

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROCESS – HAITI

January 28, 2010

IMPORTANT NOTE

Adoption and Permanency Services has been advised that several Haitian orphanages are not accepting any new applications until they can confirm the children in their orphanages do not have any extended family or other adoptive placements within the country, due in part to concerns with possible human trafficking.

Orphanage staff are overwhelmed with addressing basic survival issues and cannot turn their attention to administration of new files at this time. In addition, infrastructure in Haiti, such as the court system, has been devastated by the earthquake and no legal work can be done to assist children with new adoptions until they have a new system in place. Haiti will advise us when they are able to accept more applications for children.

The federal government is responsible for admitting all children into Canada once all requirements are met and is responsible for providing direction about future adoption files and whether or not emergency measures for new applications will be extended. Their position will likely depend on Haiti's decisions about processing children.

The information below was in place prior to the earthquake disaster. The Haitian government will advise when new requirements are in place, and when orphaned children may be available for international adoption matching. New information on adoption from Haiti will be posted as soon as it is received.

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Marital Status/Age Requirements:

- Applicants may be single or married (common-law relationships are not accepted).
If you have been married for less than 10 years, IBESR requires a NOTARIZED letter from you stating how long you have been married and how long you have known each other prior to marriage. They want to know that your relationship is stable and that you have a long, solid history together.
- Applicants should be less than 45 years of age, and over 30 years of age.
- Applicants cannot have more than 4 adopted children.

2. AVAILABLE CHILDREN:

- Ages 4 months to 10 years.
- All children are of Black racial origin.
- All children are tested for AIDS, TB and Sickle Cell Anaemia.

3. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

All ORIGINAL English documents (including certified true copies) must be translated into French & signed by the translator. Copies must be made for distribution as follows:

- Originals (French and English) - to be used for court purposes in Haiti
- Adoption and Permanency Services – English copy
- Haitian Embassy - English and French copies
- Haitian Social Services (IBESR) – English and French copies

- Agency in Haiti – English and French copies
- Applicant – copies as desired

The package of originals and copies (both English & French) must be forwarded to Adoption and Permanency Services, which will arrange for the necessary LEGALIZATION by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and AUTHENTICATION by the Embassy of Haiti in Ottawa. A translated and notarized list of all documents must be attached to the original packages (French and English).

- Letter from adoptive parents requesting the adoption of a child
- Home Assessment Report prepared by a licensed adoption agency
- Approval/Recommendation letter from the Province of Alberta
- Medical Certificate for each applicant (no more than 6 months before date of submission)
- Birth Certificate for each applicant (originals)
- Marriage certificate (original)
- Divorce Decree (if applicable)
- Criminal Record Check for each applicant
- Psychological evaluation for each applicant prepared by a psychiatrist or registered psychologist (certificate of mental health is not acceptable - a detailed evaluation is required)
- Two letters of reference
- Financial statements from the bank; latest income tax return; statement of assets and letter from employer stating salary
- Power of Attorney to the selected agent in Haiti
- Four passport pictures of each applicant
- Photos of the home (inside and outside) and yard, including pictures of the child's room

4. APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Applicants register for a Ward International Adoption from Haiti by completing the International Adoption Application form (CS 2777). The form is forwarded to:
 Adoption and Permanency Services
 Alberta Children's Services
 11th Floor, Sterling Place
 9940 – 106 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2N2
 Telephone: (780) 422-0178
- Adoption and Permanency Services provides authorization to the applicants to obtain the Home Assessment Report from a licensed adoption agency. The International Adoption Parent Preparation Course is part of the assessment process. The Home Assessment is valid for one year. Updates are required on an annual basis or when significant changes occur.
- The applicants submit the Home Assessment Report and all supporting documents (translated into French) to Adoption and Permanency Services. The applicants indicate which agency should handle their file.
- Adoption and Permanency Services forwards the adoption package to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) in Ottawa for LEGALIZATION of the notarized document list. DFAIT forwards the package to the Embassy of Haiti in Ottawa for AUTHENTICATION. The package is returned to Adoption and Permanency Services. Adoption and Permanency Services forwards the package to Haiti Social Services with the request to release the file to the chosen agency. All courier costs are the responsibility of the applicants.
- Authentication fee is \$140.00 CDN for whole file. Payment must accompany the

documentation to the Haitian Embassy.

