

International Footsteps®



A Newsletter from Families Thru International Adoption, Inc.

e-mail: adopt@ftia.org website: www.ftia.org

International Adoption the right way!®

August 2003

Volume 13 – Number 3

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN REUNION

Although it stormed Friday night and early Saturday morning, our Celebration of Children Reunion had perfect weather for Saturday and Sunday. Saturday it was cloudy with a slight breeze which kept it from getting too warm. Sunday was similar with a little more sunshine but with some clouds and a nice breeze. Of course, the children would not notice the weather whether it was hot and dry or cool and rainy—all they will remember is the fun.

Some of the activities for our children included riding ponies, playing/chasing/petting some barnyard animals, hayrides, a play barn, face painting, moon bounce, Frisbees, crafts, etc. Without a doubt, Parky's Farm was a great location for

our children and we are so thankful to see the children and their parents.



A big thank-you goes out to the volunteer Reunion Committee of Shari Blake, Jen Brant, Aimee Davis, Penny Kee, Jenny Kuhn, Darcy Mader, Cindy & Chris Miller, and Kim Petrocelli. We need to recognize a few people who were not on the committee, but provided significant support: Jill Acton, Brooke Breeze, Lee Ann Busby, Bert Goldstein, and Linda Reiff. Of course, we need to recognize our Ohio team members who put a tremendous amount

of work into the weekend: Brenda, Cindy, and Tammy.

We are now looking for volunteers, especially in the central Indiana area, as we hope to plan our Reunion for the Indianapolis area next August.

We were also able to welcome some government officials as well as FTIA foreign staff to our Reunion. The vendors did a great job of providing a variety of items representing all the countries for both children and adults.

Please go to our website (www.ftia.org) for more pictures from our Celebration of Children Reunion.

What's Inside!?!?!?

Articles & News	2
Country Updates	2
Little Miracles	6
Newest Footsteps	10

Is the Cup Half-Full or Half-Empty?

by Keith W.

Working with international adoptions is a passion for our team at FTIA. For our adopting and adoptive parents, international adoption is a mission, a journey, a hope. But, like so many events of our lives, adoption doesn't often go as we have hoped, dreamed, or planned.

The last year for international adoptions has been a year of many changes, delays, disappointments, and frustrations. Since January 1st, adoptions from Vietnam have stopped while we wait for a Memorandum of Understanding between the American and Vietnamese governments before adoptions can continue. Many families have been waiting since last year to make their second trip and complete their adoption. Azerbaijan has begun a revision of its adoption procedures. Since about March of this year, there has been very limited activity with Azerbaijan adoptions, waiting for this rework of their adoption laws. China had a two-month moratorium on referrals because of the problems related to SARS. Guatemala has been in turmoil since early this year as a result of the Hague Treaty on Intercountry Adoption. I won't go into the details for Guatemala but the result has been that for the past several months there has been announcement after announcement changing the prior announcement over and over again. As of this date for Guatemala, everything could be worked out and adoptions moving smoothly again in a month or it could be six months or more.

Despite the many issues, delays, et cetera that occur as part of the international adoption procedure, we are truly thankful that adoptions do continue. We want to encourage our adopting parents as they make this journey. We want all of our adopting parents to know that we stand with them and we are committed to their adoption and are advocates on their behalf. As you know, we try not to post or transmit rumor or useless information. We try to communicate facts as they are confirmed. We have been posting to the FTIA country chat groups updates as they develop. We encourage all of you in process to check the chat groups for postings from our team on a weekly or

bi-weekly basis. We've also been posting updates to the Hot News page of our website, but these updates have been a little less detailed since they are open to anyone visiting our website.

What we want to communicate is that we believe the cup is half-full. International adoptions continue, and we believe the future of international adoptions is very positive. It's easy to get discouraged, but we hope you can see that the cup is half-full, not half-empty. Your desire to parent through adoption is a driving motivation. Keep viewing the cup as half-full.

Employee Donations at Work

As most of you know, FTIA provides thousands of dollars each year for humanitarian relief for children. We appreciate that some of you have designated FTIA as the recipient of your United Way contributions. We are now approved by Children's Charities which also gives us access to Combined Federal Campaign. Federal employees who participate in the CFC may now designate FTIA as a recipient of your contributions. As always, 100% of monies received goes overseas to benefit children. If you designate FTIA to receive some or all of your United Way contributions or Federal Campaign contributions, please let us know so we can monitor and assure that your contributions were actually received here at FTIA.

