

Illien Adoptions International, Inc.
1250 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309
Tel: 404-815-1599 Fax: 888-892-7838
E-mail: IllienUSA@aol.com

NEPAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION - 2009

Please note that along with your completed Adoption Services Common Application, we ask that you print, sign, date and return a copy of this document to the Agency so as to document acknowledgement of receipt of program information prior to application.

Nepal, the fabled land of Buddha, Hindu temples, and unrivaled mountain scenery, has been ruled by a myriad of factions since the 4th century. The modern Nepalese state began in the late 18th century when King Prithvi Narayah Shah successfully unified most of the individual ethnic groups and small principalities into one entity.

Fast forward to today, Nepal is no longer under monarchy rule but now has a Council of Ministers and a Prime Minister leading the country. The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare is the oversight body for intercountry adoption. They have established criteria and a process through which to approve adoption service providers interested providing child welfare services Nepal. Illien Adoptions International, Inc. is a listed agency approved to work in Nepal as a child welfare and adoption service provider.

Adoptive Parent Eligibility Requirements:

The government of Nepal, in its on-going review of adoption law, is considering some changes to these guidelines. The Agency will update these guidelines as necessary.

According to the current requirements of Nepal, those who may adopt:

- Married couples, 30 years of age. There should be at least 30 years of age between the referred child and the parents.
- Single Females, 35 years of age to 55 years of age.
- No more than one divorce per prospective adoptive parent.
- Childless couples can choose the gender of the child they wish to adopt.
- Limitations on the number of children already in the home. Couples with one child in the home can adopt one child of the opposite gender.
- Sibling adoptions are possible.

Children Available for Adoption:

Nepal is a beautiful country and its people are gentle and generous. Children available for intercountry adoption range in age from infants to older children up to the age of 16, sibling groups and special needs children. Families may state their preference for a boy or girl within the restrictions noted under *Eligibility Requirements*.

Adoptive Father Date

Adoptive Mother Date

Nepali children have become orphaned or are abandoned for a number of reasons stemming from the country's overwhelming social issues of widespread poverty. In country issues are poor nutrition, medical care and sanitation. The medical care available to orphaned children is generally very good. By US standards, children are typically small for their age and present with mild to severe developmental delays. In many cases, the children may be small for their age due to poor nutrition, and the developmental delays may be due to the lack of appropriate stimulation and interaction. With proper nutrition growth can be stimulated to some degree and with appropriate evaluation and intervention, developmental delays can be overcome in many cases. Typically, Nepali children tend to be very social and interact well with other people. However, this does not necessarily mean that attachments are secure and that they have not suffered from abuse or neglect prior to their placement in the orphanage.

Time Frame and Adoption Process Overview:

The first phase of the adoption process for any country is to complete your home study and receive your approval from US-CIS. It is best if your dossier preparation is happening at the same time as you are working on your home study process*. Once your dossier is complete it must go through several different steps before being sent to Nepal. Next, the dossier is sent to our representative in Kathmandu, Nepal where it is translated, reviewed and submitted for further authentications before being presented to the Investigation, Recommendation and Monitoring Committee of the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare.

The Investigation, Recommendation and Monitoring Committee is where matching will take place. At this time, given that the Nepal Program is just reopening, the time from dossier submission to the Investigation, Recommendation and Monitoring Committee and when a referral may be offered has not yet been defined. Your Nepal Program Coordinator will be closely monitoring your case with our in-country representative and providing information to you as it is received. We have been told that once the referral is issued and has been formally accepted by the family, the processing time to complete the adoption can be as short as one to two months but this, as always, is dependent on in-country variables. No one can predict unforeseen delays in any case.

*Your Nepal Program Coordinator will be working closely with your Home Study Provider during these processes. Please make sure that you provide the contact information of your Home Study Provider to your Nepal Program Coordinator.

Travel:

The experience of traveling to your child's country of origin and seeing the people and culture firsthand is invaluable for you and for your child. The trip also allows you to start the bonding process with your child and offers you the time to speak with the child's caregivers and learn more about your child's world. Your stay in Nepal is approximately 14-21 days.

Agency Fees

These amounts cover our assistance for the preparation of your dossier, our administrative costs in the US and in Nepal.

