



# Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services



## Nepal Child Adoption Program



Journeys of the Heart is pleased to announce our licensure with the Nepali government as of October 25, 2008. We are now accepting applications in the program. Nepal is phasing in the resumption of adoptions. Nepal will initially accept only 10 applications from each of the 50 or so adoption agencies whom the government of Nepal allows to place children from Nepal. We have reached our first 10 applications and will allow another 10 families in if they wish to be placed on our waiting list for when the quota is eased. Families interested in adopting special (medical) needs children may submit an application through their adoption agency at any time without counting against the agency's quota. Special needs cases will be matched more quickly as well.

Journeys had an adoption program in Nepal for approximately three years, between 1998 and 2001. During those years Journeys' staff visited many of the orphanages in Nepal and they were always impressed with the excellent and nurturing care the children received. The infrastructure at that time was minimal and it has greatly improved since that time. We are anxious to return to work there with the many orphans who need permanent, safe and loving homes.

About the children: Infants will be approximately ten months old when they arrive home and are referred when they are at least four months old. Toddlers and older children, up to ten years of age are also available.

Referral information includes: social information if available, daily routine, photos, medical evaluation and developmental milestones. Time for referral is unknown at this time but updates to this page will be made as more information is obtained.

### **Requirements:**

#### **Who can adopt?**

- 1) Couples and single women between the ages of 30 to 45 qualify to adopt a healthy infant. Couples and single women between the ages of 45 to 50 qualify to adopt a healthy toddler. Couples and single women between the ages of 50 to 55 qualify to adopt a child two years old and older.
- 2) Married couples need to have been married four years.
- 3) Single women who are 35 to 55 years old may adopt
- 4) Couples may have 1 divorce each
- 5) Income must be minimum of \$30,000 per year

#### **Children in Family/gender**

- 1) Applicants with one child must adopt a child of the opposite sex
- 2) Applicants with two children of the opposite sex cannot adopt
- 3) Applicants with two boys or two girls can adopt a child of the opposite sex
- 4) Single women with a child must adopt a younger child
- 5) Applicants with no children can choose gender
- 6) Siblings when available will be placed in a childless home only
- 7) Applicants with three children of the same sex may be considered on a case by case basis

### Travel

One trip is necessary and both parents are required to travel for approximately 2 weeks.

### Post Adoption Reports

Three post placement reports are due in the first year of the child's adoption at three, six and 12 months on the anniversary of the child's homecoming to the US. After the first year, annual reports from the family are due each year until the child reaches sixteen.

For updates to the Journeys of the Heart Nepal Child Adoption Program please visit our frequently updated website, [www.journeysoftheheart.net](http://www.journeysoftheheart.net)

## SCHEDULE OF FEES JOURNEYS OF THE HEART NEPAL PROGRAM

### Oregon Residents

EXPENSE ITEM	AMOUNT	TO BE PAID
Application fee	\$300	With application or submit online
Adoption preparation class-must be completed before home study is approved by JOH	\$150 per person	With contract
Home study	\$1,700	With contract
Home study review (non-Journeys of the Heart home study)	\$300	With contract
3 Post placement reports at \$500 each (4 <sup>th</sup> Post placement will be needed if the child is 18 months or older at referral.)	\$1,500 - \$2,000	With contract 4 <sup>th</sup> report to be billed at referral
Home Study updates-when	\$400-\$800 each	Prior to social worker visit

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Social Worker mileage and related travel expenses.	Actual costs. Travel time in excess of 2 hours round trip will be billed at \$10 per hour	Billed as home study and post placement reports are completed; due upon receipt
1 <sup>st</sup> part program coordination/administration fee	\$3,000	With contract
US CIS I-600A and fingerprinting	\$670 plus \$80/per adult - send money order or bank check to US Department of Homeland Security	After Journeys of the Heart approves home study
Notarization of dossier documents	Varies by notary - approx \$200	Paid to notary when preparing dossier
Central Children Welfare Board (orphanage administration)	\$300	When submitting dossier - paid through Journeys of the Heart
2 <sup>nd</sup> part program coordination and administration fees	\$3,000	At time of referral
Post placement report deposit-to be refunded when all reports are completed as required	\$250 per report	At time of referral
Refundable Citizenship Fee (refunded when proof of citizenship is sent to JOH)	\$500	At time of referral
In country maintenance fees	\$2,000	At time of referral
Humanitarian aid projects	\$1,000	At time of referral
Central Children Welfare Board (orphanage administration)	\$2,700	At time of referral - paid through Journeys of the Heart
Central Children Welfare Board (orphanage support)	\$5,000	At time of referral - paid through Journeys of the Heart
3 <sup>rd</sup> part program coordination and administration fees	\$2,000	At travel time
Child care after referral	\$150/month	At travel time
Round trip airfare per adult	\$2,000 to \$3,000 per adult depending on airline/season	At travel time
One way airfare for adopted child	Approximately 15% of adult round trip	At travel time
Meals & lodging	\$1,000 approximately	At travel time
Child's visa medical exam	\$100 to \$200	During travel
Child's Immigrant Visa	\$400 cash to US Consulate in Nepal	During travel
Re-adoption back home (recommended)	\$600 to \$1,000+ Varies by attorney	After returning home

All fees are subject to change. Sibling groups require extra fees. Shaded areas describe services and fees provided by non-Journeys of the Heart agencies or individuals. These items are subject to change without notice.

As you consider international adoption, remember to include in your budgeting the federal income tax adoption credit. For the most current information on calculating this credit visit the IRS website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and look for form 8839. Also, please consult our website for other information on adoption financing.  
<http://www.journeysoftheheart.net/process/financing.html>