5. CANADA IMMIGRATION:

Applicants should contact Canada Immigration Centre to complete a sponsorship application and initiate the immigration process as soon as they have submitted their Adoption Dossier.

6. WAITING PERIOD FOR CHILD PROPOSAL:

- There is a waiting period from 1 - 12 months for a proposal of a child after the application has been accepted.
- The child is ready to travel to Canada after the adoption is processed through the Haitian government and the Haitian court system. This can take as much as two years.

7. CHILD PROPOSAL/ACCEPTANCE:

- The child is proposed by Haiti Social Services or the authorized agency to Adoption and Permanency Services. The child's medical, social background and photograph (if available) will be presented to the adoptive parents after review by Adoption and Permanency Services.
- The adoptive parents confirm their "acceptance in writing" of the proposed match.

8. LETTER OF NO OBJECTION:

Adoption and Permanency Services provides a *Letter of No Objection* for immigration purposes after approving the proposed match and receiving the acceptance letter from the adoptive applicants.

9. ADOPTION FINALIZATION:

**** ADOPTIONS FROM HAITI ARE FINALIZED IN HAITI **.**

- Travel arrangements are the responsibility of the prospective adoptive parents and may be made only once the child's Visa has been obtained.
- It is recommended that at least one adoptive parent travel to Haiti.
- The length of stay for adoptive parents is approximately one week
- Prospective adoptive parents who cannot travel to Haiti may submit a request to the agency that the child be escorted. A fee is charged for this service.

10. POST PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Adoptive applicants must inform Adoption and Permanency Services [Tel: (780) 422-0178, Fax: (780) 427-2048] of the child's arrival in Alberta.
- Haiti Social Services requires personal letters/reports and photos of the child every six months for the first year. These Post Placement reports should be completed by a licensed agency, and submitted to Adoption and Permanency Services, to be forwarded to the Haitian Embassy. After the first year, Haiti Social Services would appreciate hearing about the child's progress on a yearly basis. These letters/reports are completed by the adoptive applicant and forwarded directly to Haiti.

11. ESTIMATED COSTS:

All costs are **approximate** and are the responsibility of the adoptive parents.

- Fee for the authentication of the documentation package by the Embassy of Haiti in Ottawa.
(Money Order in Canadian funds payable to the Embassy of Haiti) \$ 140.00
- Agency fee to cover expenses, \$ 4,700.00
which may include:
 - foster care for the child
 - social history and investigations
 - progress reports
 - lawyer and court fees
 - medical and psychological evaluations
 - child's visa and passport
 - participation in foster care program
 - administration costs

This fee must be forwarded at the time of the child's acceptance, either by certified cheque or money order payable to the agency of their choice.

- Home Assessment Report and International Adoption Parent Course \$ 1,700.00
- Notarization of documents \$ 100.00
- Courier costs \$ 300.00
- Translation costs \$ 300.00
- Translation costs \$ 600.00
- Airfare and travel expenses while in Haiti \$ 3,000.00
- Canada Immigration Sponsorship Fee \$ 100.00
- A Department Tax of \$25.00 for each adult and \$25.00 for each child over two years is required at the time the adoptive parents leave Haiti. \$ 75.00

Total Approximate Cost = \$ 11,000.00

ORPHANAGES AUTHORIZED BY IBESR 2008-2009
(Subject to Change)

