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Our families represent many countries. Take a look at where we're from.
About Us

Adele and Craig

Home State/Country: Texas

Agency: Great Wall China Adoption

DTC: January 31, 2003

ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: this will be our first child.

Occupation(s): Adele - Computer Programmer/Analyst, Craig - Instructional System Designer

Hobbies:
Adele - reading Chinese poems and books, browsing Chinese Internet to try to keep up with what is going on in China, listening to all kinds of music from traditional Chinese music to American Blues music, swimming, hiking, playing ping pong (Chinese table tennis), cooking, providing Chinese translation service and some cultural advice to adoptive parents.

Craig - Reading, writing instructional software, biking, hiking, playing ping pong, framing of artworks, furniture-making, improving our house, and playing guitar.

He hopes he can play guitar and piano with our daughter in the future.

E-mail: lehall88@yahoo.com

For information about Adele’s Chinese translation services and other adoption-
related services, please see her web site at
www.blessedkids.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Kentucky

Age: Allison - 34, Doug - 36

Agency: Families Thru International Adoption (FTIA)

DTC: February 19, 2003

ACR: 0 - 14 months

Gender of child requested: A daughter

Children: She'll be our first!

Occupation(s): Allison - primary teacher, Douglas - news editor

Hobbies: Allison - crafty and creative projects, spending time outdoors like gardening and walks; Doug - a movie buff, reading, music, hunting & fishing -- also loves the outdoors

Pets: Lucy, our spoiled rotten lab/greyhound mix, who has taught us more than a few things about 'parenthood'
About Us

Home State: Alaska

Age(s): 45, 44, and 4

Agency: WACAP

DTC: Feb 18 logged in

ACR: up to 2 years, AYAP

Gender of child requested: a daughter

Children: Ian (bio) 4 years old

Occupation(s): Jay is Chief of Accounting at a barge shipping company and also runs a small sports card shop. Amy is a stay-at-home mom and parttime graphic designer. Ian plans to be a tower crane operator someday.

Hobbies: Jay: Collecting and dealing in Sports (especially baseball) Cards, Stock Market Investing, Gardening, Reds Baseball, playing softball and other sports, Teasing our 3 dogs.

Amy: Doing stuff with Ian and his friends and their parents, Gardening, Sewing (especially costumes), Arts and Crafts, Dogs and dog training, Reading.

Ian: Anything having to do with Large Yellow Machines.
Pets: Homer, an obnoxious 100lb malamute/terrier mix, Marvin a slightly less obnoxious 70lb bouvier mix, and Jackpot, a 65lb coon hound who specializes in carpet re-decoration.

E-mail: dogpaws@eagle.ptialaska.net
An invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet regardless of time, place or circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle, but will never break.

-An Ancient Chinese Belief

February Firecrackers, follow this link for directions on how to submit your referral information and pictures! Congratulations!

Fu Jie Ling

DOR: November 17, 2003  
DTC: February 25, 2003  
DOB: January 18, 2003  
ACR: Under one year  
City: Fuzhou  
SWI: Fuzhou, Jiangxi Province  
Agency: Children's Bridge

Liana has a little sister!

Yuan Yu Ying

DOR: 11/18/03  
DTC: 2/13/03  
DOB: 12/8/02  
ACR: 6-12 months  
City: Nanning City  
SWI: Nanning SWI  
Agency: CCAI  

We are blessed and overjoyed beyond words!
Anna Yu Noel
Given Name - Yu Ying Lian
DOR: 11/21/03
DTC: 2/10/02
DOB: 2/28/03
ACR: AYAP
City: Guangdong Province
SWI: Lianjiang Welfare Institute
Agency: Bethany
Our prayers have been answered! We are so overjoyed to announce the addition of Anna to our family. We cannot wait to make the trip to China to hold Anna in our arms and bring her home to meet her brother Cody.

Gao Jie Lun
soon to be Josie-Tatum JieLun
Gaoming Social Welfare Institute
DOB 11-22-02
DOR 11-21-03
ACR 0-24 months
Bethany Christian Services
She's energetic and loves to listen to music. We can't wait to go get her.

Lian Yu Ming
DOR: 11-24-03
DTC: 2-10-03
DOB: 1-27-03
ACR: 0-12 months old
City: Lianjiang
SWI: Lianjiang Welfare Institute
Agency: Bethany Christian Services
With unspeakable joy we welcome Sarah Grace Yu Ming Morton into our hearts. She is more wonderful than we could have ever imagined. Thank you to all the Firecrackers for all of their caring and support.

PAN ZI RUN
DOR: 11-18-03
We were overcome
Chun-Yen
DoB: Jan 5, 2000
Residing in Dongguan
Children’s Welfare Institute.

Emma Elizabeth
DTC: Feb. 28, 2003
DOB: Nov. 28, 2002
Province: Anhui
City:Tongling
SWI:Tongling Children’s Welfare Institute
Agency:CHSFS

We are thrilled beyond words to finally have a face to put with our dream! We can’t wait to hold you with happiness when we saw your precious face, our dear sweet
Emily Mei Zi Run Leber.
- Love, Mommy, Daddy, Vickie, and Sammy

Gao Jie Bo
soon to be Lydia Faith
DOR - 11/24/03
DTC - 2/10/03
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Meet My Family

Welcome to my world little Xiao Zhou!!!!!
Congrats everyone! It's been fun to see everyone's pictures.

Lian Yu Mei
("Beautiful Jade")
DOR: 11/24/03
DTC: 2/10/03
DOB: 3/3/03
City: Lianjiang
SWI: Lianjiang Social Welfare Institute
Agency: Bethany

Claire BoLing
Meet My Family
DOR: 11/18/03
DTC: 2/25/03
DOB: 1/22/03
ACR: under 12 mos.
City: Guiping, Guangxi
SWI: Guiping SWI
Agency: AAO

Moa HuaChu
DOR: 11/28/03
DTC: 2/13/03
DOB: 2/16/03
ACR: 0-12
City: Huazhou, Guangdong Province
SWI: Huazhou SWI
Agency: FFIA (Sweden)

We are so happy and proud, we have got a little daughter and sister. She is so lovely and we can't stop look at her! Her swedish name will be Moa and second name the chinese name HuaChu, "Moa HuaChu".
Lin Ru Cui
(soon to be Erin Jade)
DOR: November 18, 2003
DTC: February 2003
DOB: April 1, 2003
ACR: 8-14 months
Province: Fujian
City / SWI: Gutian
Agency: MAPS

Wu Chao Ming
soon to be Elizabeth Ming (Ellie)
DOR: Dec 01, 2003
DTC: Feb 24, 2003
DOB: Nov 06, 2002
ACR: 0-14 mos.
City: Chaozhu, Anhui
SWI: Chaozhu CWI
Agency: World Child International

Reagan Olivia

Moa HuaChu
DOR: 11/28/03
DTC: 2/13/03
We are so happy and proud, we have got a
Ayleen Hang Yu

"There's only one beautiful baby in the world and every parent has got it." Chinese proverb.

We are so happy with our little girl. Her name is Ayleen Hang Yu. Ayleen was born on the 15th of March 2003. At this moment she's waiting for us in Chongqing Welfare Institute.

Lisha Xue Xiang

Natalie Lixu Grace

We are thrilled to announce our new addition!
Malaina Skye

Jiang Xiao Yi
soon to be: Malaina Skye
DOR Nov. 21, 2003
DTC Feb. 9, 2003
DOB Nov. 24, 2002
ACR AYAP
City Guangxi
SWI Guigang
Agency New Hope-Ohio

Thank you, God, for this blessing.

Wu Ya Man

DOR: Nov 19, 2003
DTC: Logged in Feb 9, 2003
DOB: February 15, 2003
ACR: AYAP
City: WuWei City, Gansu Province
SWI: WuWei SWI
Agency: Dillon International

We are so very grateful and happy...

Malaina Skye

Jiang Xiao Yi
soon to be: Malaina Skye
DOR Nov. 21, 2003
DTC Feb. 9, 2003
DOB Nov. 24, 2002
ACR AYAP
City Guangxi
SWI Guigang
Agency New Hope-Ohio

Thank you, God, for this blessing.
Welcome to the family Joanna!! We can't wait to meet you!! Your Jie Jie Abigail is getting your room ready.

Thank you to all the February Firecrackers who helped us through this wait.
Congratulations on your referral!

If you are a member of the February 2003 DTC group, we invite you to post your referral information and pictures!

It's easy. Copy and paste the following information into an e-mail message. Fill in your information.

Feel free to include or omit any of the info on this list. Your space will be adjusted accordingly. And you're welcome to add a 'message from family' to share more about your child, your hopes, etc.

Send your info to jcmiller24@yahoo.com

And don't forget to send your picture! You can attach your digital file (jpeg, please) as an e-mail attachment. If this isn't working, please contact me at jcmiller24@yahoo.com so we can figure out how to get your picture from you to me to your page.

Thanks a million.

Your Child's Name

DOR:  
DTC:  
DOB:  
ACR:  
City:  
SWI:  
Agency:  
Message from family:

Back to Referrals
Within our group there is a rich diversity of people.

We represent many countries.

Asia
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Asia

CHINA
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Australia
Around the World
North America

Canada

The United States
Click on the link for more information and pictures!

Click on the links to the states for pictures and information!
Destination:

Alaska

Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau:
www.sitka.org

Live WebCams (Located on the roof of the building my dh's office is in!)
http://www.sitka.net/livewebcam.shtml
Orcas Island is one of around 200 islands in the San Juan archipelago in the NW corner of Washington state, and is about 80 miles from Seattle.

Orcas is 54 square miles, with a year-round population of about 4000. The population swells to over 10,000 in the summer when thousands of tourists come to enjoy the pristine natural beauty, wildlife, charming shops, and gourmet restaurants on Orcas Island. The locals are an interesting mix of artists and writers, bed & breakfast owners, restauranteurs, entrepeneurs, and farmers. It is very rural, lacking a single stoplight or even an incorporated town—we only have villages here. In fact, there is only one actual "town" in the whole county, which is Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. Orcas Island is accessible from the mainland and other islands by car ferry or small airplane only, but locals find that living in such a beautiful, quiet place is well worth the inconvenience.

Despite being in such an out-of-the-way location, Orcas Island has all the basic services available. In addition, we boast the Orcas Center which is the venue for year-round plays, concerts, dance performances, and exhibitions by performers from all over the world. We also have a wonderful support system for children, including a phenomenal recreation program, YMCA Camp Orkila, a children’s museum and discovery center called The Funhouse, an excellent public school as well as two private schools, sports camps and teams, and one of the finest
Here are a few additional links of interest about Orcas Island:

General information about Orcas Island:
http://sanjuanislands.kulshan.com/San_Juan/East_Sound/default.htm

Chamber of Commerce website with visitor information and links:
http://www.orcasisland.org/

What it is like to live on Orcas Island:
http://www.orcasdreams.com/living.html

Orcas Island Historical Museum:
http://www.orcasisland.org/~history/
Destination: New Mexico

We live in Rio Rancho, NM, a suburb of Albuquerque. We love New Mexico because of its stunning beauty and the rich diversity of her land and her people. And the weather in the Rio Grande Valley is, in our opinion, perfect.

The Rio Grande River and Sandia Mountains
Fall 2002

Old Town Plaza
Built in 1706, Old Town is the heart of Albuquerque's rich history.
http://www.albuquerqueoldtown.com/

Submitted by Jennifer
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We live in Satellite Beach, just 16 miles south of Cape Canaveral and 1/2 mile from the beach. The most noteworthy site here is www.KennedySpaceCenter.com and you can view numerous rocket launches from the beach (which is great fun, as well).

Our community is a quiet place and great for raising a family. But, we often go to Orlando (an hour drive west) for real fun. My favorite is www.FloridaSplendidChina.com. We are very lucky to live so close to this amazing cultural theme park devoted to China. Their shows are fabulous!

There are, of course, the obvious places (Disney World and Universal Studios).

Orlando also has a great new mall (www.MallatMillenia.com) where you can find anything you want (including Tiffany's, Bloomingdale's, Needless Markups, Macy's, Cheesecake Factory (yum), etc.).

We also enjoy visiting www.GaylordPalms.com (a fabulous five star resort in Orlando) for their daily brunch. I also like spending the weekend there and enjoying their spa.
Destination: **Alabama**

**Links to Birmingham**

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce:

http://www.birminghamchamber.com/home/home.htm

Black and White City Paper:

http://www.bwcitypaper.com/

The Birmingham Civil Rights Museum:

http://bcri.bham.al.us/

The Birmingham Museum of Art

http://www.artsbma.org/intro.html

The McWane Center

http://www.mcwane.org/

City Stages Music Festival

http://www.citystages.org/
Alabama Shakespeare Festival
http://www.asf.net/

Magic City Art Connection
http://www.magiccityart.com/
Peoria, Illinois is a mid-sized town in the heart of Illinois. Typical of the Midwest, it's a great place to raise a family, and offers a pretty relaxed pace of life. Peoria is about halfway between Chicago and St. Louis, so we're never far from the attractions of the city. We lived in St. Louis for 10 years, but came back "home" to Central Illinois in 1996.

The Peoria area has a population of about 600,000 and sits on the Illinois River. It has beautiful river bluffs and much farm land surrounding the populated areas. It is the world headquarters of Caterpillar ... the manufacturer of the big yellow pieces of road construction equipment that you see all over the world. It's also home to Bradley University, and minor league sporting teams Peoria Chiefs baseball, Peoria Rivermen hockey and Peoria Pirates indoor football.

We enjoy time at our marina on the Illinois River, and the photos enclosed here show what a relaxing and beautiful place it is!

All of the photos were taken by Lisa.
Destination: Toronto

http://www.toronto.ca/toronto_images/index.htm

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- Karin - January 11
- Lynn and Craig - January 24
TRAVEL AND PACKING TIPS

TRAVEL

Call your credit cards companies before you leave to advise them you will likely be using card in China; get Yuan/Dollar conversion chart from China Travel site or elsewhere, laminate and take with you, also a mini calculator is helpful.

Make a complete duplicate (xerox) of your dossier, homestudy, birth certificates, passports, and really any docs you are taking with you; place in the hands of a reliable person who also has your complete travel itinerary and hotels, so that items may be faxed or overnighted if lost, etc.

