

Subj: **Top 10 Questions about the McCrackens' Adoption**
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1. Why has this process taken so long?

ANSWER: After all the time it took to find one of the few agencies that would actually help Americans living outside of the USA adopt a child from a third country, and choose a country that would adopt to people in our circumstances, we finally chose a country that was supposed to be relatively easy but then changed its adoption laws in the middle of our process. The result was that the US would not sign off on the new adoption laws, using the issue as a political playing card in the human rights issues it was concerned about in that country. Thus, we were "on hold" for YEARS. Finally, we decided we could wait no longer (we're not getting any younger, you know). Early in 2005 we decided to file an application to adopt from CHINA.

2. How much longer should the process take before you get the baby?

ANSWER: We are hoping to have the baby by Spring 2006!

3. Isn't this an expensive process? Do you have the money to do this?

ANSWER: Yes, it is VERY expensive! But we believe that where God guides, God provides. We believe that this is something very close to His heart, and that He put it on ours. Until now, He has provided all the money needed. We are looking ahead to some enormous costs yet to be paid, but trust that He will provide when they need to be paid.

4. Would donating to you our unwanted frequent flyer miles help you with travel costs to China? How could we do that?

ANSWER: YES! Thank you for asking this question. If anyone has flyer mileage with DELTA (or a DELTA partner) that they would like to donate to us, we could really use it! At this point, it is not clear to us HOW you would go about doing that. You may need to consult your travel agent or a DELTA representative.

5. Do you plan on getting a boy or a girl?

ANSWER: We are planning to adopt an infant girl, (with the request that IF, in the rare event, twins are available at the time our name comes to the top of the list for a referral we would accept twin girls OR twin brother and sister).

6. How do your biological children feel about this?

ANSWER: On the days that they believe it will REALLY happen, they are excited about it. The LONG LONG process has made them a bit skeptical that it will actually ever happen. :)

7. How will this decision to adopt affect your ministry?

ANSWER: Good question. We don't really know. Most of the refugees we minister to are Muslims. In countries with Islamic Shariah law, adoptions of any kind are forbidden. We hope it will give us more opportunities to share about adoption originally being God's idea, and how He desires to adopt any of us (regardless of nation or race) into His very beautiful

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diversified family.

8. Are there very many Chinese people in Athens?

ANSWER: We don't know exactly how many, but there are certainly tens of thousands of Chinese people in Athens.

9. How much MORE money will you need between now and the time everything is finalized?

ANSWER: About \$10-15,000 US dollars more (depending on whether or not we get twins; prices include air fare if we cannot get enough flyer mileage).

10. If we wanted to make a financial investment in your adoption, who would we make the check out to?

ANSWER: The contributions would NOT be tax-deductible to you, and would need to be made out to Scott McCracken and sent to the address below.

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