

# HAITI



330 Haitian children were adopted by Americans in 2009, according to US State Department statistics.

Prior to the devastating earthquake on January 12, 2010, there were an estimated 300,000 orphans living in Haiti. Though there are no exact numbers available, it is estimated that the number of orphans has risen dramatically. As a part of the recovery process, the Haitian government has reopened its international adoption program to allow some of their children a chance for a permanent home. Two trips to Haiti are required.

## Haiti - Requirements:

- Single women who are U.S. citizens and are between 35 and 55 years of age and have no more than two birth children may adopt from Haiti.
- Legally married heterosexual couples in which at least one applicant is a U.S. citizen, at least one applicant is 35 years of age and neither applicant can be over 55 years of age and have been married a minimum of ten years.
- Adoptive families must be in good physical and mental condition necessary to provide responsible care for an adopted child.