

The following is a breakdown of activity for all programs from the period of January 1, 2015 to February 16, 2015.

South Africa

New Referrals

Total: 4

Number of Children referred:

Total: 4

Number of families travelling to South Africa in February

Total: 4

Completed Adoptions in 2015:

Total: 1

Child proposals have resumed, and we look forward to completing many more adoptions from South Africa this year. Please keep in mind we will not provide referrals to families who have outdated or soon to be outdated documents. Therefore, always work to keep your dossier documents and CIC application up to date.

Please be reminded that all documents are valid for two years inside of South Africa except for police clearances, which are only valid for one year. Based on this fact, we are asking that all families update their police clearances 3 months prior to a clearance going outdated to ensure you always have a valid police clearance in your file.

Also, certain Provincial Letters of Approval are only valid for one year. If you reside outside of Ontario, please contact your Agency or Provincial Ministry to see when you require a homestudy update, and please start the update process prior to your Letter of Approval going outdated.

Please also make sure you have opened up Part 1 of your Citizenship application.

Haiti

New Referrals

Total: 3

Number of Children referred:

Total: 3

Number of families travelling to Haiti in February to attend court:

Total: 0

Completed Adoptions in 2015:

Total: 0

It has also been a very encouraging start to the year for the Haiti program.

Ethiopia

New Referrals

Total: 1

Number of Children referred:

Total: 1

Number of families travelling to Ethiopia in February to attend court:

Total: 1

Completed Adoptions in 2015:

Total: 1

We have seen positive movement within the program with one adoption completed in 2015 by one family, a single applicant. This is good news overall for all waiting parents but Ethiopia is still not fully back to normal procedures.

Ethiopia concluded its new adoption guidelines in mid January 2015. We do not know the full scope of these guidelines at this time but will share information once it is received.

Kenya

In late 2014 this country stopped processing files. We are not accepting new applications into this program at this time.