Money Belt

Set up a Hotmail account or other way to correspond with loved ones via email while in China

Carry on only (for those brave enough to only take carry on luggage) You can join the COO Yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CarryOnOnly/?yguid=123775379

Packmates - If you order 15 or more you get them at a discounted price of $2.00 each. You can call Linda direct at 707 864 3882 and tell her you want the adoption special. Try www.packmate.com for info on the web; or call their number (800) 432-7517 to order. As part of the deal you need to send Linda a picture of your child when you get back. She is placing them on a bulletin board so her employees can see who they are helping.

www.adoptionsupplies.org

PACKING

This list includes ideas of what to pack for China.

For members’ individual packing lists, go here.

Emetrol - (or similar) Helps to take one before a meal to prevent stomach problems.

Key meds for baby: liquid antibiotic/powder; cold/cough meds; liquid pedialite; scabies creams, creams for exema, rash or dry skin; acetominephn/Advil for children/ Benedryl liquid; glycerine suppositories; diaper rash cream; digital thermamator/ or ear type; medicine dropper; nail clippers

Supositories - nearly all babies get severely constipated and they are miserable.

Water Filtration Pitcher - we got sick even though we were careful.

Ziplocks (tvarious sizes,to hold wet or potentially wet items), packmates(or other deflatable plastic packing helper to help condense you stuff into a smaller space/hold solid items) and inflatable bath tub- (for that squirmy little baby who is not too thrilled with her bath time yet!)

Duct tape

Expandable plastic document holder for all your key documents (avail at any office supply store) good for keeping all these items organized and clean

Mini office (a few post-it notes, paperclips, pens, paper, scotch tape, safety pins, etc) helps with the paperwork and gift wrapping

1 zippered document holder w/ protective sheets o Dossier copy, Home study update, INS I-171h approval form (originals & copies), Proof of refingerprinting, Medication dosages, Travel itinerary, Passports & Visas (originals & copies), Credit card numbers & contact info, Bank contact info, CCAI, SW contact info
Pediatrician emergency contact info o Business cards with family contact info
Diaper sacks - You can get them at WalMart and Target. They are sacks that are scented and you put the dirty diapers in them.
dish soap to wash the baby bottles
bottle brush and small travel bottle of dish soap to rinse out the bottles/nipples etc and a shoebox size plastic container (Rubbermaid?), to "do dishes in" and later store the clean stuff. It was a handy item to help with packing, good idea to bring one for breakable or leakable items.
Clothes pins (for hanging up hand washing and for making instant bibs with hotel room towels)
Woolite
At least two baby bottles and possibly a box of drop in liners, unless you're buying bottles in China (some babies hate the Western bottles). At least one bottle should be for water and juice.
Lots of baby outfits - babies go through a lot, and you don't know what size she'll be - I brought about six between size 12 months and size 18 months and bought more in China. Some people brought a dozen or more, but I found that wasn't necessary.
Lots of disposable bibs
bathing suit
Triple Antibiotic cream
Hydrotison
Simethicone
Glyceryn suppositories
Baby oragel
Immodium
Digel
Levaquin
digital thermometer
benedryl (liquid & pills)
ambien
allergy meds
lice med
clean needle
alcohol prep wipes
scabies med
Contacts / Glasses
Contact solution/cleaner
laptop
converters & adaptors
bungee cords
measuring tape
tape recorder / tapes
travel flashlight
safety pins
photos for granite etching
tampons/pads - no matter how regular you are, stress could make your period come at any time - I would definitely bring these
A bottle of bubbles
Scissors and nail clippers
Enough diapers for three or four days - buy the rest in China. Baby wipes, too, are a good idea
A good baby carrier
Some Western formula, if you want to transition your baby while you're in China. We used Carnation Good Start. Most babies are on milk based formula in the orphanages
A good book - you never know when you might have down time
A journal, if you're into that sort of thing.
A baby blanket or two. Some of the hotel rooms are cold. You also need to keep your baby well wrapped when you're outside or the clothing grannies will nag you
Slippers for the baby. I didn't worry about bringing shoes but might bring them if referred a child over one year old
Lip balm
Rice Cereal - Milupa is great
Baby spoons and a small melamine bowl
Diaper pad
Stacking cups, stacking cups, stacking cups (can you tell I'm a fan?)
Hats for baby and parents
Gloves/mitts for everyone
A couple of disposable food storage containers
Diaper bag or diaper backpack
Poster tube
Camera/camcorder
Voltage converter
Lotion-enriched facial tissues
Cheerios, although I wouldn't get carried away with them. My daughter had no interest at all in them
Chinese phrase book
Flash cards
Extra batteries for cameras - carry with camera
Our Reading and Resource List

Here is our list of recommended books, articles, videos/movies and music

Book
The Good Women of China
Xinran Xue
Essays about Xinran's experience as host of radio call in show set up to give the women of China a venue to communicate their personal experiences.
**** A poignant collection of essays—extremely sad but very insightful.
Tracie

Book
The Hundred Secret Senses
Amy Tan
A story of two half sisters, American and Chinese. Only when visiting Kwan's home in Changmian does Olivia realize her sister's dreams are memories from her past lives.
4 stars - Good vacation book, includes descriptions of Chinese village life.
Deana

Book
The Good Earth (a trilogy)
Pearl Buck
A classic. Incredibly descriptive tale of a family, taken over three generations.
5 *****
Rosary Alvarez

Book
Red China Blues
Jan Wong
Written by a Canadian born journalist of Chinese descent. She becomes the first western exchange student in China during the 1970s. Originally realizing her un-Chineseness, she becomes one of the people of China, returning several times and documenting
5*****

Book
Jade
Pat Barr
Historical novel tracing the life of a girl (Jade) whose missionary father is killed and she and her brother are taken prisoner by a wealthy Chinese family. The book chronicles her struggles as a freak curiosity in an opulent Chinese household, then the
5*****
Rosary Alvarez

Book
Our chosen Child
A baby book for adopted children
We loved this book. There is a family tree and a place to record all of the "firsts" but nothing about pregnancy!!!
Lizzie Hourigan

Book
Wild Swans
This is a great story of three generations of women in China. It starts back before Mao and then goes through the cultural revolution, etc. I learned a lot of Chinese history from reading this book.
***** 5 stars
Lynne

Book
WUHU Diary
Emily Prager
A woman takes her five year old adopted daughter back to China. She stays for about two months and visits the orphanage.
** 2 stars - Maybe it will get better, I am halfway through it and I find it a little dry
Lynne

Book
Falling Leaves: The memoir of an unwanted Chinese daughter
Adeline Yen Mah
This book is about a girl who grows up in a step-family. She isn't wanted by the family and is considered second class in her new step-family.
3 1/2 stars - pretty good but not spectacular
Lynne

Book
The Lost Daughters of China
Karin Evans
An adoption story mixed with history on the one-child policy in China
5 stars - Excellent book
Lynne

Book
A Passage to the Heart
Amy Klatzkin
A group of essays written by parents who adopted children from China. Many different themes including travel, one parent families, Race, Development & Health, etc.
5 stars - Very good read!
Lynne

Book (Juvenile)
The White Swan express : a story about adoption
by Jean Davies Okimoto and Elaine M. Aoki ; illustrated by Meilo So
Across North America, people in four different homes prepare for a special trip to China, while four baby girls in China await their new
5 stars
Deana & Chris Groves
Children's Book
Cleversticks
Bernard Ashley
Based in America. Ling Sung doesn't like school b/c he can't do anything right...until he becomes the star of the class by showing others how to use chopsticks.
4 ****
Rosary Alvarez

Children's book
Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain
Margaret Bateson-Hill
Beautiful drawings. A bit long and sad at times, but it's my favorite book. Story of an old woman who is taken captive by a cruel emperor who wants her to turn papercuts into jewels. Then her spirit is rescued by the ice dragon and she lives forever in
5 *****
Rosary Alvarez

Children's book
The Story about Ping
Marjorie Flack
Cute story of a duck who lives on a houseboat on the Yangtzee River.
5*****
Rosary Alvarez

Children's book
The Dancing Dragon
Marcia Vaughan
Describes a CNY parade. As you turn the pages, you begin to pull out a very long dragon. It's fun.
4****
Rosary Alvarez

Children's book
The Empty Pot
Demi (I like all of Demi's books)
Easy reading. Beautiful tale of a young boy who cannot make a seed grow and has to present an empty pot to the emperor. His honesty gets him chosen as the next emperor of China.
5*****
Rosary Alvarez

Movie
The Road Home
Zhang Yimou (also directed Red Sorgham and Raise the Red Lantern)
Not so much as a history or political lesson as a lyrical tale of a day in the life of a family in a small village in northern China.
**** It's a little schmaltzy but I really enjoyed it. The story is sweet and the cinematography is wonderful.
http://www.sonyc CLASSICS.com/theroadhome/
Tracie

Movie
The Joy Luck Club
The story of a group of women who are first generation chinese and their daughters who live in the U.S. Very touching.
4 1/2 stars - it was a very good movie - bring the tissues though - some areas were a little slow for DH but overall it was a very good movie.
www.amazon.com
Lynne
Friday 5 Questions

Every Friday, someone from the group poses five questions for consideration. Here they are.

February 7 submitted by Tracie

1) Are you planning to learn any Chinese words or phrases before going to China?
2) Do you plan to incorporate Chinese culture and traditions into your family’s life and if so how?
3) Do you already know what you are naming your baby?
4) What books have you read on China or Chinese adoption that you enjoyed and would recommend to others?
5) Are you planning on creating a Life Book for your child?

February 13 submitted by Sharon

1. Is there anything in particular that you want to see in terms of so-called tourist attractions while you are visiting China?
2. Have you decided what your child will call you (and if you have a spouse, what your child will call your spouse)? Will you be Mommy and Daddy or Mama and Baba or something else entirely different?
3. Have you requested that your child come from a specific orphanage or province?
4. If you will be leaving the paid workforce temporarily to enjoy some time at home with your new child, how long do you plan to stay away from the paid workforce?
5. Are you planning to start a web site or web page to announce the arrival of your child?

February 25 submitted by Melody

1. What’s your favorite movie/book about China?
2. What’s your favorite book about adoption for children (meant for children that is)?
3. What’s your favorite CD/album for lullabies (bonus, any in Chinese?)
4. What’s your favorite cure for the mid-winter blues?
5. Have you already accumulated a closet full of toys and clothes for this very blessed child? (or is retail therapy in your future?)

February 28 submitted by Lynne
1. What have you purchased so far for your new baby/child?

2. What are your plans for your child's bedroom? Have you started?

3. Have you traveled out of the country before?

4. Do you plan to learn any Mandarin before the trip? If so, how?

5. How has your family reacted to the news that you are adopting from China?

March 7 submitted by Susan
1) What items, if any, are you going to buy for yourself (not for baby) when you're in China?

2) How many times a day do you tell someone your "Adopting from China"?

3) If you are currently employed, does the company/boss know about your plans for adoption?

4) Do you currently get together with other families that have children from China?

5) What's your favorite color?

March 13 submitted by Lizzie

1. How do you plan to celebrate "Adoption Day", if at all?

2. Do you have a named picked out?

3. Lucky number?

4. What is the best advice you have received about child rearing, adoption... For those of you who are already parents, do you have any advice for those of us first timers?

5. Why did you pick China?

March 21 submitted by Donna

1. How do your family and friends feel about your upcoming adoption? Any qualms from them about it being international?

2. What's your favorite season?

3. Does anything about your upcoming adoption scare you?

4. What's the stupidest comment you've heard so far about adoption, or for those of you already with children who are adopted, about your child?

5. Have you attended any seminars in preparation for the arrival of your child?

March 28 submitted by Kathy

1) Will you work outside the home after DD arrives?
2) If so, will you change your hours/schedule?
3) What kind of care will you seek for DD if you will be working?
   Daycare center, care provided in someone else's home or in your own?
4) What's the latest item you've bought for DD?
5) Have you started baby proofing the house yet?

April 4 submitted by Theresa
1. What is your all-time favorite children's character? (TV, books or videos, movies)
2. For us first time parents in the group: What are a few baby items/furniture items that you think are most important to buy for a nursery/child's room?
3. Are you planning on using an Asian theme in her/his room or have you picked a different theme?
4. What are some of your favorite things/activities that you are anxious to teach your new daughter/son?
5. And because this topic is so in the news now, has the SARS media coverage caused some unfavorable comments towards your upcoming adoption or have people remained positive?

April 11 submitted by Moya
1. What age child did you request?
2. Did you request any specific orphanage or province?
3. Name one Chinese movie you recommend.
4. What month do you think our referrals will arrive?
5. What one baby or child-rearing book would you recommend?

April 18 submitted by Molly
1. What kind of stroller do you have or plan to buy? Why?
2. What is your favorite children's book (not necessarily adoption related)?
3. Do you live in a community with other China-adoptive families?
4. What is the last movie or video you watched?
5. What is the last book you read?

April 25 submitted by Tracie
1. What is your favorite comfort food for making you feel better on down days?
2. What comedic movie is your favorite? Feel free to list several. We could all use a good laugh.
3. What is the last funny book you read?
4. What personal ritual do you have for snapping yourself out of a funk?
5. What song or CD do you play to make you feel good?

Bonus question. do you have a joke or funny kid story you'd like to share?

May 1 - Friday 41 - submitted by Tracie

1. WHAT COLOR ARE YOUR KITCHEN PLATES?

2. WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING NOW?

3. WHAT PICTURE IS ON YOUR MOUSE PAD?

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME?

5. FAVORITE MAGAZINE?

6. FAVORITE SMELL?

7. LEAST FAVORITE SMELL?

8. WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING?

9. FAVORITE COLOR?

10. LEAST FAVORITE COLOR?

11. HOW MANY RINGS BEFORE YOU ANSWER THE PHONE?

12. FUTURE CHILD'S NAME?

13. WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN LIFE?

14. CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA?

15. DO YOU LIKE TO DRIVE FAST?

16. DO YOU SLEEP WITH A STUFFED ANIMAL?

18. WHAT TYPE WAS YOUR FIRST CAR?

19. IF YOU COULD MEET ONE PERSON DEAD OR ALIVE WHO WOULD IT BE?

20. FAVORITE ALCOHOLIC DRINK?

21. WHAT IS YOUR SIGN & YOUR BIRTHDAY?

22. DO YOU EAT THE STEM OF BROCCOLI?

23. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY JOB WHAT WOULD IT BE?

24. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY COLOR HAIR, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

25. IS THE GLASS HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY?

26. FAVORITE MOVIE?

27. DO YOU TYPE WITH YOUR FINGERS ON THE RIGHT KEYS?

28. WHAT'S UNDER YOUR BED?

29. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER?

30. FAVORITE SPORT TO WATCH?

31. WHAT IS YOUR SINGLE BIGGEST FEAR?
32. FAVORITE CD?
33. FAVORITE TV SHOWS?
34. KETCHUP OR MUSTARD?
35. HAMBURGERS OR HOT DOGS?
37. FAVORITE SOFT DRINK?
39. THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE EVER BEEN?
40. WHAT SCREENSAVER IS ON YOUR COMPUTER RIGHT NOW?
41. BURGER KING OR MCDONALD'S?

May 8 submitted by Deana
1. Are you keeping a journal? If so how often do you make entries?
2. Besides your family, what is your most valued earthly possession?
3. Coke or Pepsi (or other)?
4. Are you superstitious? If yes, which scenario ranks highest on your list?
5. What is your favorite flower? Any particular reason why?

May 16 submitted by Lizzie
1. Where is your favorite place to visit?
2. What kind of car do you have?
3. What would your ideal meal be?
4. What is your favorite season? Why?
5. If you could travel back in time, how far back would you go?
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SERIOUS CONSTRUCTION

DON'T GET LOST IN ALL THIS WHITE SPACE

RETURN TO WHERE IT WAS YOU CAME
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SERIOUS CONSTRUCTION

DON'T GET LOST IN ALL THIS WHITE SPACE

RETURN TO WHERE IT WAS YOU CAME
Sharon's List from trip to China in March 2001

Toiletries
- Travel toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss/picks
- 2 Razors
- Shaving cream

Head to toe baby wash for parents and child
Small bottles of shampoo [post-trip comment: didn't need - at all hotels]
Small bottle of conditioner

Mousse
- 2 Deodorant
- Scissors [post-trip comment: don't pack in carry-on or they may be confiscated]
- Lip Balm
- Band-Aids
- Aveeno baby moisturizer
- Purell
- Nail clippers (baby and adult sized)
- Nail file
- 2 Brushes
- Tampons
- Panty liners

Adult Medicines
- Ibuprofen
- Throat Lozenges
- Antihistamine/decongestant (Dristan for Colds and Sinus)
- Rolaids or Tums
- Prescription drugs, including Cipro and Toradol
- Gravol
- Imodium

Baby Medicine
- Liquid baby tempra
Oragel
Infant Tylenol for colds
Something for diaper rash (Zincofax) [post-trip comment: didn't need]
Vaseline [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Food/Bottles
2 cans Nestle Good Start
1 box rice cereal
Cheerios
Arrowroot cookies [post-trip comment: one sleeve is enough]
2 jars baby prunes [post-trip comment: didn't need and can buy there anyway]
3 8-oz. bottles
100 disposable liners
1 sippy cup
4 nipples - fast flow
Needle for enlarging nipple holes
2 baby spoons
2 melamine food bowls
Thermos [post-trip comment: very useful]
Pacifier & Clip [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Adult Food
Coffee & Press [post-trip comment: didn't need - coffee at all breakfast buffets]
Hot chocolate
Power bars
Gum for John

Diapers
48 diapers #3 size [post-trip comment: plenty to bring - bought extra in Hefei]
80 diaper wipes
2 diaper pads
10 baby washcloths [post-trip comment: didn't need]
Swim diaper [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Toys
Stacking cups [post-trip comment: great!]
Toy keys [post-trip comment: great!]

Book
Stuffed animal (hippo)
Teether

Books
Baby and Child Care
When You Were Born in China
Books for reading in evening/down time
Blank book for writing notes/journal
Book of baby songs

Stuff for Liana
6 outfits with matching socks (size 12 and 18) [post-trip comment: size 12 too short]
1 warm coat
1 hat
1 pair mitts
Polartec jacket
1 sweatshirt

Shoes
7 onesies size 12 and 18) [post-trip comment: size 12 too short]
8 sleepers (size 12 and 18 - includes three rompers that will double as sleepers)
1 pair long underwear
3 blankets [post-trip comment: 1 warm, 2 receiving] [post-trip comment: good thing

to have]
3-4 bibs, plus disposables
Slippers
Baby brush and comb
Stuff for Sharon
- 15 pairs underwear (including 8 throwaway) (wear one)
- 6 pairs socks
- 2 pairs jeans
- 3 turtlenecks (wear one)
- Jean jumper (wear)
- 1 pair tights (wear)
- 3 t-shirts
- 2 warm sweaters

Black loafers (wear)

Running shoes/Keds
- Goretex jacket or barn coat & slicker (wear)
- Swimsuit
- Gloves
- Hairbands
- Slippers [post-trip comment: didn't need - supplied in all hotels]
- Pajamas

Stuff for John
- 15 pairs underwear (including 8 throwaway) (wear one)
- 6 pairs socks [post-trip comment: wear one]
- 6 shirts (wear one)
- 3 T-shirts (double as PJs)
- 2 pairs pants (wear one)
- 2 warm sweaters
- 2 pairs shoes (wear one)
- Slippers
- Eddie Bauer jacket and liner (wear)
- Gloves
- Hat

Misc.
- Baby Bjorn [post-trip comment: Liana loved it]

Gifts and wrapping for nanny

Orphanage gifts

Souvenir gifts (Chocolate, pencils and soaps) [post-trip comment: soaps not necessary]
- Duct tape
- 2 Small disposable food containers
- Fanny pack
- Diaper backpack [post-trip comment: great]
- Money belts
- Calculator
- Camera and 14 rolls film
- Camcorder, battery and 2 films [post-trip comment: didn't use]
- 10 elastics
- Small sewing kit [post-trip comment: didn't need - supplied in all hotels]
- Ziploc bags [post-trip comment: great idea]
- Q-tips
- Lotion-enriched Kleenex
- Poster tube [post-trip comment: great idea]
- Safety pins (small and large)
- Letter-sized envelopes
- The Special Pen
- Can opener
- Can puncher
- Zero [post-trip comment: great idea]

Paperwork [post-trip comment: in expandable folder]
- Plane tickets (make 1 extra copy)
- Passports & 5 photocopies - include copies of visa page
- Dossier (and 1 extra copy) [post-trip comment: didn't need extra copy]
- Offer letter and referral package
Rosary's List

Adult Meds.:
* Imodium
* Pepto Bismol Tabs (taken before meals to prevent upset stomach)
* Neosporin Plus Pain
* Bandages-I plan to bring the clear liquid bandages b/c they claim to keep water out and you would not want unclean shower water to infect your cut.

Baby Meds.:
* Suppositories (essential)
* Kalectrolyte (powder pedialyte)
* Lotrimin AF (for yeast infection)
* Thermometer
* Rid (for lice & scabies)
* PediaCare (best thing for congestion & runny nose)
* Benadryl
* Mylecon (or other gas med.)
* Hydrocoritzone cream
* Kaopectate (diarrhea)
* Motrin (for high fevers, alternate w/ Tylenol)
* Ceclor (recommended antibiotic if your ped. will give it)

Food:
Note: although you will be eating in restaurants most of the time, there are times when your baby is finally asleep or too fussy and you just don't have the energy to leave the room. During these times, you will really appreciate having some meal-like snacks to tie you over.
* Dried fruit
* Peanut butter
* Crackers
* Candy (for you and to give to children you meet on the street)
* Cheese & crackers packets
* Apple juice boxes (for children)
* Kix
* Tuna salad & cracker kits (they were a lifesaver on our first trip, but now I'm a veg., so I'll need something else)

Other:
*Thermos [post-trip comment: very useful] Note: our Thermos brand did not keep water hot enough all day on one long trip. I found a brand (Z.......that claims to keep liquids hot for 24 hours and plan to try it this time.

*Pacifier & Clip [post-trip comment: didn't need] Ditto, she was used to sucking her blanket (Gap type worked best)

*Inflatable beach ball (takes up no room and we can leave behind)

*Teddy bear (Jade loves an Eden Thermal Bear she got b/c it's small soft cloth and she can suck on it.) I just ordered two more for the baby.

*Rain Ponchos (got a pack of 2 disposable ones at Dollar Tree and they take up very little room)

*Electric burner & percolator. We found that the pots they had in the rooms cut off right as the water started to boil and we didn't feel it was "clean" enough. This way, we'll boil the water longer and be able to make real coffee in the room (instant just doesn't cut it for me).

Mary's List can be seen through the link below.


Christine's Lists

Mike's carry-on

* Juliet's toiletries
- Talcum powder
- Baby toothbrush, toothpaste
- Medicine dropper
- Balmex
- Ipecac
- Medicine measuring spoon
- Pedia care decongestant
- Baby bath
- Baby Tylenol
- Baby antihistamine
- Antibiotic cream
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Nasal aspirator
- Prescriptions: Elemite, Amoxocillin

* Mike and My toiletries
- Toothpaste
- Two sample-size deodorants
- Dish detergent
- Face cleaner

Suitcases

- Avent bottle
- Tupperware container for washing stuff (didn't use)
- Collapsible mugs (didn't use)
- Baby wipes
- Nipples
- Teething toys
- Baby spoons
- Pacifier and clip
- Bottle
- Bottle brush
- Cheerios in Tupperware container
- 2 baby books
- Coffee dripper (didn't use)
- Water filter
- Gerber biter biscuits
- Cheerios in another Tupperware
- 3 bottles of prunes in babyfood
- Apple sauce
- Stacking cups
- Tissue
Packing Lists

Shaving gel
Q-tips
Kleenex pack
Facial cleaner
Facial moisturizer
Hand sanitizer
Shampoo
Conditioner
Leave-in conditioner
Hair gel
Pepto
Nasal saline (for dryness)
Afrin nasal spray
Vaseline (to put inside bottom of nasal passages-helps prevent cold virus from settling)
Band-aids
Prescriptions: Guifenex (sinus headache medicine), flonase (more sinus stuff) cipro, cipro, ambien (sleep)

Hip hammock (www.hiphammock.com <http://www.hiphammock.com>)
Official papers
Felt-tip pens
Ball-point pens
Baby wipes
Baby lap blankets
Baby wash clothes
1 avent bottle
package of 100 bottle liners

Christine's Carry-On
2 finger puppets for the airplane
caterpillar toy
2 teething toys
hand sanitizer
pacifier (with holder)
baby wipes
2 adult books
2 children's board books
3 ballpoint pens
1 outfit for Juliet
1 sleeper for Juliet
10 diapers
4 pairs my underwear
4 pairs Mike's underwear
1 bra

Christine's Fanny Pack
Hand sanitizer
Tissues
Passport
Airline tickets
Sample-size moisturizer
Hair clip
Cash
Credit cards

small baby bottle
sewing kit
alcohol wipes
diapers
thermos
needles (in case we need any injections - didn't actually bring)
cloth diapers
soy formula
rice cereal
formula packages
nail clippers
balance bars
four dehydrated meals (in case of food emergency)

Juliet's Clothes
6 sleepers
6 onesies
6 outfits
3 hats
3 fleece sleepers/outfits
8 pairs of socks
1 wool jacket
1 bathing suit (definitely did not need!)

Clothes for Christine
15 pairs of underwear (divided between both suitcases)
1 pair pajamas
1 nightshirt
1 red, wool, button-up shirt
2 undershirts
black AT pants
black jeans
brown soft pants
brown cotton sweater
khakis
brown ¾-sleeve brown sweater
fuschia blouse with rose cardigan
beige silk, knit sweater set
5 pairs socks

Clothes for Mike
3 pairs flat-front khakis
4 button-up, casual shirt
1 work-out outfit
1 pair sneakers
5 pairs socks
1 pair pajama pants
Individual Packing Lists

Sharon's List from trip to China in March 2001

Toiletries
- Travel toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss/picks
- 2 Razors
- Shaving cream

Head to toe baby wash for parents and child
Small bottles of shampoo [post-trip comment: didn't need - at all hotels]
Small bottle of conditioner

Mousse
- 2 Deodorant
- Scissors [post-trip comment: don't pack in carry-on or they may be confiscated]
- Lip Balm
- Band-Aids
- Aveeno baby moisturizer
- Purell
- Nail clippers (baby and adult sized)
- Nail file
- 2 Brushes
- Tampons
- Panty liners

Adult Medicines
- Ibuprofen
- Throat Lozenges
- Antihistamine/decongestant (Dristan for Colds and Sinus)
- Rolaids or Tums
- Prescription drugs, including Cipro and Toradol
- Gravol
- Imodium

Baby Medicine
Packing Lists

Liquid baby tempa
Oragel
Infant Tylenol for colds

Something for diaper rash (Zincofax) [post-trip comment: didn't need]
Vaseline [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Food/Bottles
- 2 cans Nestle Good Start
- 1 box rice cereal
- Cheerios
- Arrowroot cookies [post-trip comment: one sleeve is enough]
- 2 jars baby prunes [post-trip comment: didn't need and can buy there anyway]
- 3 8-oz. bottles

100 disposable liners
- 1 sippy cup
- 4 nipples - fast flow
- Needle for enlarging nipple holes
- 2 baby spoons
- 2 melamine food bowls

Thermos [post-trip comment: very useful]
- Pacifier & Clip [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Adult Food
- Coffee & Press [post-trip comment: didn't need - coffee at all breakfast buffets]
- Hot chocolate
- Power bars
- Gum for John

Diapers
- 48 diapers #3 size [post-trip comment: plenty to bring - bought extra in Hefei]
- 80 diaper wipes
- 2 diaper pads

10 baby washcloths [post-trip comment: didn't need]
- Swim diaper [post-trip comment: didn't need]

Toys
- Stacking cups [post-trip comment: great!]
- Toy keys [post-trip comment: great!]

