

WHAT TO CONSIDER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTION

1 PRAYER

The adoption process is taxing on your emotions, hopes, beliefs about loss, and unpredictable. First, pray.

Pray for orphans, pray that God would order your steps as you pursue next steps.

3 AVAILABLE COUNTRIES

Do you want to adopt from the within the US or abroad?

This is a big question and one that takes research and soul searching. It is a completely different animal adopting internationally rather than domestically.

Research places and then utilize the State Department's website to find out specifics about various countries if you choose to pursue adoption outside the United States.

5 FUNDRAISERS

It takes a village to raise a child and it takes one to raise the funds in adoption. Invite family and friends to invest in the future of your child by fundraisers.

2 FORUMS

Adoption forums and facebook groups are a great resource and can really help you get the inside scoop to know more about what you will be going through as an adoptive parent. With that said not all forums and groups are created equally so be mindful of what you share.

4 AGENCIES

Finding an agency, a reputable agency, is not the easiest job but it will be worth your time to find out as much as you can about the agencies that work in the countries, even the US, you want to adopt from. Learn about the cost, time line, and travel requirements involved with each agency and country.

If you are looking into foster to adopt or adopting from the State then you won't necessarily be looking at adoption agencies, but foster to adopt programs as well as state procedures to adopt.

6 ADOPTION GRANTS

There are adoption grants available that will reduce the out of pocket cost in adoption. With the international adoption cost around \$45,000 anything helps reach your goal.