

Haiti

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Intake to the Bethany Haiti adoption program is currently closed.

Bethany's Haiti adoption program began in 2006. The waiting children in Haiti range in age from newborns to 15 years old. Families must be willing to consider a child at least up to age 60 months at the time of referral. Occasionally there are also sibling groups that are able to be adopted. The children may have some developmental delays. All children reside in orphanages until the completion of their adoption.

Family Requirements	
Age	At least one spouse must be at least 30 years old. Maximum age is 50, at the time the dossier is submitted to IBESR (Central Authority in Haiti)
Marriage	Minimum of 5 years
Singles	Accepted. Minimum age is 35 and maximum age is 50, at the time the dossier is submitted to IBESR (Central Authority in Haiti).
Income	Must meet 125% of USCIS Poverty Guidelines.
Children at Home	Families must show they have the resources to care for another child(ren).
Criminal	Haiti will not accept families with a history of criminal activity.
Health of Adoptive Parents	Significant health issues or disabilities will require a letter from an attending doctor in support of the adoption. History of mental health issues will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A history of pornography addiction will not be accepted.
Concurrent Adoptions	Not allowed.
Travel	
Two trips are required. First trip is 2 weeks. Second trip is 3-7 days. There is approximately 10-24 months between trips.	
Process	
Time from submission of dossier to referral is currently unknown, as Haiti works to put new processes in place after becoming a Hague country. It is anticipated it will take at least 1-3 years. After the referral, the process is expected to take 10-24 months.	
The adoption is finalized in Haiti.	
Post-adoption reports are required at: arrival, 3, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months. Families will be required to send informal reports on the child at 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, and 96 months after placement.	
Special Considerations	
On April 1, 2014 the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption entered into force.	

*Estimated Fees and Expenses

Country Fee	\$20,471 - \$21,996
Third Party Fee	\$985 - \$1,388
Travel Fee	\$7,520 - \$12,020
Bethany Fee <i>*Below is a breakdown of Bethany estimated fees and expenses.</i>	\$18,350 - \$19,350
Preliminary Application	Free
Formal Application	\$550
Global Services Fee	\$2,000
IAAME Accreditation Fee	\$500
Home Study Services	\$2,500 - \$3,500
Program Fee 1	\$6,050
Program Fee 2	\$4,150
Post-Adoption Services <i>*This fee includes four post-adoption visits. Additional fees will be assessed if additional visits are required.</i>	\$2,600
*Total Estimated Cost	\$47,326 - \$54,754
<i>*Please use our fee calculator to get an estimate of fees based on your zip code for adopting from Haiti.</i>	