



# All Blessings International, Inc.

*Licensed in Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, and Tennessee*

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Dear Adoptive Family,

Thank you so much for entrusting your adoption process to ABI. We look forward to working with you and can offer our assurances that each of us here at ABI have a great love for children and for the families we serve. As a Christian organization, we believe that we are serving a greater calling as we endeavor to unite children in need of families with families prepared to provide loving and nurturing homes.

We are greatly committed to assisting your family on the adoption process. Enclosed you will find the ABI Business Agreement that outlines the expectations and the responsibilities of both our agency and you, the adoptive family. We encourage you to read this document carefully as it outlines the details of our working relationship.

This document is very important and documents both your commitment to our agency and our commitment to you and your adoption. **ALL pages of this document**, with the exception of the cover letter, **should be returned along with the first portion of the ABI Agency Fee** (as detailed on the Fees page, which is also enclosed). In addition, please make sure that you have your signatures notarized and that you initial each page where indicated. Enclosed you will find a checklist of what should be returned to ABI to proceed forward with your chosen country.

Please pay special attention to the ABI Complaint Policy and Procedures and the Policies concerning adoption disruption/dissolution. We take client satisfaction very seriously at ABI and truly want your adoption to be joyful, in spite of the inherent stress and uncertainty. We are not perfect and we may make mistakes. Please know that as ABI's Executive Director I am always available to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Many Blessings on your adoption journey! We look forward to walking this path with your family and assisting you in all aspects of the adoption process.

Warm Regards,

Lucy Armistead, MA, LPCC  
Executive Director

# ABI BUSINESS AGREEMENT CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO RETURN TO ABI

- SIGNED AND NOTARIZED BUSINESS AGREEMENT
- SIGNED SUPPLEMENT A –ABI COMPLAINT POLICY & PROCEDURES
- SIGNED SUPPLEMENT B – ABI DISRUPTION AND DISSOLUTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
- SIGNED SUPPLEMENT C – STATEMENT OF RISKS IN ADOPTION
- SIGNED ABI FEES AGREEMENT
- HOME STUDY AGENCY CONTACT FORM (If not ABI)
- SPECIAL NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE – China Program Only

**PLEASE NOTE: Return ALL pages within this document to ABI, (whether it is a signature page or not.) Prior to mailing your completed dossier ALL signed statements must be in your file. Failure to return a document will delay the processing of your adoption case. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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## ADOPTION BUSINESS AGREEMENT

We, \_\_\_\_\_, (hereafter referred to as "Family") have retained All Blessings International, Inc. (ABI) to assist with the adoption of a child from \_\_\_\_\_ (please type or write in your chosen country). The following are the terms and conditions governing this agreement.

**DEFINITIONS (The following are general definitions to familiarize prospective adoptive families with various adoption related terms. They should not be construed as technical in nature or as legal advice or definitions):**

**Hague Adoption** – An adoption between the US and another country that is also a party to the Hague Convention Treaty on Intercountry Adoptions. ABI works with the following Hague countries (subject to change): Haiti, China, Hong Kong, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, and Latvia. All adoption from these countries are subject to the provisions of the Treaty, US Intercountry Adoption Act and implementing regulations.

**Non-Hague Adoption** – An adoption between the US and another country that is not considered a party to the Hague Convention Treaty on Intercountry Adoptions. ABI works with the following non-Hague countries (subject to change): Congo and Taiwan. Adoptions from these countries are not subject to the Treaty, US Intercountry Adoption Act and implementing regulations.

**I-600A** – Application for approval from United States Citizenship and Immigration for a family to initiate a non-Hague adoption.

**I-800A** – Application for approval from United States Citizenship and Immigration for a family to initiate a Hague adoption.

**I-600** – Application for approval from USCIS for a specific child to be eligible for a non-Hague orphan visa. This is typically filed after a child's adoption has been completed overseas and may not be approved until this has occurred.

**I-800** – Application for approval from USCIS for a specific child's adoption in a Hague country to occur. This MUST be filed before a final adoption decree is entered in a Hague country, but following the formal referral of a child.

**Post-Adoption Reports** - Reports completed by a licensed child-placement agency after an adoption has been completed in the foreign country and the child has arrived in the US that detail the child and family's adjustment, progress and development.

**Post-Placement Reports** – Reports completed by a licensed child-placement agency prior to an adoption finalization in the foreign country (or the US if applicable) and after the child's arrival in the US, that detail the child and family's adjustment, progress and development.

**Orphan Visa** – A visa that authorizes a child to enter the United States based on the child meeting the qualifications of an "orphan" under US definition. Please refer to the various types of visas below for further clarification, as orphan visa is a general category.

**IR-3 Visa** – A type of orphan visa for a non-Hague adoption where the both members of an adoptive family (as applicable) have seen the child before or during the adoption process. A child who enters the US on an IR-3 visa is not required by federal law to be re-adopted in a US state court and is automatically granted US citizenship.

**IR-4 Visa** – A type of orphan visa for a non-Hague adoption whereby a re-adoption in a US state court is required based on federal law. This type of visa is issued in a non-Hague case when both members of an

adoptive family (as applicable) did not see the child before or during the adoption process. The child receives citizenship upon final adoption in a US state court.

**IH-3 Visa** – A type of orphan visa for a Hague case where both members of an adoptive family (as applicable) have seen the child before and or during the adoption process. A child who enters the US on an IH-3 visa is not required by federal law to be re-adopted in a US state court and is automatically granted US citizenship.

**IH-4 Visa** – A type of orphan visa for a Hague case where both members of an adoptive family (as applicable) have not seen the child before or during the adoption process. This type of visa is issued in a Hague case and requires that the child’s adoption be finalized or re-finalized in a US state court. Upon this finalization the child is granted US citizenship status.

**Adoption Dissolution** – The legal process whereby an adoptive family ends their legal responsibility to an adoptive child after an adoption has been finalized in the foreign country, whether or not re-finalization is required within the US. Children adopted from all countries where ABI works with the exception of Hong Kong have finalized adoption decrees when they enter the US on an orphan visa.

**Adoption Disruption** – The legal process whereby an adoptive family ends their pursuit of an adoption before it has been finalized in a US state court or overseas. Hong Kong is the only country where ABI works whereby ABI has a legal relationship with the child versus dissolution. If a family is adopting from Latvia and brings the child to the US on a visitor’s visa before the adoption finalization in Latvia, the situation may be considered an adoption disruption should the family decide they no longer want to complete their adoption.

## **TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT**

**DUTIES OF ALL BLESSINGS INTERNATIONAL, INC.:** All Blessings International agrees to provide information as to the expeditious preparation of documents required for international adoption from Family’s chosen country, to keep Family informed of the adoption proceedings in Family’s chosen country, advocate on behalf of Family with the adoption sources in Family’s chosen country and the American Consulate; and assist with the preparation of the documents for the final visa approval. All Blessings International will provide periodic updates as available from the foreign source on the health of the child, if such updates are provided to All Blessings International. All Blessings International also agrees to keep Family informed of any significant activity taken on behalf of Family.

**DUTIES OF FAMILY:** Family will cooperate in the adoption process by procuring, notarizing, and authenticating all documents necessary for an international adoption when requested by All Blessings International, by being honest and thorough in all information requested by All Blessings International, by traveling to the foreign country at the time and place indicated by All Blessings International (unless subsequent arrangements for an escort have been made and approved by all applicable parties), by providing necessary photos and follow-up reports on the child/children subsequent to the placement, by meeting with All Blessings International representatives when requested to do so, and by complying with other All Blessings International requirements throughout the adoption process. If sending country, or the foreign government, attorney/facilitator, orphanage or crèche does not permit escorting of adopted children, Family agrees to travel to receive their child as directed by All Blessings International. Family agrees to travel to foreign country for court appearances, meeting with child, or other affairs as dictated by the foreign attorney/facilitator, orphanage or crèche, or foreign government. Family understands that countries, ABI or overseas counterparts may change their policy on escorting at anytime and Family agrees to travel to said country as directed. Family understands/agrees to have documents as required by ABI translated per the requirements of foreign government/attorney/facilitator. This translation may be required to occur in the country and ABI will assist Family with obtaining appropriate and acceptable translations, often completing this task for families.

**FOREIGN ADOPTION RISKS:** Family understands that there are risks in foreign adoptions and that while All Blessings International will diligently assist in the adoption for Family, All Blessings International cannot

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guarantee that the adoption will be completed. In the case of the birth mother changing her mind or the death of the child, another referral may be offered, but this also cannot be guaranteed.

**INFORMATION FROM ALL BLESSINGS INTERNATIONAL:** Family will receive medical information from the foreign sources that are providing the placement of the child. Due to the nature of international adoptions, All Blessings International cannot guarantee the content of any medical report. Family shall have the right to have any medical information on the assigned child reviewed by a medical practitioner of Family's choice and ABI recommends that all families seek consultation with a physician specializing in International Adoption Medicine. Family understands that child could arrive with undiagnosed physical, emotional, and/or developmental problems.

**PAYMENT OF FEES:** Family agrees to pay All Blessings International agency and foreign fees as described in the attached Fees Agreement, *specific to the family's chosen country and in increments as designated*. No adoption fees are considered refundable or transferable unless otherwise indicated in the Fees Agreement. Please note, should you decide to change to another country we offer, the first half of the ABI Agency Fee *may* be applied toward the other country, and depending on when in the adoption process you decide to change. If you decide to change after your dossier has been submitted, then no portion of the first half of the agency fee may be applied to the other country. However, if you decide to change prior to dossier submission then your entire first half will be applied to the other country. If you decide to choose to utilize another country that we do not offer at that time, you will forfeit this fee.

Family understands that should the foreign fee change an addendum to this agreement shall be made and family is responsible for all additional costs. Family understands that All Blessings International has no control over the fees charged by foreign sources.