Book
- Stuffed animal (hippo)
- Teether

Books
- Baby and Child Care
- When You Were Born in China
- Books for reading in evening/down time
- Blank book for writing notes/journal
- Book of baby songs

Stuff for Liana
- 6 outfits with matching socks (size 12 and 18) [post-trip comment: size 12 too short]
- 1 warm coat
- 1 hat
- 1 pair mitts
- Polartec jacket
- 1 sweatshirt

Shoes
- 7 onesies size 12 and 18) [post-trip comment: size 12 too short]
- 8 sleepers (size 12 and 18 - includes three rompers that will double as sleepers)
- 1 pair long underwear
- 3 blankets [post-trip comment: 1 warm, 2 receiving] [post-trip comment: good thing to have]

3-4 bibs, plus disposables
- Slippers
- Baby brush and comb
Stuff for Sharon
15 pairs underwear (including 8 throwaway) (wear one)
6 pairs socks
2 pairs jeans
3 turtlenecks (wear one)
Jean jumper (wear)
1 pair tights (wear)
3 t-shirts
2 warm sweaters
Black loafers (wear)
Running shoes/Keds
Goretex jacket or barn coat & slicker (wear)
Swimsuit
Gloves
Hairbands
Slippers [post-trip comment: didn’t need - supplied in all hotels]
Pajamas

Stuff for John
15 pairs underwear (including 8 throwaway) (wear one)
6 pairs socks [post-trip comment: wear one]
6 shirts (wear one)
3 T-shirts (double as PJs)
2 pairs pants (wear one)
2 warm sweaters
2 pairs shoes (wear one)
Slippers
Eddie Bauer jacket and liner (wear)
Gloves
Hat

Misc.
Baby Bjorn [post-trip comment: Liana loved it]
Gifts and wrapping for nanny
Orphanage gifts
Souvenir gifts (Chocolate, pencils and soaps) [post-trip comment: soaps not necessary]
  Duct tape
  2 Small disposable food containers
  Fanny pack
  Diaper backpack [post-trip comment: great]
  Money belts
  Calculator
  Camera and 14 rolls film
  Camcorder, battery and 2 films [post-trip comment: didn’t use]
  10 elastics
  Small sewing kit [post-trip comment: didn’t need - supplied in all hotels]
  Ziploc bags [post-trip comment: great idea]
  Q-tips
  Lotion-enriched Kleenex
  Poster tube [post-trip comment: great idea]
  Safety pins (small and large)
  Letter-sized envelopes
  The Special Pen
  Can opener
  Can puncher
  Zero [post-trip comment: great idea]

Paperwork [post-trip comment: in expandable folder]
  Plane tickets (make 1 extra copy)
  Passports & 5 photocopies - include copies of visa page
  Dossier (and 1 extra copy) [post-trip comment: didn’t need extra copy]
Offer letter and referral package  
Notice to Travel (and 3 extra copies)  
Copies of credit cards, traveler's checks  
Vaccination cards  
Passport photos  
Laminated phrase card (two copies) [post-trip comment: great idea]  
Immigration documents, including notice of no objection

Rosary's List

Adult Meds.:
* Imodium  
* Pepto Bismol Tabs (taken before meals to prevent upset stomach)  
* Neosporin Plus Pain  
* Bandages-I plan to bring the clear liquid bandages b/c they claim to keep water out and you would not want unclean shower water to infect your cut.

Baby Meds.:
* Suppositories (essential)  
* Kaolectrolyte (powder pedialyte)  
* Lotrimin AF (for yeast infection)  
* Thermometer  
* Rid (for lice & scabies)  
* PediaCare (best thing for congestion & runny nose)  
* Benadryl  
* Mylecon (or other gas med.)  
* Hydrocortisone cream  
* Kaopectate (diarrhea)  
* Motrin (for high fevers, alternate w/ Tylenol)  
* Ceclor (recommended antibiotic if your ped. will give it)

Food:
Note: although you will be eating in restaurants most of the time, there are times when your baby is finally asleep or too fussy and you just don't have the energy to leave the room. During these times, you will really appreciate having some meal-like snacks to tie you over.
* Dried fruit  
* Peanut butter  
* Crackers  
* Candy (for you and to give to children you meet on the street)  
* Cheese & crackers packets  
* Apple juice boxes (for children)  
* Kix  
* Tuna salad & cracker kits (they were a lifesaver on our first trip, but now I'm a veg., so I'll need something else)

Other:
Mary's List

Mary's list can be seen through the link below.

[Link to Mary's List]

Christine's Lists

Mike's carry-on

- Juliet's toiletries
- Talcum powder
- Baby toothbrush, toothpaste
- Medicine dropper
- Balmex
- Ipecac
- Medicine measuring spoon
- PediaCare decongestant
- Baby bath
- Baby Tylenol
- Baby antihistamine
- Antibiotic cream
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Nasal aspirator
- Prescriptions: Emla, Amoxicillin

Mike and My toiletries

- Toothpaste
- Two sample-size deodorants

Suitcases

- Avent bottle
- Tupperware container for washing stuff (didn't use)
- Collapsible mugs (didn't use)
- Baby wipes
- Nipples
- Teething toys
- Baby spoons
- Pacifier and clip
- Bottle
- Bottle brush
- Cheerios in Tupperware container
- 2 baby books
- Coffee dripper (didn't use)
- Water filter
- Gerber biters biscuits
- Cheerios in another Tupperware
- 3 bottles of prunes in babyfood
- Apple sauce
Dish detergent
Face cleaner
Shaving gel
Q-tips
Kleenex pack
Facial cleaner
Facial moisturizer
Hand sanitizer
Shampoo
Conditioner
Leave-in conditioner
Hair gel
Pepto
Nasal saline (for dryness)
Afrin nasal spray
Vaseline (to put inside bottom of nasal passages-helps prevent cold virus from settling)
Band-aids
Prescriptions: Guifnenex (sinus headache medicine), flonase (more sinus stuff) cipro, cipro, ambien (sleep)

Hip hammock (www.hiphammock.com <http://www.hiphammock.com>)
Official papers
Felt-tip pens
Ball-point pens
Baby wipes
Baby lap blankets
Baby wash clothes
1 avent bottle
package of 100 bottle liners

Christine's Carry-On
2 finger puppets for the airplane
caterpillar toy
2 teething toys
hand sanitizer
pacifier (with holder)
baby wipes
2 adult books
2 children's board books
3 ballpoint pens
1 outfit for Juliet
1 sleeper for Juliet
10 diapers
4 pairs my underwear
4 pairs Mike's underwear
1 bra

Christine's Fanny Pack
Hand sanitizer
Tissues
Passport
Airline tickets
Sample-size moisturizer
Hair clip
Cash
Credit cards
stacking cups
tissue
small baby bottle
sewing kit
alcohol wipes
diapers
thermos
needles (in case we need any injections - didn't actually bring)
cloth diapers
soy formula
rice cereal
formula packages
nail clippers
balance bars
four dehydrated meals (in case of food emergency)

Juliet's Clothes
6 sleepers
6 onesies
6 outfits
3 hats
3 fleece sleepers/outfits
8 pairs of socks
1 wool jacket
1 bathing suit (definitely did not need!)

Clothes for Christine
15 pairs of underwear (divided between both suitcases)
1 pair pajamas
1 nightshirt
1 red, wool, button-up shirt
2 undershirts
black AT pants
black jeans
brown soft pants
brown cotton sweater
khakis
brown 3/4-sleeve brown sweater
fuschia blouse with rose cardigan
beige silk, knit sweater set
5 pairs socks

Clothes for Mike
3 pairs flat-front khakis
4 button-up, casual shirt
1 work-out outfit
1 pair sneakers
5 pairs socks
1 pair pajama pants
### Mary’s packing list for China

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**Mary’s packing list for China**

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**Need to do, buy, get**

- Critical information sheet – leave at home (itinerary, phone #s, credit card list, etc.)
- Get $1000 Travelers cheques
- Get Chinese VISA
- Get some Chinese money
- Make arrangements for someone to look in on mom
- Make travel arrangement – plane ticket, airport transportation
- Get cash ($3500 in new $100 bills/ $30 in $1/ $70 in $5/ $300 in $10/ $200 in $20/ $400 in $50)
- Three copies of important documents – take 2 in separate places (my carry-on, travel companions carry-on), leave 1 home near a fax (include passport photo page and return airline ticket)
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Göteborg

http://cityguide-europe.com/se/goteborg/?menu=att&cat=attractions
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- An Ancient Chinese Belief

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Fu Yue Lan

DOB February 1, 2003
DOR November 18, 2003
Province Jiangxi
SWI Fuzhou
DTC 2/13/03
ACR 0-8 months AYAP
Agency GWCA

We would like to announce the referral of our beautiful daughter!
We are so very happy!!

Pan Chun Bing

DOB January 2, 2003
DOR November 18, 2003
Province Guangdong
SWI Gaozhou
DTC 2/13/03
ACR 6-12 months
Agency FTIA

We are so blessed and can’t wait to meet the miraculous Chun Bing.
Melody Grace Yuan

**DOR:** Nov. 18, 2003  
**DTC:** Feb. 27, 2003  
**DOB:** March 7, 2003  
**ACR:** 6-12 m.  
**Province:** Guangdong  
**SWI:** Dongguan  
**Agency:** GWCA

Wow, what a ride!  
The best is yet to come!!!

Abigail

**DOR:** 2/18/03  
**DTC:** 2/13/03  
**DOB:** 2/15/03  
**ACR:** 18-24 months  
**City:** Maoming  
**(Guandong)**  
**SWI:** Maoming  
**Agency:** CCAI

Sue and Darryl are pleased to announce the referral of Abigail Huandie! We are absolutely thrilled, and she is beautiful beyond words.

Jiang Ge

**DOR:** 11/17/03  
**DTC:** 02/20/02  
**DOB:** 03/19/03  
**ACR:** 0-12 months  
**Dianjiang SWI**  
**Chongqing Municipality**  
**CHI**

We are truly blessed by this child!

Feng Ruo Qi
soon to be Tian Alessandra QiRuo  

DOR: November 17, 2003  
DTC: January 31, 2003  
(logged Feb. 11/03)  
DOB: January 22, 2003  
ACR: AYAP  
City: Fengcheng City, Jiangxi  
SWI: Fengcheng SWI  
Agency: Children’s Bridge, Ontario, Canada  

Love at first sight!  

soon to be Reagan Olivia Campo  

DOR: 11/18/03  
DTC: 2/19/03  
DOB: 11/25/02  
ACR: 0-12 months  
City: Yong Ning Guangxi  
Agency: CCAI  

God has blessed us richly!  
Big brothers, Canaan, Keaton, Courtland and big sister, Grayson are so excited to meet their sister. Thank you, Firecrackers for all your support!  

Fu Chong Mei  

DOR: 11/17/03  
DTC: 02/26/03  
DOB: 01/18/03  
ACR: 0-12mos.  
City: Fuzhou, Jiangxi Province  
SWI: Fuzhou SWI  
Agency: Lavida  

We are happy to welcome our new addition, who joins her overjoyed big sister Casey Penghong (Bengbu City, Anhui Province).  

Maya HuanYing  

DOR: 11/18/2003  
DTC: 2/13/2003  
DOB: 2/1/200  
ACR: ATAP  
City: Guangdong Province  

We are humbled and overjoyed to introduce Maya HuanYing (Huan Ying means Bright/Pure Present). She is all we have dreamed of for
Guo Kui Xin  
aka Bethany  
DOR: 11/17/03  
DTC: 01/27/03  
DOB: 01/21/03  
ACR: 0-18 mos AYAP  
City: ZhuZhou, Hunan  
SWI: ZhuZhou Children's Welfare Institute  
Agency: Lifelink

She is cute as a bug and we love her already. We can't wait to bring her home.

Hazel WeiPing

DOR: 11/18/03  
DTC: 2/18/03  
DOB: 1/5/03  
ACR: ayap, turns out we wanted a 10.5 month old!!  
City: Ma’anshan, Anhui Province  
SWI: Ma’anshan  
Agency: Brightside

Here is our beautiful girl! We are so filled with happiness, it is unbelievable.  
- Molly and Lars

Jin Ying Ping

DOR: 11/17/03  
DTC: 2/20/03  
DOB: 3/01/03  
ACR: 0-18 months  
City: Maoming, Guangdong  
SWI: Maoming Maonan  
Agency: CHI

We feel very blessed to announce the referral of our daughter Jin Ying Ping, soon to be Rachel Jin-Ying Thorn!!
Long Fu Xue
soon to be AnnaKate Li Xue
DOR: 11-19-03
DTC: 02-19-03
DOB: 01-29-03
ACR: ayap
City: Jiangxi Province
SWI: Suichuan Welfare Institute
Agency: A Helping Hand

We are so excited about our new daughter Long Fu Xue, soon to be AnnaKate Li Xue! We can't wait to hold this precious one.

Olivia Susanne FuYu
DOR: 11-19-03
DTC: 2-19-03
DOB: 3-7-03
ACR: 0-12 months AYAP
City: Jiangxi
SWI: Suichuan
Agency: A Helping Hand

We are blessed with a beautiful daughter! Words can not describe the joy and happiness we feel!!

Natalie Grace
DOR: 11/18/03
DTC: 2/19/03
DOB: 12/14/02
ACR: 6-14 months
City: Guangdong Province
SWI: Gaozhou
Agency: Families Through International Adoption

We feel so blessed to receive the referral of Pan Zi Hui - our "Splendid Child". She is more adorable that we could have ever imagined. We can't wait until she is in our arms. Thanks to everyone who helped us through this process. She is our sunshine!
Joe, Lynne, Christopher (9), Austin (7), and Reilly (3) are thrilled to announce the referral of their sister, Jiang Xun - soon to be Caden Lee.

Proud Mom and Dad
Dena and Eric

We are thrilled to add Grace to our family. She will be loved and cherished for a lifetime.

Introducing our first child--our baby daughter Kelly Martin!
CHENG YUE

We are very proud to introduce Sophie daughter of Donna and John, sister of Isabella. We are all so very blessed and wish all of you much happiness.

Fu Sha Na

We are thrilled beyond belief! And we feel fortunate to be blessed with this child. She is already loved by us and many others. We will call her Lily.

