



Korea Network Adoption Program Overview

All Blessings International, Inc., proudly partners with very experienced and long established child placing agencies, AIAA and Dillon Southwest. ABI, Inc. works closely with **Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana and Tennessee** families providing home study, referral and immigration assistance, as well as close communication and advocacy with the other adoption entity on behalf of your family. While the Korean program has seen changes in the past few years, it is well established and reliable and it is very possible to complete a Korean adoption within eighteen months.

Children Available: Both infant girls and boys are available for adoption from Korea, however, boys are more prevalent. Applicants cannot request the gender of their child, and must be open to both genders. Children are between 6-12 months old at the time of referral, as all Korean children are not available for international adoption until after they are 5 months old. Applicants must be open to a child prenatally exposed to a minimal amount of alcohol or cigarettes.



General Adoptive Parent Requirements: To be eligible to adopt from Korea, parents should be between 25-44 years of age and should be married for at least three years. Age waivers are available to those of Korean heritage, adoptees of any heritage or those who have previously adopted from Korea. Previous divorces are accepted, but more than one divorce per spouse is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Parents can have no more than 4 children already living in the home. You must have no major health issues and a body mass index of less than 30. Families must be financially stable. Please contact the Korea Network Director Stephanie Williams to discuss the requirements in depth and to assist you in applying to the program.

Adoption Process: Adoption from South Korea has been in existence since 1955. Therefore, adoption from Korea is a consistent and reliable program. While there have been changes to the process with the adoption of the Hague Convention on International Adoption and the political atmosphere towards adoption in Korea, the process remains one of the most reliable adoption programs today. The first step is to contact Stephanie Williams and discuss the program for a full understanding of what to expect. Then, if you reside in Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana or Tennessee, ABI will complete your home study. At this time, you will submit an application to one of our partnering agencies as well. At the completion of your home study, we will assist you in submitting your I-600A, which is your Immigration and Naturalization Paperwork, and your home study will be sent to Korea to await a child referral.



Referral: The current wait time for a referral after a family has submitted their home study to Korea is between 2-3 months. Referral information is very detailed. It includes photos of the child, a social history on the birth parents, medicals and developmental report on the child, and information on any medications, alcohol or nicotine consumed by the birth mother during her pregnancy. Updated medicals, developmental reports and photos will be provided after acceptance of a referral.

Travel: Currently, there are two one week trips. The first trip will take place between 6-9 months after referral acceptance. Both parents must travel to meet their child and appear in

court during the first trip. The second trip only requires one parent to travel to obtain the child's visa and escort him or her home.

Post Adoption: ABI will conduct post placement evaluations in the months following your child's arrival. Reports describing the child's health and adjustment are then written in the first, second and third month the child is home and submitted to Korea, and then again in months six (6), nine (9), and twelve (12) by your ABI case worker, as well as a post adoption medical, and 5 pictures of the child and family per Report. You will finalize your child's adoption in Korea, and will receive your child's Certificate of Citizenship in the first few months of your child's arrival home. However, to obtain an American birth certificate, you must readopt your child in your county court. Your local case worker will be able to assist you with information on how to complete a readoption.

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