

ADOPTION FACTS



Philippines

Lutheran Social Services works in partnership with the Inter-Country Adoption Board of the Philippines to place children in stable, loving homes. LSS is a Hague accredited agency.

- * Many children over the age of 3 and sibling sets are available for adoption.
- * Families must be open to a child of either gender.
- * Family history, developmental status of the child, medical reports are available at the time the child is referred.
- * The adoption process takes 18 to 24 months from the time of acceptance by the Philippine government to the time of referral.
- * Adopting parents must be married at least 3 years.
- * Preference is given to Christian families.
- * Adopting parents must be at least 27 years old at the time of application. *(preference is given to families who are no more than 40 years older than the child to be adopted.)*
- * Travel by at least one parent to the Philippines to receive the child is required. The trip is well organized and well guided by agency representatives.
- * Families receive placement of their child upon arrival in the Philippines and finalize their adoption in the United States 6 to 10 months after placement.
- * While no legal process is required in the Philippines, the time spent there is an opportunity to experience the child's birth culture.
- * A portion of the Philippines Program Fee is donated to the support of child welfare programs in that country. *(Our partner agency is Concordia Children's Services.)*
- * Philippines is a party to the Hague Convention.
- * LSS further supports its commitment to children with these accreditations and memberships:
 - Hague Accreditation
 - COA Accreditation
 - JCICS Member *(Joint Council on International Children's Services)*
 - CWLA Member *(Child Welfare League of America)*



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