1.	A NEW ARRIVAL "ANA" ADDRESS : PERNIER 6, IMPASSE GRACIEN IMPASSE ANA #2 IN CHARGE : CAYO ERICK TELEPHONE : 2249-5624
2.	ANGELS PALACE ADDRESS: #572, RUE BIEN-AIME RESPONSIBLE: MGR GUILLOUX PROI. DENORD DERIVAL TELEPHONE: 3404-1598 / 2213-4064 / 3557-4983 / 2216-6565
3.	AUBERGE DE LA FRATERNITE ADDRESS : TABARRE 48 #39, RUE SOLIDARITE IN CHARGE : JEAN BAPTHISTE MURIELLE TELEPHONE : 410-8466
4.	AU BONHEUR DES ENFANTS ADRESSE: CANAPE VERT #53 A COTE DE RADIO IBO RESPONSIBLE: GAGERIE RONSARD TELEPHONE: 2223-0801

5.	AYITI ENFANTS SAUVER MISSION ADDRESS : PELERIN 9B # 18, PETION-VILLE IN CHARGE : REV. NICOLAS JEAN FRITZ TELEPHONE : 3404-4451 / 3419-0480/ 3408-0948
6.	BON BERGER DE FATIMA ADDRESS: LILLAVOIS 8, IMAPPSE CHRETIEN #8 IN CHARGE: EVENA DESHOMMES TELEPHONE: 3470-4803
7.	BREBIS DE ST MICHEL DE L'ATTALAYE (BRESMA) ADDRESS: RTE DE FRERES, RUT ST LOUIS IMP. ST CYR #13 IN CHARGE : MARGARETTE SAINT FLEUR TELEPHONE : 3525-2450
8.	CENTRAL TEXAS ORPHAN MISSION ALLIANCE (CTOMA) ADDRESS: JUVENAT 7 #164, DOS HOTEL CARIBE IN CHARGE: EDERSON TELEPHONE: 3449-0161/3502-6585
9.	COEUR D'ENFANTS ADRESSE: DELMAS 75, FRAGNEAUVILLE, AVE DES TOURTERELLES #16 RESPONSIBLE: MME. VIVIANE ALCIDE TELEPHONE: 3446-4637
10.	CHRISTIAN HAITIAN OUTREACH (CHO) ADDRESS: MARIANI, RUE L'UNION #10 IN CHARGE: ELEONOR WORKMAN TELEPHONE: 2234-3110/3417-7009
11.	CRECHE AMOUR ADDRESS : DELMAS 33, EDEN VILLAGE #5 IN CHARGE : MARIE GESILA DUPerval EDMA TELEPHONE : 249-0122 / 249-8034
12.	CRECHE ENFANT JESUS ADDRESS : TIMACHE TELLIER, LAMARDELLE GANTHIER IN CHARGE : GINA DUNCAN TELEPHONE : 2222-1251 / 2245-6932 / 3556-8862
13.	CRECHE HARMONIE ADDRESS: MONTAGNE NOIRE, RUE JEAN NAMAIN #9 RESPONSIBLE: JANINA EVEILLARD TELEPHONE: 2510-7751
14.	CRECHE NOTRE DAME (CRENOD) ADDRESS: #9, LABOULE 12, ROUTE TARA'S IN CHARGE: GINA PEIRRE-LYS TELEPHONE: 2511-4501
15.	CRIS D'ESPOIR DES PETITS ADDRESS: 8, LILAVOIS 38 IMP. PROVIDENCE BON REPOS IN CHARGE: BILLY LAURENT TELEPHONE: 3681-8807/3736-1942

