

# CHINA AGAPE@AGAPEADOPTIONS.ORG 253-987-5804

# ABOUT THE CHILDREN

Children range in age from one year to age 13 at time of referral; the majority of children are two or older and we are seeing an increasing number of children over the age of four. Children must be adopted prior to turning 14 years old in China when they become ineligible for international adoption by Chinese regulation.

There are many young boys waiting for families in China, as well as girls.

Many children available for adoption have identified medical or developmental special needs. Some of these needs may be considered minor in the US; while other conditions may be more significant and even encompass multiple diagnoses. When adopting a child with special needs, Agape Adoptions strongly encourages families to research the medical needs they are open to, as well as consult with their family physician and/or an international adoption clinic for more information about the particular health issues their child may have.

#### **COSTS & FEES**

An overview of costs and fees is available on our website and a detailed fee schedule is available upon request. Travel costs incurred in addition to the adoption specific requirements (i.e. bringing additional family members, hotel and food choices, sightseeing) will vary according to the family's personal choices.

# TRAVEL TIME: 12-14 DAYS IN COUNTRY

### THE PROCESS

- Complete adoption application for preliminary approval by Agape Adoptions.
- Complete adoption home study report (on average this takes 3-4 months)
- Complete dossier documents. The dossier is then sent to China for official submission with the CCCWA, China's adoption authority.

#### Matching:

Once your family has submitted your application and have been accepted into our China program, we will work together to match your family with a child. In most cases, we will look at matching your family once you have a home study completed. However, if you identify a child on a waiting child list and your home study is not yet completed, we can work with you in this manner too. Some children can be matched with families immediately. Others, generally young children with the most minor needs, can only be matched with families who have completed their dossier and have it logged in with the CCCWA. In most cases, we are able to match families within 12 months of home study completion.

## **POST PLACEMENT**

Agape Adoptions will guide you through the post placement phase of your adoption after you return home with your child. Families are required to complete six (6) post placement reports: at 6 and 12 months, and at 2, 3, 4 and 5 years after placement. The first three reports are completed by your home study agency; the last three reports are completed as self-reports. All reports are submitted through Agape Adoptions. We will advise you throughout the reporting process. Each report is intended to communicate to the CCCWA and Agape Adoptions how the family is adjusting to the adoption.