Sha Sha

We are in love!
Abigail Lian

Agency: AWAA

DOR: November 20, 2003
DTC: February 14, 2003
DOB: October 16, 2002
Province: Guangxi Province
SWI: Guigang Social Welfare Institute
Agency: AWAA

Peter and Gail are grateful to God for the blessing of their daughter Abby and can't wait to have her in their arms!

Lillian Jane ZhaoYing

DOR: Nov. 17, 2003
DOB: Feb. 11, 2003
ACR: ASAP
City: Yuanling, Hunan Province
SWI: Yuanling City
Agency: Holt

Words can't begin to describe the level of happiness in our hearts.
Life is good!

Lucy Auguste

DOB: 03/13/03
A Helping Hand
Words cannot describe how thankful we are for our daughter. Congratulations everyone let's go to China!!

"You talkin' to me?"

Pan Zai Zhao
- DOR: November 17, 2003
- DTC: February 12, 2003
- DOB: December 1, 2002
- ACR: under a year
- City: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province
- SWI: Panyu Dist. Social Welfare Institute
- Agency: Seedlings

Sui Xiao Mei
- Emily Grace
- DOR: November 20, 2003
- DTC: February 21, 2003
- DOB: January 11, 2003
- ACR: 6 to 12 Months
- Province: Guandong
- Orphanage: Suixi SWI
- Agency: AWAA
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Molly Elizabeth

DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 2/19/03
DOB: 2/9/03
ACR: AYAP
City: Gaoyou
SWI: Gaoyou Children’s Welfare Institute
Agency: Faith International

Rick and Melissa are the proud parents of Molly Elizabeth. Molly has a sister Lili Grace who was also adopted from China in 2002. God has blessed this family!

Fu Chun Liu's referral picture
Sophie Qiong
DOR: 10/23/03
DTC: 1/24/03
DOB: 1/10/03
ACR: 9 1/2 months
City: Guangdong Province
SWI: Qingxin
Agency: ICA

Meet My Family
We are so blessed!

Maya HuanYing
DOR: 11/18/2003
DTC: 2/13/2003
DOB: 2/1/2003
ACR: ATAP
City: Guangdong Province
- she's a beach girl!! :)
SWI: Mao Ming Orphanage
Agency: CCAI

Meet My Family
We are humbled and overjoyed to introduce
Maya
HuanYing
Rudo (Huan Ying means Bright/Pure Present).
She is all we have dreamed
of for more than a year now and is already loved
more than we ever thought
possible! Thank you everyone for your love and
support!

Fu, Bo Fang
DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 2/26/03
DOB: 2/07/03
ACR: 0-12 mo
City: Fuzhou SWI
Agency: CAWLI

Meet My Family
Soon to be Cassidy BoFang Hayes. Daughter of Tim and
Teresa Hayes, Little Sister to Derek Hayes

Fu Hui Ru
Soon to be Emory
DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 02/10/03
DOB: 02/04/03
ACR: AYAP
City: Chonqing, Sichuan province
SWI: First SWI of Fuling
Agency: Bay Area Adoption Services

Sophia Flower Xiang
DOR: 27 Nov 03 (this is date-of-referral, right?)
DTC: 31 Jan 03/01 Feb 03
DOB: 27 Dec 02
ACR: AYAP
City: Chongqing
SWI: Fuling
Agency: Harrah Family Services

Already, she rules with tiny fists of iron.

Cheng, Qi
DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 2/12/03
DOB: 12/4/02
ACR: 0-12 months
AYAP
City: Wuhan, Hubei Province
SWI: Xiaogan Social Welfare Institute
Agency: European Adoption Consultants

It is with great joy and happiness that we announce the referral of our beloved daughter, Cheng, Qi, soon to be Lily Elise Qi Jahn. Counting the days until we can hold her in our arms!

Rebecca Qu Rasmussen
DOR: Nov 17, 2003
DTC: Feb 2003
DOB: Feb 9, 2003
ACR: AYAP
City: Chongqing
SWI: Chongqing Fuling

We are stunned! We are so happy we will be together soon with Becky as a family. The hole in our hearts has been filled!
FU XIN YANG

DOR: 11/17/2003  
DTC: 02/26/2003  
DOB: 03/10/2003  
ACR: AYAP  
City: Chongqing, Sichuan  
SWI: First Social Welfare Institute of Fuling  
Agency: Crossroads Adoption Services  

We remain on "Cloud Nine" as we celebrate the news of our daughter and sister, soon to be named Grace [Chinese Name] Guyer. We are the luckiest family and feel so very blessed!! Thank you to all for the support of this web group!! Phill, Pam and Allie Guyer

Fu Xin Huan

soon to be: Emily Katherine Grace Xin

DOR: November 17, 2003  
DTC: Feb, 2003  
DOB: March 25, 2003  
ACR: as young as possible  
Chongqing, Fuling SWI  
Agency: Crossroads of Edina, Minnesota  
Proud and thrilled  
Mommy: Derrinda

Jade is thrilled that she now has a baby sister (and not a brother). We all feel very blessed tonight.

Haley Xilin Ning, Fu Xi

DOR: Nov. 18, 2003  
DTC: Feb. 27, 2003  
DOB: Jan. 24, 2003  
ACR: Under 12 months  
City: Yong Ning, Guangxi  
SWI: Yong Ning  
Agency: CCAI
We are over the moon! We feel very blessed to be granted this beautiful daughter from China, and we’re looking forward to welcoming our daughter and baby sister to the family. Special thanks to all the "February Firecrackers" for making the wait more fun and tolerable!

Guo Kui Yan
Soon to be Abigail KuiYan Scott
DOR: 11-17-03
DTC: 2-12-03
DOB: 1-24-03
ACR: 0-10 mos/AYAP
City: ZhuZhou City, Hunan
SWI: ZhuZhou Children's Welfare Institute
Agency: Lifelink

We are excited to introduce our daughter!

Fu Zha Hong
Soon to be Amy An-Mei Yamamoto Tjeltveit
DOR: 18 November 2003
DTC: 13 February 2003
DOB: 25 January 2003
ACR: 6-12 months
SWI: Fuzhou
Agency: Great Wall China Adoption

We are over the moon for this little girl. I can't stand it. I have a permanent smile on my face and can't help it. I am in trouble for sure. How do you say "No" to this little angel face?

Pan Bi Wan
to be known as EmmaLi Janae Taghan
DOR: 2/18/200
DTC: 2/14/2003
DOB: 2/10/2003
ACR: 0-24 months
City: Kunming
SWI: Kunming Children's Welfare Institute
Agency: GWCA
Yuan Yu Se
DOR: Nov. 18, 2003
DTC: Feb 13, 2003
DOB: Dec 13, 2002
ACR: YAP
City: Guangxi
SWI: Nanning SWI
Agency: CCAI

Words can't describe...
Adopting Parents: Fritz and Tami Miller

Min Ruo Shan
DOR: 11/18/03
DTC: 2/27/03
DOB: 10/10/02
ACR: 12-18 month NSN
City: Guigang, Guangxi
SWI: Guigang Mother's Love Orphanage
Agency: CCAI

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome soon to be Marie Irene Shan into our forever family. Jei Jei, Anna, can't wait to have baby sister home.

He Yu Jin
DOR: 11-18-03
DTC: 02-13-02
DOB: Dec 18th 2002
ACR: 0-12 months
City: Fushan City, Guangdong
SWI: Sanshui SWI
Agency: CCAI

Here is our newest addition. We are so excited. Her big sister is thrilled. Her shirt says "Fly a Kite" which we are translating into "swinging from the chandlier" baby, don't let the serious face fool you!

Fu Hua Li
DOR: 11/17/03

We are thrilled beyond words
ShanShan Hong

DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 02/28/03
DOB: 11/25/02
ACR: AYAP
City: Nanchang, Jiangxi
SWI: Nanchang SWI
Agency: CAWLI

Thank you so much for all of your support everyone! We could not have made it through this wait without all of you. Here is to lifelong friendships and families.

Love,
Lizzie and Peter Hourigan ... and now Ella too.

Qiu Xiao He
Soon to be Ella Ruth XiaoHe Hourigan

DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 02/11/03
DOB: 02/27/03
ACR: 0-12 AYAP
City: Guang Dong Province
SWI: Yang Xi SWI
Agency: LSSNE

Meet My Family

Yi Li Wei
soon to be Tess Alexandra Li Bond-Keith

DOR: 11/17/03
DTC: 02/13/03
DOB: 02/27/03
ACR: 0-12 AYAP
City: Jiangxi Province
SWI: Fuzhou Orphanage
Agency: CAWLI

to be welcoming our new little angel to our family. She will be called Emily and she has a huge place in our hearts. We could never imagine such happiness!! Lisa, Tom, & Jessica Devine

Meet My Family
We are pleased to announce the referral of Yu Xiao Rui ("Little Good-Omen") from Yulin, Shaanxi. Born 12/17/2002.

**Yu Xiao Rui**

DOR: 10/3/03  
DTC: 2/10/03  
DOB: 11/25/02  
ACR: 0-18 months  
City: Yulin, Shaanxi  
SWI: Yulin Childrens Welfare Institute  
Agency:
Annika

DOR: 7/2/03
DTC: 1/17/03
DOB: 9/4/02
ACR:
City:
SWI:
Agency:

We are so happy to announce the referral of our dear daughter, Lauren. She is living with a loving foster family in Guang Dong Province. Her foster parents have taken care of her very well. She has an outgoing personality. When she is hungry, she will make sounds like "Ai Chi" which means, "Love to eat" in Chinese. She is very, very cute. We cannot wait to go to get her soon.

Lauren

DOR: 7/2/03
DTC: 1/30/03
DOB: 9/4/02
ACR:
City:
SWI:
Agency:

It is with great joy that we announce our referral for our daughter. She was born on 9/4/02 and located in Hunan Province.
About Us

Name(s): Rick and Melissa

Home State/Country: Washington State

Age(s): 43 & 40

Agency: Faith International

DTC: 2/14/03

ACR: AYAP

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Lili Grace adopted 2002 from China

Occupation(s): Communications Engineer & Stay at home Mom

Hobbies: Reading, fishing, camping

Pets: Buster and Angel (dogs)

E-mail: ourlili@yahoo.com
About Us

Molly and Lars

Home State/Country: NYC

Age(s): 30, 34

Agency: Brightside


ACR: As young as possible (but we will be overjoyed with any age!)

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: none yet!

Occupation(s): Molly - Preschool teacher and illustrator; Lars - Theatre professor

Hobbies: seeing theatre and movies, birdwatching (it was more fun when we lived in MA. Now it's pretty much pigeons! :) ) gardening

Pets: One sweet cat - Olive

E-mail: mollychick@earthlink.net
About Us

**Monica and Rick**

**NAMES:** Rick and Monica Schiffler

**CITY/STATE:** Dayton, Ohio

**AGES:** We're both 38

**AGENCY:** Great Wall China Adoption

**DTC:** Feb. 13, 2003

**ACR:** less than one year, if possible

**GENDER REQUESTED:** Female

**CHILDREN:** none

**OCCUPATIONS:** Rick has worked at Books & Co. bookstore for the past 10 years. Monica is a copywriter for a local advertising agency.

**HOBBIES:** We both enjoy reading (surprise!), listening to music (Rick also plays many instruments), being around animals, working on our house, ice skating and going to hockey games. Rick loves to cook and try new hot sauces. Monica has always loved antiques and going to flea markets, and has finally become a "seller" on ebay and at local flea markets to help raise adoption funds.

**PETS:** Two Boston Terriers, Daisy and Penny; two cats, Claudia and Baxter; two box turtles, Max and Maggie; and two tortoises, Belle and Sparky. Daisy and Penny have prepared us somewhat for parenting a baby! (Monica's Mom says if we can handle those two "tiny terrors," we'll have no problem with a baby!!!)

**E-mail:** Monica -- monica82864@aol.com
Rick -- rjs1539@aol.com

[Extra paragraph:] We have decided on the name Amy for our baby. Middle name will either be Lin or part of her Chinese name. We have already painted her room lavendar and have assembled the crib, changing table and rocking cradle that Rick's sister bought for us. She is definitely the most excited person in both our families about our adoption; she literally screamed when we told her the news! We are both very excited and cannot wait to be parents. This will the first grandchild for Monica's parents, so that's pretty special too.
About Us

Moya and Mark

Home State/Country: North Carolina

Age(s): 46 and 39 (and holding!)

Agency: CHI

DTC: 02/20/03

ACR: 0-12 mo

Gender of child requested: f

Children: Rogan (7) Evan (5) Claire Xiaolian (2)

Occupation(s): Engineering Manager (Mark) and SAHMom (Moya)

Hobbies: Reading, gardening, anything with the kids
About Us

Home State/Country: Schenectady, NY

Age(s): 38 & 36

Agency: Wide Horizons for Children

DTC: 2/13/03 LID 2/18/03

ACR: 0-12mos

Gender of child requested: F (Requested Yangzhou Social Welfare)

Children: Josie - Age 2 - Yangzhou SWI, Jiangsu Province - Family Day 12/11/01

Occupation(s): Matt - Compliance Officer (Third Party Insurance Administrator), Pam - Supervisor, Accounting Operations (IPA - HMO)


Pets: 2 Fish Tanks. One Marine & One Fresh

E-mail: mpmoore123@msn.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Washington

Age(s): 33 and 35

Agency: WACAP

DTC: February 19, 2003

ACR: 6-13mos

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Shana age 7, Mason age 5

Occupation(s): Patty is a stay home mom, Mark is a Fish Biologist

Hobbies: Patty likes scrapbooking, listening to music, going to concerts and any time alone! Mark likes reading, golfing, fishing and hunting.

Pets: 1 small dog.

E-mail: mpsm@velocitus.net
About Us

Robbie and Stan

Name(s): Stan and Robbie
Home State/Country: Georgia
Age(s): 40 and 38
Agency: Bethany Christian Services
DTC: Feb. 19
ACR: 0-24 months
Gender of child requested: female
Children: Whitney, 15 in July; Caleb, 12
Occupation(s): Stan is a truck driver. Robbie teaches remedial students in fourth grade.
Hobbies: We like to jog and do things with the kids. We are currently working on the landscaping around our home. We are very active in our church, where Robbie is pianist. Whitney loves drama and singing. Caleb loves tennis and his guitar.
Pets: Taco, the chihuahua
E-mail: robbiemattox@accessatc.net
About Us

Rosary and Ron

Home State/Country: Florida

Age(s): 37 & 41

Agency: CCAI (Chinese Children Adoption International)

DTC: 2/27/03

ACR: <12 mos.