Country Updates

Azerbaijan

by Tina H.

With the recent slowdown and changes in Azerbaijan, we have stopped taking applications for this program. We are diligently working to move forward for the waiting children in Azerbaijan and for FTIA's waiting families. As soon as we have any indication that we will begin accepting new applications, we

will be posting to the Hot News page of the FTIA website.

As a reminder for all families who travel for their second trip after October 1, 2003; you will travel to Tbilisi, Georgia, for the US Embassy processing. As we receive information regarding this new process, we will provide this information to our families.

We understand that our families may have questions regarding the changes in Azerbaijan. If you have any questions regarding Azerbaijan, please contact FTIA directly.

Brazil

by Keith W.

We have several people with their dossiers in Brazil awaiting referrals. In addition, we have several other adopting parents working on their dossiers. We hope to receive our first referrals in the next couple of months and to be able to have our first families travel before the end of the year.

I will be traveling to Brazil in the next several weeks to work out details for our families when traveling as well as to spend more time with the adoption officials in Brazil.

We are now accepting more applications for our Brazil program, if you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

China

by Kate B.

It was wonderful to see so many families at this year's reunion!! We talk to so many of you over the phone or through e-mail that it was wonderful to see so many families and beautiful children in person!

Thank you for your patience and support during the past months through the situation with SARS and the temporary postponement of referrals from the CCAA. Processing of dossiers and referrals of children are back to normal and it appears that the CCAA has gotten caught up! We just received referrals for families who submitted their dossier in August and September 2002, so the current wait time for referrals has

Country Updates

decreased to approximately 11-12 months. Travel is still around 6-8 weeks after families return their referral acceptances. We look forward to having many families traveling in the next several months.

Some of the information we want to communicate has been previously communicated in the last newsletter. However, we feel that this information is important enough for families to know that we wanted to touch on it again. Another quick reminder about the I-171H approval and BCIS fingerprints: The I-171H Advanced Approval is valid for 18 months, but BCIS fingerprint clearance is valid for only 15 months. This means that families will have to have their referral, travel and have gone through their Consulate appointment in Guangzhou within 15 months of being fingerprinted even though the I-171H Advanced approval is good for 18 months. For many waiting families knowing the exact date fingerprints cleared through the BCIS office is difficult because the clearance date is not provided by BCIS. Families should base the 15-month time frame on the date that they were fingerprinted. In more recent months, many BCIS offices have included information on fingerprint clearance expirations on the I-171H. For families who need to redo fingerprint clearances: we encourage you to contact your local BCIS office to set up appointments 30 days prior to the expiration of the clearance.

Please remember that the CCAA released a report with a reminder that they are paying close attention to the details they are requesting to be in the dossier. For those families working on paperwork, just a friendly reminder to pay close attention to your Dossier Guide and make sure information matches exactly between dossier documents. The China Team is ready and waiting to assist with any questions or concerns. Finally, thank you also to all of our adoptive families who continue to work diligently on getting their post-placement reports in on time. We understand that life becomes very busy once you have your child home, but it is very important to the CCAA to have post-placement visits and reports completed right at the 6- and 12-month anniversaries of the family's travel. Reports and photos should then be submitted to FTIA for submission to the

CCAA within the month after the visit occurs and the report is completed. (i.e., the family needs to complete their six-month post-placement report in the sixth month upon return and the finished post-placement report must be to FTIA in the seventh month). Please remember that the CCAA has recently stated if children come home on an IR-4 visa (only one parent of married couple travels) parents must show to the CCAA proof of citizenship for their child either before or with their 12-month post-placement report. Proof of citizenship can either be the child's U.S. passport or the child's Certificate of Citizenship. If a family in this situation does not show proof of citizenship at this time, they will be required to complete additional post-placement reports every six months until proof is shown (i.e., an 18-month post-placement, a 24-month post-placement, etc.).

China - Special Needs

by Maury R.

For those of you with whom I have not spoken yet, I am the new China Special Needs Coordinator here at FTIA. I have many years of experience in domestic adoptions and now appreciate the opportunity to work with international adoptions. I have enjoyed very much working with so many committed families and such precious children!