Family also understands that there are additional fees that are incurred in adopting internationally, such as the USCIS fees for the I-600A or I-800A and fingerprinting, possible DNA testing, as well as the cost of obtaining all the necessary certifications and authentications, and translations. All of these costs are the responsibility of the adopting Family. All Blessings International cannot guarantee the care any child receives, particularly a child residing in an institution. All Blessings International **MAY BE ABLE** to visit the child referred for adoption and to relay to Family an impression of the care the child is receiving; however, this is not guaranteed. The International Fees for Haiti, Taiwan Cathwel, Taiwan Xi En, and Congo cover routine well child care and the day to day expenses of caring for the child. Additional child care costs beyond typical are not included, nor is dental care included. The International Fees incurred in adopting from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan THOGL, El Salvador, and Latvia are not utilized for the day to day care of the child. In El Salvador and Latvia the day to day costs of child care are borne by the institution with care over the child. These institutions do not receive remuneration for the care given. The entity responsible for caring for the child in Hong Kong is also not permitted to receive compensation from adopting parents for the cost of care given. Our China families are required to pay an orphanage donation when they travel. This is donation helps provide for the needs of the orphanage overall and is not assigned as funds to provide for a specific child's care.

Family understands that no further case progress will take place when any fees are past due. Families will not be permitted to travel if any fees are outstanding.

Family understands and agrees that if any fees are outstanding All Blessings International will seek collection action through a collection agency and/or attorney. Family understands and agrees that if collection activity occurs, family is responsible for any and all fees incurred for the collection action. Family further agrees that outstanding balances will incur a finance charge of 15%.

**INTERNATIONAL FEES:** The International Fee may be subject to change prior to the assignment of the child due to circumstances beyond the control of All Blessings International. Family acknowledges that All Blessings International cannot control fees charged by foreign courts, governments, attorneys, foundations, institutions

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and sources and said fees may fluctuate at any time without warning. All Blessings International can only guarantee that its agency fees will not change. Family also agrees to pay any medical costs incurred for the benefit of the child over and above routine care. Family further acknowledges that every adoption case is different and that additional fees may be incurred from the foreign source that Family is required to pay. Any expense over \$1000 that Family is expected to pay will be explained to Family prior to expenditure and permission for the expense gathered from Family. Family understands that this does not limit the right of ABI to authorize emergency medical treatment expenses.

Family additionally understands that some foreign sources require their own translator and driver be used by Family during the adoption pick-up trip or during visits, rather than allowing an All Blessings International employee or contractor to provide these services. In cases such as these families understand that they will be responsible for this expense. This fee may fluctuate without warning to All Blessings International and therefore, without warning to the adoptive Family. When utilizing an ABI employee or contractor for translation services, ABI will do its best to advocate for a reasonable fee for transportation and translation services. Family understands that the cost of transportation in and around foreign countries can be very costly. However, ABI requires that Family utilize a private driver for reliable transportation.

**ADOPTION RISKS:** All Blessings International cannot guarantee any time frame for completion of the adoption after the assignment has been made because each adoption is subject to and governed by the laws of the country of the child's origin and the immigration laws of the United States. All Blessings International has no control over changes in laws that may affect the adoption process. Should Family choose to withdraw from the international adoption program, for any reason, all fees paid to All Blessings International and its foreign source will be non-refundable. No refunds of any nature shall be paid or due. Family understands that All Blessings International is unable to guarantee that no new categories of charges will be required or guarantee that dates scheduled for overseas trips may not be cancelled or rescheduled because of events beyond its control. All such costs are the sole risk and responsibility of Family.

**ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:** Family understands that the following expenses are not included, unless otherwise specified, in either All Blessings International Placement fees or the International Fee and therefore will be the sole responsibility of Family: police clearance fees, immigration fees, authentication fees, courier fees, visa fees, travel to and lodging in source country, passport fees, home study fee, translation fee (Haiti, China, Congo, Burkina Faso and Taiwan only), pictures and foster care fees where applicable, as well as all other expenses not specifically stated as being included in the Agency Fee or International Fee. ABI charges a Post Adoption Monitoring Fee. This is in addition to any local services provided for post adoption/post placement visits and reports. This fee goes to pay for ABI staff to monitor the ongoing post adoption requirements for various countries, as well as costs incurred for this monitoring, including shipping costs, etc. Additionally, the THOGL program in Taiwan does not charge the Family international fees. In the event THOGL is unable to provide services with no charge, the Family will be held responsible for any fees not covered by THOGL.

**CHILD PLACING AGENCY:** Family acknowledges that while All Blessings International is a licensed child-placing agency, the actual placement of a foreign born child rests with the foreign source. Only with regard to a child placed from Hong Kong will All Blessings International, Inc. be given custody or guardianship of the child to be placed. All Blessings International agrees to accept guardianship of a child from Hong Kong and carries this guardianship for six months after the child has been placed with the adoptive Family, at which time should the post-placement reports be favorable, ABI will issue a Consent to Adopt to allow the child to be officially adopted in a US state court. Families adopting from Hong Kong are expected to complete this adoption finalization in an expeditious manner and to provide proof of adoption finalization to ABI promptly. ABI DOES NOT receive custody or guardianship for any child adopted from China, El Salvador, Latvia, Burkina Faso, Taiwan, Congo, Haiti or any other foreign country.

**FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE IN COUNTRY:** Family understands that All Blessings International cannot predict the length of time that Family will be overseas but will advocate for an expedient process and the timely placement of the child. Family agrees to act in a mature and appropriate manner while in the foreign country. Family will be respectful of the professionals with whom they work knowing that they have Family's best interests at heart. Family realizes that while they are overseas they represent all adoptive families in the present and future and that their actions can directly affect and impact other adoptions occurring in the foreign country. In its relations with foreign and domestic officials, All Blessings International undertakes to assist Family in such a way as to assure the most favorable treatment available under applicable laws and regulations. Family has been advised that travel to foreign countries is uncertain in nature and duration based upon the decisions of the country of origin, as well as the US officials, and this is in no way controlled by All Blessings International. Family agrees to stay in country the required time necessary to complete an adoption. Family also understands that additional trips could be required by the foreign country with no warning to All Blessings or Family.

Family further agrees to notify All Blessings International if any additional person will be traveling with them to the foreign country and All Blessings International reserves the right to restrict travel of this person if it could potentially harm the adoptive placement, the adoptee or the business of All Blessings International. Family also acknowledges that they shall immediately notify ABI if only one parent intends to travel and that they are aware that if only one parent is traveling there are additional required steps, to include but not limited to a Power of Attorney, additional immigration forms and supports and the necessity that the adoption be finalized in a state court to receive a Citizenship status of an adopted child.

Family acknowledges that should they desire to foster their child overseas while an adoption is in process this will require the explicit permission of applicable parties overseas, as well as All Blessings International. Family agrees that should they receive permission to foster during an adoption process they will remain in the country and not place the child back into alternative care from the point in time that they begin their fostering until the adoption is complete and child is traveling to the US with Family. Family further acknowledges their understanding that fostering will not expedite case processing and that their adoption case shall not be considered of higher importance than other adoption cases based on Family's decision to live in country.

Family acknowledges that they will not attempt to bribe authorities of any nature, as this is not only illegal and unethical, but also grounds for immediate termination of All Blessings International's support of an adoption, termination of contract and may be reported to US Immigration, US Consular officials, foreign authorities, US courts and/or any other applicable entity.

**FAMILY COMMITMENT TO ALL BLESSINGS INTERNATIONAL:** Family agrees to not pursue another possible child placement through other sources or agencies while this contract is in force without the written consent of All Blessings International and family agrees not to accept another child placement through any source for a minimum of six months following placement. Family agrees to notify All Blessings International should a pregnancy occur during their adoption process. All Blessings International reserves the right to terminate or put on hold an adoption in process should a family receive another placement and/or a pregnancy occur, based on the best interests of the child(ren) involved. Family further agrees to keep confidential all paperwork provided by All Blessings International to family.

**INTERRUPTION OF ADOPTION SERVICES:** If, at any time during the adoption process, Family decides to terminate the adoption process, all fees and expenses due to All Blessings International and in the source country at the time of the interruption of adoption services will be immediately due. If the Local Services Agency or All Blessings International becomes aware of a situation that changes Family dynamics All Blessings International reserves the right to terminate adoption proceedings on behalf of Family. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to change in family structure, such as separation, divorce or death of a family member, instability in employment or other financial problems which may adversely affect the placement of a

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child with Family, falsification of records by Family, etc. If All Blessings International becomes concerned about a couple's marital stability or a prospective adoptive parent's emotional or psychological stability, All Blessings International retains the right to require Family or individual to undergo counseling, psychological evaluation, psychological testing and/or other assessment and to terminate the adoption proceedings if these concerns are not addressed sufficiently for All Blessings International to proceed with an adoption placement. If All Blessings International chooses to terminate adoption proceedings for any reason there will be no refund of fees paid to either All Blessings International or the Foreign Source.

**NO GUARANTEE OF PLACEMENT:** This agreement is not intended to guarantee the placement of a child. Efforts to adopt children from a foreign country involve circumstances that are beyond the control of All Blessings International, which may interfere with or interrupt the adoption process. All Blessings International takes reasonable precautions to anticipate and avoid such risks, but cannot assure its efforts will always prove successful. Family understands that the placement of a child is not guaranteed. In the event a birth mother should decide not to continue with an adoption, the foreign source may or may not provide another referral to Family. Additional fees and/or expenses may be due. Family understands that should moderate to severe special needs be identified in their prospective child prior to the finalization of the adoption in Family's chosen country (provided these needs were not identified at the time of referral) Family has the right to request a different referral and to request that all unexpended fees be applied to a new referral. However, this request may not be honored by the foreign source and all child care expenses and legal fees already utilized will be unable to be applied to another child's care or case. Family understands that each situation is unique and that while All Blessings International will advocate on behalf of families there is no guarantee regarding the limitation of financial loss that Family may undergo in such a scenario. Family affirms their understanding that fees are for services rendered and are in no way payment for a child or a guarantee of a child adoption.

