



Questionnaire for International or Trans-racial Adoptions

1. Do you live in a racially and ethnically integrated community?
2. Will your child attend a racially and ethnically integrated school?
3. Are you willing to move, if necessary, to a more supportive environment?
4. Are there other internationally or trans-racially adopted children in your community?
5. How do you feel about interracial marriages?
6. Do you have friends or intend to cultivate friends of your child's race or ethnic origin?

7. How do you feel about lots of public attention? Stares, comments, etc?
8. How can you help your child understand his/her culture and feel comfortable answering peer's questions?
9. Do you believe there is a need to stimulate a sense of pride about your child's birth culture by participating in cultural activities (parades, museums), obtaining books, listening to music, watching ethnic programs of various kinds (television, movies, live shows), eating ethnic foods, celebrating culturally associated holidays?
10. Do you plan to retain all or part of your child's birth name?
11. How would you feel if your child wants to search for his or her birth parents?
12. How do you feel about teenagers who decided they want to visit their place of birth? What are the risks?
13. Will both parents travel abroad for the legal proceedings and bringing your child home? Yes
 No If not, please explain

14. How do you feel about people from your child's birth country, ethnic or racial group? What characteristics do you think they have?

15. What challenges do you think your child will encounter as he/she matures into an adult? What can you do to prepare him/her?

16. What do you know about the environment where your child will be taken care of prior to his or her adoption?

17. What do you know about the reasons children are placed for adoption in your child's birth county?

18. What do you know about attachment? What are you prepared to do to facilitate attachment with your child?

19. What do you know about the health and developmental issues common in internationally adopted children?

20. List any books, articles, web sites that you have read or researched in preparation of your international or trans-racial adoption:

