

Hello Adoption Friends,

The last two months have been very busy at ThinkingOfAdopting.com with our first "Raising & Healing the Adopted Child" conference here in Baltimore, MD and the Joint Council of International Children's Services Conference in San Antonio, Texas. It was great getting the chance to meet many of you in person.

In this, the June 10, 2007 edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter, I have some adoption news and information - including our June telecourses & webinars - that I hope you'll find helpful for your adoption journey, no matter if you're thinking of adopting or you're an adoptive parent. The topics include:

1. Are You Searching for the Right Adoption Agency?
2. Inspirational Story of one Mom's Domestic, Chinese & Foster Care Adoptions
3. Adopting from Russia, Kazakhstan or Ukraine?
4. Listen Free to Interview on Race, Color & Culture in Adoption
5. Chinese Wedding Photos
6. Passport Photos for \$7.99

1) Are You Searching for the Right Adoption Agency?

If so, join me for a two part, live webinar where I'll share my eight steps to selecting the agency that is right for you. You'll learn when to select an agency (it does not have to be at the very start of your journey!), what to expect from your agency, how you can find and research agencies to consider, how to "interview" agencies and more. "Tips on Selecting an Adoption Agency" starts this Wednesday at 9:00 PM Eastern, so click on the following link to learn more or register today:

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

2) Inspirational Story of one Mom's Domestic, Chinese & Foster Care Adoptions

Adoptive mom Michelle Schultze shares the truly inspirational and heartfelt story of her adoption journey - a journey that led to paths never expected - in "His Will: From Infertility to Adopting Four Children & Beyond". To listen to this free telecourse, go to our Adoption Telecourses Page by clicking on the following link. You can also download Michelle's story to your iPod or MP3 player.

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

3) Adopting from Russia, Kazakhstan or Ukraine?

Waiting for your referral? Getting ready to travel? If so, take advantage of the opportunity to talk live from the comfort and privacy of your own home with Dr. Alla Gordina - an international adoption medical expert who specializes in Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine. Born in Russia, Dr. Gordina has unique insights and knowledge about adoption from these countries including the health of the children and your rights under Russian law (which are more than you might expect). To learn more or register for "Ask an Adoption Doctor Live" with Dr. Gordina, click on the following link:

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

4) Listen Free to Interview on Race, Color & Culture in Adoption

Michelle M. Hughes, J.D., a diversity consultant with Bridge Communications in Chicago, Illinois, discusses race, color and culture in adoption in a recorded interview for the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Podcast. Use the links below to listen to the interview on your computer or download it to your iPod or MP3 player.

Using iTunes: <http://www.itunes.com/podcast?id=137549502>

Using Your Web Browser: <http://feeds.feedburner.com/thinkingofadoptingpodcast>

5) Chinese Wedding Photos

Thought you might be interested in these photos from a Han-style wedding ceremony in Beijing. According to the accompanying article, "Ancient-style wedding ceremonies have been popular among fashionable young people in recent years".

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-05/28/content_6162309.htm

6) Passport Photos for \$7.99

Need passport photos for your trip? Walgreens is offering two passport photos for \$7.99, and even has the forms to register for a new passport or renew your existing passport for download. Click on the following link for details:

http://www.walgreens.com/store/promotion/passport05/default.jsp?erule=redirect_passport&term=passport_photo&term=passport+photo

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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