

Haiti Adoption Program Overview



All Blessings International, Inc., also known as Kentucky Adoption Services, is a Hague accredited, non-profit agency licensed in Kentucky and Missouri, as well as approved by Haitian social services (IBESR) as an Adoption Provider. We are a Christian agency – This does not infer exclusion. It simply means we will serve our clients with honesty, compassion and transparency seeking at all time to glorify God and be an example of Christian love. **We serve families of all faiths.** ABI has been working in Haiti for many years and currently supports numerous humanitarian efforts in Haiti.

PLEASE NOTE: Haiti has modified adoption procedures greatly and is likely to continue changes. Please check with our Haiti blog to stay updated: <http://kashaiti.blogspot.com/>

Children Available: Children of all ages who were abandoned, orphaned or relinquished by surviving birth parents are available for adoption. Siblings, toddlers, and older children are in need. Most children are medically healthy. IBESR determines the eligibility of adoptable children.

General Adoptive Parent Requirements:

- Opposite sex married couples with at least one parent age 30 and neither older than age 50
- Five years of marriage OR five years of cohabitation

OR

- Singles ages 35—50

Please note that Haiti will not permit same sex couples to adopt. Parents may never have been convicted of any crime. Applicants can have any number of biological or adopted children provided that they can provide for the new adopted child(ren).

Adoption Process– The adoption process from Haiti can appear overwhelming initially. However, it is a step-by-step process and ABI will guide you. The first step in adopting from Haiti is to have a **Home Study** conducted by an agency licensed in your state of residence. The second step is to file your Immigration paperwork: the **I-800A**. The next step is the **Dossier**. It is a compilation of documents that require various seals at different levels of government. Once your dossier is ready to submit, your documents will be reviewed and prepared to enter submit to the Haitian Central Authority for approval as an adoptive family. Haiti operates under a dossier quota. Your program coordinator will tell you what month you will be submitted.

Referral. Families should expect to wait an undetermined time for a referral. Referrals of healthy children ages 0-2 will take a minimum of two years. Children will typically come home within 12 months of referral.

Travel. All parents are required to travel for a 15 day socialization period. ABI will assist with travel arrangements in country. Additional visits may be allowed.

Post-Adoption. Reports following a child's placement for adoption are required to be completed by a licensed adoption agency at 6, 12, 24 months, annually for 7 years or until the child is 18 years of age. The first three reports must be completed by a social worker with a Hague approved agency. These are sent by ABI to Haiti. Eight(8) photos included with each report.