

START AN

ADOPTION FUND

CREATE FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
FOR ADOPTION IN YOUR CHURCH

- ✓ ADMINISTRATIVELY SIMPLE
- ✓ NO FEES



HOW DOES AN ADOPTION FUND FIT WITH YOUR CHURCH'S MISSION?

MILLIONS OF ORPHANS NEED A FAMILY. Many Christian families are finding the financial hurdle of adoption insurmountable. A church adoption fund is a tool which God can use to help meet needs and bring children home.

An Adoption Fund is a practical way to:

- **Meet Needs:** Orphans find homes, families are assisted and churches become more active in orphan care and adoption.
- **Share Jesus:** Adoption provides us with an opportunity to share the Gospel and point people to Jesus.
- **Encourage Others:** An adoption fund allows us to put our faith into action, to build relationships and to support others.
- **Live out Loud:** Live out Proverbs 31:8,9 and let the watching world see Jesus is alive in His Church.
- **Support Others:** Provide post adoption support to families through training, resources and refreshment to help them thrive.

Common Barriers your Church may face:

- 1 BARRIER: NO STAFF TIME FOR ADMINISTRATION.**
SOLUTION: Lifesong administers, reviews, disburses, receipts for the church according mutually approved criteria
- 2 BARRIER: IT'S UNCOMFORTABLE TO APPROVE/DENY FAMILIES.**
SOLUTION: Lifesong screens, reviews, approves, denies according to pre-approved criteria.
- 3 BARRIER: IT'S UNFAMILIAR MINISTRY.**
SOLUTION: Lifesong has served thousands of families and hundreds of churches for over a decade. We will serve your church family at no cost.

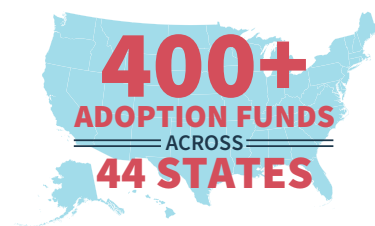
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100%
TO CARE FOR
ORPHANS

Thanks to TMG Foundation and key partners, all of our fundraising and administrative costs are already covered. **100% of your received donation will directly help children in need.**



"Lifesong makes my job much more joy-filled and simple. We can focus fully on ministering to the families and fundraising so that we can continue to say yes to families through no interest loans and matching grants."

JULIE JAMES
Hearts of Compassion,
Colonial Heights Baptist Church



"Through their work in and among the churches in the US, Lifesong for Orphans is fulfilling their mission of 'bringing joy and purpose to orphans.' They are living out the gospel in the work they are doing."

FRANCIS CHAN
Pastor & Author,
Crazy Love



"I am deeply grateful for God's grace in Lifesong...I wholeheartedly recommend Lifesong to churches who want to express the love of the Father to the fatherless here and around the world."

DR. DAVID PLATT
Pastor & Author,
Radical & Counter Culture

ADOPTION FUNDRAISING SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILIES.

Financial Assistance for Domestic and International Adoptions.



Fundraising Support

All approved applications will have access to free fundraising tools. Supporters can give to a family's adoption in a tax-deductible way.

- Fundraising support includes sample fundraising letters, free mySTORY crowdfunding pages, Gobena Coffee fundraiser, Both Hands, and more.
- We receive tax-deductible gifts on behalf of a family's adoption that are used to pay their adoption expenses. **100% of the funds received go to the family's adoption fund with no fees.**



Matching Grants

Mobilizes believers and leverages funds to help bridge the financial gap.

- Matching grants are offered from \$1,000 - \$4,000 to help bring a child into a Christian home, matching raised funds "dollar-for-dollar".
- A 'support raising' process is provided which helps to mobilize the Body of Christ (church, family, friends) to promote prayer, support and financial assistance.



Interest Free Loans

Funds become 'self-perpetuating.' Repayments help future families.

- Interest free loans of \$4,000 - \$8,000 help couples overcome the initial "cash flow crunch" of adoption expenses.
- Couples enter a covenant agreement to repay the loan and may utilize the Federal Adoption Tax Credit to assist loan repayment.
- Repayments recycle to meet the needs of new adopting families.



Crowdfunding Platform

Once families have completed an Adoption Funding Application and have been approved, they can start fundraising through mySTORY.

- The primary focus of mySTORY is for approved Adoptive Families to raise funds for their adoption. Churches and Orphan Advocates can also raise funds for approved Orphan Care Projects.
- Funds through mySTORY go directly into a family's adoption fund before being disbursed. This allows funds to be tax-deductible.



Application Process

Families may submit an application after their home-study is complete. Our goal is for orphaned children to be adopted into traditional 2 parent Christian families.

Financial assistance to be given is based on the following criteria:

1. The leading of the Holy Spirit
2. The need of the child (special needs, older child, etc.)
3. The financial need of the prospective adoptive parents
4. The referral and level of support from the local church pastor/leader
5. The availability of funds



"We are so thankful for the Outside the Walls grant that was provided to us through Johnson Ferry Baptist Church Adoption Fund. Through their matching grant, we were able to raise a large portion of adoption costs that totaled over \$40,000. We are so thankful to Johnson Ferry Baptist Church & Lifesong!"

JASON & JENNIFER NAILS

Adoptive Parents,
Outside the Walls



"Partnering with Lifesong through our local church allowed friends and family members to comfortably donate to our adoption through a safe and secure Christian organization. We always felt that Lifesong was praying for our family and standing by our side!"

NATHAN & STACIE

Matching Grant Recipients,
Adopted from China

 **6500**
CHILDREN ADOPTED

INTO FOREVER FAMILIES
WITH FUNDRAISING SUPPORT,
GRANTS & LOANS

LIFESONG'S GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES



ADDITIONAL WAYS YOUR CHURCH CAN SERVE ORPHANS.



Partner with a Lifesong global orphan care project. Lifesong serves over 6000 children in 13 countries through Gospel-centric care with local partners.



Support families outside your local church through the Outside the Walls program.



Help Christian families in Ukraine adopt through our indigenous adoption program, Adoption without Borders.

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SINCE 2011 **120+** CHURCHES HAVE HELPED

1500+ FAMILIES FUND THEIR ADOPTIONS OUTSIDE THEIR CHURCH WALLS



"The Lord gave us five children, and we are very grateful to Him for this. We really want to give the love we have from God to our kids."

VICTOR & OKSANA
Ukrainian Adoptive Parents

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