We were assigned 25 children in our current special needs group; 6 children are still available, as of this printing. Those remaining range in age from 2 to 9 years and have varying medical needs, including blindness, deafness, positive antibody for Hepatitis C, hypospadias, are mute, or have conjoined fingers. You can see the children's names, ages, and status on our website under "Waiting Children." Be sure to check this often, as availability changes frequently!

We currently have 3 special needs families who just returned. We look forward to seeing pictures of their new daughters and sons!

After receiving 2 pre-approvals in June for families in this current Waiting Children group (carry-overs from last group), we received 3 more the week of

July 21, 1 the week of August 4, and are anxiously awaiting those for the other families who have committed to Waiting Children. After the family's dossier is in China, it is taking approximately 3 months until Final Travel Approval. This time frame can often be longer for singles adopting.

If you know of families who may be interested in our Waiting Children (or you yourselves are interested!), contact me at mreising@ftia.org or 888-797-9900. I will be happy to talk with you or families you have referred. Also, if you would like to be a resource family for current or upcoming families—i.e., willing to discuss your experience regarding a particular medical need or with a certain age child or any other issues—please contact me. The chance for an interested family to talk with someone who has experienced what they are about to is invaluable!

If you would like to receive the current booklet of Waiting Children, contact me and I will see that one is mailed to you immediately. If you are not drawn to a child in this group, but are interested in more information about the program or about our next group of children (who we anticipate receiving in September), let me know. I will be more than happy to talk with you and help you with whatever I can.

Thanks to everyone for your interest in these wonderful children!! I look forward to hearing from you!

Guatemala

by Chris H.

As many of you are already aware, this has been a very difficult time for adoptions in Guatemala. Since the beginning of the year, everyone's attention has been focused on the Hague Treaty on Intercountry Adoption which went into effect in Guatemala on March 5, 2003. On August 13, 2003, the Guatemalan Constitutional Court ruled the country's ratification to the Hague Treaty unconstitutional. Though it may take some time, we expect the adoption process to move forward under the old guidelines.

As a result of the Hague, over the past few months the Guatemalan Central

Country Updates

Authority had been trying to develop regulations to govern the adoption process in Guatemala. Unfortunately, there had been a constant turn-over in leadership within the Central Authority, and with each new director the regulations seemed to take a significant change in direction. This led to ever changing and conflicting information. Families Thru International Adoption had been in close contact with the Central Authority and met with each of the directors to offer our assistance in the development of regulations which would have fulfilled the requirements of the Hague Treaty while maintaining the best parts of the current adoption process.

In light of these uncertainties, many attorneys in Guatemala, including our attorneys Rafael, Roberto, and David, took legal action. One of the first actions filed was a lawsuit to have the ratification of the Hague Treaty declared unconstitutional by the highest court in Guatemala, the Constitutional Court. Unfortunately, a number of political events in Guatemala prevented this case from coming up for a vote in a timely manner. The vote finally took place on August 13, 2003. The challenge was successful and adoption cases should begin to be processed under the previous adoption law. Roberto, Rafael, and David, along with many other attorneys, also filed individual motions alleging that the Hague Treaty and the actions of the Central Authority were violating their personal and professional rights. These individual motions, known in Spanish as "amparos," were provisionally upheld by the court of appeals. The amparos were upheld in the courts but the attorneys still met with some resistance in submitting cases. However, as a result of the ratification of the Hague Treaty being ruled unconstitutional, the attorneys should be allowed to continue processing adoptions.

Adoption is just one of the many problems that the country of Guatemala is currently facing. There have been protests in the past several months which have paralyzed much of Guatemala City. This is also an election year in Guatemala and there has been a lot of attention surrounding General Efraín Ríos Montt, a former dictator of Guatemala, who has been fighting to be registered as a presidential candidate.

After months of legal battles, he was recently registered and is seen as a strong candidate. Many people are fearful of what life in Guatemala could become if he were elected president. The bloodiest years of Guatemala's 36-year civil war occurred during the two years of his dictatorship. The entire world is anxiously watching as the November elections draw near.

As we stated earlier, the ratification of the Hague Treaty was ruled unconstitutional. As a result, FTIA firmly believes that many of the issues surrounding adoptions in Guatemala will be resolved in the near future. In light of this we have added two new members to our Guatemala team. In June, FTIA hired Luis Sagarminaga to be our in-country coordinator in Guatemala. Many of our families have already met Luis as he has worked for a few years with Rafael Morales assisting families with their paperwork and accompanying them to the U.S. Embassy for their visa interviews. Now with FTIA, Luis will continue to assist all of our families while they are in Guatemala. In addition to escorting families to the embassy, he will also be responsible for translating for families when they receive their children, taking the monthly photos of the children, coordinating for families who visit Guatemala and visiting the foster mothers' homes to ensure the children are receiving proper care. We feel that having a full-time person in Guatemala will greatly increase the service we are able to provide our adoptive families.

