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To: Overseas Families Interested in Adoption

We receive many requests from families living outside the U.S.A. wanting information on adoption.

As an agency, we can help a family adopt from any of our programs if the family meets the requirements of the foreign country in which they reside. One of the adoptive parents/s must be a U.S. citizen. AAI will only accept home studies from licensed homestudy **agencies** who have signed, or who are willing to sign, a Hague approved cooperating agency agreement with AAI. Home studies from individual social workers or attorneys **cannot** be accepted. The agency or individual, who is associated with the agency, must provide a home study that includes all of the information required by the foreign country from which a family will be adopting and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.

In searching for the source of an adoptive homestudy, contact the local U.S. Embassy or there are agencies who work specifically with families living abroad. If you would like to discuss the possibility of AAI preparing the homestudy, please contact the office directly to discuss this option. It is important to ask if the social worker/agency is familiar with the rules of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service regarding information that must be included in a homestudy. If not, please contact the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) office-1-877-424-8374 or the U.S. Embassy in the country you are living, for specifics, child VISA's or other questions about adopting abroad.