**REPORT TO FOREIGN COUNTRY:** Family understands that foreign countries may require post-placement or post-adoption supervision and reports about the child after completion of the adoption for a designated time. Family agrees to provide written reports, physicians' medical statements, photographs and other requested documentation. Family agrees to fully comply with the Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Reporting Requirements as outlined below, as well as to fully comply with any new requirements implemented by the foreign country, foreign source or All Blessings International. Foreign adoption law may be revised during the course of an adoption and additional reports may become required. Family understands that compliance with reporting requirements is necessary to ensure future adoptions from foreign countries are permitted to occur and are completed with the best interests of the child and Family in mind. Family understands that should they fail to comply with these requirements, ABI will make all efforts to elicit cooperation within the law to secure post-placement or post-adoption reports. In addition, some countries may require that families annually send a letter detailing the child's health, development and progress. Family agrees to cooperate with any such requests. Family also understands that ABI may at any time require payment of a refundable deposit to ensure completion of post-adoption reports solely at ABI's discretion and family agrees to comply with any such request.

Country	Post-Adoption Reporting Requirements	Additional Requirements
Burkina Faso	1, 6 and 12 months	Annual self reports will need to be emailed to the country coordinator until the child reaches the age of 18. All reports need to have 4-8 photos included.
Congo	1, 3 and 6 months post-arrival	Annual letter updates written by the parents until the child turns 18
El Salvador	1, 6, 12, 18 and 24	

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	months post-arrival	
Haiti	3, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, and 60 months post-arrival	Psychologist's reports may be required
*Hong Kong	1, 6 and 12 months post-arrival	
Latvia	3, 6, 12 and 24 months post-arrival	If child is in the US prior to adoption finalization, reports on the child and family's adjustment will be due periodically during this time (Post-placement reports) in addition to the post-adoption reporting requirements. Monitoring report is due at 2 to 3 weeks following first trip if child travels to the US with the adoptive family.
Taiwan	1, 6, 12, 18, 24, 36 months post-arrival	Self-reports: 4-18 years of age. All reports must include at least one photo of the child with the parents and two of the child.
China	1, 6, 12, 24, 36, and 60 months post arrival.  For travel approvals issued after January 1, 2015, the following schedule applies. 3, 12, 24, 36, 48 and 60 months. Reports 36, 48 and 60 are self-reports submitted to the agency by the family.	Post placement reports are to be completed by a Hague/COA accredited agency. ABI needs the copy of the Notice of Coming to China for Adoption. With the first report only, ABI will need copies of the Certificate of Citizenship, US Passport, and US issued birth certificate. The 12 month report only needs to include feedback on the <i>Special Needs Child</i> . The 36, 48 and 60 month reports, an essay written by the child, if 10 years of age and older, describing his/her experience and growth in the adoptive family, and how he/she is doing in school and getting along with teachers/classmates. *Each report must include 8 color photographs printed on photo paper. The specifics needed for each photo will be provided by our post adoption coordinator closer to the time the reports are due. The 3 month report MUST include picture of the photos of the adoption process in China.

\*1 and 6 month reports are considered Post-Placement Reports, rather than Post-Adoption

**DISRUPTION/DISSOLUTION POLICY:** ABI has detailed policies and procedures to handle the dissolution or disruption of an adoptive placement. These policies and procedures are included in full as a supplement addition to this Business Agreement and must be signed and returned as a part of this agreement. ABI seeks to avoid disruptions and dissolutions to the best of its ability if that is in the best interests of the child. Should an adoption dissolve following the entry of a child into the US under an orphan visa, ABI shall make efforts to assist the adoptive family in locating a suitable placement for the child. The adoptive parents will continue to have full financial and legal responsibility for the child until such time as the agency is able to locate a suitable placement for the child. Family attests that they have reviewed the policies of ABI regarding disruption and dissolution and understand their implications as they proceed with an adoption plan. Adoptions from Haiti, China, El Salvador, Taiwan, Congo, Burkina Faso, and Latvia are considered finalized prior to the child receiving an orphan visa to enter the US regardless of whether a US court finalization is also required. Because of this finalization, adoption from these countries would fall under DISSOLUTION POLICIES. Adoption from Hong Kong would fall under DISRUPTION POLICIES until the adoption is finalized in the US. Please Note, children from Latvia may enter the United States prior to an adoption finalization in Latvia; however, these children are not under an orphan visa until the adoption is finalized in Latvia. Should a family decide they do not want to

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proceed with an adoption plan after having completed their first or second court hearing in Latvia AND having brought the child to the US on a visitor's visa the situation would be considered a DISRUPTION.

**COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE POLICY & PROCEDURES:** If families have a complaint they should avail themselves of the ABI Complaint Policy and Procedures steps for submission of a complaint. The specific policy and procedures for complaints are found in their complete form online, as well as with this agreement, as an added supplement, which must be signed and returned along with this agreement.

ABI will not take any punitive action toward any individual or Family who makes a complaint initiated utilizing the complaint procedure. Due to the restrictions of confidentiality and the nature of adoption, it is impossible for the agency to present a defense against public accusations, whether founded or not. Therefore, families are expected to avail themselves of the available grievance resolution system before making any statements verbally or in written form that could harm the name or reputation of All Blessings International.

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** Family hereby waives any and all claims they may now have or have in the future against All Blessings International and its directors, officers, employees and agents, including doctors and facilitators for risks as outlined in this agreement and/or other paperwork provided to Family. Family agrees to hold harmless against any claims known or unknown now or existing in the future, which may arise out of this agreement, receipt of services from, or adoption through All Blessings International.

The substantive law governing any dispute shall be the laws of the state of Kentucky. Either party will give the other party written notice of any dispute not resolved in the normal course of business through the Grievance Resolution Procedures. The parties shall first attempt, in good faith, to resolve such dispute by negotiation. All such negotiations pursuant to this clause are confidential and shall be treated as such and will not be used by either party in any subsequent proceeding of this matter, or disclosed to any other persons or entities, other than legal counsel for said party.

Any dispute that has not been resolved within sixty days of the notice specified above shall be settled by arbitration with the then current commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) by a sole arbitrator. The place of the arbitration shall be the ABI offices in Owensboro, Kentucky. The decision rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and judgment may be entered upon the award of any court having jurisdiction.

Should any aspect of this contract be deemed to be null and void at anytime by a court of law or an arbitrator, the remainder of the contract will remain in force.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Information concerning Family will be kept confidential except when information must be provided to appropriate third parties during the adoption process. Execution of this agreement constitutes the consent of Family for the release of any information, as deemed necessary specific to Family's adoption pursuit. This does not preclude All Blessings International from releasing Family's name and number as a reference if Family has signed a statement regarding permission to release such information.

**FOREIGN SOURCES:** Family acknowledges that All Blessings International works with multiple foreign sources and attorneys for legal services. At the time of this printing of this document ABI is utilizing or may utilize the following entities for adoption in the various countries where ABI provides services (subject to change without notice):

COUNTRY	FOREIGN COUNTERPART
Burkina Faso	Maitre Bado (attorney) Adiara Topan (social worker) Orphanages in Burkina Faso
China	China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption
Congo	Okoko Takedi (attorney)

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El Salvador	Edwin Flores and Ricardo Caceres
Haiti	BRESMA crèche – Margarete St. Fleur Au Bonheur des Enfants – Sonia Andre *New Life Link – Dr. Bernard *God’s Littlest Angels – Dixie Bickel
Hong Kong	International Social Services
Latvia	Kristine Lemantovica Hosting is provided through A Hope and a Future Foundation founded by Mark Gough (This entity is completely separate from and unrelated to ABI)
Taiwan	Cathwel Services *The Home of God’s Love Taiwan Xi En

\* Families seeking to adopt from New Life Link or God’s Littlest Angels must also meet the religion requirements for eligibility as delineated by New Life Link or God’s Littlest Angels.

\* Families seeking to adopt from The Home of God’s Love must meet religion and infertility requirements for eligibility as delineated by The Home of God’s Love.

All foreign counterparts or governments may set or change their own standards of eligibility without notifying All Blessings International. All Blessings International assumes no responsibility for changing standards or requirements of foreign counterparts or other countries.

**UNDERSTANDING OF AGREEMENT:** We represent and acknowledge that we have read and understand this agreement and accept its policies and conditions for working with All Blessings International.

CLIENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABI BUSINESS AGREEMENT - SUPPLEMENT A

### CLIENT COMPLAINT POLICY AND RESOLUTION PROCESS DISCLOSURE

This supplement is intended to ensure that all ABI clients are aware of ABI's official Grievance and Complaint Policy and procedures. This supplement must be signed & returned along with the ABI Business Agreement. Please retain a copy of this information for future reference.

#### **Title: Grievance and Complaint Policy- 96.41 (a)**

**Policy:** The Agency maintains a written complaint policy and procedure that is available for review upon request and which is provided to each family utilizing the agency's services for adoption. This policy is online and provided in summary form within initial materials that inquirers receive. It is also distributed with all Business Agreements and must be signed and returned to ABI. Contact information for the Hague Complaint Registry is provided to clients with the Complaint Policy and Procedure 96.41 (a). All decisions shall be made with the best interests of the child as being of the utmost importance.

**Purpose:** To the best of its ability, the agency will provide honest, responsible, and efficient inter-country adoptions according to regulations put forth by the Hague Convention, INA, IAA, UAA, the Federal government, and the States where ABI is licensed. In the event that a family feels that there has been non-compliance with the Hague Convention, IAA, UAA, agency, or governmental procedures, they will have the opportunity to file a written complaint or grievance and expect a response from the agency, in writing within 30-days of receipt of the complaint or grievance.

