

# ADOPTION FACTS



## Russia

Lutheran Social Services works in partnership with the Ministry of Education in several regions of Russia to place children in stable, loving homes. LSS is a Hague accredited agency.

- \* Infants over 12 months of age, toddlers and older children are available. If adopting two children, family must be open to 0-5 years.
- \* This program requires families who are flexible since procedures vary and change frequently.
- \* Adoptive parents must be open to a child of either gender.
- \* Married or single women applicants are eligible to adopt through this program.
- \* Age requirements are flexible – over age 50 on a case-by-case basis.
- \* There are no limits on the number of children already in the adopting family.
- \* There is no requirement for the adopting parents' length of marriage or regarding a previous divorce.
- \* Legal adoption occurs in court in Russia (*LSS representatives are present during the hearing.*)
- \* Two trips 10–14 days each requiring both adopting parents to travel. (*A 10 day wait may be enforced during second trip.*)
- \* Lodging and in-country transportation for adopting families is organized by LSS.
- \* Travel provides an opportunity to experience the child's birth culture.
- \* 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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