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**Russian Supreme Court Releases Letter**

On January 22, 2013, The Russian Supreme Court ruled that families who had been issued court approval to adopt before January 1, 2013 would be able to bring their children home to the United States. This includes families who are currently in their 30 day waiting period after court approval. This is helpful news for the approximately 52 families who are past court approval.

The many hundreds more families and children who are at earlier stages in the adoption process are not addressed by this ruling. The United States State Department has stated that they “continue[s] to urge the Russian government to allow U.S. families already in the process of adopting a child from Russia to complete their adoptions so that these children may join permanent, loving families.”

We urge parents to be patient as we await more information. As any new information or changes in the situation arise information will be shared as expeditiously as possible. You may also continue to stay abreast of news and updates from the U.S. Department of State by visiting [www.adoptions.state.gov](http://www.adoptions.state.gov) and reviewing their latest alert regarding Russian Adoption.

We thank you for your cooperation and hope to have further information for you soon,

Regards,

Chuck Johnson,
President and CEO

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