**Scope:** The procedures outlined below will apply to every client/family who has engaged the agency for child-placement, homestudy, and/or post-placement/post-adoption services or any prospective client (all referred heretofore as "clients" for purposes of simplicity, rather than to delineate a required contractual or service relationship between the two parties).

#### **Procedure:**

#### **1.0 GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

- 1.1 The Complaint/Grievance Procedures will contain pertinent contact information for the Executive Director of the agency, as well as the contact information for the Hague complaint registry.
- 1.2 The agency provides a summary of this Complaint/Grievance Policy to all people inquiring about agency services and the specific Policy and Procedures in full with each Business Agreement distributed.

- 1.3 Birth parent(s), prospective adoptive parent(s) or adoptee(s) may directly lodge a written complaint with the agency anytime the individual feels there is an issue of non-compliance with the Convention, IAA, UAA, the regulations implementing the IAA (including the use of supervised providers), and ABI advises such individuals of the additional procedures available to them if they are dissatisfied with the agency's response to the complaint 96.41 (b).
- 1.4 The agency does not take any action to discourage a client or prospective client from, or retaliate against a client or prospective client for: making a complaint; expressing a grievance; providing information in writing or interviews to an accrediting entity on the agency's performance; or questioning the conduct of or expressing an opinion about the performance of the agency 96.41 (e).

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS: INFORMAL GRIEVANCE VERSUS FORMAL COMPLAINT**

### **2.1 Informal Grievances are those instances in which a client is requesting clarification or concerns, not seeking to initiate the formal complaint process.**

- A. The Agency encourages open and honest discussion among its personnel and clients. As services are provided, it is expected that clients may experience confusion or personality differences with staff. Clients are encouraged to directly contact the Executive Director in any such situation and ABI staff are directed to refer circumstances of concern to the Executive Director as soon as aware. The Executive Director shall immediately seek to resolve any lack of satisfaction.
- B. In these instances the client or prospective client shall be reminded about the formal complaint procedures and advised that they may avail themselves of the formal complaint process without retribution should they desire to do so, utilizing the ABI Complaint Procedures.
- C. Unless the client seeks to formally lodge a complaint with the agency through the complaint procedures, situations that are resolved through intervention, attention, hand holding, discussion, etc. shall not be recorded as formal complaints for the purposes of this policy & procedures.
- D. The intent of the policies and procedures is not to discourage clients from seeking clarification, additional attention, making suggestions or otherwise letting staff know how best to meet their unique needs by formalizing normal and anticipated interactions in the course of day to day business. Recognizing that the formalization of these interactions is likely to cause clients to fear retribution, even though informed that this will not occur, ABI has chosen the above definition of Informal Grievances.

### **2.2 Formal complaints are defined as specific correspondence submitted in writing to ABI, following the prescribed procedures, with the goal or intent of lodging a complaint.**

## **3.0 FORMAL COMPLAINT FILING PROCESS STEPS & REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 Formal complaints must be submitted in written form via verifiable means of delivery to the agency's primary business location in Owensboro, Kentucky, directed to the Executive Director. Email submission is not an acceptable means for formal complaint submission, although would initiate informal grievance resolution seeking.

- 3.2 It is the complainant's responsibility to ensure that the complaint has been received by the agency.
- 3.3 Formal complaints must include the following pieces of information:
  - A. Complainant's Name
  - B. Complainant's current address and contact information, to at minimum include one telephone number.
  - C. Description with specificity of the activity or service upon which the complaint is based, including the date(s) involved and the individuals involved.
  - D. The client's relationship with the agency.
- 3.4 Clients are encouraged to articulate their ideal resolution of the complaint and to submit any documentation which they believe would aid in the evaluation of the complaint by the Executive Director.
- 3.5 Complaint must be signed and dated.
- 3.6 Complainant may request an expedited review (within 10 days of receipt) if the complainant alleges that the complaint is of a time sensitive nature or involves fraud.
- 3.7 Complainant is expected to be cooperative with the agency's evaluation of the complaint.

#### **4.0 Formal Complaint Agency Response**

- 4.1 The Executive Director shall review complaints or grievances expeditiously and shall respond in writing within 30-days of receipt of the original complaint. Expedited review and response within 10 days of receipt will occur for complaints of a time sensitive nature or those involving allegations of fraud 96.41 (c).
- 4.2 Upon receipt of a complaint the Executive Director shall initiate an internal review of the matter, which may include, but is not limited to requesting additional information from the complainant, consulting with ABI staff and/or other involved agencies, agency policy and procedure review, convening a special meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting with the complainant and/or review of the clients documentation. Should a Board of Directors meeting be convened the Board shall respond, along with the Executive Director, within 10 days of the meeting, but no later than 30 days from receipt of the original complaint.
- 4.3 Within 30 days the Executive Director shall respond in writing via certified delivery (UPS/Fed Ex/USPS, or other) to the complainant's address provided with the formal complaint.
- 4.4 Should the complainant be dissatisfied with the response from the Executive Director, he/she should follow the previously described procedures (section 3.0) for directing the complaint to the Board of Directors to appeal the determination of the Executive Director. If the original agency response already included a Board reply, this step may be eliminated.
- 4.5 An appeal directed to the Board of Directors shall be responded to by the Board in writing within 10 days of the meeting of the Board, but no later than within 30 days from the receipt of the appeal.
- 4.6 Failure of a complainant to respond to the agency's initial written reply within 60 days of client's receipt shall be considered by the agency as client acceptance of the agency's response.

- 4.7 Please note that the accrediting entity responsible for reviewing Hague complaint registry submissions is tasked with verifying that the complainant has already attempted to seek resolution through the agency's internal complaint procedures prior to consideration.

## **5.0 Complaint Record & Reporting**

- 5.1 The agency maintains a written record of each complaint received regarding allegations of non-compliance with the Convention, the IAA, and the regulations implementing the IAA, the UAA and the steps taken to investigate and respond to the complaint and makes this record available to the accrediting entity or the Secretary upon request. Within the maintained record the following facts are recorded: Date the complaint was received, Complainant (Complaining Party), Complaint Issues, and Steps Taken to Resolve Complaints 96.41 (d).
- 5.2 The agency provides to the accrediting entity and the Secretary, on a semi-annual basis, a summary of all complaints received concerning compliance with the Convention, the IAA and/or the regulations implementing the IAA and the UAA during the past six months, which includes the number of complaints received and how each complaint was resolved and an assessment of any discernible patterns in complaints received against the agency, along with information on what systemic changes if any the agency has made or plans to make in response to such patterns. The agency provides any information about complaints as may be requested by the accrediting entity or Secretary in addition to the information provided on a semi-annual basis. Should no complaints be recorded the agency will still create and submit whatever report is requested by the accrediting entity 96.41 (f & g).

## **6.0 Arbitration Provision**

- 6.1 Any dispute that has not been resolved as specified above shall be settled by arbitration with the then current commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) by a sole arbitrator. The place of the arbitration shall be the ABI offices in Owensboro, Kentucky. The decision rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and judgment may be entered upon the award of any court having jurisdiction.

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### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COMPLAINT REGISTRY**

The U.S. Department of State is committed to upholding the ethical standards, professional practices, and principles set forth in the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA), and the Federal implementing regulations. The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions Complaint Registry will forward your complaint to the appropriate Accrediting Entity for action, and the Department will monitor complaints about accredited agencies or approved persons after receiving information from you.

To submit a complaint, simply go to <http://adoptionusca.state.gov/HCRWeb/WelcomeForm.aspx> and click the

Confirm button when finished. If you wish, you may also print out a form and fax it to the U.S. Central Authority at 202-736-9080 or mail it and any supporting documents to:

Attn: U.S. Central Authority  
U.S. Department of State  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Office of Children's Issues, Adoption Unit (SA-29)  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

You can also request that these forms be sent to you by calling the Department of State at (888) 407-4747.

**By signing below I/we hereby affirm receipt of and understanding of the ABI Complaint Policy and Procedures.**

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Adoptive Applicant #1

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Date

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Adoptive Applicant #2

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Date

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## **SUPPLEMENT B – ABI DISRUPTION AND DISSOLUTION STATEMENT & OFFICIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

It is important to ABI that all adoptive applicants fully understand the definition of adoption disruption and adoption dissolution, as well as the family's and agency's responsibilities in the unfortunate event of either adoption disruption or dissolution. A simplified definition of adoption disruption is when a family decides after a child has entered the US on an orphan OR Hague adoption visa to halt their adoption before the adoption has been legally finalized. A defining aspect of adoption disruption as the correct and applicable term is that the adoption has not been finalized overseas or in the US. At this time (June, 2014), Hong Kong is the only foreign country where ABI ever carries guardianship or legal responsibility for a child. Adoption Dissolution refers to a situation whereby a family decides that they no longer want to parent an adoptive child and are seeking to terminate their adoption. Please Note – when a family seeks an adoption from Latvia whereby a child enters the United States on a visitor's visa, but prior to a legal adoption in Latvia, ABI does NOT carry legal guardianship or legal responsibility for the child. Neither the central authority or the courts in Latvia grant ABI any legal standing for decision making or responsibility for a Latvian child who enters the US on a visitor's visa due to Latvia's status as a member of the European Union. Prior to an adoption occurring in Latvia and entry of a child into the US with a Hague orphan visa, the child sought to be adopted is fully the legal responsibility of the hosting group or the prospective adoptive parents. A prospective adoptive family who seeks to halt their adoption process from Latvia for a child who has entered the US on a visitor's visa would be considered a disruption. ABI would work within our legal ability to assist in a timely way for a disruption situation. In all likelihood, should a disruption of an adoption from Latvia occur – meaning between the time of entry of the child into the US on a visitor's visa, but before finalization in Latvia – public child welfare authorities would be notified and perhaps become involved. Following the adoption in Latvia and subsequent entry into the US on a Hague orphan visa for an adoptive child, the adoption would be considered finalized and therefore, be under the policies and procedures for adoption dissolution.

