA to the spouse. There is no court procedure in Uzbekistan

The age limit of adoptive parents is at least 25 years of age and no more than 55 years of age.

Parents must be at least 15 years older than the adopted child.

Single people and married couples may adopt.

Couples should be married at least one year.

Previously divorced individuals may also adopt

Children are available from 5-6 months up to 14 years of age. Two unrelated children may be adopted at once and sibling groups are available. Children are generally healthy. The children available for adoption are housed in government run orphanages. Both boys and girls are available for adoption. At least one prospective adoptive parent must be U.S. Citizen.

The parents will receive pictures and medical reports of their referral in approximately one month after dossier submission. Once the parents accept the referral, permission to travel can be anywhere from 3 to 6 months later. The parents will travel to Tashkent or Samarkand or other regions of Uzbekistan. The parents can either stay in a hotel or an apartment. We recommend staying in an apartment. The cost is

approx: \$1,000 per month. There is access to internet service in the apartment.

A post placement visit is required monthly for the first six months, plus and additional three visits/reports at 12, 24 and 36 months to comply with Uzbekistan regulations.

The dossier is notarized and legalized at the Secretary of State. After that the dossier will be sent for authentication by the Uzbek Embassy in Washington, D.C.. Once authenticated, the dossier will be sent to Uzbekistan for translation into Uzbek or Russian. The translated dossier will be submitted to the Ministry of Education in Uzbekistan for authentication within the country.

## Fees:

ICIA fee of \$5500 are due in three monthly installments

Country fee: \$16,500 due in three installments

Adoptive parents pay additional:
\$1000 translation of documents back into English
\$2000 transportation and translator within Uzbekistan
\$100-\$120 Hotel per day
\$150-\$200 medical expenses to have child examined by private physician.
Food and international air tickets.

#### NEPAL

#### Children Available:

Healthy, male and female infants, toddlers and older children.

# Country Fee:

FEES TO BE DETERMINED IN AUGUST 2008 - This fee includes the orphanage fee plus the medical fee for visa, passport and visa photos, passport, translations of documents into English for the US Embassy and transportation of adoptive family within Nepal for adoption purposes.

#### Facilitator Fee:

FEES TO BE DETERMINED IN AUGUST 2008 - which includes the facilitator accomanying the adoptive family to Nepal on both trips, guiding the adoptive family and the paperwork through the legal process. The adoptive family is required to pay for the airfare for the facilitator.

# Travel Requirements:

ONE PARENT IS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL TO NEPAL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN AUGUST 2008.

# Length of Process:

THE LENGTH OF PROCESS IS STILL BEING DETERMINED.

#### Criteria:

Married couples and single women are eligible to adopt from Nepal Couples must be married for at least four years and have documented infertility. They must be between 30 and 50 years old. Parents must be at least 30 years older but not more than 45 years older than the child they adopt. For couples, this is based on the age of the oldest spouse. Single women can adopt from Nepal. They must be between 35 and 55 years old to adopt.

Nepal law dictates that you can only have one child of each sex. If you already have a son, you must adopt a daughter, if you have a daughter, you must adopt a son.

# **Interesting Facts:**

All paperwork is done in English and most people in Nepal speak some degree of English The children are generally given excellent care in the orphanages, including medical care and basic education. The children are usually healthy and are tested for HIV and Hepatitis B.

#### Ukraine

#### Children Available:

Healthy, male and female toddlers, two years of age and older children up to sixteen year and sibling groups.

## Country Fee:

\$16,000 - This fee includes the orphanage fee plus the legal fees within Ukraine to process the adoption.

# Facilitator Fee:

\$4000 - This fee is OPTIONAL - which includes the facilitator accompanying the adoptive family to Ukraine on one trip for one week only, guiding the adoptive family and the paperwork through the legal process. The adoptive family is required to pay for the airfare for the facilitator. This is optional. We have adequate and professional staff in Ukraine to assist you.

# Travel Requirements:

After the dossier has been completed, sent and registered in Ukraine, the parents will receive an invitation. The adoptive family will travel to Ukraine and choose a child from the data bank. You will then be taken to that orphanage and will interact with that child so that you are certain that this is the child for you. If not, we will go back to the data bank as many times as needed to locate the right child for you. After you have chosen a child the court proceedings will occur in the city that the child is located in and the parents must appear in court. There is an appeal time of 10 days. The parents can ask the judge to waive that appeal time and go direct to finish the adoption. However, if the judge does not waive the appeal time then the family has the choice os staying in Ukraine or returning to the USA. Only one parent needs to return for the visa appointment at the US Embassy in Kiev.If only one parent wants to come back for the child then they have to provide a good reason to the US Embassy in Kiev and notify the Embassy that there is only one parent will be returning for the child with Power of Attorney.

# Length of Process:

The length of process depends on the number of children that you visit in order to find the right child.

It could take between 6-10 months to get the invitation to travel from the registration of your dossier in the ministry.

## Criteria:

Married couples and single women are eligible to adopt from Ukraine.

There are no strict age requirements.

You can have biological children in your home.

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# ADOPTION APPLICATION

Husband's full name		Age
Wife's full name		Age
Street address		
City	_State	Zip
Date of Marriage	Number of previous d	ivorce (H)(W)
Children (ages and sex)		
Names of other adults living in th	e home	•
	Occupations(H)	
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Do you have a current homestudy?	Yes No	
Country, age, sex and number of ch	ildren desired for adoptio	on
Home telephone ( ) Fax Number ( ) Cell Number ( )	Email address	
Please return this completed form refundable application fee of \$100. Email: Adopticia@embargmail.com	.00.	listed below with a non-

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