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Profile of Children from Korea

Children eligible for international adoption will have at least some medical conditions noted in their medical file that are not considered, "special needs". Families will apply to adopt from Korea will be matched with a child who has at least one noted medical condition that has either already resolved by the time of match with a family or is under follow up and not considered a major medical concern.

Common medical conditions include:

- ☒ Prematurity and related medical issues and delays
- ☒ Birth mother reported use of minor to moderate alcohol/tobacco during pregnancy
- ☒ Hospitalization shortly after birth for issues that are now resolved
- ☒ Heart murmur (often resolved)
- ☒ Heart conditions not requiring surgery
- ☒ Low birth weight
- ☒ Minor/moderate developmental delays
- ☒ Skin conditions
- ☒ Potentially hereditary family medical history

Some conditions that we **do not** commonly see in children referred from Korea include: malnutrition, cleft lip and palate, HIV, missing/partial limbs/appendages.

Korea also releases many children who have a combination of more medical conditions and/or some type of unknown condition or prognosis, most of whom are able to be matched with families already waiting in our Korea Program. Children with major medical needs with more long term care or monitoring needed often need extra help finding families. These children we feature on the Holt photolisting.

Age: Children in Korea are typically relinquished for adoption shortly after birth. To give children the opportunity to grow up in their birth country, they first become available for adoption exclusively by families in Korea. After approximately 6 months, they are released for international adoption. Most children adopted internationally are 6-12 months at time of match, and 18-30 months at time of placement.

Gender: In Korea, families often prefer to adopt girls. As a result, more boys are released for international adoption than girls. All families must be open to adopting a child of either gender. Families cannot decline a child referral based on the gender of a child.

Holt can place children from Korea in all 50 states with a Hague approved home study agency.