Gender of child requested: Either

Children: Jade (b. 4/99, a. 1/2000), Huainan, Anhui

Occupation(s): Rosary: Freelance writer/Ron: Mechanical Engineer

Hobbies: Reading, theater, movies, exploring new and interesting vegetarian restaurants/recipes, going to the beach (which is about 1/2 mile from home), shopping, Disney World, Splendid China, meditating, hanging out with our wonderful daughter and her group of four year old buds.

Pets: None, but I think hubby will cave to the two cats Jade has been wanting one of these days.

E-mail: RosaryA@earthlink.net
About Us

Home State/Country: Massachusetts (originally from London and Texas)

Age(s): 36 & 47

Agency: China Adoption with Love

DTC: Feb 26th, 2003

ACR: As young as possible

Gender of child requested: Baby Girl

Children: 2 year old Olivia Rose An from Jiangxi Province

Occupation(s): Mother and Construction Manager

Hobbies: Singing, playing the piano, hiking, writing mysteries & swimming in Walden Pond!

Pets: Dusty Dawg - shepherd/husky mix (aged 9) and Chaos friendliest pitt bull/boxer in the world (aged 4)

E-mail: bondsam@hotmail.com
About Us

Name(s): John & Sharon Forsyth - and daughter Liana Forsyth

Home State/Country: Canada

Age(s): 53 (him), 42 (her), 3 (Liana)

Agency: Children's Bridge

DTC: February 25, 2003 (log-in date)

ACR: under one year

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: 1 - Liana, adopted from China March 12, 2001

Occupation(s): Accountant; Paralegal

Hobbies: Woodworking, reading (him); cooking, reading (her)

Pets: Mesa, a 10-year-old Brittany Spaniel

Sharon and John

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Susan and Chip

Home State/Country: California
Age(s): 35 & 39
Agency: Bay Area Adoption Services
DTC: 2/10/03
ACR: 0-10 months AYAP
Gender of child requested: girl
Children: she will be our first
Occupation(s): Susan is a pediatric physical therapist & Chip is a business school professor
Hobbies:
Susan-hiking/backpacking, gardening, crafting, (just recently added quilting to my bag of tricks!) & reading when I have any left over time and energy
Chip- reading, researching and any other academic pursuits as well as supporting & encouraging Susan from the comfort of his office as she enjoys her hobbies
E-mail: susanheathpt@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Sue is from Northampton, England. Darryl is from Zachary, Louisiana. We currently live in Yorktown, Virginia. Alex was born here in Virginia.

Age(s): Sue is 40, Darryl is 39. Alex is almost 4.

Agency: CCAI

DTC: 2/13/03

ACR: 24 months, but would be thrilled with any age.

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Alex, almost 4. Can't wait for his sister!

Occupation(s): Sue teaches high school math, Darryl is an active duty Navy Master Chief. Alex messes up the house!

Hobbies: Sue - scrapbooking. Darryl - cars. We both enjoy home improvement, gardening, books and movies.

Pets: Maggie, a very grumpy (but affectionate) 12 year old Calico cat.

E-mail: dyoes@cox.net, syoes@cox.net

Web Page: www.members.cox.net/yoes-d (but it's not updated very often...)
About Us

Home State/Country: Ohio

Age(s): Henry - 35, Susan - 33

Agency: A Helping Hand

DTC: Feb. 19, 2003

ACR: ) - 14 mos or AYAP

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: none

Occupation(s): Henry - IT professional and a helicopter pilot for Ohio National Guard, Susan - Artist but currently an Assistant Manager at Oilily (a clothing store)

Hobbies: Susan - reading, fishing, snowmobiling, and anything creative; Henry - bow hunting, running, swimming

Pets: Dog - New Foundland, yes he's very large. 162lbs

E-mail: lucyhome03@hotmail.com

Family web page:
About Us

Tami and Fritz

Home State/Country: Georgia
Age(s): 35, 33
Agency: CCAI
ACR: AYAP
Gender of child requested: Girl

Children:
Occupation(s): Graphic Designer, Resale Store Owner
Hobbies: travel, reading, gardening, long walks
Pets: Sasha - our beautiful cat
E-mail: fritz1910@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Nova Scotia, Canada

Age(s): Teresa (34), Peter (35)

Agency: Children from China

DTC: February 12, 2003

ACR: AYAP up to 12 months for single, AYAP up to 18 months for twins

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: none

Occupation(s): Teresa, Early Interventionist (special needs pre-schoolers and their families) and Peter, Automobile Parts Manager

Hobbies: Boating, reading, fishing, running and gardening

Pets: Bogart (6 year old basset hound) and Tony (2 year old chow-shepard mix)

E-mail: t.huskilson@ns.sympatico.ca
About Us

Teresa and Tim

Home State/Country: Kentucky

Age(s): 33 & 42

Agency: China Adoption With Love

DTC: 2/20/03 Mailed

ACR: 0-12 AYAP

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: 1 Son 14 Yrs old

Occupation(s): Teresa- Real Estate Sales,
Tim - Police Captain

Hobbies: traveling, cooking, scuba diving

Pets: 2 Cats, 1 Dog, 1 Cockatoo

E-mail: teresahayes@fuse.net
About Us

Home State/Country: Alabama

Age(s): Tracie 40, Olsen 39

Agency: Great Wall China Adoption

DTC: 2/13/03

ACR: AYAP 0-8 months

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: none

Occupation(s): Tracie is a full time artist and Olsen is an artist and coordinator/instructor at a Visual Arts and Communications Academy. Currently both are artists in residence at the Thomas Project in historic Thomas, Alabama and stable artists at Bare Hands Gallery in Birmingham, Alabama.

Hobbies: We both enjoy reading, gardening, and travel. We collect art and McCoy pottery. We love music and movies.

Pets: 2 dogs and 3 cats. Ruben is a Jack Russell. Ivy is a Shepherd Chow mix. The cats are George, Rainey and Rosie. They are the center of our universe!

E-mail: thepainter@tracienolesross.com and mail@olsenross.com

Web Pages:
Family web page at

http://www.calliopejane.com/index.html

www.tracienolesross.com and
www.olsenross.com
About Us

Valerie and Russ

Home State/Country: Texas
Age(s): 41 & 37
Agency: GWCA
DTC: 2/27/03
ACR: up to 12 months
Gender of child requested: F
Children: Harmony (2/3/03)
Occupation(s): Public School Band Director & Elementary School Teacher but now a SAHM!
Hobbies: Russ: Fishing, Carpentry
Val: Computer Scrapbooking, Video Editing, Helping with Band Program
Family: Camping, Boating, and whatever else we find that we enjoy with our two girls....
Pets: Daisy the Golden Retriever; Kitty the Cat
E-mail: russnval@airmail.net
About Us

Vivienne, Paul and Mei

Home State/Country: Western Australia

Age(s): 37, 37, 6

Agency: Department of Community Development, Western Australia

DTC: 19th Feb 2003

ACR: 2 - 4 years, special needs

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: Mei, 6 years old

Occupation(s): Librarian and Software Engineer

Hobbies: Bike riding, travel, swimming, reading

Pets: Siamese cat- Winnie

Paul and Vivienne and Mei like riding their triple bicycle and meeting up with friends for a coffee. We hope to do some work in our garden of the house we have just bought.

Going to China and adopting Mei was the best thing to happen to us and we are thrilled to be adopting our 2nd daughter.
About Us

Home State/Country: Germantown, TN (suburb of Memphis)

Age(s): Cheryl 36, Matt 40

Agency: Dillion International

DTC: Feb. 9, 2003

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: Either; we requested twins or siblings

Children: This will be our first child.

Occupation(s): Cheryl - Financial Planner, Matt - Financial Planner (Have to love working together!)

Hobbies: Cheryl - working out, traveling, movies, TIVO
Matt - woodworking, home repairs, yard work, golf, movies, cooking

Pets: Empty fish tank!

E-mail: crkelley@pathwayoflife.com
mbailey@pathwayoflife.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Florida, USA

Age(s): 34 & 42

Agency: Harrah Family Services

DTC: Jan. 31, 2003

ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: Girl.


Occupation(s): Tabloid Poet & Social Worker

Hobbies: Travel, cooking, music (listening and making), gardening, tai chi chuan (mostly Grant on that last one).

Pets: 1 noble hound, Shorty. 2 common cats, Giselle & Little Bear.

E-mail: grantimatter@yahoo.com

Web Page: www.flyingfists.org
About Us

Home State/Country: The Netherlands

Age(s): Bart 34 and Karin 31

Agency: Wereldkinderen

DTC: 13-02-2003

ACR: 6 - 12 months

Gender of child requested: none

Children: none

Hobbies: Bart : Cars (we have a Oldsmobile 98 from 1969) and his computer,
Karin : Gardening, reading and swimming

Pets: Two Cats, Tom and Toeter

E-mail: kvanoverbeek-elbertse@planet.nl
About Us

Home State/Country: Massachusetts

Age(s): 40 + 39

Agency: CAWLI

DTC: 1/29/03

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: Hillary (13), Matthew (11), Christopher (7)

Occupation(s): Software Engineer, Domestic Engineer

Hobbies: children

Pets: 2 golden retrievers, 1 golden cat, several fish

E-mail: pfditmars@hotmail.com
About Us

Home State/Country: The Netherlands

Age(s): 34, 34 and 3

Agency: Child & Future

DTC: 1/27/03

ACR: up to 12 months

Gender of child requested: either

Children: 1 girl, Jasmin Age 3, adopted from Bengbu in December 2000

Occupation(s): Janny, webshop-owner, Richard a cook in a Protestant Military Home

Hobbies: Internet, reading

Pets: 2 Cats, Ghandi and Spooky

E-mail: jpolch@hetnet.nl

Web Page: www.deleukstekleertjes.nl
About Us

Home State/Country: Denmark

Age(s): 36 & 33

Agency: AC International Child support

DTC: 25 February 2003

Gender of child requested: either

Children: Cecilie Jin, 2, adopted in April 2002 from Guangxi Province, Nanning Social Welfare Institute

Occupation(s): Toolmaker and teacher

Hobbies: reading, computers, travelling

E-mail: tm.jespersen@mail.tele.dk
About Us

Home State/Country: The Netherlands

Age(s): Henriette 39, Cees 42 and Lisa 3.5

Agency: Wereldkinderen (NICWO)

DTC: 13-02-03

ACR: born between July 2001 and January 2002

Gender of child requested: none


Occupation(s): Cees is owner of a carpet and upholstery cleaning firm. Henriette is a biochemical research technician at the University of Groningen

Hobbies: Cees bowling, gardening, Henriette internet, needlework

Pets: 2 cats Cheetah and Lucky

E-mail: henriette.rozeboom@home.nl
About Us

Home State/Country: Ontario, Canada

Age(s): me 41, David (turning 42)

Agency: Children’s Bridge

DTC: Feb. 25/03

ACR: under a year

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: 0

Occupation(s): I am a grade 3 teacher, David works for a ceramic tile company

Hobbies: me--writing, swimming, aqua fit, reading, chatting with my new e-mail friends on YAHOO adoption groups
David-watching sports, bowling, doing huge puzzles, reading

Pets: none

E-mail: theresae.martin@sympatico.ca

David and I are anxious for our new baby to join our family. We have been married 2 and 1/2 years. We enjoy travelling, going on day trips, shopping, watching videos and just hanging out together. I have taught for 14 years and have enjoyed teaching hundreds of children but can’t wait to start teaching our own little daughter how to enjoy books and sing songs and to love learning new things!!
Mary and Anna Marie

About Us

Home State/Country: Ohio/USA

Age(s): Anna is 3, Mary is much older than that

Agency: CCAI

DTC: February 27, 2003

ACR: 12-18 months, NSN

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Anna Marie Wen (age 3) anxiously waiting for "my sister" Marie Irene something Chinese

Occupation(s): Currently External Relations (PR) for a major consumer goods company and Executive Director of a parenting institute of baby/child health & development experts

Hobbies: singing, theater, watching Barney - Dora - Wiggles - Disney music videos (this is Anna not Mary)

Pets: As Anna states - "I know, I know ... if I go poopoo in the potty I get my dog!" She really misses Chris (golden that died on Thanksgiving 02) so you would think this would be incentive to finish potty training - NOT!
About Us

Kathy and Bill

Home State/Country: Michigan

Age(s): Bill- 46   Kathy-45

Agency: Bethany Christian Services

DTC: February 10, 2003

ACR: Infant 0-12 months old

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Ian- 12 yrs old

Occupation(s): X-Ray Tech and Dental Hygienist

Hobbies: Woodworking, Crafts, Walking, Travel soccer

Pets: Chloe and Willy - dogs, Candy the cat

E-mail: william32030@msn.com
About Us

Home State/Country: California, USA

Age(s): 37, 36
Agency: AWAA
DTC: Feb 21, 2003
ACR: 6 to 18 Months
Gender of child requested: girl
Children: Madeline (9), Colter (8)
Occupation(s): Business Owner, Stay at Home Mom
Hobbies: Snow Skiing, Baseball, coaching kids sports, swimming, going to the beach, reading, family board games
Pets: Shadow (Yellow Lab)
E-mail: mcastleman@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Jacksonville, Florida

Age(s): 35 (Mom) 43 (Dad)

Agency: CCAI

DTC: Feb 19, 2003

ACR: birth-18mths

Gender of child requested: female

Children: two boys from Dad's first marriage-Joshua (22) Jeremy (17)

Occupation(s): Mom-Special Ed teacher

Dad-Behavioral Specialist at Alternative High School

Hobbies: Music, gardening,

Pets: Shelby (12 year old cocker spaniel/golden retriever mix)

E-mail: leslie_blanton@yahoo.com
About Us

Jenna and Steve

Home State/Country: South Dakota

Age(s): 37 & 33
Agency: Bethany Christian Services

DTC: February 10, 2003
ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Eleah, adopted from Hunan Province December 2000

Occupation(s): Computer Programmer & Homemaker

Hobbies: camping, walking, movies, roller coasters

Pets: not right now

E-mail: sjewilliams@sio.midco.net
Amy and James

We live in Stuart, Florida (east coast, about 30 miles north of Palm Beach)

James is 39 and Amy is 36

Agency: CCAI

DTC: 2/19/03

We have asked for a girl age 6 - 12 months

We have 4 bio children: Canaan 8, Keaton 6, Grayson 5, Courtland 3

James is a Financial Planner
Amy is a SAHM

Hobbies include kids, kids kids!!!

email: jjwcampo@aol.com or amy_campo@yahoo
About Us

Home State/Country: New Jersey, USA

Age(s): 53 and 35 (I'm a VERY young 53!)