16.	DON D'AMOUR ADDRESS : DELMAS 95, ROUTE DE JACQUET RUE CHRETIEN # 3, PETION-VILLE IN CHARGE : MME GINA DOLCE CLODOMIR TELEPHONE : 2257-9440 /3448-4644
17.	ENFANCE JOYEUSE ADDRESS : RUE THERMOT, #5 FONTAMARA 27 IN CHARGE : GUERDY PIERRE LOUIS TELEPHONE : 2234-1654
18.	ENFANT HAITIEN MON FRÈRE ADDRESS : 141, AVENUE CHRISTOPHE IN CHARGE : PERE JEAN CLAUDE LESPINASSE TELEPHONE : 2222-9281
19.	ENVIE DE VIVRE ADDRESS: #1 MARIE 16, SUR LA MAIN GAUCHE EN ENTRANT RESPONSIBLE: LESLIE MAXIMILIEN TELEPHONE: 3526-0621
20.	ESPOIR DES PETITS ANGES D'HAITI ADDRESS : CARREFOUR, MIDWAY RUE VILLA #56 EN FACE D'EGLISE METHODISTE IN CHARGE : NADIA BERNADIN TELEPHONE : 3525-6423/2234-4150/3552-1022
21.	FONDATION DANTHOR DES ENFANTS ADDRESS: ARCACHON 32, DOMAINE IDEAL, CARREFOUR IN CHARGE: AUGUSTIN ST CLOU TELEPHONE: 3554-9406/3556-3347/2234-4820
22.	FOYE TIMOUN KE KONTAN ADDRESS: BIZOTON 51, RUE BAPTISTE IN CHARGE: PATRICK BERNADIN TELEPHONE: 3416-4568/3525-6423
23.	FOYER CŒUR DE MARIE ADDRESS : ROUTE DE PERNIER 19 # 74, DELAMS 91 #24 IN CHARGE : ARIANNE RUBINO TELEPHONE : 3551-9194 / 2213-6856
24.	FOYER COIN DES CIEUX ADDRESS : SAINT-MARC, PIVERT, RUE NAHOUMI # 11 IN CHARGE : FRITZNER MORLANT TELEPHONE : 2279-1912/3550-2942
25.	FOYER DE LA NOUVELLE VIE ADDRESSE: PETION-VILLE; RUE VILLATE #105 PLACE BOYER RESPONSIBLE: MAUDETTE JEAN BAPTISTE TELEPHONE: 2257-7001
26.	FOYER D'ESPOIR ADDRESS: DELMAS 75, RUE DORVIL #84 IN CHARGE : MARIE YOLETTE BARNARD VITAL TELEPHONE : 2513-4087

27.	FOYER DE SARA ADDRESS : ROUTE NATIONALE IMP GELIN # 1 MARIN # 45 IN CHARGE : GINETTE DERIVAL TELEPHONE : 3408-1897 / 3552-0543
28.	FOYER DE SION ADDRESS : FONTAMARA 43, VILLAGE ROYAL HAITIAN # 8 IN CHARGE : GUESNO MARDY TELEPHONE : 2222-9283/3448-6490
29.	FOYER DES TOUT PETITS DE JACOB ADRESSE: 43A IMPASSE LECONTE, CORRIDOR DJO CARREFOUR SHADA IN CHARGE: D. MARIE LOUANGE DITHEION TELEPHONE: 3526-0307
30.	FOYER DES ANGES D'HAITI ADRESSE: #87 RUELLE PETREL, CARREFOUR FEUILLES IN CHARGE: MARSEILLE NATACHA TELEPHONE: 2222-3273
31.	FOYER DES PETITS DEMUNIS ADDRESS: DELMAS 75, PUIITS BLAIN, AVE ABERT BAGODE PROL. #8 IN CHARGE : JANEL MORIN TELEPHONE :
32.	FOYER DU SOLEIL ADRESSE: 78, ROUTE FRERES, PETION-VILLE RESPONSIBLE: DR. ELCY LUBIN FAUCHER TELEPHONE: 3555-7331 /3401-2912
33.	FOYER NOTRE DAME DE LA NATIVITE ADDRESS : FONTAMARA 27, RUE DOUYON #76 IN CHARGE: EVELINE LOUIS JACQUES TELEPHONE : 2234-1429 / 3462-5154
34.	GOD'S CHILDREN HOME ADDRESS: #1 DUPLAN 2, FERMATHE IN CHARGE: ALENSON RELUS/ MIRANA DENEUS TELEPHONE: 3669-9504 / 3461-1951
35.	GRACE CHILDREN ADDRESS: PORT-DE-PAIX, RUE DE LA PLAZA #3 IN CHARGE: CINDY LASHBROOK TELEPHONE: 3745-1834/3751-6112
36.	GOD'S LITTLEST ANGELS (GLA) LES PETITS ANGES DE DIEU ADDRESS : THOMASSIN 32, RUE AIME BASTIEN, IMPASSE PAUL #2 IN CHARGE : MME DIXIE BICKEL TELEPHONE : 2511-6475
37.	HAITI CHILDREN'S HOME ADDRESS : ARTIBOPLAGE, RUELLE DES ENFANTS, MIREBALAIS IN CHARGE : PATRICIA SMITH TELEPHONE : 2276-1532