Please contact ABI if you do not understand the definitions, responsibilities, policies and/or procedures prior to signing Supplement B. The following are the ABI policies and procedures for both circumstances. This document must be reviewed, signed and returned to ABI, as a part of the Business Agreement.

### **HP700.15 Title: DISRUPTION POLICY**

**Policy:** In the event the adoption is not made final prior to the child's arriving in the United States in expectation of subsequent finalization of the adoption, ABI will monitor the period of placement prior to the adoption being made final (Placement Period) to ensure that the placement remains in the best interests of the child. The agency will make at least the number of home visits required by the States of Kentucky, Missouri, any additional state(s) where the agency may become licensed, as well as the foreign country.

**Purpose:** To define the steps to be taken in the event a prospective adoption disrupts before the adoption is made final in the United States of America or abroad.

**Scope:** This policy shall apply for all prospective adoptive families adopting from Convention countries where their prospective adoptive child's custody or guardianship is given to the prospective adoptive family prior to finalization.

## **Procedure:**

### **1.0 GENERAL RULES**

- 1.1 Disruption is defined as when a family decides that they do not want to finalize the adoption of a child who has entered the United States under the legal guardianship of the agency with it being necessary that the prospective adoptive parents finalize the adoption in a US state court or when a prospective adoptive child's custody or guardianship is given to the prospective adoptive parents and the child enters the US before finalization.
- 1.2 The Agency seeks to avoid disruption of prospective adoption during such Placement Period prior to final adoption if that is in the best interests of the child.
- 1.3 Adoptive Parent(s) are expected to notify the agency promptly if significant problems arise with regard to the placement of the child, specifically to include any changes in the family's dynamics or situation (marital issues, pregnancy, criminal charges, medical issues, addition of family members, change in residence, etc).
- 1.4 To the extent it has knowledge and resources the agency, will provide advice and offer information regarding available external assistance such as counseling that the Adoptive Parent(s) may engage at the Adoptive Parent(s)' expense.

### **2.0 NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DISRUPT**

- 2.1 Prior to prospective adoptive family making the decision to disrupt (with the exception of issues concerning violence on the part of the child to be adopted or other unusual/drastring circumstances), the family shall notify the agency immediately and seek professional counseling/therapy resources within 24 hours.
- 2.2 Should the agency have concerns that warrant the consideration of disruption of the prospective adoptive placement, these concerns shall be directed to the family, as well as the local service provider and fully documented. The agency reserves the unencumbered right to immediately require disruption of any placement if this is determined by the agency to be in the best interests of the child. Due consideration shall be given to the professional opinions expressed by the family's local service provider and any professional counselors/therapists (or other applicable professionals) consulted.
- 2.3 In the event that counseling/intervention is unsuccessful in resolving the issues of concern, either party shall express the intent toward disruption in both writing and verbally to the other party. Written notification is required.
- 2.4 If safety of the child is not in question a transition time for change in physical custody and physical home of the child shall be agreed upon within 30 days of the written expression of intent toward disruption. Prospective adoptive family remains financially responsible for all transportation costs to transition the child, as well as for any other reasonable cost incurred as a result of the disruption, whether chosen by the family, the agency or mutual consent.

- 2.5 ABI shall be responsible for notifying the sending country central authority of the situation in compliance with the requirements of the central authority.
- 2.6 The agency will use its best efforts to arrange for a qualified, eligible person to assume temporary custody of and provide care for the child and act promptly and in accord with any applicable legal requirements to remove the child from the prospective adoptive parent's home. Should the agency carry legal custody or guardianship the agency is permitted to immediately transfer the child into the agency's physical care. Should the agency not carry legal custody or guardianship in the interim time, the agency shall notify public authorities of the concerns and work with the public authorities to gain appropriate custody arrangements for the child's continued care and well being. Should the prospective adoptive parents be willing to grant custody to the agency if the agency does not already have the legal custody, provided all legal requirements are met, the agency shall accept custody and care of the child.
- 2.7 The agency will assume responsibility for finding a subsequent adoptive parent and placement for the child. Consultation shall be made with the sending country's central authority, although ultimate decision making shall be left to ABI.
- 2.8 The agency is responsible for notifying the sending country central authority and the US central authority about the child's new adoptive parents.
- 2.9 In considering future placement of the child, the agency will consider the child's views when appropriate in light of the child's age and maturity and, when required by applicable State law, obtain the consent of the child prior to change in physical home or custody. The agency will also consider the child's age, length of time in the United States, and other such pertinent factors.

### **3.0 FAMILY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 3.1 The prospective adoptive parent(s) involved in disruption shall continue to have financial accountability for all costs required for the child's care until such time as the agency is able to effect other permanent placement (defined as placement with a family with the purposes of adoption) or return of the child as set forth below, and the disrupting adoptive parent(s) will pay such costs upon billing by the agency. The agency will make reasonable efforts to determine if the child is eligible for various governmental social welfare programs providing financial assistance to children and, if so, work with the involved parent(s) to see that the child is enrolled and the parent(s)' billed expense reduced accordingly.
- 3.2 As stated earlier, all transportation costs involved in the transition of the child shall be the full responsibility of the disrupting adoptive family, specifically to include, but not limited to the cost of transportation of an agency staff member to assist with or escort the child.
- 3.3 Should the child need to be placed in an approved foster home or residential care setting, the disrupting family shall be responsible for these costs.
- 3.4 Should the child be placed into an alternative adoptive home for the purposes of adoption, but this alternative family choose not to proceed, the original prospective adoptive family shall again assume financial responsibility for the child's care.

#### **4.0 RETURN OF CHILD TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

- 4.1 The agency will return a child to the child's country of origin only if the following requirements are fully met:
- A. The central authority of the sending country approve of the child's return in writing.
  - B. The US Central Authority approves of the return in writing.
  - C. Return to the country of origin is determined to be in the best interests of the child.
  - D. Return to the country of origin is undertaken only as a last resort and only after exerting best efforts to establish a new placement with other adoptive parents.

#### **5.0 FAMILY CRISIS OR EMERGENCY DURING PLACEMENT PERIOD**

- 5.1 Should the family seeking to adopt encounter a temporary emergency that necessitates physical placement of the child with an alternative resource the family shall immediately notify the agency.
- 5.2 The temporary placement of the child shall be evaluated by a professional, preferably the local service provider who is providing post placement services.
- 5.3 The agency shall not automatically assume a disruption is necessary, provided the child's best interests are being served.
- 5.4 Should the prospective adoptive parents become permanently incapacitated or pass away during the placement period, the agency shall consult with the local service provider, the sending country's central authority, as well as family members of the family. The agency shall take into consideration the expressed wishes of the family, while maintaining the best interests of the child as the paramount importance in deciding on a plan for permanency for the child. The wishes and desires of the child, as described earlier shall be considered.

#### **6.0 CONCERNS OF NEGLECT OR ABUSE**

- 6.1 The agency may conclude that continuing the Placement Period and the Adoptive Parent(s) subsequent final adoption of the child is not in the child's best interest if it believes that child neglect or abuse is occurring. In such event, the agency in compliance with the best interests of the child, as well as mandatory reporting requirements shall immediately report such suspected neglect or abuse promptly to appropriate law enforcement and public child welfare authorities and cooperate fully in their investigation and its resolution.
- 6.2 If local law enforcement and/or public child welfare authorities act to remove the child from the home, and assume temporary custody and care of the child, due to child abuse or neglect, the agency shall seek to work cooperatively with the applicable parties in seeking the best interests of the child.

- 6.3 The agency reserves the right to make arrangements for immediate transfer of physical custody of the child should the agency have concerns regarding neglect or abuse. This decision does not require the results of any investigation by law enforcement or public child welfare authorities.
- 6.4 Information shall be made available to the sending country's central authority.

**HP700.20 Title: DISSOLUTION POLICY**

**Policy:** In the event the adoption is made final in the child's country of origin prior to arriving in the United States the Agency will monitor the post-adoption period of placement to ensure that the placement remains in the best interests of the child. The agency will make at least the number of home visits required by the State of Kentucky, Missouri and/or any other state where the agency may become licensed, as well as the foreign country. If the child is residing in another state the agency will ensure the post-placements are provided by a qualified provider in the child's state of residence and meet the guidelines of the other state as well as the sending country.

**Purpose:** To define the steps to be taken for the agency and the Adoptive Family in the event the post-adoption dissolves after the adoption has already been made final in the child's country of origin.

**Scope:** This policy shall apply for all adoptive families adopting from Convention countries where the adoption is made final in the child's country of origin prior to arriving in the United States of America.

**Procedure:**

**1.0 GENERAL RULES**

- 1.1 Dissolution is defined as when a family decides that they want to end the adoptive relationship as parents to an adoptive child following the final legal adoption either in the United States or abroad.
- 1.2 The Agency seeks to avoid dissolution of adoption as a general philosophy that dissolutions and/or multiple placements harm the development of children overall. However, when dissolution is determined to be in the best interests of the child ABI will offer support to the best of the agency's current abilities/resources.
- 1.3 As the legal parents of the child, the adoptive parents are responsible for all care decisions made on behalf of the child. Should concerns or issues arise about the adoption while the family is still in the child's country of origin, but following finalization, the adoptive parent(s) are expected to notify the agency promptly. Adoptive family is expected to seek assistance while in the country of origin.

