



RUSSIA UPDATE—ICANZ MOVES TO MOSCOW.

ICANZ now has completed the move of its Russian office address to Moscow (instead of St Petersburg) and appointed a new representative, Inna (on left of right hand photo). The documents to register this step have now been accepted by the Russian Ministry of Justice. This move was necessary in order to apply for a "permit to operate in the territory of the Russian Federation", (previously referred to as "accreditation"). We very much appreciate those who have supported ICANZ financially during the long time it has taken to achieve this move. We can now take the next step of submitting the application for a permit. Any donations to support ICANZ while we work on this step would be really appreciated.

Wendy taking documents to Moscow



Smiles after documents submitted



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CYF VISIT TO INDIA

ICANZ is now waiting for the NZCA (CYF) to complete their own trip to India, to visit the orphanages ICANZ visited last year, in order for CYF to give permission for ICANZ to accept applications for India. Watch our website for news. Recommended viewing: Slumdog Millionaire—shows the life of street children in India.

LITHUANIA

ICANZ still has one place available for applications this year for the regular programme (to apply for children under 8) and can accept all applications for children over 8 (or siblings with one child over 8 years). See link on our website to view the TVNZ news item about three children adopted through ICANZ arriving from Lithuania.

PHILIPPINES

ICANZ can accept all applications for children over 4 years for this programme and sometimes applications for younger children.

THAILAND

ICANZ can currently accept nine more applications for its Thai programme this year.

THANKS! Receipt needed?

Thanks to our generous supporters who have supported us this financial year. If you have not received a receipt to claim a tax rebate for your donation, please contact the office, letting us know the amount, and your postal address to send the receipt to.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED !! - at the ICANZ office in Auckland

Contact the ICANZ office if you have time to donate a few hours a week or a fortnight doing office tasks such as scanning documents. No experience needed.

ICANZ Auckland support group for parents of teenagers who were adopted intercountry.

If you are interested in joining this group, which meets about every second month, contact Julie or Wendy at the office. Next meeting is Friday evening April 3 so contact us quickly if you are interested.

CONFERENCE 2010—Queen's Birthday Weekend 2010, AUCKLAND

The 5th ICANZ Adoption Conference will be in Auckland, at the Waipuna Conference Centre, on Queen's Birthday weekend (June). This will include an exciting range of speakers and a special afternoon for young adult adopted persons (teens and older). Keep this weekend free in 2010.