38.	HIBISCUS DE L'ADEPH ADDRESS: MASSEILLAN D'AQUIN, RTE NLE #2 IN CHARGE: DANISE BOSSE MANE TELEPHONE: 34590-7647 / 3448-4956 / 3756-9527
39.	(H.I.S.) HOME FOR CHILDREN - HAITIAN INTERDENOMINATIONAL SHELTER ADRESSE: DELMAS 75, RUE MEMOSA/CASSAGNOL #24 RESPONSIBLE: CHRISTINE A. NUNGESTER TELEPHONE: 3410-6740
40.	HOLT FONTANA D'HAITI ADDRESS : ENTREE DE KALIKO BEACH, COTE DES ARCADINS IN CHARGE : MANSOUR MASSE TELEPHONE : 3550-6158
41.	HORIZON DE L'ESPOIR ADDRESS : 25, RUE CARLSTROEM, BOIS VERNA IN CHARGE : KATHELEN DOUYON TELEPHONE : 3454-8615 / 3550-1656
42.	JARDIN BETHEL DE DARGOUT ADDRESS: 49, RUE GRANE PLAINE, CX-DES-BOUQUEST IN CHARGE: JEAN DANIEL DIEUDONNE TELEPHONE:
43.	KAY TOUT TIMOUN ADRESSE: 2e MAISON, IMPASSE BABEU, BUTTE BOYER, CROIX-DES-MISSIONS IN CHARGE: EVENS SAINT LOUIS TELEPHONE: 3425-6167 / 3403-8556 / 3403-7229 / 3420-5555
44.	L'ENFANT D'ABORD ADRESSE: #11, RUE CAFEIERE, DELMAS 83 IN CHARGE: MARIE CONCEPTIA AUGUSTIN TELEPHONE: 2222-2462
45.	LA PROVIDENCE DE DIEU ADDRESS: GANTHIER, RTE NATIONALE #4, EN FACE HOPITAL PAROLE ET ACTION IN CHARGE: ENEL HENRY TELEPHONE: 3793-4171
46.	LA BERGERIE ADRESSE: DELMAS 75 # 3 BIS, RUE RICHARD IN CHARGE: ANNE MARIE DEROSIERS TELEPHONE: 2246-1980
47.	LE SOLEIL BRILLE A L'HORIZON ADDRESS : FONTAMARA 27, RUE BLANCHET IMPASSE DONATIEN P.O. BOX 2095 IN CHARGE : JOELLE DONATIEN TELEPHONE : 2234-2172 / 3401-4406