- 1.4 Families are expected to comply with US visa requirements and US immigration law with regard to securing a visa for the child to enter the US. Families are contractually and legally bound to honor the laws of the sending country while they are in such country and to follow that country's laws and procedures for an adoption dissolution during that time should they seek dissolution prior to entry into the United States. Families are expected to communicate with the sending country's central authority, All Blessings staff in country and in the US and any ABI contractors applicable to the adoption process.
- 1.5 Families are contractually bound to complete all post-adoption reports requested or required by the country of origin, ABI, or their state of residence.
- 1.6 Prior to a dissolution, to the extent it has knowledge and resources the agency, will provide advice and offer information regarding available external assistance such as counseling that the Adoptive Parent(s) may engage at the Adoptive Parent(s)' expense. ABI may provide additional services to help identify an alternative adoptive family at an additional fee.
- 1.7 Should ABI be able to assist with identifying an alternative adoptive family in a dissolution situation, in consideration of the future placement of the child, the agency will consider the child's views when appropriate in light of the child's age and maturity and, when required by State law, obtain the consent of the child prior to change in physical home or custody. The agency will also consider the child's age, length of time in the United States, and other such pertinent factors.

## **2.0 NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE & SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION**

- 2.1 Adoptive family is expected to notify ABI immediately should they intend to dissolve the adoption from a Hague convention country that was arranged by ABI and to keep the agency informed about a subsequent adoptive placement arranged for the child, so that the agency may fulfill Hague accreditation reporting requirements.

## **3.0 FAMILY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 3.1 Following a legal adoption either overseas or in the United States, whichever occurs first, the adoptive family has full legal and financial responsibility for their adoptive child. The adoptive parent(s) involved in dissolution shall continue to have financial responsibility for all costs required for the child's care and for any subsequent adoption by an alternative family.
- 3.2 ABI will not assume any financial responsibility for a child before, during or after a dissolution process.

## **4.0 CONCERNS OF NEGLECT OR ABUSE**

- 4.1 Should the agency have concerns about neglect or abuse of a child, the agency shall report such concerns to appropriate law enforcement and public child welfare authorities, as well as cooperate fully in their investigation as requested.

4.2 Information shall be made available to the sending country's central authority, as may be required by the sending country. Appropriate reporting will be completed with the US Central Authority in compliance with Hague standards.

**By signing below we hereby acknowledge our full understanding of the definitions of disruption and dissolution, as well as our family's responsibilities in either scenario. We understand the implications for the specific country where we are planning to adopt and should we change countries we acknowledge that it is our responsibility to review these policies and procedures and to seek clarification from ABI regarding any areas of confusion. Further, we agree to adhere to ABI's policies and procedures and discharge ABI of financial responsibility in either adoption disruption or adoption dissolution.**

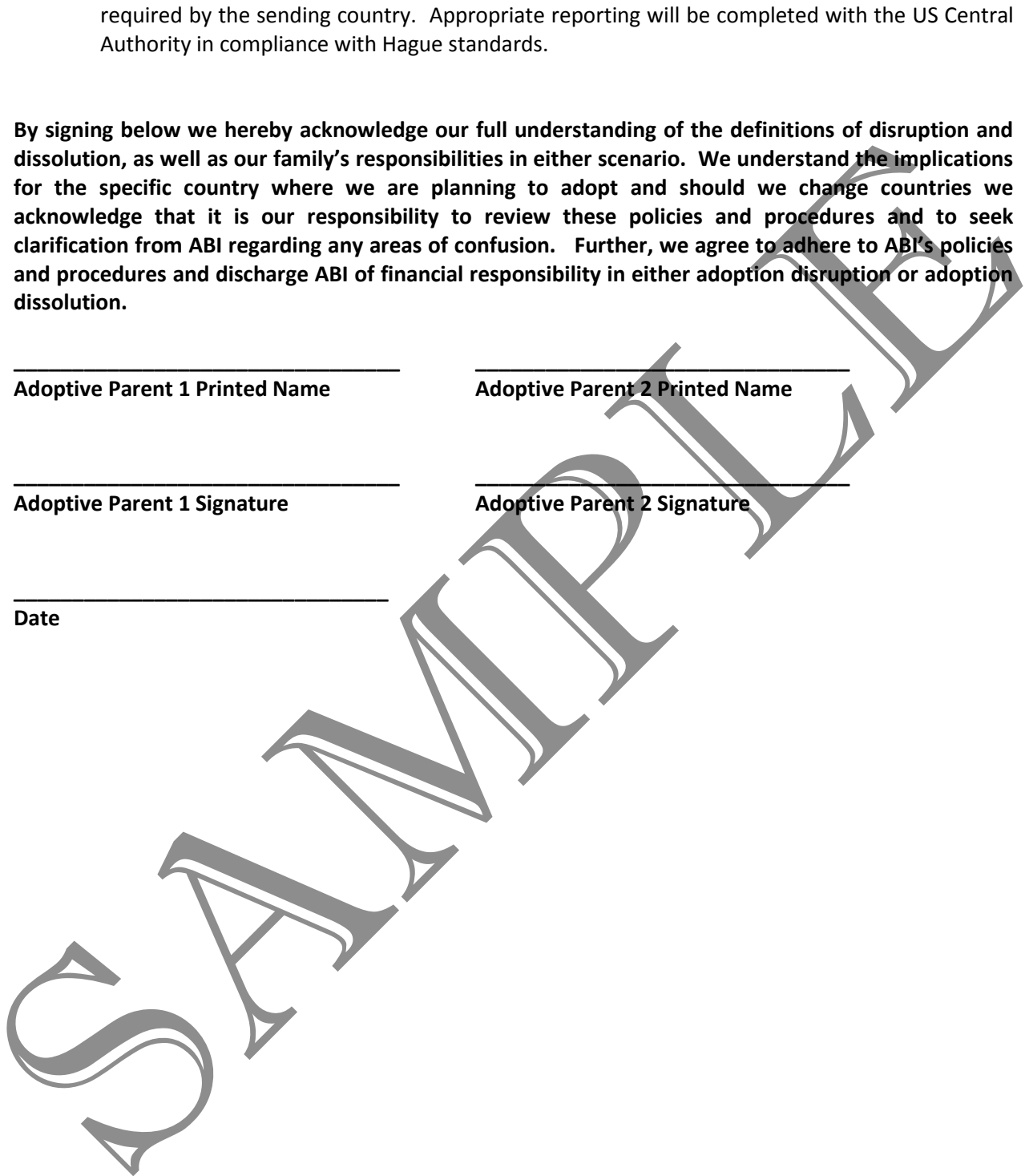
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**Adoptive Parent 1 Signature**

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**Adoptive Parent 2 Signature**

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**Date**



## **SUPPLEMENT C - Statement of Risks in Adoption Waiver of Liability**

In this document All Blessings International, Inc. is also referred to as ABI or the agency. This includes the employees of All Blessings International Inc., our Directors, officers, independent contractors, social workers and all parties directly affiliated with ABI.

In this document you, the prospective adoptive parents, are referred to as “you” or the prospective adoptive family or prospective adoptive parent(s), specifically, jointly and separately and your heirs, executors, administrators or designees.

### **Introduction**

As prospective adoptive parent(s), you are about to embark upon an exciting and sometimes unnerving experience, and it is sometimes difficult to remember all the details and information we have provided you concerning adoption. Because of this, we have found it helpful to compile some of this information in an easy to understand format. It is important that you have this information, be aware of and understanding of the risks involved in adopting internationally, and it is important for us to know you have this information; therefore, we ask that you initial each page, sign this statement and return it to us for our files. Please maintain a copy for your own records.

Adoption placements have certain risks, which may or may not be known at the time of referral, placement or may never be known by the agency. The purpose of this statement is to set forth several, but not all of the significant risks associated with entering into an adoption plan. You are urged to review this document, and all documents we ask you to sign, with an attorney or anyone else you choose. Also we want to emphasize that the adoption process is completely voluntary. You should not feel pressured, nor are you obligated to continue an adoption plan at anytime up to the finalization of the adoption either in a US court or in a foreign court or the equivalent, whichever is earlier.

The amount of information available to us varies from placement to placement. As a result, certain risks may become known to us and/or become significant to the placement after a child referral has been made to you. You understand that all information made available to us will be disclosed to you so that you can review it and possibly re-evaluate your participation in the proposed adoptive placement. You also understand and acknowledge that not all information will be known to ABI or be knowable by ABI, and that it is possible that some of the information, both known and unknown, may create risks and have an effect on the future health, mental, social and or emotional development of the adoptive child(ren).

### **Medical Risks**

ABI cannot predict an adoptive child’s mental or physical development, emotional and/or personality characteristics, health, medical problems, learning disabilities, intellectual ability, hyperactivity, attention deficits, appearance, inherited characteristics or other factors pertinent to the development of a child.



Information provided by or through us may be incorrect because any social, medical or family history has been provided by birth parents, foreign courts, overseas doctors, orphanage workers or other sources beyond our control. You understand and acknowledge that medical and social information given to us by the biological parent(s) or by hospitals, doctors, foreign court workers, foreign orphanage Director or workers or other foreign entities and then passed on to you may be incomplete or inaccurate. It is possible that the biological parent(s) may intentionally offer incorrect information. You should consult with an International Adoption Medical Expert and/or your pediatrician, or another appropriate medical specialist to review all information and to provide you with an opinion regarding a child referral or the absence of pertinent information in a child's referral packet. All updates should also be reviewed by an International Adoption Medical Expert, your pediatrician or another appropriate medical specialist. ABI does not offer and will not offer medical advice, as the agency is unqualified to provide this service.

We do not assume any duty to independently verify the information given to us by biological parents or other sources nor will we make an independent investigation into the biological parents background and health or social situation, as they are in a foreign country. Adoptions are often looked upon unfavorably in foreign countries and attempting to independently investigate the biological parent(s) could put them at risk and endangers their confidentiality. You agree not to expect or rely upon us to verify or investigate the truth of information provided to us by biological parent(s) or third parties at the time of referral, placement or into the future.

