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Hello Adoption Friends,

Can you believe it is November already? I'm looking forward to eating turkey and pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving soon! In this, National Adoption Month, I want to share with you some news and information that I hope will be helpful to you on your adoption journey, including some great November adoption webinars and telecourses. The topics in this edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com newsletter include:

1. Great article on transition from orphanage to home
2. Wall Street Journal article on Hague Treaty
3. Live Q&A session with Dr. Alla Gordina, International Adoption Medical Specialist
4. Adoptive Mom's shares the story of her attachment challenges
5. Great recorded webinar on Adopting from China
6. FamilyLife.com - November radio broadcasts about adoption
7. Personal adoption help
8. Show Your Support for Adoption

1) Great article on transition from orphanage to home

Whether you are adopting from an orphanage, foster care, or are already home, I found a great article on-line that you should read. Plus, it also includes a Q&A section with questions that adoptive parents have asked on a range of topics including sleep and feeding issues. To view the article click on the following link:

<http://international.adoption.com/foreign/transition-from-orphanage-to-home.html>

2) Wall Street Journal article on Hague Treaty

If you are adopting or considering adopting from China or Guatemala there is an article about the Hague Treaty in the November 2, 2006 issue of Wall Street Journal that you should read. Since China and Guatemala are parties to the Treaty, you should talk to your adoption agency to how it could affect your adoption. Most of the concerns I'm hearing relate to Guatemala, who has ratified the Treaty but is not yet in compliance. You can read a related article on-line by using the following link:

<http://forums.adoption.com/international-adoption-support/119377-article-wsj-today-long.html>

3) Live Q&A session with Dr. Alla Gordina, International Adoption Specialist

Alla Gordina, MD, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a 2006 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute "Angel of Adoption", will be appearing live on ThinkingOfAdopting.com Sunday, 11/19/06 at 9 PM Eastern for a 90 minute Q&A session as part of her webinar, "Medical Aspects of International Adoption". The webinar includes both the live Q&A session plus Dr. Gordina's 65 minute recorded webinar that you can watch over the Internet at your convenience. This is a fantastic opportunity and a great value for those adopting from Russia, Kazakhstan or the Ukraine - read the feedback from previous participants! Use the following link to learn more or register:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#MedAspects

4) Adoptive Mom's shares the story of her attachment challenges

If you haven't already listened to our recorded telecourse or participated in the live offering of "Healing Hannah: Attachment from an Adoptive Parent's Point of View", now is the time! Dawn Choate, a mother of four including two daughters adopted from China, shares the very personal story of the attachment challenges she faced and overcame with her daughter Hannah. The feedback has been fantastic. This 85 minute, free recorded telecourse is available for you to listen to over the Internet right now. My sincere thanks to Dawn

for sharing her story. To learn more or register use the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#HealingHanna

5) Great recorded webinar on adopting from China

Are you adopting from China? Our recorded webinar, "Adopting the Orphanage Child: Overcoming Orphanage Life" with Dr. Todd Ochs (an international adoption specialist and father of 5, including 4 daughters from China) is extremely informative. Says one recent participant, "It is good to know that there is such great information available on-line and at such a low cost. The fee for this course was less than the co-pay of my health insurance and gave me more information than I could get from my own pediatrician. I will recommend this to all my friends who are adopting from China." Includes the 80 minute recorded webinar, "Medical issues in Adopting from China" and a recording of a 90 minute Q&A session hosted by Dr. Ochs with adoptive parents. Click the following link to learn more or register:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#Ochs

6) FamilyLife.com - November radio broadcasts about adoption

FamilyLife.com is marking National Adoption Month by hosting several radio programs about adoption that you can listen to either live or by replay. Steven Curtis Chapman, a Grammy Award-winning singer & songwriter as well as an adoptive father, shares his family's story of adopting three children from China on November 16th. He started a wonderful organization called "Shaohannah's Hope" that help raise funds to make adoption more affordable for adoptive parents ... he truly understands the need for these children to get "forever" homes. To learn more click on the following link:

<http://www.voiceoftheorphan.org/display.asp?page=Broadcast>

7) Personal Adoption Help

If you want to talk about your personal adoption situation, ThinkingOfAdopting.com is happy to offer free "Adoption Help" sessions. Please send me an email at Robin@ThinkingOfAdopting.com and we can arrange a time to talk via phone.

8) Show Your Support for Adoption

National Adoption Month is a great time to show your support for adoption! Place one of our "Adoption the Loving Option" ribbon magnets on your car and help spread the word. Your adoption friends will also love receiving these as gifts. Use the following link to learn more:

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/magnet.html>

Help Spread the Word

As always, I'd certainly appreciate if you would help spread the word about ThinkingOfAdopting.com. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you feel would be interested. I'd sincerely appreciate your help in getting the word out.

My best to you on your adoption journey. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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