

Adoption

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA



Vietnam

ADOPTION PROGRAM

THE CHILDREN . . .

in need of adoption from Vietnam are generally infants aged 4-24 months although toddlers and older children are also available. Both boys and girls are in need of loving homes. Most are relinquished shortly after birth, but some come to our small provincial orphanages after spending a short time with their birth families. The children are cared for in clean and well-maintained orphanages by trained, loving nannies. Extreme poverty and the lack of cultural and social support are among the most common reasons children are placed for adoption.

In addition to supporting the orphanages, LSSMN provides humanitarian aid to the provinces in which we work. Our goal is not only to help the orphaned children find families, but to care for the children who will remain in the orphanage indefinitely and establish effective community outreach programs to help those families who are unable to provide adequate food and shelter for themselves.

If you feel that you could provide a loving home for these orphaned children, please contact us.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

LSSMN offers comprehensive services to prepare, facilitate and support families through all aspects of adopting a child — from the initial education to the finalization of your child's adoption. We recommend you begin your adoption process by attending an agency Information Meeting. It is free and without obligation. Our goal is to provide prospective parents with information about the Vietnam Program — as well as all our adoption programs — and to answer any questions you may have regarding adoption, the process, the costs, anticipated timelines, and more.

Please call us at 612.879.5230 or toll-free at 1.888.205.3769 for the schedule and location of an Information Meeting near you, or visit us online at www.minnesotaadoption.org.



PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

CHILDREN AVAILABLE: Boys and girls, 4 months of age and older; also children with special needs

PARENT AGES: 25-50 years of age for infants; over 50 accepted on a case-by-case basis

LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: 1 year minimum

CHILDREN IN FAMILY: 1-4 children no restrictions; families with 5 or more children accepted on a case-by-case basis

SINGLE APPLICANT: Single persons accepted

TRAVEL: One trip, approximately 2 weeks; both parents expected to travel

TIMELINE: Varies by province; please call for current statistics; travel 1-3 months after referral.

FEES PAID TO AGENCY (paid to LSSMN)

(1) Homestudy	\$3,550
Includes the expected total fees and estimated expenses for adoption education, home study preparation and approval.	
• REGISTRATION (due with completed registration form) \$50	• PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION (due prior to training) \$1,500
• APPLICATION (due with completed application materials) \$500	• ADOPTION STUDY (due when adoption study completed) \$1,500
(2) Adoption Expenses in the United States	\$3,500
Includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the United States.	
• INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FEE (due when adoption study completed)	
(3) Post-placement / Post-adoption Reports	\$1,500
Includes the expected total fees and estimated expenses for preparation of any agency-generated post-placement or post-adoption reports required to comply with Minnesota state regulations and the laws of Vietnam. (due upon return to US with child)	

FEES PAID TO COUNTRY* (paid to LSSMN and passed through to Vietnam)

Total Vietnam Country Fee*	\$16,000		
(\$8,000 due with submission of dossier; \$8,000 due with acceptance of child referral)			
* <i>This fee is determined by current conditions in Vietnam and is subject to change. You will be billed for the fee current when you accept your child referral.</i>			
(4) Foreign Country Program Expenses	\$5,575	(6) Translation and Document Expenses	\$1,200
• CENTRAL AUTHORITY PROCESSING FEE		Includes costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's Convention court documents, and costs for notarizations, certifications and authentications in Vietnam	
• LEGAL SERVICES		• PARENT DOSSIER	• CHILD DOSSIER
• FACILITATORS' SALARY & EXPENSES			
<i>Includes but not limited to costs for personnel, travel expenses, administrative overhead, training, education and host services in Vietnam.</i>			
(5) Care of the Child	\$1,225	(7) Humanitarian Relief	\$8,000
<i>Includes costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care foster care services; orphanage care and services provided directly to the child in Vietnam.</i>		<i>Includes orphanage contributions, scholarships, community education, vocational training, medical assistance and other LSSMN-sponsored relief programs.</i>	

FEES PAID TO THIRD PARTIES* (paid to provider at time of service)

(8) Estimated Third Party Fees	\$2,685	
• USCIS I-600A \$750	• CHILD'S MEDICAL EXAM \$65	
• USCIS BIOMETRICS/FINGERPRINTING \$80/PERSON	• CHILD'S PASSPORT AND EXPEDITING FEES \$300	
• DOCUMENTATION FEES \$1,045	• CHILD'S U.S. VISA \$380	
	• NATURALIZATION/CITIZENSHIP FEE VARIES	
(9) Estimated Travel Expenses	\$5,490	
• AIRFARE (roundtrip to Vietnam for two adults and return airfare for child under 2 years of age) \$2,400		
• IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL (airfare from HCMC to Hanoi for family of 3, plus local auto transportation) \$850		
• FOOD AND LODGING (\$160 per day per family of three) \$2,240		

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR VIETNAM PROGRAM **\$32,725**

This is a good faith estimate of charges, deemed reliable as of **DECEMBER 2007** and is subject to change without notice.

Fees are charged for services provided, not for children. The payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. Fees are due as services are provided as scheduled in contract. LSSMN fees will be honored at the rate current when the service contract is signed. Clients are responsible for non-LSSMN expenses billed at the rate current when the service is provided. The Agency may reduce, waive or refund fees when 1) deemed by the agency to be in the best interests of the child; 2) requested by clients due to hardship; or 3) when paid for services which were not completed.