



# CHINA

The China Center of Adoption Affairs (CCAA) continues to be favorable towards intercountry adoptions; however, the popularity of the China program has resulted in an increased wait time for placement. The wait for the adoption of a relatively healthy female child has grown longer with time, it is said to be approximately 24 months from the submission of the dossier to China. Christian Adoption Services holds a partnership agreement with Living Hope Adoption Agency in Pennsylvania, although CAS is willing to coordinate services with other agencies as well.



While the majority of adoptions have been healthy female infants, there has been an increasing recruitment for families who are willing to accept children beyond infancy and medically challenged children. Placement time is much less for a waiting child.

Basic medical information is provided at the time of referral. Most of the children are reared in group homes in the eastern provinces of China. Travel is often 4-8 weeks after the acceptance of the child with the excursion generally being 10-12 days. Although an adoptive couple is expected to travel, exception can be made. Parents travel in groups with 6 to 10 other couples who are accompanied by a guide and interpreter throughout all phases of the adoption process. All in-country accommodations and appointments are handled by the assigned guide.



Adoptive applicants are to be healthy, of good moral character and at least 30 years of age, yet not over 50. The maximum age is 55 years if the applicants are accepting of a special needs child. Adoptive couples are to have a two-year marriage unless previously divorced resulting in a five year marriage requirement. The family income should be, at minimum \$10,000 for each member of the household, and the family net assets can be no less than \$80,000. Applicants are to have a minimum of a high school education. The number of children in the adoptive family under the age of 18 years cannot be more than 4 at the time of application, and the youngest child must be at least 1 year of age.

## Estimated Fees and Expenses

<b>CAS Fees</b>		<b>Additional Expenses (Based on 2 adults)</b>	
Application Fee	\$200	USCIS I600A Fee	\$750
Home Study	1,500	Fingerprints	80
Postplacement Supervision & Re-adoption	<u>2,000</u>	Passports	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,700</b>	Passport photos	30
 <b>Estimated International Expenses</b>		Child's Medical Exam	100
Coordinator Fees	3,025	Child's U.S. Entry Visa	<u>380</u>
Translation Processing	2,900	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,460</b>
CCAA Application	565	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
Contribution to Chinese orphanage	3,000	<b>19,850</b>	
Foreign Related Expenses	200	<i>All fees are non-refundable.</i>	
Local Gov. & Legal Fees	700		
Flight: RT 2 adults, 1 way for child	2,500		
Accommodations & In-country Travel	<u>1,800</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,690</b>		

*Many families will qualify for the adoption tax credit of approximately \$11,390 per child as created by the Hope for Children Act.*



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