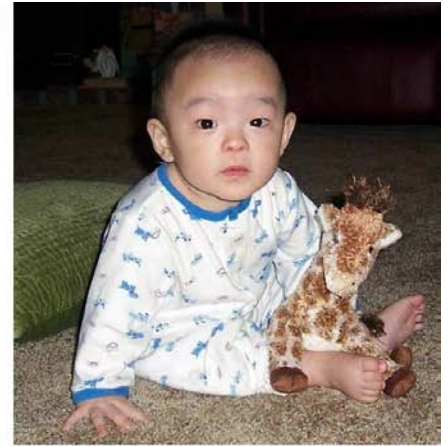




Journeys of the Heart's
**Taiwan
Program**



Thank you for your interest in adoption from Taiwan.

Journeys of the Heart coordinates adoptions with four separate agencies in Taiwan. Programs I and IV are very much like a domestic adoption program, as the birth mother chooses the family that will adopt her child. Birthmothers are particularly drawn to young couples who have no children or who have only one or two, preferably adopted, children. In Program II, families send a dossier to Taiwan and are matched with children by the Taiwanese agency. Through Program III, infants are referred to and matched by Journeys of the Heart with waiting families

Taiwan is located in Eastern Asia off the southeastern coast of China. Ethnic groups include: Taiwanese (including Hakka) 84%, mainland Chinese 14%, Aborigine 2%. Taipei, the capital city, is located in the north. Taiwan has a dynamic capitalist economy.

Available Children

Infants will usually be one to four months at the time of referral. However, the infant will likely be five to ten months old at the time the family travels to complete the adoption and bring their child home. This reflects the four to six months it usually takes to complete the adoption following the referral.

Who may qualify to adopt from Taiwan?

Married couples between 30 and 48 years of age, minimum five year marriage, or two years with no prior marriages— preference may be given to childless couples or those with one to two children in the home. Only families with 3 children or less will be considered. Parents will also need to be in good physical and mental health with no criminal history to adopt from Taiwan. At least one parent must hold a 4 year college degree. Minimum income and net worth requirements also apply. Contact us for more details.



What is the process and how long does it take?

Completion of home study and USCIS pre-approval (the "I-600A" process) usually takes between three to five months.

Program I is (ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS)- families then submit an application to Taiwan together with a copy of their home study, a “dear birth parent” letter and family photo album. After your application is sent to Taiwan it may take 24-36 months. USCIS pre-approval is required before acceptance of a referral.

Programs II and IV (PROGRAM ON HOLD) - families will await the referral of a child after Journeys of the Heart receives their completed home study and they have USCIS pre-approval.

Program III (PROGRAM ON HOLD) - families will await the referral of a child after Journeys of the Heart receives their completed home study and they have applied for USCIS pre-approval. Current processing times vary with gender preference, contact us for more details.



In Programs II and III families are typically matched with referrals according to their place on the waiting list, in addition to their indicated openness and their home study approval for various conditions, along with possible birth mother preferences.

Once your family has accepted a referral, the court process takes four to six months until you will travel. One or both parents may travel to Taiwan and the stay is approximately three to five days.

SCHEDULE OF FEES JOURNEYS OF THE HEART TAIWAN I PROGRAM

Illinois

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 th Post placement will be needed if the child is 18 months or older at referral.)	\$1,500 - \$2,000	With contract 4 th report to be billed at referral
Home Study updates-when required	\$400-\$800 each	Prior to social worker visit
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
Investigative report for readoption	\$200	With contract
First part of Taiwan program fee	\$3,000	With contract

EXPENSE ITEM	AMOUNT	TO BE PAID
US CIS I-600-A and fingerprinting	\$670 plus \$80/per adult - send money order or bank check to US CIS	After Journeys of the Heart approves home study
Translation of home study and dossier	\$400	After JOH approves home study
Taiwan agency fee Program 1	\$10,000 Paid to JOH, deposited in escrow-for payment to Taiwan agency.	At referral
Second part of the program fee	\$3,000	Due upon notice of court hearing date, approximately 2-3 months after referral
Document preparation, TECO legalization, postage and wire fees	\$300-\$1,000	Due upon notice of court hearing date.
Post placement report deposit-to be refunded when all reports are completed as required	\$250 per report	Due upon notice of court hearing date.
Refundable Citizenship Fee (refunded when proof of citizenship is sent to JOH)	\$500	Due upon notice of court hearing date.
Airfare - round trip per adult Paid to travel agency	\$800-\$1,500	At travel time
Airfare - one way - child under 2	\$80-\$150 Usually 10% of adult ticket	At travel time
Meals, hotel, etc Per adult	\$95 - \$185 Per day	At travel time
Guide in Taiwan Paid to guide	\$350-\$750	At travel time
In-country travel: plane, bus, train etc.	\$50-\$300	At travel time
Child's US Immigrant visa	\$400	To AIT, during travel
Child's re-adoption in your state (strongly recommended)	\$1,000 + Varies by state and 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.

Fees subject to change before completion of adoption.
Fees apply to the adoption of one child. Additional sibling(s) will increase most costs.