48.	LES PETITS ENFANTS DE JESUS ADDRESS: SANTO 20, RUE SAINTIL #1 IN CHARGE: GHISLAINE BLACKBURN TELEPHONE: 2246-1136 / 2246-1555
49.	MAISON D'ESPOIR ADDRESS : DELMAS 77, RUE PRASLIN # 9 IN CHARGE : MYRLANDE JEAN TELEPHONE : 2260-0985
50.	MAISON DE L'ESPERANCE ADDRESS : DELMAS 75, RUE LESPINASSE #14 IN CHARGE : CECILE GABATHULER TELEPHONE : 3557-8933
51.	MAISON DES ANGES ADDRESS : CLERCINE 21 # 2000 IN CHARGE : GLADYS SAJOURS MAXIMILIEN TELEPHONE : 3556-2608 / 2511-0383 /3454-8117
52.	MAISON DES ENFANTS DE DIEU ADRESSE: DELMAS 31 #32 RESPONSIBLE: JEAN KUISLIN ALEXIS TELEPHONE: 3403-2157 / 2246-1013 / 3406-9424
53.	MARANATHA CHILDREN'S HOME ADDRESS : RUE CLERCINE 19 # 6, TABARRE IN CHARGE : BETH McHOUL TELEPHONE : 2238-3615
54.	MERCY AND SHARING ADDRESS: 2, RUE PIERRE-LOUIS, TABARRE 16 IN CHARGE: CHENET RAPHAEL TELEPHONE: 3415-7942
55.	MISSIONNAIRES DE LA CHARITE ADDRESS : DELMAS 31, RUE B. DE LARGANE IN CHARGE : SOEUR M. JACINTHE Mc TELEPHONE : 2246-9735 / 3418-2447
56.	NID D'AMOUR ADDRESS : 17 RUE DUKE, LOT VIVY MITCHEL IN CHARGE : EDITH M. SALOMON TELEPHONE : 3467-1814
57.	NID DES ENFANTS DU REDEMPTEUR ADDRESS: LEOGANE COQ CHANTE #126 POSTE BERNARD IN CHARGE: LOUIS JUSTE JACQUES NICOLAS TELEPHONE: 3419-9827
58.	NID DES ENFANTS DE MARIE ADDRESS : DELMAS 33, RUE JACQUES 1cr IN CHARGE : MARIE MICHELINE FONTELUS TELEPHONE : 2246-4618 / 2514-0409 / 3551-4499 / 363-0350

59.	NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES ADDRESS : LALUE 128 IN CHARGE : SOEUR MARIE VERONIQUE TELEPHONE : 245-6506
60.	PETITS ANGES DE CHANTAL ADDRESS : DELMAS 19, RUE AMIRAL KILLICK ET PIERRE SULLY #22 BERGEAUD 5 PROLONGEE RUE 4 # 11 IN CHARGE : MARIE FRANCE SIMON TELEPHONE : 2246-1200 / 2249-6257 / 3551-2599
61.	PETITS CHERUBINS DE DUCHITY ADDRESS: TR-BOIS DUCHITY 5e SECTION PESTEL GD-ANSE IN CHARGE: ERTHA CLERCIDOR PAPILLON TELEPHONE: 3623-6733
62.	RAINBOW OF LOVE ADDRESS : DELMAS 75, PUIITS BLAIN IN CHARGE : GLADYS SYLVESTRE TELEPHONE : 2246-1944
63.	RIVERS OF HOPE ADDRESS: THOMASSIN 28, RUE LAFONTANT, IMPASSE DUPLESSIS #36 IN CHARGE: RACHEL DANACHE TELEPHONE: 3402-4067 / 3724-7196
64.	SOLIDARITE TIMOUN ADDRESS : DELMAS 75 RUE JASMIN #16 IN CHARGE : BETTY ASTIER GOUY TELEPHONE : 3407-0393
65.	SOURIRE D'AMOUR ADDRESS : 15, RUE E. ROY, ROUTE DE FRERES IN CHARGE : PASTEUR INESSE JOSEPH TELEPHONE : 2256-5890
66.	THREE ANGELS CHILDREN'S RELIEF ADDRESS: DELMAS 91 # 19 IN CHARGE: VANESSA CARPENTER TELEPHOHE: 2257-4754
67.	WOYOM TIMOUN (W.T.) ADRESSE: 10, RUE BERTHO, CITE MILITAIRE RESPONSIBLE: REV. JEAN RIGAUD ANTOINE TELEPHONE: 2222-2834 / 2249-9829 / 2249-9841 / 3406-2388