In order to maintain the same high standards of service and attention in our Evansville office, FTIA has hired another full-time program coordinator for our Guatemala Program. Dusty Russell is our newest Guatemala coordinator. She will begin to take new cases for those families who apply to the Guatemala Program. In the interim, she will be working with families for whom Chris is the coordinator. Dusty is a graduate of Indiana State University with a Bachelor's in Psychology. Currently, she is an MSW student at the University of Southern Indiana. Dusty joined the Guatemala team in mid-June.

While there have been many difficulties in Guatemala, we feel that there is a still a strong, bright future for Guatemalan

adoptions. We are working to position ourselves for the time when adoptions begin to move forward again. We will continue to keep all of our adoptive families apprised of events in Guatemala. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. Please feel free to contact any of the Guatemala program coordinators if you have further questions or would like additional information about the Guatemala Program.

India Update

by Keith W.

We are excited that we have our first referral from India. The next step is to receive a No Objection Certificate from the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA). After that a guardianship proceeding will be initiated on a local level. We hope this family is also home before the end of the year.

Anyone wanting to adopt from India will need to contact me personally. We are still hesitant to accept large numbers of adopting parents for India because of the history of India with adoptions. Some adoptions do go smoothly, but a significant number run into substantial delays. Adopting from India is only for those committed and determined to adopt from India, understanding the unpredictable aspect of every Indian adoption.

Russia

by Tina H.

Throughout the last few months, our Russia program has continued to grow. With the additional regions, our current wait times for first-trip travel is approximately two to three months. Some adoptive parents have received invitations for travel at one month, though most families receive an invitation at two to three months.

Presently, we continue to work with the following regions: Ekaterinburg, Kaliningrad, Kemerovo, Rostov, and Ufa. Once a family has submitted a completed dossier to FTIA, the gender and age preference will be discussed with our

Country Updates

foreign staff to determine the best region option for the adoptive family. Once a region has been determined, the adoptive family will be contacted by FTIA to let them know where their dossier was submitted.

We have had several families travel for their first and second trips to the regions listed above. As these families return, we have received feedback regarding the region and if there are areas for improvement. As we receive this feedback, we are using this to improve the adoption process for our future adoptive families.

We have experienced one change with regard to the original dossiers. We are asking families to now only submit one of the two originals to FTIA once their dossiers are complete (in addition to the two copies). The adoptive family will hand carry the second original dossier with them when they travel for their first trip to the region.

We continue to prepare our adopting families for the idea that they will not receive a waiver of the 10-day waiting period. Truly, the waiver depends on the region and how the officials perceive the law. For those regions allowing the waiver of the 10-day wait, changes could occur at any time resulting in the judge not granting a waiver.

For our families who are working on their dossier documentation, waiting for an invitation for first-trip travel, or are waiting to travel for their second trip: you will each be required to register your adoption. Time permitting, our staff in Moscow will register your adoption during your stay on the second trip. If there is not enough time to register the adoption in Moscow, FTIA will forward instructions for registration after you have returned home with your child(ren). It is extremely important that the registration information is completed as soon as possible - preferably in Moscow! If you have any questions about the Consulate registration, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have returned home since May and you have not yet registered your adoption, please contact us immediately.

Special thanks to all of our adoptive families for their promptness in submitting post placement reports and photographs to FTIA. It is still very important to have your post-placement report and photographs submitted to FTIA one month prior to your anniversary date (court date). This allows our staff in Russia to translate and notarize the documentation and submit it to the regional Ministry of Education. As a reminder, the post-placement report MUST be state apostilled prior to submission to FTIA.

Vietnam Update

by Susan T.

I hope everyone is enjoying a fun summer!

Our 'waiting families' continue to move closer and closer to bringing their little ones home from Vietnam, after having met them on first trips in 2002. We continue to get updated measurements and photos of the children who had already been referred to families, and our sincere hope is that the next update will be in person! Two of our provinces experienced internal investigations that unfortunately occurred about the same time as the changes in the Vietnam adoption laws. Internal investigations within the provinces have been pretty standard practice over the last couple of years. The cases from these two provinces are now progressing, although very slowly. We anticipate that these waiting families should be able to all have their children home by Christmas.

