

Hello Adoption Friends,

Welcome to the September 14, 2008 edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter. You have received this newsletter because you either subscribed to the newsletter or registered for one of our webinars or telecourses. To unsubscribe, click on the link at the bottom of the page.

While it's been a while since the last edition of our newsletter, the purpose is the same as always -- to provide you with adoption news and information that we hope you'll find helpful for your adoption journey and beyond. In this edition you'll find:

1. Great Web Site to Check Out!
2. Learn More About ADD/ADHD Live this Wednesday
3. Updated U.S. International Adoption Statistics Available
4. Welcome new subscribers

1) Great Web Site to Check Out!

I'm always on the lookout for helpful adoption related websites, and I recently found one that I wanted to share with you: CreatingAFamily.com. The "Country Charts" are a great source of information that can either help you determine where to adopt from or just learn more about the country you're adopting from. Another useful resource are the recorded radio talks on adoption related topics that you can listen to on-line or download to your mp3 player. I recommend that you check them out, and have provided the links below:

CreatingAFamily Home Page:

<http://www.creatingafamily.com>

Country Charts:

<http://www.creatingafamily.com/index.php?content=adoption/charts>

Radio Talks:

http://www.creatingafamily.com/index.php?content=radio_show

2) Learn More About ADD/ADHD Live this Wednesday

ThinkingOfAdopting.com will be hosting Dr. Thomas Phelan for a live question & answer session on Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) this Wednesday, September 17, 2008 from 9-10 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time. The session will be held free of charge courtesy of Dr. Phelan & ThinkingOfAdopting.com.

Dr. Thomas Phelan, an internationally recognized expert on parenting and ADD, is a clinical psychologist and parent of a child with ADD. He is the author of the very popular "1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12" as well as "All About Attention Deficit Disorder", both of which can be found in the "Parenting" section of our [Adoption Books Page](#).

The session will take place as a moderated, live conference call. Participants can ask their questions regarding ADD/ADHD to Dr. Phelan using their telephone or may email them to me to ask on their behalf. To register, use the following link or contact me directly at Robin@ThinkingOfAdopting.com or 410-916-1542. Register early as space is limited: http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#AskAboutADD

3) Updated U.S. International Adoption Statistics Available

We've updated our International Adoption Statistics based upon the most recent Immigrant Visa data available from the US Department of State. We now have data on the top 20 countries in each year from 1990-2007 available for you in a single chart. While the data shows that more than 18,000 children were adopted internationally by parents in the U.S. in the last year, unfortunately it is the third straight year that the total number of international adoptions in the U.S. have decreased. Look for yourself by using the following link:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/int_1_adoption_statistics.html

4) Welcome New Subscribers

If this is your first issue of the Newsletter, welcome! I'm glad that you joined us and hope you find the Newsletter helpful to you on your adoption journey. If you'd like to read some of the past issues of the Newsletter you can do so by using our Newsletter Archive. You can access the Archive by using the following link:

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

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 and beyond. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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