Agency: Seedlings in Whippany, New Jersey

DTC: Feb. 12, 2003

ACR: under a year

Gender of child requested: Either

Children: Nancy’s two terrific kids from previous marriage: Natalie (25) and Nicholas (22)

Occupation(s): Nancy is a secretary for the government and Mike is a Police Officer

Hobbies: Nancy - bowling and shopping; Mike - softball

Pets: 1 dog, a Shih Tzu named Bailey and 1 Himalayan cat, Mr. Jinx

E-mail: nancdog21@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Kentucky

Age(s): Becky 35; David 41

Agency: A Helping Hand

DTC: m-1-31-03; L 2-19-03

ACR: AYAP (0-12m)

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: This will be our first although David has 2 stepsons from his first marriage he is still close to.

Occupation(s): Becky- Accounts Receivable Clerk; David - Truck driver

Hobbies: Bowling, reading

Pets: 1 very rotten dog named Snowball

E-mail: waitingforolivia@yahoo.com
About Us

Terry and Tony

Home State/Country: Idaho (North Idaho)

Age(s): 41, 35 and 3

Agency: WACAP

DTC: 2/19/03  LID: 2/25/03

ACR: 6 - 18 mos. AYAP

Gender of child requested: female

Children: Vincent (bio) 3 years old

Occupation(s): Physician and SAHM

Hobbies: Anything outdoors: riding our tandem with Vincent in tow (trailer), hiking, skiing, snowboarding, skating, cooking, sewing. We really enjoy our family time! Vincent enjoys anything to do with trains or big yellow machinery (basically anything with wheels).

Pets: Mugsie (nickname 'SPAZ'), Chocolate Lab, 9 yrs. and Targhee, Black Lab, 10 yrs.

E-mail: mugsierusso@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Colorado

Age(s): G-35, L-36

Agency: CCAI

DTC: 2/13/2003

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Bobby (10), Katie (6, going on 18)

Occupation(s): G-Attorney, L-homemaker

Hobbies: G-hunting, running, sports, kids. L-scrapbooking, cooking, reading, kids.

Pets: Kitty Biscuits, Sandy the evil hampster.

E-mail: lesleebrandt@yahoo.com
About Us

Carmen and Alex

Home State/Country: Rhode Island, USA

Age(s): 44 and 46

Agency: CAWLI

DTC: 1/31

ACR: 7 12 months

Gender of child requested: Daughter

Children: None; Lily when she arrives will be our first

Occupation(s): Carmen is a Nurse and Geriatric Care Manager;
Alex is a Manager of a Quality Measurement Department in a hospital

Hobbies: Carmen  Reading, Gardening, Sewing, Water Aerobics, New England Patriots, Dining Out, Travel; Alex Reading, movies, the "Y", Writing, Dining Out, Travel

Pets: Pumpkin, 11-year-old orange tabby

E-mail: carmen.roy@verizon.net; asperedelozzi@hotmail.com
About Us

Traci and Tom

Clinton, Illinois/USA

Both 37 (Traci turns 38 - 9/29)

Lifelink

01/27/2003

0-18 mos AYAP

Female

Katie - adopted from Nanchang, Jiangxi
7/4/01

Tom - Coal Mining Technician/Traci - Assistant Office Mgr.

Watching and competing in stock car races, NASCAR, camping

Dogs - Slim, Ginger/Cats - Tigger, Dukey & Baby

cas@family-net.net
About Us

Dena and Eric

Dena is 35   Eric is 33

Agency: Brightside

DTC is 2-20-03

age requested is AYAP

Gender requested is female

Occupations: Dena is a Family Day Care Provider; Eric is a manufacturer

Hobbies are craft fairs and flea markets

Pets: Snowball (Bichon)

Email is Dennnnnna@aol.com
About Us

Home State: Pa
Age: 36, 35
Agency: Bethany Christian Services
DTC: Feb.10,'03
ACR: 0-12 months
Gender: female
Children: 3 bio sons, Tanner-15, Shayne-12, & Aaron-6
Occupation: Account Executive and SAH mom
Hobbies: Dan - jogging, golf, reading, working in the yard, mountain biking, & riding his Yamaha. Laura - reading, cooking, cleaning (I'm a neat freak) baking, riding w/hubby on his Yamaha, chauffeuring kids where they need to be.
Pets: cat-Andie
Email: 1applesfmly@comcast.net
About Us

Home State/Country: PA

Age(s): 39 and 44

Agency: AftH

DTC: Feb 2003

ACR: 8-15 months

Gender of child requested: F

Children: Kira FangMin, age 3.5 going on 30. Nanning, GuanXi

Occupation(s): Computer Nerds

Hobbies: Gardening, computer gaming

Pets: 3 cats

E-mail: jpelletier@mindspring.com

Web Page: www.insulinquest.com
About Us

Home State/Country: North Carolina

Age(s): Both 41

Agency: Carolina Adoption Services

DTC: 2-10-03

ACR: 0-18 months

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Wu Miao Tong

Occupation(s): Tim-High School Biology Teacher/ Lisa-EC Teacher

Hobbies: Lisa-reading, spinning wool and knitting /Tim -raising llamas, scuba diving, mountaineering

Pets: Cat named Phoebe

E-mail: tscott3@triad.rr.com
About Us

Nathalie and Berny

Home State/Country: Hengelo, the Netherlands

Age(s): Berny 33 and Nathalie 30

Agency: Kind en Toekomst

DTC: 29 th of January 2003

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: ---

Children: not yet

Occupation(s): floormanager civil engineer company and teacher at a teacher training college

Hobbies: both: travelling, reading.

Pets: two cats, one bird and a rabbit

E-mail: bossewinkel@edith.nl
About Us

Home State/Country: Missouri

Age(s): 35 and 38

Agency: CHI

DTC: 3/7/03

ACR: ayap

Gender of child requested: female

Children: This is our first!

Occupation(s): Life Insurance Specialist and Kindergarten teacher

Hobbies: Reading, singing, theater

Pets: 1 dog: Holly and 2 cats: Maui and Kailua

Kelly and Mike
About Us

Home State/Country: Wisconsin/USA

Age(s): 41/39

Agency: Crossroads Adoption Services

DTC: 2/26/03

ACR: as young as possible

Gender of child requested: female

Children: Allie age 9

Occupation(s): Pharmacist/Nurse

Hobbies: Boating, camping, reading, woodworking (Phill), cross-stitching (Pam)

Pets: Bentley 3 year old Chocolate Lab

E-mail: pguyer@sbcglobal.net

Web Page: N/A
About Us

Home State/Country: Massachusetts

Age(s): 39, 40

Agency: WHFC

DTC: 13-Feb-03

ACR: 6-12 months, AYAP

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: 1 (4 yr old biological daughter)

Occupation(s): Both in pharmaceutical industry (MJ-clinical research consultant, Rob-Director, Quality Control

Pets: TBD

E-mail: mmctoo@yahoo.com

Web Page: TBD
About Us

Wendy and Eric

State: Tennessee (Hendersonville)

Ages: Wendy-37  Eric-36

Agency: CCAI

Dtc:2/13/03
ACR: 0-12 mos.

Gender: either

Children: Mei Lin-Age:2.9, adopted 11/01
from Nanping, Fujian

Occupations: SAHM, Business Administrator
About Us

Jennie and Mike

Home State/Country: Wisconsin

Age(s): 33 & 35

Agency: Children's Home Society of MN

DTC: Feb. 28, 2003

ACR: AYAP

Gender of child requested: Either

Children: 1-GIRL, Grace

Occupation(s): Jennie-SAHM, former teacher & principal; Mike-electrician

Hobbies: outdoor activities

Pets: Fish

E-mail: jeggleston@worldnet.att.net
About Us

Georgeann and John

Home state: Newark, Ohio

Ages: 36 and 38

Agency: Families Thru International Adoption

DTC: 02/13/03

ACR: 4 to 6 months

Gender requested: girl

Children: Victoria(16), Sammy(4)

Occupation: We're both xray technologists

Hobbies: our kids, camping, gardening, movies, woodworking

Pets: Chloe, our chubby calico kitty

E-mail: georgeann65@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: Ontario, Canada

Age(s): 40s

Agency: Children's Bridge

DTC: Jan. 31/03 (Registered Feb. 11/03)

ACR: AYAP

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: none

Occupation(s): Catherine--civil servant (provincial government) & wedding photographer; Ivan--civil servant (city government) & housing support worker

Hobbies:
- Catherine--photography, travel, reading
- Ivan--baking, running, travel, reading

Pets: 3 male cats--Bubbles, Sylvester & Francesco

E-mail: sirchich@globalserve.net
About Us

Barbara and Steve

Home State/Country: Boca Raton, FL

Agency: CCAI

DTC: 02/27/03

ACR: AYAP

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Emily Mei  b. 02/17/01  a. 01/07/02

Occupation(s): optometrist & physician

Hobbies: Travel, photography, music
About Us

Susan and Greg

Home State/Country: Texas

Age(s): 39 and 40

Agency: A Helping Hand

DTC: 02-19-03

ACR: AYAP

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Allison (15), Ben (13), and Will (9)

Occupation(s): Stay at home mom and USAF Navigator

Hobbies: Susan: reading, antiquing, shopping, hanging out with the family, watching old movies  Greg: outdoor activities, reading, watching old movies, and is enjoying learning Russian in his spare time.

Pets: KC (lab/golden retriever mix) and Skipper (mutt)
About Us

Home State/Country: Massachusetts, USA
(Paul's 1st home is Cork, Rep. of Ireland)

Age(s): 45 and 40

Agency: Dillon International

DTC: mailed 1-27-03, logged in 2-9-03

ACR: young

Gender of child requested: either

Children: none

Occupation(s): physician/scientist and photographer

Hobbies: Madly renovating our 'new' (to us) home in preparation for our child's arrival! If we had the time, we would be back outdoors -- generally having fun.
About Us

Home State/Country: Rhode Island/USA

Age(s): Melody: 41; Dominic: 41

Agency: China Adoption With Love Inc (CAWLI)

DTC: 2/4/2003

ACR: AYP

Gender of child requested: Either

Children: Abigail MeiXi (DOR: 10/29/01; DOA: 12/3/01)

Occupation(s): Melody: Attorney; Dominic: Pharmacist

Hobbies: Melody: Gardening, Cooking, Reading my email!
Dominic: Computers, Model Railroading, Music, NY Mets, NY Giants

Pets: Tessie (14yo Maine Coon cat)

E-mail: mlscorz@cox.net
About Us

Sue and Jay

Home State/Country: Dallas, Texas USA

Age(s): 38 and 41
Agency: CCAI
DTC: 2/13/03
ACR: 0 to 12 months - also said we'd accept twins!
Gender of child requested: Girl(s)
Children: none
Occupation(s): Jay - sales; Sue - web content editor
Hobbies: gardening, reading, outdoor activities, playing African drums, traveling
Pets: NINE!!! Two huge dogs, five cats and two birds. What were we thinking?:)
E-mail: ss5821@txmail.sbc.com and numish@swbell.net
Web Page:
Mary Ellen and Ken

Home State/Country: Maryland, USA

Age(s): Ken: 54    Mary Ellen: 49

Agency: Creative Adoptions, Inc.
Columbia, MD

DTC: February 19, 2003

ACR/Gender of child requested: Three or Four Year old girl

Children: Two adult children (Girl and Boy) and three surviving Grandchildren, One boy and two girls.

Occupation(s): Both retired, from the Department of Justice.

Hobbies: Gardening, reading, music, and Japanese animation.

Pets: Three cats.

E-mail: kjelwood@mac.com

My name is Ken Elwood. I am 54 years old and my wife Mary Ellen is 49. I just retired from a career in the Department of Justice (law enforcement) and my wife has also left her job so that we can spend time together. We both are very active people who love children. I have two children, a boy and a girl who are now married, with children of their own.

We thought long and hard about what we would like to do with the rest of our lives and I happened to think of the situation of abandoned girls in China. We both thought that we would like to do something for one little girl while also giving our life new purpose. It hardly seems possible that I suggested adoption of a Chinese girl to my wife last August 2002 and now here we are with the paperchase over.
We have requested that we be given a three or four year old girl. Even I know that I do not have
the energy to deal with a newborn, but we feel that a little girl will keep us both on the go and
forever young at heart.

We have both been to south China on a three week trip and I taught Chinese history at one point
in my early career. Our house is filled with art, much of it Chinese. I was fortunate to travel around
the world on business as well as the
occassional pleasure trip and always managed to bring something home.

Ken E.
About Us

Home State/Country: CA
Age(s): 37 and 39
Agency: Holt
DTC: 1/17/03
ACR: AYAP
Gender of child requested: F
Children: None
Occupation(s): Accountant and Teacher
Hobbies: Travel, hiking, camping
Pets: Sparky (cat)
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Mara and Roy

See our referral info and picture of Annika!
About Us

Name(s): Lynne & Joe

Home State/Country: North Carolina

Age(s): 35 & 36

Agency: CHI

DTC: 2/20/03 - log-in date

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: 3 boys - ages 9, 7, 3

Occupation(s): College Professor, Statistics (Lynne) & Software Engineer (Joe)

Hobbies: Reading, Doing activities with the children, Tae Kwon Do, Ballroom Dancing

Pets: 1 old Golden Retriever
About Us

Home State/Country: North Carolina

Agency: CCAI

DTC: 2/13/2003

ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: female

Children: will be our first

Occupation(s): Software Engineer (Lorrie) and Manager (Brian)

Hobbies: gardening, computers, reading, astronomy

Pets: two parrots (a lovebird and a cockatoo)

E-mail: lorrie003@yahoo.com
Totes, our umbrella cockatoo.
We also have a love bird named Indy.
Lizzie and Peter

Home State/Country: Connecticut

Age(s): I am 30 and Peter is 31

Agency: LSSNE

DTC: 2/11/03

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: female

Children: This will be our first

Occupation(s): Lizzie is a middle school special education teacher. Peter is a math teacher and dean of faculty at a private high school.

