## Psycho-education Questions about International Adoption

What are some of the needs that all children have, no matter where they live or who takes care of them?

How is it different to live with a family than live in an orphanage? What experiences do kids have in orphanages? How are kids treated? What are some of the reasons why kids go to live in orphanages? How do birth parents feel when their kids go to orphanages? What are some things that kids might want to know about their birth families? How do kids feel about leaving their country? What are some of the things that are hard about coming to a new country? How do kids feel about getting a family who is a different race or ethnicity than they are? What are some of the reasons why families want to adopt from a different country? What has to happen so that the government in your country and the government in the United States will allow families to bring children here and be adopted?

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How many kids are internationally adopted? What about from my country?