Adoptive Father Date

Adoptive Mother Date

Humanitarian Aid

It is our hope that our Adoptive Parents get involved in helping by donating, and finding donors to fund humanitarian aid projects in Nepal. There are several options to consider:

- First, we ask that you consider ongoing assistance to the orphanage that provided care for your child or children. If you are interested in assisting with orphanage projects, please get in touch with the office after you adoption has been completed.
- We are also involved in larger projects such as building schools and orphanages, as well as educational and agricultural projects. Your donations can be sent after the adoption is completed and are tax deductible to you as the donor. Your adoption fees for services are **not** tax deductible. Your travel to Nepal to escort your child home will help you to understand the reason for our humanitarian aid and you will be able to see how your donations can be used to make a difference in the lives of children who remain in Nepal.

Third Party Fees

Not included in the total list above are the costs for:

- Additional medical expenses beyond the initial medical at the time of referral
- Translation fee
- Authentications and courier services, estimated to be \$350-550, (the Agency will bill you separately for these fees as they occur);
- US-CIS fees for the I-600A (\$670 plus \$80 for each adult to be fingerprinted by the FBI);
- the US visa fee for the child (\$420) and;
- passport fees
- home study report fees;
- post-adoption reports;
- finalization of your adoption or revalidation of the adoption decree in your state of residence;
- Also, not included are the fees for escorting your child; costs will vary according to the time of year and costs of round trip plane tickets to your destination.

Post-Adoption Requirements:

The future in every country for any intercountry adoption program depends upon these reports being sent in a timely and complete manner.

During the first year, your Home Study Provider will complete 3 written supervisory reports at intervals of 3 month, 6 months, and 12 months (by the time the reports arrive in country.). An annual report written by the Adoptive Parent(s) is required to be sent to Nepal at the anniversary of your child's court date until such time as the adopted child reaches the age of 16. Each report sent to Nepal is to include photographs of the child and family.

Each report should have six to eight photographs mounted on 8 x 10 paper (usually two to a page fit nicely), dated and captioned as to who is in the photograph and the event or setting of the photograph. This Agency will also assist you with the presentation of the photographs.

Adoptive Father

Date

Adoptive Mother

Date

Illien Adoptions International, Inc.
1250 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309
Tel: 404-815-1599 Fax: 888-892-7838
E-mail: IllienUSA@aol.com

Fee Disclosure & Worksheet for Nepal Program* *Country Fees are never to be considered a stable or set fee as it is not determined nor in the control of Illien Adoptions International, Inc. The Agency makes every effort to stay current as to fees but third party and country fees may change without notice or reason.*

Adoption and Adoption Related Services	Set Fees	Estimated Fees	Worksheet
IAI Adoption Service Fees			
Adoption Application	\$500		
Adoption Services Contract	\$1,500		
Dossier Guidelines	\$3,500		
Dossier Submission	\$3,000		
Total Agency Fees	\$8,500		
Set Country Fees*			
Processing and Monitoring Fee – Nepal Government	\$3,000		
Institutional Fee – Orphanage Donation	\$5,000		
Child Profile Acceptance – initial medical exam, legal consultation, in-country program costs	\$4,000		
Country Fees	\$12,000		
Total Agency and Country Fees	\$20,500		
Set Third Party Fees			
I-600A application (does not include updates)	\$670		
FBI fingerprinting (per individual)	\$80		
US Visa for child (per child)	\$420		
US-CIS Certificate of Citizenship (per child)	\$420		
US Passport (per individual)	\$100		
Translations of documents (per document)	\$100		
Expedited SVS for US Passport (per individual)	\$60		
Subtotal	\$1,750		
Third Party Services (Varies by Provider)			
Driver / Transportation		\$200-\$300	
Foster Care after first 3 months - <i>paid quarterly</i>		\$200 a month	
Home Study Report (does not include updates)		\$1,500-\$2,500	
Mileage (typically based on IRS allowances)		\$200	
Number of Post Adoption Reports Required		3	
Post Adoption Reports – approx. \$250 per report		\$750	
Medical Exam for child’s Visa (per child)		\$50-\$100	
Medical Expenses as needed (avg per child)		\$100-\$200	
Visa for travel to country (per child)		\$40-\$70	
Authentication, postage, courier fee range		\$350-\$550	
Travel			
Airfare – approx (per adult)		\$1,700-\$3,000	
Airfare for child – approx (per child)		\$800-\$1,000	
Lodging, Food, Transportation (# of days/\$ per day)		\$100-\$200	
Legal Procedures & Documentation in US			
Revalidation of foreign adoption decree - readoption		\$1,000-\$2,500	
Misc. costs and fees (i.e. US birth certificate)		\$200-\$1,000	
Total of all Sections			

 Adoptive Father Date

 Adoptive Mother Date