Hobbies: We both love reading, cooking, biking, hiking, and traveling. Lizzie also enjoys crafting. Peter enjoys working with computers.

Pets: just each other, Lizzie is allergic to animals.

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About Us

Home State/Country: Massachusetts, USA
Age(s): Tom is 36, Lisa is 35
Agency: CAWLI
DTC: 2/13/03, with log in date of 2/18/03
ACR: 6-12 months
Gender of child requested: Girl
Children: Jessica, age 7
Occupation(s): Tom is the Comptroller for the MA National Guard and Lisa is a stay-at-home mom.
Hobbies: Tom enjoys running and playing soccer, as well as participating in a rotisserie baseball league with his brothers-in-law. Lisa enjoys planting, gardening, going for walks, and volunteering at Jessica’s school. Our biggest joy is spending time with our family and friends. All 3 of us love going bike riding and spending time in the mountains and by the ocean. We also like to go lighthouse hunting!

Pets: We have a 2 year old Beagle, Maggie & 1 year old Betta Fish, Flounder

E-mail: devinetl@charter.net
About Us

Home State/Country: Illinois

Age(s): Both 42 (but who's counting?)

Agency: Lifelink

DTC: February 12, 2003 (log-in)

ACR: 0-10 months, as young as possible

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Drew, 13, and TJ, 4

Occupation(s): Mitch is a Banker and Lisa is Executive Director of a trade association

Hobbies: Spending time with our boys, boating, jet skiing, traveling, riding Mitch's Harley

Pets: 2 dogs (Barney and Rosie) and 2 cats (Hootie and Calvin); a fish, hermit crabs and whatever wanders close to our house!

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Web Page: www.geocities.com/scott26872002
About Us  Leslie and George

Home: Glen Ellyn, IL

Ages: 37

Agency: International Children's Alliance

DTC: Jan.24th

ACR: AYAP

Gender Requested: girl

Children: Nicholas (10), Alex (8), Natalie (3) adopted from Yangzhou, China in July 2000

Occupations: George_Software Engineer,
Leslie: Speech-Language Pathologist

Hobbies: Leslie: running, reading,
gardening, baking, scrapbooking

Pets: guinea pig named Lucky and
hamster named Milky and probably a dog
soon as the begging for a dog is wearing
mom down.
About Us

Home State/Country: Washington
Age(s): Laurie 35, Doug 34
Agency: Americans Adopting Orphans
DTC: 2/25/03
ACR: 0-12 months
Gender of child requested: Female
Children: Two boys, ages 10 and 8

Occupation(s): Laurie is currently a full-time parent but is also a soon-to-be alpaca breeder. Doug is VP of IP Engineering for Verio/NTT.

Hobbies: We both love sailing and baseball. Laurie's hobbies are writing poetry, quilting, and reading. Doug's are aviation and organic gardening.

Pets: 3 cats, Cindy, Sunny, and Goose; Chloe, a black lab

E-mail: laurie@foghead.com
Web Page: http://www.foghead.com/~junkins (Doug's page)
About Us

Home State/Country: Georgia

Age(s): 41 & 40

Agency: Hope For Children, Inc. in Marietta, GA

DTC: 1/28/03

Logged in: 2/12/03

ACR: 0-14 months, but AYAP

Gender of child requested: female

Children: 0 This will be our first!

Occupation(s): Ken is employed with Lockheed Martin in Marietta, GA. Kris is Administrative Assistant to the Controller of a large healthcare provider in the Metro Atlanta area.

Hobbies: Ken: GOLF, woodworking, photography & sports. Kris: reading, crafts, cooking, music. We’re both very active in our church. Ken is a deacon and Kris directs the Youth Choir. We are both members of our adult choir and are a couple of ding-a-lings (we ring handbells!)

Pets: 2 Weimaraner dogs: Chance & Bizkit, 1 cat: Divot, 1 bird: Percy (cockatiel), 1 fish

E-mail: kjoiner@bellsouth.net

We are both very excited about becoming parents! Our dogs have tried to teach us as much as possible about parenting, but we look forward to the real thing! We’ve decided to name our daughter Jessica and are hoping to incorporate some of her Chinese name into a middle name.
About Us

Home State/Country: Virginia

Age(s): Kim (34) Todd (33)

Agency: Children's Hope International

DTC: Jan. 30, 2003

ACR: 0-12 mos

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Todd has two wonderful sons from a previous marriage: Dylan (11) and Dalton (9) and we have a three year-old daughter named Becca Joy

Occupation(s): Todd is an SKC in the US Navy and Kim works as an operations coordinator with ESPN Regional

Hobbies: Todd would golf 24/7 if Kim would let him! He also enjoys playing basketball. Kim is a big Beatles/McCartney fan, likes to scrapbook and reads as much as possible. We both enjoy movies.

Pets: 2 kitties, Shelby and Zenny

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About Us

Kathy and Parker

Home State/Country: Kentucky

Age(s): 38 and 45

Agency: FTIA

DTC: February 19, 2003

ACR: As Young as Possible

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Parker's son Christopher (19)

Occupation(s): Accountant and Attorney

Hobbies: Kathy likes reading and walking the dog.
Parker enjoys running and following politics

Pets: Monty the miniature poodle who prances when he walks and Meghan the ornery cat.

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About Us

Karen and Chip

Home State/Country: Georgia

Age(s): Karen, 45 and Chip, 43

Agency: CCAI

DTC: February 25, 2003

ACR: 0-24 months

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Caroline Niahnua, age 3; adopted 10/15/00, Pingnan, Guangxi, P.R.C.

Occupation(s): Karen: Attorney    Chip: Plant Manager

Hobbies: Karen: Horseback Riding; Reading; and Caroline Time    Chip: Martial Arts

Pets: Trevor (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) and Harriet (Kitty)

E-mail: karenluffman@vol.com
About Us

Joanne and Larry

Home State/Country: California and Montana; currently living in Belgium

Age(s): 45 and 42

Agency: Great Wall China Adoption

DTC: 2/13/03

ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: Our first!

Occupation(s): Guidance counselor and 5th Grade teacher

Hobbies: Bicycling, travel, reading

Pets: none

E-mail: team_motoveit@yahoo.com
About Us

Home State/Country: New Mexico

Age(s): Jennifer - 30, Brian - 31

Agency: Families Through International Adoption (FTIA)

DTC: February 13, 2003

ACR: As young as six months, as young as possible

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: This will be our first child

Occupation(s): Jennifer - educational technology specialist, Brian - nuclear engineer

Hobbies: Jennifer - reading, swimming, writing, scrapbooking; Brian - reading, chess, running

Pets: Orlando the Beagle and Lucy, the happiest dog in the world

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Web Page: www.familymiller.homestead.com
About Us

Gail and Peter

Home State/Country: Maryland
Age(s): Both 35
Agency: America World Adoption Association
ACR: as young as possible up to 14 months
Gender of child requested: girl
Children: This will be our first child
Occupation(s): Peter is a financial planner and Gail is a marketing assistant at a credit union
Hobbies: We both love browsing antique stores. Gail loves to read and travel and Pete is involved in fantasy baseball.
Pets: One fish
We’ve chosen the name Abigail and for a middle name Lian or we will use her Chinese name. Both our families are thrilled at the thought of meeting Abby and Pete’s mom is especially excited--this will be her first grandchild.
Ellen and Henk

Home State/Country: The Netherlands

Age(s): Henk 38 and Ellen 33

Agency: Wereldkinderen

DTC: February 13, 2003

ACR: up to 12 months

Gender of child requested: none

Children: Casper 5 and Luc 3

Hobbies: squash

E-mail: slaatshw@iae.nl
About Us

Home State/Country: Maple, Ontario, Canada
Age(s): Donna (38), Nick (38), Nicole (3)
Agency: Children's Bridge
DTC: Feb. 25 '03
ACR: up to 2 yrs
Gender of child requested: female
Children: Nicole (3)

Occupation(s): Donna is a stay-at-home Mom who is currently doing home childcare in order to help finance adoption #2, and she also works (part-time contract basis) for Children's Bridge as a Pre and Post Adoption Coordinator. Nick is a self-employed Internet Consultant. Nicole still has a long way to go for an occupation, but she has announced that she is NOT a Queen nor a Princess, she is a Firefighter!!

Hobbies: Donna loves to read, hang out with friends and watch old movies (not that it happens much anymore!) and Nick enjoys puttering on the computer, playing his instruments (keyboards, guitar, piano and drums), and watching ANY news channels. Nicole loves to swim, watch Dora the Explorer or Strawberry Shortcake, and ride her tricycle.
Pets: Rocky (our very spoiled 4 yr old Bichon Frise)

E-mail: donna@scsonline.net

Web Page: (soon to be launched for our travel group)
About Us

Home State/Country: Iowa

Age(s): Mike (38) & Debbie (35)

Agency: China Adoption with Love

DTC: February 24, 2003

ACR: Between 18 months and 4 years old (As long as younger than Hannah)

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Alec (10), Landon (5) and Hannah (3)

Occupation(s): General Contractor (Mike) - Administrator for a physician association (Debbie)

Hobbies: Family Outings - Parks, Amusement Parks, Bike Rides, watching the boys play in all of their sporting events!

Alec - TaeKwonDo & Baseball although he loves all sports

Landon - Baseball and doing anything Alec does

Hannah - Eating Gum and Candy, Coloring and the typical "I am three" stuff

Pets: 2 yellow labradors (Boomer & Katie)

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About Us

Home State/Country: Kentucky, USA
Age(s): 40 & 44
Agency: Holt
DTC: 2/7/03 ; LID 2/19/03
ACR: AYAP
Gender of child requested: Female
Children: 0
Occupation(s): Librarian & University Professor
Hobbies: Hiking, gardening, traveling
Pets: Howard the cat
E-mail: deana.groves@wku.edu
About Us

Anna and Mikael

Home State/Country: Mölnlycke (10 km from Gothenburg at south-west coast) in Sweden

Age(s): 36, 41

Agency: Family Association for Intercountry Adoption (FFIA)

DTC: 13 February 2003

ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested:
Children: Matilda 10 years old (adopted from Sri Lanka 8 months old), Amanda 6 years old (adopted from India 7 months old)

Occupation(s): Anna - secretary at a medical company. Mikael - salesman/representant at a paint-company.

Hobbies: Anna - travel, skiing, singing and the family. Mikael - travel, skiing, cycling and the family.
Matilda 10 years - dancing and friends (she is going in The Swedish Balettschool, the first year of 6. Then it will be 3 years in Stockholm (Puh!!). She loves the school and all her friends.

Amanda 6 years - dancing, gymnastic, painting, singing and playing with friends.

Pets: Our two dogs (poodles) - Smulan 14
years old, starting to slow down. She is an apricot and a small size. Oliver 2 years old a black medium size, very curious, lively and happy and wants to play with everyone.

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About Us

Angie and Tim

Home State/Country: Missouri

Age(s): 31, 32

Agency: CHI

DTC: 02/20/03

ACR: 0-18 months

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: This will be our first child

Occupation(s): Angie-IT Professional; Tim-State Inspector

Hobbies: Running, Reading, Fishing, Movies

Pets: 1 Cat-Max

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Submitting Your Info

If you are a member of the February 2003 DTC group, we invite you to post information about your family.

It’s easy. Copy and paste the following information into an e-mail message. Fill in your information. If you would like to add an additional paragraph or two, feel free to include that below this list of info. You are also free to include or omit any of the info on this list. Your page will be adjusted accordingly.

Send your info to jc0312@juno.com

And don’t forget to send a picture! You can attach your digital file (jpeg, please) as an e-mail attachment. If this isn’t working, please contact me at jc0312@juno.com so we can figure out how to get your picture from you to me to your page.

Thanks a million.

Name(s):
Home State/Country:
Age(s):
Agency:
DTC:
ACR:
Gender of child requested:
Children:
Occupation(s):
Hobbies:
Pets:
E-mail:
Web Page:
Favorite color (so I can choose appropriate background color for you page)
About Me

Home state/country: Lincoln, Rhode Island/usa

Age: 38

Agency: Wide Horizons for Children/Providence

DTC: 2/12/03

Gender of child requested: female

Occupation: real estate agent

Hobbies: family & friends, antiquing, travel

Pets: none

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Web page: carolinesciaraffa.com
About Us

Name(s): Peggy and Mitchell

Home State/Country: Littleton, Colorado, USA

Age(s): Peggy (48) and Mitchell (44)

Agency: CCAI

DTC: February 13, 2003

ACR: six months to 24 months

Gender of child requested: girl

Children: She's in China!

Occupation(s): Peggy - Paraeducator for high schoolers with severe needs, graduate student; Mitchell - Owner of two small businesses - software & forms and envelopes

Hobbies: Peggy - Painting, mentoring, hiking, walking, reading, biking; Mitchell - biking, piano, home construction (he's refinishing our basement), golf, hiking

Pets: None except some wild bunnies that are always there when I go to get the morning paper!

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About Us

Home State/Country: North Carolina

Age(s): Kevin 36, Christy 34, Cova 15, Teddi 8

Agency: AWAA

DTC: March 7, 03

ACR: 6-12 months

Gender of child requested: Female

Children: Cova (15) and Teddi (8)

Occupation(s): VP of Business and Finance of Speed Channel, homemaker

Hobbies: lots of guitar playing and singing, dancing and laughing

Pets: Major (Great Dane), Mushu (Japanese Chin) and dear cat Amelia

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Christy and Kevin
About Us

Kristie and Brett

Home State/Country: Georgia/USA

Age(s): Kristie 33, Brett 34

Agency: Bethany Christian Services


ACR: 0-12 months

Gender of child requested: Girl

Children: Ethan 11, Kayla 9, Nathan 7

Occupation(s): Pharmacy Tech, Merchandise Manager for building supply store

Hobbies: Watching movies, travel, football and sports.

Pets: 2-Dogs Angel and Lucy

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