



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 9 to 12 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**.

Fee Outline

AHH has attempted to fully disclose all fees below. Other agencies may not do so. When comparing agency fees, please be sure that necessary fees in other fee schedules are not omitted. Be sure to compare "apples to apples."

A Helping Hand Adoption Agency Fee \$6,250

The Agency Fee is broken into the following 4 payments:

Application Fee - \$250: This payment is due before your application can be processed. It should be sent with your application or paid online the day you submit your application. We perform considerable work in the evaluation of applications; application fees are therefore non-refundable.

Orientation Fee - \$2,000: This payment is due at the time of your adoption orientation with your Family Advocate. It should be mailed to our office or paid online when your orientation is scheduled.

Agency Fee at Dossier - \$2,000: This payment is due two weeks before your dossier is turned into AHH. Your dossier cannot be sent to Kyrgyzstan until this payment has been posted to your account; therefore it is best to pay it at least two weeks before sending your dossier to our office.

Agency Fee before travel- \$2,000: Must be paid before any travel plans can be made.

AHH Home Study Fee (KY Only)..... \$1,600

If AHH is conducting your home study, half of this fee is due at the first home study visit and the balance is due at the last visit. This service is only provided to Kentucky residents. If you live in another state, you will need to pay a local agency directly to work with you on your home study, and their fee may vary significantly.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) \$830

USCIS charges \$670 to process the I-600A, the petition to adopt internationally that you must file with USCIS. In addition to this fee, you will also pay \$80 per person to be fingerprinted. The total for couples is \$830; for singles it is \$750.

County, State, and Consulate Authentication Fees..... \$2,800 (estimate)

Each of your dossier documents will need to be authenticated at the appropriate authorities in your state and at the Kyrgyzstan Consulate or Embassy. Since each state charges a different amount for this service, we are providing an estimate for the costs of this step. Your Family Advocate will be able to advise you on the exact authentication costs for your dossier.

AHH Post-Adoption Deposit \$600

A deposit in the amount of \$600 is due for post-adoption reports at the time of the **Agency Fee at Dossier**. Your deposit will be returned as follows: \$100 refund upon completion of 2-month post adoption; \$250 refund upon completion of 6-month post adoption; \$250 refund upon completion of 12-month post adoption. *Failure to complete post-adoption reports as scheduled will result in forfeiture of the deposit.*

Foreign Fee

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR Kyrgyzstan \$30,270-\$31,270

Contact AHH Kyrgyzstan Advocate for more details

Foreign Fee # 1 (When dossier is submitted or the referral is accepted) \$5,000

Foreign Fee #2 (Before Family takes second trip) \$12,000- \$13,000

- **Airfare (tickets for 2): \$8,000.00**
- **Accommodations: \$ 1,000.00**
- **Transportation and Interpreter in Kyrgyzstan:..... \$ 500.00**
- **Food:..... \$500.00**
- **Coordinator fee: \$1,000.00**
- **Kyrgyz Passport and translations \$750.00**
- **Child Medical Exam: \$150.00**
- **Child's Visa: \$380.00**
- **Kyrgyz Visa X 4 \$240.00**
- **Kazakhstan Visa X 2..... \$250.00**
- **Kazakhstan driver and Interpreter (Visa) \$500.00**

Total \$ 42,350- \$43,350