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Greetings and happy summer days to all of you,

This is our inaugural newsletter for families who have adopted internationally or are waiting for their intercountry placement. We hope to keep you up to date on the latest information related to adoption practice and send you practical links to encourage and enhance your adoption journey. Please feel free to contact Paula Davis (pdavis@ccdiobr.org) or Barbara Thompson (bthompson@ccdiobr.org)

LINKS & INFO

LIFEBOOKS: need some tips—check out this online course:
<http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/lifebooks.cfm>

ADOPTION GUIDELINES: still in process or just need some reminders re: citizenship, etc.—take a look at this online brochure:
http://travel.state.gov/pdf/Prospective_Adoptive_Parents_Guide.pdf

ADVOCATE FOR ADOPTION TAX CREDITS:
Check the status of H.R. 213 Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act and lobby your Representative and Senators. For more information: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-213>

CHILDRENS' HEALTH:
There is a lot of helpful information about the health of children adopted internationally in this brochure:
<http://www.aap.org/sections/adoption/healthtopic/BrochureEasy-to-read.pdf>

ORPHAN (The Movie):
Warner Bros. is releasing a horror film on July 24 by Warner Bros., about a family who adopts an older child. The adoption message is extremely negative, and plays into the stereotypes of adopted children, particularly older children, as damaged. Please contact the film's producers and your local movie theaters. This is a link to a sample letter & contact information.
<http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe641670756c0d7d14&m=feef16767c6c03&ls=fdee15777261027d7c17727c&sl=fec11375776c027f&s=fe23107475610c79711c77&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe251673766405747d1d77>

GETTING READY TO TRAVEL:
Check out this article from the Wall Street Journal.
http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB124459335008800343-1MyQjAxMDI5NDE0MTUxOTEzWj.html

STUDY OF TEENS ADOPTED TRANSRACIALLY:
The focus of this study is to examine the impact of family characteristics on the overall adjustment, self-esteem and racial identity of racial minority youth adopted by Caucasian parents.

If you are a white adoptive parent of at least one racial minority child who was placed or adopted by the age of 4 and who is now between the ages of 14-18 and would like to participate, please see attached the flyer.