



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT MERU

(CORAM: CHERERE-J)

ADOPTION CAUSE NO. 04 OF 2020

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF BABY AK.....CHILD

AND

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION BY DM.....APPLICANT

RULING

1. The Applicant **DMK** is a lecturer at Meru University. Applicant is unmarried and has not been blessed with any issue.
2. The Applicant has applied to this court to be allowed to adopt Baby **BABY AK (the child)**. The child who is about 3 years and 2 months old was born on or about 24th September, 2017 and was found abandoned.
3. Prior to the hearing of the adoption, Ripples International Adoption Centre, an Adoption Society, prepared a report dated 28th April, 2019 which was filed on 17th November, 2020 and issued a certificate dated 27th April, 2019 declaring the *Child* free for adoption.
4. By a report dated 26th July, 2019 filed on 17th November, 2020, the Applicant was approved as suitable to adopt the child.
5. The Department of Children Services through the Sub-County Children Office, Imenti North, Meru County by a report dated 14th October, 2020 filed on 15th October, 2020 approves the adoption and recommends that MG, a social worker with Ripples International Adoption Centre be appointed *guardian ad litem* for the *Child*.
6. I have evaluated the facts of this adoption. The Applicant has been in continuous custody of the *Child* since October, 2019. I had a chance to see the Applicant relate with the *Child* and I came to a conclusion that the Baby has found a loving mother in the Applicant.
7. It is evident that the Applicant has fulfilled all the legal requirements relating to the adoption of the *Child*. The consent of the biological mother of the *Child* was not available since she is unknown.
8. The home visits by the Adoption Society and the Children Officers from Sub-County Children Office, Imenti North in Meru County established that the Applicant has the financial and emotional capability to provide for the upkeep and education of the *Child*.
9. This court formed the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the *Child* to be adopted by the Applicant. I allow the application for adoption.
10. MG, a social worker with Ripples International Adoption Centre is appointed *guardian ad litem* for the *Child*.
11. Applicant **DMK** is hereby allowed to adopt Baby **AK (the Child)**. The *Child* shall henceforth be known as **AMM**. I direct the Registrar General to enter this order in the adoption register. It is so ordered.

DATED AT MERU THIS 04th DAY OF *February* 2021

T.W. CHERERE

JUDGE

Court Assistant - **Kinoti**

Applicant - Present in person