



## **HAITI ADOPTIONS**

*Haiti is a signatory to The Hague Adoption Convention.*

*The Haiti Hague Central Authority has accredited Sunrise to assist with finding families for children.*

The Central Authority for the Hague Adoption Convention in Haiti has accredited Sunrise to complete adoptions in that country.

### **The Parents**

The eligibility criteria to adopt from Haiti are:

- Residents of British Columbia and residents of any other provinces in Canada (except Ontario and Quebec).
- Single applicants and couples who are married or in a common law relationship;
- Unfortunately, same-sex couples are not permitted to adopt at this time;
- If you are a couple, you must have been married for at least five years or have lived together in a common law relationship for five years;
- At least one parent must be over 30 years old (if in a couple) and over 35 years if single;
- An applicant must be no older than 50 years at the time a child is proposed.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health;
- Applicants must be in a good financial situation; and
- Not currently using cannabis.

Applicants are advised to learn about development and attachment issues and must consider what resources they have to parent a child who has been in institutional care.

### **The Children**

The children legally eligible for adoption in Haiti live in crèches and orphanages. The children who need adoptive families have been abandoned, orphaned or relinquished by their parent(s). Children are typically aged between 2 – 15 years old, including single and sibling adoptions.

### **Adoption Completion**

An adoption from Haiti can take many years and you must travel to Haiti at the time of placement. Adoptions from Haiti are completed in Haiti prior to the placement of the child with the adoptive parents.

### **Relative Adoptions**

Sunrise also facilitates relative adoptions (the adoption of a child related to you) from Haiti.

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