

Application for "Home to Home 2014"

If you want to participate in this event, please email us with this application which all the blanks are filled or send it to our office. (E-mail: postadoption@eastern.or.kr Address: 493 Changcheon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Korea)

Applicant Information				
Adoptee	Name	(Eng.) Elizabeth Im Seon (Roesser) Lowe		
		(Kor.) Kim, Im Seon		
	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Birth Date	December 10, 1983
	Country of Citizenship	U.S.A.	Placing Agency (if known)	Dilion International (New Beginnings)
			Case No. (if known)	83C-2500
	Occupation	Executive Administrator		
Marital Status	Married			
Participants (If you are companion)	Name	Gender	Age	Relation with (an) adoptee
	Elizabeth Im Seon (Roesser) Lowe	F	30	Myself(adoptee)
	John Booth Lowe	M	32	Husband
Contact Information	Address	320 East 46 th Street, Apt 33H, New York, NY 10017, U.S.A.		
	Telephone	201-360-1288		
	E-mail	eroesser@mac.com		
Service Request	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting birth family <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting foster parents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visiting birth place			
Birth family's information	<p>* Please describe birth family's information(which province they live in, when you contact with birth family first, and so on) as you know.</p> <p>I have the original copies of my adoption files from Eastern Child Welfare Society, Inc., which state the basic information listed below, along with details on my history of birth, admission, development and background information.</p> <p>Child's name: Kim, Im Seon Birth-date: Dec 10, 1983 (13:37) Birth-place: Kyung Sang Buk-do (province) Admission date: Dec 10, 1983 Present Location: Eastern Child Welfare Society, Inc. -Foster Home Meaning of Name: Im: Belief Seon: Goodness</p> <p>My adoption paperwork states the following biological mother and father's name Bio-mother's name: Yoon, Young Ae, born at Weolsung-gun of Kyung Sang Nam-do (province) and</p>			

Bio-father's name Kim, Dong Gee, born at Kyung Joo-city of Kyung Sang Buk-do (province).

With the help and assistance of ESWS and New Beginnings, I have been in contact with my birth parents, Yoon, Young Ae and Park, Young Shik (different from what was stated in my adoption paperwork) for over the past 2 years through letters and photographs. I have also received a letter from a female cousin on my mother's side.

My birth mother informed me my birth father's name is Park, Young Shik. He states in a letter to me he is from Kyeong-ju City, Kyeong sang buk-do, and currently resides in Ulsan, Kwang-yuk City. With the assistance of ESWS, I recently underwent a hair sample DNA test, which resulted in proving Park, Young Shik is indeed my birth father.

Please refer to my Letter of Introduction which is enclosed for more details on my correspondence with my birth family.

I am going to participate in this event called "Home to Home 2014".

Date(yy/mm/dd): 14/07/25

Name : Elizabeth Im Seon Lowe

Signature: 

Elizabeth Im Seon (Roesser) Lowe
Letter of Introduction-Home to Home 2014 Application

July 25, 2014

Ever since I can remember I had always hoped to find a way to connect with my birth parents. I have always wondered how I came into this world. I am curious about my heritage, my family roots and quite simply, why I look the way I look. When I reflect on the many privileges and blessings in my life, my family, friends I have made, and all the things I have accomplished thus far, I cannot help but think about them. The opportunity to be in contact with my birth parents would play an enormous role in my ongoing process of self-discovery and help fulfill a missing part of my very identity which I have longed for. Most importantly, it would give me the chance to tell them that I am *alive* and so grateful for the life they gave me!

Never for a second have I taken my life for granted. I am so grateful for and appreciate the great sacrifices both my birth mother and adoptive mother have made in order for me to live my life to the fullest. I was born December 10, 1983 and four months later adopted by American parents living in Webster, New York, a suburban town outside the City of Rochester. I am the youngest of five children. My parents already had two biological sons when they decided to adopt me from South Korea. Not long after I arrived, my parents adopted two more little girls, also from South Korea (who are sisters, and at the time were four and seven years old). I had a wonderful and happy childhood, with loving friends and family all around me. My parents understood how precious and fortunate we all were as a family and instilled in their children a sense of responsibility, the value of hard work and the importance of a good attitude.

I was fortunate enough to attend The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where I graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Throughout college, I was actively involved in the Asian student organization, where I met wonderful people who remain some of my best friends to this day. Being a part of this group helped me to connect with other Asian Americans and learn more about my Korean heritage. I have lived and worked in New York City since graduating college (except for a short period when I lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). I have been a physically active person all my life. I grew up swimming and running competitively and more recently competed in the New York City Triathlon and multiple marathons. I am also involved in my community through participation in several non-for-profit organizations. I am a lover of travel, good food and a good book. Five years ago, in the midst of my career, a growing family and among many athletic activities, I was lucky enough to meet one of the most intelligent, fun and thoughtful men I know. We were married last year in June. My adulthood so far has been rewarding and fulfilling in so many ways.

While growing up, my parents were always open about my adoption, provided me with as much information they could and answered any questions I had. In early 2011, I began reflecting more deeply on my life, as I still had an unsatisfied feeling within me. It was as if a piece of the puzzle was still missing from my life since I never knew of my birth parents. My curiosity about my birth family and culture had grown stronger throughout the years, and during this time I finally found the courage to reach out and search for any information I could.

I took to the Internet and began searching about Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS), where my adoption information had come from. I came upon the ESWS website and noticed a post adoption service email address. Nervously, I emailed my case number and basic information, explaining that I was in search of my birth mother. Several months later, I received a phone call from New Beginnings International Adoption Agency in Long Island, NY, who had been contacted by ESWS with information about my birth mother. At that moment, I felt as though my entire life had new meaning.

With the generous help of New Beginnings and ESWS, I have corresponded with my birth mother and father for the past two years. These letters have had a profound effect upon me. I have learned so much about my family history, when my parents met and their present lives. I was even told I have a younger brother! We have continued to write to one another and just this past spring I received a letter from a cousin on my mother's side.

It is impossible to put into words how important and comforting it is to simply know where you come from. I have never had the privilege of knowing this information until ESWS was able to locate my birth mother. I always knew that I had family relatives, but actually knowing who they are as individuals, having real and tangible connections to a shared past, and knowing that they know about me has filled me with an indescribable sense of belonging and wholeness. I now have a deep personal history that I can continue to learn about and share proudly. Being able to connect with my family so far through these letters has been one of the most fulfilling things I have ever experienced.

Although the development of these connections has been more gratifying than I ever could have imagined, I still think every day about meeting my birth parents and family in person. I think being reunited with them would be just as great for them as it would be for me. We have written to each other about the day we will finally have the opportunity to meet. Nothing would bring me more happiness than to be able to sit across from my birth parents, a happy, healthy and successful woman, and allay any fears or guilt they may harbor about putting me up for adoption. For me, this program would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the country of my birth, to learn about my heritage, and to sit, laugh, and just *be* with the two people who created me.

The Home to Home program is an amazing opportunity because it will help bring the dreams I have had for my entire life closer to reality. My husband and I have discussed visiting South Korea on our own in future years when we could save up enough money to be able to take the trip. The financial assistance offered by the Home in Home program could make this experience so much more realistic and affordable. More importantly, I realize how quickly time passes, and being accepted into this program would help make this experience happen all the more sooner. The opportunity to visit ESWS, a safe home where I was welcomed as a baby and cared for, and seeing first hand the services they offer, would mean a great deal to me and further enrich my own personal history. Home to Home is a very special program and one that I would be so grateful to be a part of.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