Although we continue to hear of progress in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. and Vietnam regarding the new adoption laws, we still have no confirmation on an anticipated date, and no indication of what the new process will be, once the signing is complete. As soon as this is decided, FTIA will evaluate the effects on the families currently in application or dossier stage, and will advise each family individually at that time. We also will post an announcement on the Hot News page of our website regarding accepting new applications. We anticipate that we will need to update

most of our Vietnam adoption literature regarding dossier preparation. As a result, we may not begin accepting applications immediately after receiving confirmation of the signing of the MOU.

For our post-placement families, we hope that you are well on your way to preparing your annual letters and gathering photos to submit with the letter. What a great way to share an update on your children and provide a great keepsake for years to come! If you haven't done so already, please have your notarized annual letter with photos to us by the end of August, so they can be forwarded to the provinces. Thanks so much for your continued cooperation in submitting them in a timely manner.



REMINDER

We have established country chat groups for each country. If you are in the process of adopting or have completed your adoption through FTIA and want to participate, please send a blank e-mail for:

- Azerbaijan** to: FTIA-Azerbaijan-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Brazil** to: FTIA-Brazil-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- China** to: FTIA-China-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- China Special Needs** to: FTIA-Chinasn-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Guatemala** to: FTIA-Guatemala-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Russia** to: FTIA-Russia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Vietnam** to: FTIA-Vietnam-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



www.ethica.net

This is a great website to keep you up on the latest events affecting the adoption community. Ethica, in cooperation with the BCIS, is a resource for adopting parents who are having to wait too long for their child's Certificate of Citizenship. Please go to the Ethica website and find out how they can help.