Children involved in international adoption may have or have had in the past, various medical conditions and/or exposures, including, but not limited to the following: HIV, HIV exposure, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis C, Hepatitis D, Tuberculosis, Syphilis, Salmonella, Giardia, Pneumonia, Pervasive Developmental Delays, Scabies, Lice, other parasites, Malnutrition, Hernias, Chronic ear/sinus infections, Chronic infections, Vision Problems, Hearing Problems, Physical abuse, sexual abuse, learning disabilities, decayed teeth, undiagnosed genetic problems, heart murmurs, mild heart problems, moderate heart problems, serious heart problems, Downs syndrome, attachment disorder, ADD, ADHD, depression, lactose intolerance, complications of a premature birth, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Autistic spectrum disorder, sickle cell, plagiocephaly, and/or developmental delays. This list is not intended to be all inclusive. You understand and acknowledge that there are medical risks in international adoption due to unknown biological parents (on occasion), misleading information from biological parents and/or others, less developed medical testing & training, lack of information and/or unreliable testing. You understand and acknowledge that you will receive all information and medical diagnosis that ABI receives and you have the opportunity to discuss medical, emotional and psychological risks with a physician of your choosing. You also understand that in some circumstances it may be possible to have the child seen by a physician of your choice in the foreign country, at your expense. You understand and agree to hold harmless ABI for diseases, medical, emotional, psychological and social disorders that a child may have or develop in the future.

### **Legal Risk**

In any adoption there may be legal risks. We strongly recommend that you consult with an attorney regarding any specific adoption plan you are considering. There are many possible risks, some of which are discussed below.

At anytime prior to the execution of the final consents for adoption and expiration of any applicable revocation period set out by the law of the foreign country, the biological parent can change his/her mind and elect to parent the child him/herself. The birth parent can leave town or otherwise disappear prior to the finalization of an adoption plan, which can result in the adoption needing to go through a different court process, additional steps or being stopped altogether.

The child will not be placed with you until all appropriate legal steps have been taken and the adoptive placement has been approved by both the foreign country and the United States. In Hague countries, the placement must be approved by the Central Authority of both countries.

Disruption of an adoption plan, before or after placement almost always results in emotional turmoil and financial loss to you. Your financial losses may include, but are not limited to, all costs and fees paid and owed to ABI, payments made for legal services, payments made for foster care and medical services. Fees are for services rendered and are in no way "buying a child". On occasion, an adoption is unable to be completed. In cases such as this, there will be no reimbursement for services that were completed and undertaken on your behalf. You understand that ABI will not pursue a biological parent or otherwise harass a biological parent to complete an unwanted adoption plan or to repay any of the funds you may have paid in attempting to do an adoption. If parents choose to terminate an adoption plan prior to finalization for any reason other than a serious medical issue that was unknown to the parent(s) at the time of referral all fees incurred to such point are nonrefundable and non-transferable. If prospective adoptive parent(s) choose to terminate an adoption proceeding before finalization because of a serious medical problem unknown at the time of referral, some fees, minus that already expended for foster care, child care, legal services and/or medical care of the child may be transferable to another child referral.

From the date an adoption is considered finalized in a foreign country, the child shall be considered a legal dependant of the prospective adoptive parent(s), who agree to assume full responsibility for all costs of the child's care, housing, rearing, education, and medical needs.

In the event that the agency suspects child neglect or abuse occurring, in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Kentucky, the agency will report such suspected neglect or abuse promptly to appropriate law enforcement and public child welfare authorities and cooperate fully in their investigation and its resolution. If local law enforcement and public child welfare authorities act to remove the child from the home, and assume temporary custody and care of the child, due to child abuse or neglect, The agency will assist the local enforcement, if possible and the agency will be responsible for notifying the foreign country government about the change in custody and care and the child's new adoptive parents. In considering future placement of the child, the agency will work cooperatively with local enforcement to help secure another placement for the child, if possible. In the event removal of the child from the Adoptive Parent(s) home is the result of action by law enforcement or child welfare authorities, the Adoptive Parent(s) will have financial and other responsibility for the child's care as is required by laws and regulations of the county, state, or other jurisdiction governing such circumstance.

## **Birth Fathers**

Determining the rights a birth father may or may not have is very complex and depends on the foreign country's laws. A biological father who is married to the birth mother has the same rights as the biological mother in most countries. In some countries if a birth mother is married an adoption plan is unable to be processed. It is possible that a birth mother may misrepresent herself as being unmarried, when in actuality she is married. Should a birth father be determined to have legal rights to parent a child and he expresses this desire the adoption will be impossible to complete.

## **Country Moratorium and Backlogs**

International adoptions are contingent on the cooperation of the foreign countries. At times, foreign countries change their adoption laws and procedures, which can result in backlogs of cases and on occasions moratorium (ceasing) of adoption. Moratoriums may be declared by the foreign country or by the United States should the United States determine that fraudulent activities are occurring that would require the stopping of adoptions to ensure the safety and well being of children. Moratoriums do happen and can completely stop a case from progressing. They are indefinite in their nature and impossible to predict. You hereby acknowledge your understanding of this as a potential risk. PLEASE NOTE – New laws pertaining to adoption are being considered in several countries and can negatively impact adoption cases in process.

## **International Adoption Environment**

International Adoptions are fraught with uncertainty during the process and the completion of international adoptions often involves factors that are outside the control of ABI and those with whom it collaborates in providing adoption services. You acknowledge and understand that ABI cannot be held responsible or liable for delays or other events or complications outside the direct control of ABI. You also acknowledge that ABI cannot and does not assume responsibility for the actions of a foreign government. ABI cannot guarantee that a foreign government entity, institution, Judge, court or person will not disapprove or invalidate the request of any particular family or individual to adopt a specific child in the country of birth of that child or any particular foreign country will continue to allow the adoption of children by non-citizens. Final authority for approval of the child's adoption and subsequent emigration to the United States is at the discretion of the government and national authorities in the country of the child's birth and of the United States government. ABI cannot and does not assume responsibility for these entities. Developing countries routinely change adoption processing procedures and requirements. In addition, the laws for adoption within developing countries may be contradictory, interpreted differently and enforced sporadically. You acknowledge ABI has no control over these factors.

## **Paperwork changes**

The paperwork requirements for foreign country adoption processing is continually undergoing changes. These changes often result in delays. You may be asked to redo the same document several times before it is acceptable to the deciding entity in a foreign country. You hereby acknowledge your willingness to complete such tasks and your understanding of this risk.

## Limited Confidentiality Waiver

We understand that confidentiality is important to you and we will not intentionally exchange identifying information about you directly to a birth family without your consent. Information may be disclosed to the birth parent(s) by others during the course of an adoption proceeding and may be a matter of public record in foreign countries. You also understand that there are legal methods of tracing a child placed for adoption via registries, vital statistics records, school and medical records and the work of confidential intermediaries.

In working with you in the course of providing adoption services, ABI may find it necessary to communicate with third parties to assist you or to act in the best interests of the child, whether the child has been identified or not. Accordingly, prospective adoptive parent(s) agree that ABI may disclose confidential information to health care professionals or entities, social work, Home study providers, or governmental agencies with a direct interest in the adoption proceedings (USCIS, embassies), so long as any such disclosure reveals no more information than is necessary for ABI to provide adoption services, either to the prospective adoptive parent(s) or the child. This provision survives any termination of this agreement.

By signing below we acknowledge that we understand all the risks as presented in this document. We wish to pursue an adoption plan knowing and assuming all the medical, legal and other risks of adoption. We specifically release All Blessings International, Inc., its employees, attorneys, social workers, independent contractors, principals, officers, directors and all other parties affiliated with ABI from any and all liability pertaining to the risks above described.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adoptive Parent 1 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adoptive Parent 2 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adoptive Parent 1 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adoptive Parent 2 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

All Blessings International – 2016 International Adoption Services Fees

	Haiti	China	Taiwan	Hong Kong	Burkina Faso	Latvia	El Salvador
<b>Application and Program Fees</b>	<p><u>\$7350 total*</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3250-1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$1350-2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Fee due with Dossier* \$2500-3<sup>rd</sup> Agency Fee due upon issuance of adoption decree</p>	<p><u>\$6700 total</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$1900- 1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$1800- 2<sup>nd</sup> agency fee due with submission of dossier documents (Families who switch to ABI who already have an LID have this fee waived.) \$2750 – 3<sup>rd</sup> agency fee due upon acceptance of a referral</p>	<p><u>\$6,250 total*</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3,000- 1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$3,000- 2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Fee due prior to travel **Cases activated with THOGL prior to July 2014: \$1,500 due with Business Agreement. Additionally, a \$1,000 post monitoring fee is due prior to travel.</p>	<p><u>\$7,750 total*</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3750- 1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$3,750- 2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Fee due prior to travel *</p>	<p><u>\$7,250 total*</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3,500 – 1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Business Agreement \$3,500 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Fee due with dossier/child</p>	<p><u>\$7250 total</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3,500-1<sup>st</sup> Agency fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$3,500-2<sup>nd</sup> Agency fee due immediately following first trip to Latvia</p>	<p><u>\$7250 total</u></p> <p>\$50 Preliminary App Fee \$200 Formal App Fee \$3500-1<sup>st</sup> Agency Fee due with Agency Business Agreement \$3500-2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Fee due when referral is accepted by family.</p>
<b>Home Study &amp; Post Adoption Report Fees (Paid to service provider)</b>	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)	\$2000-\$4500 (estimate)
<b>Adoption Education</b>	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
<b>USCIS I-600A / I-800A</b>	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting; paid to USCIS	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting	\$720 form fee + \$85/adult for fingerprinting
<b>Post Placement Monitoring</b>	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Dossier Translation and Legalization</b>	\$700-\$1150 (estimate)	\$1150 (estimate)	\$250-500 (estimate)	\$700-\$1150 (estimate)		\$100-\$500 (estimate)	\$550-\$600 (est.) Additional \$750 if not completed within 6 months.
<b>International Fees</b>	<p><u>\$15,150 total per child</u></p> <p>\$1500 to humanitarian aid account upon shipment of dossier to Haiti \$500 - 1<sup>st</sup> Intl fee due with IBESR dossier submission. \$9755 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Intl fee due upon client acceptance of referral from Central Authority. (\$1600 – IBESR Referral) (\$6200 – Childcare)</p>	<p><u>\$9,297 estimated/total will depend on exchange rates</u></p> <p>\$1135 CCCWA and Wire Fee for processing dossier (each) Due at dossier submission. \$836.50; includes pre-approval fee (\$120), translation fees for post adoption reports(\$360), child's US entry visa (\$325), Article 5 courier (\$31.50) due with Letter of Acceptance/</p>	<p><b>Cathwell Families:</b> <u>\$14,000-16,000 total per child</u> (variance related to number of children, special needs and age of child)</p> <p><b>THOGL Families:</b> THOGL does not charge international fees at this time, but families will be responsible for airfare, meals and miscellaneous</p>	<p><u>\$800 per child</u></p>	<p><u>\$10,000 total per child</u></p> <p>\$5,000 due upon submission of dossier to Burkina Faso \$5,000 due upon completion</p>	<p><u>\$10,500 total per child</u></p> <p>\$2,000 due at dossier submission \$4,000 due before first trip to Latvia \$4,500 due after first trip to Latvia  **These are for the adoption of a single child. A sibling has an</p>	<p><u>\$8000-\$12,000 total per child</u> (Most cases will be the higher fee)</p>

