

# **2010 EUROPEAN ADOPTION SYMPOSIUM**

**Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Lauterstrasse 1, Kaiserslautern, Germany Date: 8 May 2009**

## **"Building Families through Adoption"**

*Sponsored by the KMC Adoption Support Group and the 435<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing Chapel Outreach Program*

### **SYMPOSIUM AGENDA**

**08:00 AM Registration**

**Church Foyer**

**Refreshments and Agency information -**

**Cultural Hall/Gym**

**08:30 – 08:55 AM Opening Session**

**Room A (Chapel) "Welcome & Acknowledgements" by Jeanie Veith**

**"The Faces of Adoption"- Multi-Media Presentation Compiled by Krista & Günter Karp**

**09:00 – 10:00 AM Seminars**

**Room A "How To Get Started With Adoption"**

**Presented by David Slansky, J.D., from Journeys of the Heart**

**Room B "Top Ten Issues of Post Adoption"**

**Presented by: Randy Barlow, MSW, Ed.S and Jane Santos, MSW of American Adoption Professionals Abroad**

**Room C Agency Presentation: Beacon House Adoption Services**

**Denise Hoppenhauer**

**10:10 AM – 11:10 PM Seminars**

**Room A "Funding & Where Money Goes in Adoption"**

**Presented by Dr. Carol Albers, from Adopt Abroad**

**Room B "Ten Considerations for Families Wanting to Adopt"**

**Presented by Randy Barlow, MSW, Ed.S and Jane Santos, MSW of American Adoption Professionals Abroad**

**Room C "Older & Sibling Group Adoption & Behavioral Needs" Presented by Lisa/David Martin and Melissa Pontiff**

**Room D Agency Presentation: Children's House International**

**Presentation: Michelle Jordan**

**11:20 AM – 12:20 PM Seminars**

**Room A "To Russia With Love"**

**Presented by Denise Hoppenhauer from Beacon House**

**Room B "The Role of U.S. Immigration/Citizenship Services In International Adoption"**

**Presented by Monica Rahmeyer & Tatiana Munser-Harris from USCIS**

**Room C "Open Adoption—It May Not Be What You Think"**

**Presented by David Slansky J.D. from Journeys of the Heart**

**Room D "Adoption Options: The Book of Letters & Networking—as a Way to Find Your Child!"**

**Presented by Jeanie Veith and Dave & Manoli Thomas & Bonnie Sims**

**12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch (paid by your donations) – Cultural Hall**

**Lunch Seminar Room 11 "You Can Adopt When You Are Single!"**

**Moderator: Shari Dietzel**

**Lunch Seminar Room B “Things I Learned From the Adoption Process”**

Moderator: Celeste Hardin & Ron/Michelle Salts

**Lunch Seminar Room C**

**1:45 – 2:45 PM Seminars**

**Room A “Adopting a Toddler”**

Presented by Denise Hoppenhauer from Beacon House

**Room B “Medical Tests for Adopted Kids”**

Presented by Kate Mills, R.N.

**Room C “Let Us Tell You Our Story”**

Panel Moderator: Krista Karp, CISW

**Room D Agency Presentation: Journey’s of the Heart Adoption Service**

David Slansky

**3:00 – 4:00 PM Seminars**

**Room A “Adopted—The Movie of Trans-Racial Adoption”**

Facilitated by David Slansky, J.D., from Journeys of the Heart

**Room B “Adoption After the Hague for Overseas Families”**

Presented by: Michelle Jordan of Children’s House International and Randy Barlow, MSW, Ed.S and Jane Santos, MSW of American Adoption Professionals Abroad

**Room C “Growing Up Adopted”**

Panel Moderator: Krista Karp, CISW

**Room D Agency Presentation: Adoption Advocates International**

Mandie Doaks

**4:00 – 5:00 PM (two 30 minute sessions) Agency Presentations**

**Room A movie continued—20 minutes and questions**

Facilitated by David Slansky, J.D., from Journeys of the Heart

**Room B “Military Resources—How To Get Your Adoption Entitlements”**

Presented by: Ron Salts and Celeste Hardin

**Room C Agency Presentation: American Adoption Professionals Abroad Randy Barlow / Jane Santos**

**Room D Agency Presentation: Adopt Abroad / Carol Albers**