



## Hong Kong Adoption Program Overview

All Blessings International, Inc., is proud to partner with International Social Services of Hong Kong. The Hong Kong adoption program is a great option for families with resources available to parent children with special needs.

**Children Available:** Children with moderate to severe special needs as well as sibling groups of all ages are available for adoption.

**General Adoptive Parent Requirements:** To be eligible for adoption from Hong Kong both parents must be 25 years of age at the time their dossier is submitted and no more than 55 years of age. Applicants over the age of 55 are not eligible for this program. Families must have been married for a minimum of 3 years. Previous divorces need to be discussed with agency social worker. Single women are accepted and must have sufficient support and child care ability. A minimum income of \$30,000 for a family of three (including the child to be adopted.) Families must also meet the USCIS poverty guidelines.



**Adoption Process**— The adoption process from Hong Kong can appear overwhelming initially. However, it is a step-by-step process and ABI will guide you. The first step in adopting from Hong Kong is to have a **Home study** conducted by an agency licensed in your state of residence. It must be signed by a Masters Level Clinician. The second step, is to file your Immigration and Naturalization Paperwork: the **I-800A**.

**Dossier.** The next step is the Dossier. It is a compilation of documents that require various seals at different levels of government. ABI, Inc. will provide adopting families with exact directions about how to prepare their dossier and an up-to-date Dossier document list when they have decided on their specific country. Don't be overwhelmed - we'll help you with this and ABI Inc. will even manage dossier preparation and domestic and international mailing! Once your dossier is ready to submit, your documents will be reviewed and prepared to enter the Hong Kong legal system when you have accepted a referral.

**Referral.** The current wait time for a child from Hong Kong varies based on the age and gender of child requested. **The process of adoption takes on average 6-14 months from the time a referral is offered.** Referral information includes as much detail as we receive from our overseas counterparts, including photographs with medical and social history. Updated medical and photo information will be available from International Social Services.

**Travel.** Adoptive parent travel is encouraged, but **families can choose to have their child escorted to the USA by an agency representative** (family will be responsible for travel & escort fees). Travel is approximately 4-7 days.

**Post-Adoption.** Reports following a child's placement for adoption are required to be completed by a licensed adoption agency (typically the same one that conducted the homestudy) at 1, 6, and 12 months following placement. These are sent by ABI to Hong Kong. Children enter the US under Guardianship of ABI and the adoption must be finalized in the United States after ABI approves the placement being in the best interests of the child.

