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KOREA INFORMATION GUIDE

**An overview of the Korea program
for those people thinking about adopting from Korea**

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Reflections from adoptive parents

We asked some of our adoptive parents to tell us why they chose the Korean Program.

Which country you adopt from is a personal choice. We believe it is most important to really like and want to be involved in your child's culture. How can you raise a child to understand their culture if you don't appreciate it yourself? We read a lot on the cultures we were interested in. For us Korea became an obvious choice as we fell in love with the country and her people. In addition, we felt there was a strong support network for the Korean program. We are now blessed to have two gorgeous boys from Korea and are enjoying the process of helping them develop an understanding of their culture. jp

We chose Korea because we felt that Eastern Social Welfare has an excellent program. Our son has the benefit of living with a foster family where he is cuddled and loved in a family environment. We also chose Korea because we are supportive of open adoption and at least know that if our son wishes to meet his birth parents, Eastern Social Welfare know who they are and can assist with the reunion. ll

We chose the Korean program as it is a well run program where the children are placed in loving foster homes usually from within a week of being born, and where the majority of children at placement are between 4-12 months. We found the Korean experience extremely positive and have been over whelmed by the joy our new son has given us. kk

We chose Korea after reading information about all the programs. Many of the programs were not suited to us mainly because of our age and that we wanted to adopt a baby under 12 months of age. We have since adopted two children from Korea and would recommend the program to anyone wanting to adopt a healthy, well cared for baby. We did not consider other countries when adopting our second child but wanted both children to have something in common. We had also established good links and friendships with the Korean community. jt