OUR LITTLE MIRACLES
GUATEMALA



Isabel Phillips



Elena Yaccarino



Maria Bastnagel



Marta Brennan



Carlos Quay



Joshua Hiller



Anna MacBain



Joseph Hibbard



Jackson Kelp



Olivia Seibert



Caleb Silkroski



Tura & Roland Street



Benjamin Williams



Molly Fowler



Daniel Hirsch



Luke Friesner



Seth Engle



Sophia Lipe



Samuel Skelton



Alexis Elliot



Alexander Bosanquet



Rosita Pompeo



Hallie Nichols



Julia Gilbert



Maya Hildner



Sarah Strodbeck



Ava Rowekamp



Joseph Wertin



Alicia MacKay



Aden McClain



Gabriela Bush



Samuel Fennell



Carly Henry



Patrick & Harold Strapp



Christian Gale

OUR LITTLE MIRACLES
CHINA



China - Xinjiang Uygur
Autonomous
Lain Wagoner & Family



China - Chongqing Province
March 2003



China - Hunan Province
March 2003



China - Special Needs Group
March 2003



China - Hubei Province
April 2003



China - Chongqing Province
April 2003



China - Guangdong Province
May 2003



China - Jiangxi Province
May 2003



China - Guangxi Province
Sela and Betty Betz

OUR LITTLE MIRACLES
Russia & Azerbaijan



Garrett Mackenzie
Baku, Azerbaijan



Justin Rauh
Rostov, Russia



Ian Kowalski
Rostov, Russia



Tyler Shores
Ekaterinburg, Russia



Jacob Bolin
Kemerovo, Russia



Daniel Hazelp
Rostov, Russia



Zoe Campbell
Kemerovo, Russia



Alexander Sutton
Rostov, Russia



Reid Habenicht
Rostov, Russia



Elijah Forbes
Rostov, Russia

Newest Little Footsteps



Guatemala

Bosanquet, Derek & Heather
Camby, IN
Alexander

Bush, Cyndy
Bay Village, OH
Gabriela

Crochet, Jon & Lorrie
Dania Beach, FL
Kaleb

Dix, Rob & Shelly
Russiaville, IN
Jorge

Fennell, Jerry & Kelly
Sharpsville, IN
Samuel

Fincher, Richard & Bonnie
Lexington, KY
AnnMarie

Henry, DeAnn
Indianapolis, IN
Carly

Hibbard, Dennis & Amanda
Cincinnati, OH
Joseph

Kelp, Barb
Nashville, IN
Jackson

Kemper, Tony & Carol
Georgetown, IN
Dayana

Loring, Lin & Vicki
Bloomington, IN
Magdalena

MacKay, Bob & Barbara
Carmel, IN
Alicia

McClain, Shannon & Angela
Greentown, IN
Aden

Nichols, David & Fonda
Owensboro, KY
Hallie

Orahood, James & Tamara
Bloomington, IN
Henry

Peters, Gaynell
Ferdinand, IN
Anderson

Pompeo, Michael & Karen
Mason, OH
Rosita

Rivera, Fred & Tina
Greenwood, IN
Ariana

Schmitz, Duane & Lenore
Indianapolis, IN
Marcos, Marta, Sofia

Seibert, Kim
Evansville, IN
Olivia

Skelton, Craig & Amanda
Columbus, IN
Samuel

Stahl, Jeanie
Flandreau, SD
Julia

Wertin, John & Emily
Wamego, KS
Joseph

Russia

Ekaterinburg

Frese, Michael & Janet
Adell, WI
Alexander

Peterson, Michael & Debra
Attica, IN
Tatiana & Cristina

Shores, Jay & Mindy
Springboro, OH
Tyler

Kemerovo

Bolin, Steve & Tracey
Camby, IN
Jacob

Campbell, Jason & Neily
Marion, IL
Zoe

Singer, Jaclin
New York, NY
Aleya

Weinzapfel, Larry & Leigh
Ann
Evansville, IN
Laci

Rostov

Diehl, Christopher & Terri
Cecilia, KY
Nicholas

Forbes, Danny & Sonya
Hopkinsville, KY
Elijah

Habenicht, Cheryl
Westfield, IN
Reid

Hazelip, Derek & Tina
Newburgh, IN
Daniel

Kenkel, Robert & Valerie
Florence, KY
Elena

Kent, Philip & Susan
Ivor, VA
Rose

Kowalski, Ed & Kim
Muncie, IN
Ian

Krietemeyer, Jeff & Sharon
Cincinnati, OH
Alexander & Juliana

Sawyer, Bo & Diane
Dayton, OH
Parker

Sutton, Jon & Wendy
Fort Wayne, IN
Alexander

Talevski, Nickola & Kimberly
Noblesville, IN
Olivia

Ufa

Patterson, Allen & Lisa
Lake Mary, FL
Mikhail & Sophie



Azerbaijan

Jauregui, Phillip & Tamyra
Waterloo, IN
Melissa

Mackenzie, Robert & Alesia
Franklin, IN
Garrett

Prunty, Jeffrey & Karin
Granger, IN
Jedidiah

Woodlief, Mark & Paula
Richmond, IN
Mikah

China

Chongqing

Bickel, Richard & Teresa
Fishers, IN
Emily

Chlebowski, Kevin & Rusti
North Liberty, IN
Hannah

Eppler, Michael & Laura
Evansville, IN
Mary

Fitzgerald, Robert & Jill
Elizabeth, IN
Violet

Fulton, Robert & Nancy
Cloverdale, IN
Maelyn

Greenwood, Michael & Yin-
Fong
Huber Heights, OH
Amelia

Holod, Richard & Laurie
New Paltz, NY
Meredith

Hubbard, Joey & Mary
Henderson, KY
Lily

Korff, Kevin & Teresa
Evansville, IN
Emily

Magers, Todd & Laura
Louisville, KY
Aubrianna

Mellin, Thomas & Amy Beeder
Albuquerque, NM
Anna

Morris, Ryan & Lynda
Cutler, IN
Megan

Peters, Kenneth & Vickie
Elsmere, KY
Kacie

Rastenburg, Edward &
Rebecca
Indianapolis, IN
Lily

Rigg, Tom & Terri
Dayton, OH
Jada

Shea, James & Sheila
Smithtown, NY
Chloe

Talbot, Mark & Patricia
Lowell, IN
Anne

Tepe, Matthew & Tracy
North Bend, OH
Maggie

Woodruff, Glenn & Judy
Indianapolis, IN
Kiri

Fujian Province

Higbie, Robert & Sophie
Collin-Duval
Greenwood, IN
Zi Lin

Miller, Sue
Lawrenceburg, IN
Sydney

Guangdong Province

Clark, Kevin & Cynthia
North East, MD
Morgan

Hall, Richard & Yukiko
Beaver Creek, OH
Lina

Hunter, Michael & Jill
Mt. Vernon, OH
Michaela

Kelly, Timothy & Debra Perry
Louisville, KY
Katharine

Naylor, Dale & Laura
Newburgh, IN
Ellie

Tracey, Mark & Dianne
Howard, OH
Anastasia

Wolfe, Rockie & Kimberly
Dale, IN
Christiana

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Betz, Betty
Evansville, IN
Sela

