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Hello Adoption Friends,

I hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving! As usual, I want to share with you some news and information that I hope will be helpful to you on your adoption journey. The topics in this edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com newsletter include:

1. Adoption Expo in Washington, DC This Weekend
2. Excellent New Book on International Adoption
3. Free Webinar on Selecting Your Adoption Country Now Available
4. Steven Curtis Chapman Discusses His Adoption from China
5. Vietnam - Learning More!
6. Personal Adoption Help
7. Treat Yourself to This Great Book - "Adoption Parenting"

1) Adoption Expo in Washington, DC This Weekend

If you live near the Washington DC area, the Freddie Mac Foundation will be holding a free Adoption Expo this Saturday (12/2/06) at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity to learn about adoption from many sources, including the approximately 40 adoption service providers and adoption agencies expected to be in attendance. In addition, there will be workshops for prospective and current adoptive parents as well as "parent-to-parent" discussion groups. ThinkingOfAdopting.com will have a booth at the Expo, and I'll be participating in one of the "parent-to-parent" discussion groups. Dr. Gordina will also be in attendance and presenting as part of one of the workshops. If you attend please stop by and say "hello" - I'd really like to meet you! To learn more, click on the following link:

http://www.freddiemacfoundation.org/expo/?cmpid=unpaid_ads&linkid=fmf_1

2) Excellent New Book on International Adoption

I've just read an excellent new book, "The Complete Book of International Adoption" by Dawn Davenport. If you have not yet decided on the country you will adopt from, this is a great, in-depth book about international adoption that you will want to check out. Learn more by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/blog/2006/11/excellent-new-book-on-adoption.html>

3) Free Webinar on Selecting Your Adoption Country Now Available

"Choices: Adopting from China, Guatemala, Kazakhstan or Russia" with Inna Pecar is now available as one of our increasing number of "available anytime" recorded webinars and telecourses! If you would like to learn more about adopting from these countries, including why children are available for adoption, the rules and restrictions of the adoption programs, estimated wait times, travel times, and costs this is a great webinar for you to watch. Inna even discusses sample referrals from some of the countries. Plus, you can view the information about one or all of the countries - it's up to you. You can learn more or register by using the following link:

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

4) Steven Curtis Chapman Discusses His Adoption from China Listen to Grammy award winner Steven Curtis Chapman candidly sharing his family's fears about adoption, how they came to the decision to adopt and stories from his adoption journey. My husband and I really enjoyed this inspirational interview. You can listen to an audio replay by using the following link:

http://www.oneplace.com/Ministries/Focus_on_the_Family/archives.asp?bcd=11/14/2006

5) Vietnam -Learning more!

There has been an increase in interest in adopting from Vietnam. Here is a great link to read about the country guidelines. Vietnam is an option for both singles and couples.

<http://www.findingyourchild.com/upload/File/Vietnam.pdf>

6) 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.

7) Treat Yourself to This Great Book - "Adoption Parenting"

This is a very good book for preadoptive parents that will help you prepare for parenting an adopted child. Every adoptive parent I talk to mentions that they wished they could have read a book like this prior to their adoption. Here is the link to learn more...

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_books.html#ParentingSection

Help Spread the Word

As always, I'd certainly appreciate if you would help spread the word about adoption and 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. There are so many children who need homes!

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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