



Thank you for your interest in adoption from Taiwan. Journeys of the Heart coordinates adoptions with four separate agencies in Taiwan. *Programs I* and *IV* are very much like a domestic adoption program, as the birth mother chooses the family that will adopt her child. Birthmothers are particularly drawn to young couples who have no children or who have only one or two, preferably adopted, children. In *Program II*, families send a dossier to Taiwan and are matched with children by the Taiwanese agency. Through *Program III*, infants are referred to and matched by Journeys of the Heart with waiting families. Due to the increase in interest for this program, we have temporarily stopped accepting applications for three of our four programs. We are currently accepting new families into program III.

Taiwan is located in Eastern Asia off the southeastern coast of China. Ethnic groups include: Taiwanese (including Hakka) 84%, mainland Chinese 14%, Aborigine 2%. Taipei, the capital city, is located in the north. Taiwan has a dynamic capitalist economy.

Available Children

Infants will usually be one to four months at the time of referral. However, the infant will likely be five to ten months old at the time the family travels to complete the adoption and bring their child home. This reflects the four to six months it usually takes to complete the adoption following the referral.

Who may qualify to adopt from Taiwan?

Married couples between 25 and 49 years of age, minimum five year marriage, or two years with no prior marriages— preference may be given to childless couples or those with one to two children in the home. Only families with 3 children or less will be considered. Parents will also need to be in good physical and mental health with no criminal history to adopt from Taiwan. Minimum income and net worth requirements also apply. Contact us for more details.

Journey's is temporarily suspending the acceptance of single applicants. Please check back in Winter of 2008 to see if the program has started accepting single applications again.

What is the process and how long does it take?

Completion of home study and USCIS pre-approval (the "I-600A" process) usually takes between three to five months.

Program I (ON HOLD)- families then submit an application to Taiwan together with a copy of their home study, a “dear birth parent” letter and family photo album. After your application is sent to Taiwan it may take 18-24 months for a birthmother to select your family to parent her child. It is difficult to be precise, as it is entirely the birthmother’s choice. USCIS pre-approval is required before acceptance of a referral.

Programs II and IV (ON HOLD) - families will await the referral of a child after Journeys of the Heart receives their completed home study and they have USCIS pre-approval.

Program III (ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS) - families will await the referral of a child after Journeys of the Heart receives their completed home study and they have applied for USCIS pre-approval. Current processing times vary with gender preference, contact us for more details.

In *Programs II and III* families are typically matched with referrals according to their place on the waiting list, in addition to their indicated openness and their home study approval for various conditions, along with possible birth mother preferences.

Once your family has accepted a referral, the court process takes four to six months until you will travel. One or both parents may travel to Taiwan and the stay is approximately three to five days.

TAIWAN PROGRAM FEES

(Approximate Fees Subject to Change Without Notice)

Journeys of the Heart fees for its services:

Application Fee – due upon submitting application	\$250.00
Adoption Training Materials (out of area clients receive materials and video/dvd)	\$200.00
Home Study Review	\$200.00
1 st half Program Coordination Fee – - due upon deciding to enter Taiwan program	\$2400.00
2 nd half Program Coordination Fee - due approximately six weeks prior to departure	\$3,000.00

Total of Journeys of the Heart Fees for Its Services **\$5950.00**

Home Study and Two Post Placement Visits and Reports cost varies

- paid to a non-profit home study agency selected by the family in their state – fees vary depending upon agency and are due when family decides to start home study

Dossier/Home study Translation Fee **\$400.00**

Program Fees Paid directly to Taiwan Agency

Taiwan Agency Fee Program I	\$10,000.00
Taiwan Agency Fee Program II	\$8,500.00
Taiwan Agency Fee Program III	\$18,100.00
Taiwan Agency Fee Program IV	\$9,000.00

Program I: \$5000.00 of the fee will be paid when a referral is accepted and the final portion will be due before the family travels.

Program II: \$500.00 of the fee will be paid to the Taiwan agency at the time of travel as a birth mother benevolence donation.

Program III: \$5,100.00 of the fee is wired to the Taiwan agency when a referral is accepted. This part of the fee is non-refundable if for any reason the family's dossier is not accepted in the Taiwan courts.

Program IV: \$9,000, their fee, is paid to the Taiwan agency before the family travels.

These programs are Taiwanese organizations and are independent of Journeys of the Heart and may raise their fees without advance notice.

Document Processing & Adoption Related Fees Paid Through Journeys of the Heart:

Document preparation fees, authentication fees, TECO legalization fees, express mail (domestic and international), post placement mailing fees, etc. \$200.00 - \$1,000.00

Travel Related Cost Estimates:

Airfare – round trip – one adult \$800.00 - \$1,500.00

Child's airfare – one way (under 2 years) approximately 10% of adult fare \$150.00

Food and lodging in Taiwan for one adult is approximately \$95 - \$185.00 per day

Facilitation in Taiwan \$250.00 - \$500.00

Additional Adoption Related Fees:

U. S. government fee for child's visa (*paid separately for Program II only*) \$380.00

United States Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS) application (I-600A) \$670.00

Fingerprinting for USCIS (per adult in home) \$80.00

As you consider international adoption, remember to include in your budgeting the federal income tax adoption credit which in 2005 returns was \$10,630 for adopting families with "modified adjusted gross income" (line 38 on the 1040 or line 22 on the 1040A) under \$159,400; with the credit phasing out on a pro-rated up through \$199,400. This tax credit may be recovered over a 5 year period following completion of the adoption. For the most current information on calculating this credit see the IRS website (www.irs.gov) and look for Form 8839 and Instructions for Form 8839.

If you have any questions, or, if you would like to receive an application, please call us at 503-681-3075 and ask to speak with someone in our international department. You may also contact us via email at info@journeysoftheheart.net