



A Helping Hand
ADOPTION AGENCY

Adopting from Kyrgyzstan

Program Facts

Kyrgyzstan is a beautiful country that is located in the heart of Central Asia on the Great Silk Road northwest of China. Kyrgyzstan is in the Tien Shan mountain range, which stretches for hundreds of kilometers across the northeastern part of Central Asia. It is located on the same latitude as New York, Italy, Northern Turkey and Japan. This land, with mountains covering 94 per cent of the country, is fast becoming a prime tourist destination. The primary languages spoken are Kyrgyz and Russian, but many people also speak Uzbek, Turkish or Tajik. This document is designed to introduce you to A Helping Hand's Kyrgyzstan adoption program.

- Boys and girls 6 months and older are available.
- Adoptions take on average 5-8 months to complete.
- Children reside in orphanages while awaiting adoption.
- After submitting your dossier you will receive a referral within 2-3 months.
- The youngest child to be referred is about 6 months old.
- The first trip takes place as soon as the referral is accepted.
- The duration of the first trip is 2-3 days in the country. Both parents should travel.
- The second trip occurs about 6-8 weeks after the first.
- The duration of the second trip is 7-9 days in the country. During this trip the family will go to Almaty, Kazakhstan for the immigration visa. In instances where a couple is adopting, it is only necessary that one of the parents travel to Kyrgyzstan for the second trip.

Eligibility Requirements

Review the following standards as you consider the program, and please contact AHH directly if you have any questions about how the requirements of this program will impact your ability to adopt from Kyrgyzstan.

- Single women and married couples are eligible to adopt; couples must have been married for at least 2 years.
- There should be no more than 45 years of age difference between the youngest parent and the adoptive child.
- Prospective adoptive parents must be in good health.
- Other considerations such as the number of children in the family are evaluated on a case-by-case basis; acceptance depends on the characteristics of the child sought for adoption (age, health status, etc.).
- The orphanage director, adoption officials, and/or the court may impose other restrictions as they deem necessary/advisable.

Grants

AHH works hard to keep our fees as low as possible. Additionally, we offer grants for certain families. If you have questions about whether or not you qualify for these grants, please contact us directly.

Ministers' Grant..... **\$500**
AHH provides this grant to full-time Christian ministers. This grant is applied at the time of the **Agency Fee at Referral**.

