



Welcome Home International – Fact Sheet

What is Welcome Home International?

Welcome Home International is a unique program that offers a 3-4 week host/camp environment for adoptable foreign country children. The goal is to find these kids forever families.

What is a Host Home?

A Host Home is a family environment who is dedicated to finding the children an adoptive home. The Host Home can be an advocate for the children and/or prospective adoptive family. In most programs, the Host Home is an approved adoptive family.

What are the Costs?

Prospective adoptive families must be home study ready. Each family will be responsible for the travel costs to bring the child to the US to participate in the program. The family can find a sponsor for the child's costs. (ie. church, family members, friends, etc.) The families incur application costs (ie. Fingerprint clearances, psychological evaluation, etc.), and the cost of providing food and a home for the child during their stay.

Tell me about the children:

ICA reviews psychological, medicals and social histories before a child is selected for the program. Every child has a history. We all have histories. Most of the children will come from institutional orphanages and may have been exposed to (not necessarily direct victims of), all types of abuse and neglect. ICA and the foreign country will make every effort to disclose all records.

What are the requirements of the family?

ICA is faith based and will explore the emotional, physical and spiritual strength of the family. It seeks to find families who have been married over 3 years, economically sound, strong references, and the ability to be proactive and resourceful in finding the right care and attention that the child needs. Families will undergo a home study and psychological evaluation. Strengths and weaknesses will

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be discussed and steps will be made to make your family unit stronger. Training will be mandatory and highly valuable.

Give me a quick re-cap.

- \$2,700 sponsorship cost to bring the child here.
- Adoptable children, single and sibling groups, ages 5-17 (with sibling groups there may be a younger child or baby with older siblings).
- Host for 3-4 weeks in your home. Planned and mandatory activities for that week.

NOTE:

- Pools must be fenced
- Out-of-state clients accepted on a limited basis
- Out of county clients accepted