Hubei Province

Black, Sally
Walden, NY
Kimberly

Lemke, Theodore & Joely
Terre Haute, IN
Anne

Lively, Daniel & Joanne
Schultz
Washingtonville, NY
Grace

Mui, Edwin & Susan
Dix Hills, NY
Lian

Rice, James & Sherrie
Rio Rancho, NM
Kimora

Sturmer, Thomas & Bab May
Indianapolis, IN
Aria

Weinberg, David & Lisa
Florman
Columbus, OH
Elena

Hunan Province

Anderson, Frederick & Betsy
Old Hickory, TN
Tia

Atkinson, David & Eva
Owensboro, KY
Anna

Baker, April
Williamsburg, OH
Abigail

Ehlert, Kevin & Lisa
Pataskala, OH
Kylie

Greer, Christine
Indianapolis, IN
Kaitlyn

Kirdahy, James & Nora
Smithtown, NY
Jade

Leonard, Nancy
Montclair, NJ
Madeline

Losada, Manuel & Marisol
Olivencia
Korea
Sarah

Miller, Lee & Edith
Danville, WV
Haylee

Minardi, Mark & Kay
Dayton, OH
Clara

Patterson, Ned & Beth
Blacksburg, VA
Emma

Tilbury, Kevin & Mary
Fort Wayne, IN
Anna

Voges, Brian & Bonnie
Newburgh, IN
Gwendolyn

Wood, Susan
New Vienna, OH
Olivia

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Ziliak, Larry & Pam
Evansville, IN
Leah

Jiangxi Province

Breitenstein, Russell & Laura
Louisville, KY
Mia

Cavanagh, Ken & Karen
Fishers, IN
Meghan

Farmer, George & Alice
Indianapolis, IN
Mae

Grauer, Kim & Cynthia
Evansville, IN
Jade

Krueger, Jan & Kimberly
New Windsor, NY
Sarah

McIntosh, Nancy
Cincinnati, OH
Grace

Meridith, Shane & Darcey
Richmond, IN
Josephine

Moye, Shannon & Robin
Newburgh, IN
Kylee

Sullivan, Scott & Joan
Springboro, OH
Paige

Shaanxi Province

Ferguson, Steven & Becky
Huntingburg, IN
Annie

Shanghai City

Renholzberger, Mark & Mary
Ellen Matthews
Indianapolis, IN
Ellen

Xinjiang

Congrove, Barry & Penny Kee
Cincinnati, OH
Ruby

McKeown, James & Robin
Rusconi
Kansas City, MO
Liam

Petrocelli, Dan & Kim
Cincinnati, OH
Joy

Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous

Wagoner, Dennis & Charlotte
Plainfield, IN
Lain

Zhuzhou Social Welfare Institute

Hawn, Rose
Indianapolis, IN
Aimee



The contents of this newsletter are protected under the copyright laws of the United States. No part may be copied or used without the express written consent of Families Thru International Adoption, Inc. 2003©

**FIRST CLASS PRE-SORT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
EVANSVILLE, IN
PERMIT NO. 3225**

Families Thru International Adoption, Inc.
(a state licensed not-for-profit child placement agency)
400 Bentee Wes Court
Evansville, IN 47715 USA
Phone: 812-479-9900
Fax: 812-479-9901
e-mail: adopt@ftia.org
Website: www.ftia.org
Keith M. Wallace, Executive Director

Please send articles, photographs, and suggestions for this newsletter to our office to the attention of Keith M. Wallace.

From the FTIA Team:

Doug	Joshua	Beth
Tina J.	Renee	Holly
Tina H.	Erin	Kate
Jennifer	Martha	Brenda M.
Gary	Chris	Brenda R.
Cindy	Susan	Andrea
Linda	AmBer	Paula
Maury	Tammy	Dusty
Dan	Aaron	Keith



Informational Seminars

Our Informational Seminar Schedule is posted on our website.

Please think about inviting anyone who may be interested in hearing about adoption.