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PLEASE NOTE – ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

\* For Haiti, Hong Kong, Latvia, and Taiwan, families adopting more than one child will incur an additional \$2500 agency fee per *family* (not per *child* being adopted).

\*\*For DRC, an unrelated child will incur double agency fees. Families adopting a sibling are expected to pay second and third agency fees; however the first agency is waived for the sibling.

\*\*\*For China, additional children incur double agency fees.

<b>International Fees cont'd</b>	<p>(\$1955 – Child’s Dossier )</p> <p>\$2895 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Intl fee due upon issuance of Autorisation d’Adoption from IBESR</p> <p>\$2000*- 4<sup>th</sup> Intl fee due upon issuance of Adoption Decree from Parquet Court.</p> <p>*Additional \$300 will be assessed if child is over 10 yr of age for whom vaccinations are required</p>	<p>Letter of Confirmation of Adopter.</p> <p>\$5800; orphanage donation due when in country. This fee is 35,000 RMB (Chinese currency); US dollar amount is estimated based upon the current exchange rate. Note: this number can fluctuate.</p> <p>\$1525; varies based on province; includes registration (\$500), notary (\$600), passport service \$200, medical exam and visa photos in China (\$225)</p>	<p>travel expenses for 2 required trips.</p>			<p>additional fee of \$350 and the adoption of a second unrelated child is \$4,000. Unrelated child adoptions are rarely approved by ABI.</p>	
<b>Visa</b>	\$325/child	\$325/child	NA – paid thru the adoption fee	\$325/child	\$325/child	\$325/child	\$325/child
<b>Estimated Travel</b>	<p>\$700 - \$1200 airfare per parent for 2 week socialization trip</p> <p>Guest House: 15 day socialization period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If referred child lives within 90 min of our location, families will stay at the ABI/MASAF ECS, at the cost of \$1500 for a single parent or \$2800 for a couple (includes meals and transportation to assigned crèche).</li> <li>Families who will stay elsewhere will be charged in accordance with the rules of their accommodations.</li> </ul>	<p>\$1000 - \$2500 airfare per parent</p> <p>\$100 - \$220 per night accommodations</p> <p>Total in-country trip is estimated at \$6,000-8,000). This includes all hotels in China, transportation, plane/train to the province, guide fees and tours. Most hotels provide breakfast. Travelers responsible for lunch and dinner. This is paid prior to your trip. Plus \$35.00 bank penalty fee.</p>	<p>\$1500 - \$2500 airfare per parent</p> <p>\$100 - \$200 per night accommodations</p>	<p>\$1500 - \$2500 airfare per parent</p> <p>\$100 - \$200 per night accommodations</p>	<p>\$1300 - \$3000 airfare per parent</p> <p>\$100 - \$225 per night accommodations</p>	<p>\$800 - \$2000 airfare per parent</p> <p>\$100 - \$200 per night accommodations</p>	
<b>Other</b>	<p>If DNA is requested, fee is \$350-\$500</p> <p>Budget \$500-1000 for Misc. expenses</p> <p>Budget for six post-placement reports</p>	<p>Budget \$500-1000 for Misc. expenses</p>	<p>Budget \$500-\$1,000 for Misc. expense</p> <p>An orphanage donation is strongly encouraged for families adopting thru THOGL program.</p>	<p>Budget \$500-\$700 for Misc. expense</p>	<p>DNA testing - \$350-500; Budget \$500-1000 for Misc. expenses</p>	<p>Adoption Registration \$0-300; Budget \$500-1000 for Misc. expenses</p>	<p>Adoption Registration \$0-300; Budget \$500-1000 for Misc. expenses</p>

	KY, TN, and IN Home Study – Non Hague and Domestic Home Study Only	KY, TN, and IN Home Study - Hague	MO Home Study-Non Hague and Domestic Home Study only	MO Home Study - Hague	Korea Network Program
<b>Application</b>	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$250
<b>Home Study Report</b>	\$1500	\$1700	\$1400	\$1400	\$1500
<b>International Adoption Education</b>	\$200 (N/A for Domestic)	\$200	\$200 (N/A for Domestic)	\$200	\$200
<b>Post Placement Reports</b>	\$200/report	\$200/report	\$250/report	\$250/report	\$200/report (KY) \$250/report (MO) \$200/report (IN) \$200/report (TN)
<b>Confidential Report to the Court (if applicable)</b>	\$200/report	\$200/report	\$250/report	\$250/report	\$200/report (KY) \$250/report (MO) \$200/report (IN) \$200/report (TN)
<b>Network Fees</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$750 (at referral acceptance)
<b>Partner Agency and International Fees (does not include travel)</b>	Placement Agency Must Provide this Information	Placement Agency Must Provide this Information	Placement Agency Must Provide this Information	Placement Agency Must Provide this Information	Approximately \$25,000

**Fees for domestic adoption with All Blessings International**

Preliminary Application Fee - \$50

Formal Application Fee - \$200

1st Agency Fee due with Match Acceptance - \$4,000

2nd Agency Fee due with Placement Acceptance - \$14,000

Birth parent living expenses – 0-\$9,000

Legal Fees for Termination of Parental Rights - \$2000 - \$3000 (uncontested)

Adoption finalization is separate and charged at the discretion of the attorney you hire.







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### Social Worker / Agency Contact Information

*Only Necessary if ABI is NOT the home study provider.*

As a Hague Accredited agency, we must carefully screen all agencies we partner with to provide services; therefore, ABI will not accept home studies from all providers. All home study agencies must be Hague Accredited; any agency exemption must be approved by our Executive Director. Another important factor in deciding whether or not to accept a home study will be based on the willingness of the home study provider to sign an agreement with our agency that specifies the different services that will be provided and that attests to the agency's standards. **Please make sure that you get our approval before you formally choose a home study agency, as this will enable us to better serve your family in compliance with Hague Regulations.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Home Study Agency Contact Information

Home Study Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Compliance Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hague Accredited:  Yes  No

State License Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Social Worker Contact Information

Social Worker Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if not same as above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_



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## ADOPTION SPECIAL NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this questionnaire thoughtfully and thoroughly if you are not yet matched with a waiting child.

ABI will work to 'lock-in' children through the on-line system based on your answers to this questionnaire. This applies to our China program only.

**Adoptive Parents:**

**Rate the significance of each factor in being matched with a child:**

(#1 = most important ... #5 = least important)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gender
- \_\_\_\_\_ Age
- \_\_\_\_\_ Timing (*want to be matched with a child as soon as possible*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special Need – Correctable (*example: cleft lip, heart condition*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special Need – No Surgery Needed (*example: missing limb, albinism*)

**GENDER:** *check only one*

- Boy Only
- Girl Only
- Either
- Preference is for a boy, but will accept a girl.
- Preference is for a girl, but will accept a boy.

**AGE RANGE:**

*If you are open to more than one age range, please rank in order of preference (1, 2, 3, 4).  
If you prefer only one specific age range, please check that box.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Infant (under 18 months)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toddler (18 months – 3 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-School (4 - 6 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Older (over 7 years)

**PREFERRED COUNTRY OF ADOPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTABLE SPECIAL NEEDS:**

*\*Indicate only the special needs that you would be confident in accepting in a child.  
For each condition marked, you are agreeing to fully research and educate yourselves about the condition, including contacting medical specialists to discuss treatment, risks and long-term effects.*

**By marking a special need condition below, you are authorizing ABI to match you with a child who has that condition.**

**1 = will accept (ABI can match child without further discussion and/or confirmation)**

**2 = will consider if gender and age range preferences are met**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Albinism                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Funnel / Pigeon Chest                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambiguous Genitalia             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal Alcohol Effects                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amniotic Band Syndrome          | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anal Atresia / Imperforate Anus | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burns / Scars                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blind / Sight Impaired          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birthmark                       | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV +                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Palsy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocephalus                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleft Lip / Palate              | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Disorder                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Foot                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Limb Difference / Missing Limbs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf / Hearing Impaired         | <input type="checkbox"/> Meningocele                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Delays            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Delays                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nerve Disorder                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Down Syndrome                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spina Bifida                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dwarfism                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Premature Birth                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eczema / Ichthyosis             | <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary / Reproductive System Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to Thrive               |   |

**CONCURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Will you accept a child who has more than one special need?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adoptive Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adoptive Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date