

Adoption Financial Assistance Application
for Bethany Fellowship of Churches



Husband's Full Name _____ Age _____

Wife's Full Name _____ Age _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell/work phone: _____

Email Address _____

Date of Marriage _____ Any prior divorce? _____ Date: _____

Husband's Employer _____ Length of employment _____

Wife's Employer _____ Length of employment _____

1. Date of Birth of Husband ____/____/____

2. Date of Birth of Wife ____/____/____

3. Names and ages of biological children in family _____

4. Have you adopted previously? ____ If yes – names/ages _____

5. Are you adopting domestically or internationally? _____

6. If international, what country? _____ Have you completed your dossier? _____

7. Name of adoption agency _____

8. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption? _____

Full Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex ____ Country: _____

9. Do you plan on adopting an older/special needs child? _____

10. Member of Bethany Fellowship of Churches? Yes ____ No ____

Personal Statement of Faith

1. Who is God?
2. Who is Jesus Christ?
3. Who is the Holy Spirit?
4. How do you use God's Word (the Bible) in your life?
5. Describe your daily walk with God.
6. Describe your marital relationship.
7. Describe your church involvement.
8. What is eternal salvation? How do you become saved?
9. Share your adoption testimony and describe how God has led you to adopt. (Please use a separate sheet of paper)

Parenting Philosophy (attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary to completely answer any questions)

1. What is your philosophy regarding the spiritual training of your children?

2. What is your philosophy regarding the education of your children?

3. Some day, your child will have questions about his/her life and existence. What will you teach your children about each of the following topics:
 - CREATION: How did it all begin? Where did we come from?

 - FALL: What went wrong? What is the source of evil and suffering?

 - REDEMPTION: What can we do about it? How can the world be set right again?

4. How would you describe your "parenting style"?

5. What parenting skills training have you received in the past, and how do you plan to continue to improve your parenting skills?

6. What is your understanding of a covenant and your obligation to fulfill your part of a covenant that you make?

7. Describe your commitment to train your child to know and serve the Lord.

Adoption Costs (International):

Type of Expense	Amount	When due
Agency Fees		
Home Study		
Foreign Program Fee		
Child's Medical Exam		
In-Country Fees		
INS Fees		
Notarization/ Authentication		
Orphanage Fees		
Overseas Fees		
Translation Fees		
Travel 1 st Trip		
Travel 2 nd Trip		
Visas		
Other		
Other		
TOTAL ADOPTION COST		

Adoption Costs (Domestic):

Type of Expense	Amount	When due
Attorney/Agency Fees		
Home Study		
Pre-placement expenses		
Counseling for Birth Mother		
Birth Mother living expenses		
Medical Expenses		
Travel Expenses		
Other		
Other		
TOTAL ADOPTION COST		

Please indicate how you intend to finance your adoption costs:

Personal Funds: (savings, etc.) \$ _____
 Employer Benefit: (if applicable) \$ _____
 Other Grants/Loans Applied For:
 Name: _____ \$ _____
 Name: _____ \$ _____
 Other source of funds: (please specify) \$ _____

 Total Estimated **RESOURCES:** \$ _____
 Total Estimated Adoption **COST:** \$ _____

DEFICIT: (Total Resources – Total Cost) \$ _____

Specify any special financial considerations or circumstances we should be aware of:

Note: These next 2 pages do not get submitted to the OHOH Committee.

Please fax or mail a copy of the entire application to Rich Metcalfe at LifeSong for Orphans, along with a copy of your current year's Federal Tax Return (1040 form). LifeSong will review your finances and recommend to Bethany Baptist Church a grant and/or interest-free loan amount based upon financial need.

LifeSong for Orphans – Adoption Grant/Loan
PO Box 40
202 N. Ford St.
Gridley, IL 61744
Phone: 309.747.3556
Fax: 309.747.4747

Statement of Net Worth

Assets

Cash	
On hand	\$ _____
Checking	\$ _____
Savings	\$ _____
Investments	\$ _____
Life Insurance – Cash Surrender Value (not death benefit)	\$ _____
Retirement Accounts	\$ _____
Personal Property	
Auto	\$ _____
Auto	\$ _____
Household	\$ _____
Real Estate	
Home	\$ _____
Other Assets	\$ _____

Total Assets **\$** _____

Liabilities

Current Bills	\$ _____
Credit Cards	\$ _____
Auto Loans	\$ _____
Home Mortgage	\$ _____
Other Liabilities	\$ _____

Total Liabilities **\$** _____

Net Worth (Assets - Liabilities) **\$** _____

Cash Flow

	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>
Gross Income	\$	\$
Giving	\$	\$
Tax	\$	\$
Debt Repayment	\$	\$
(Not Including Home Mortgage)		
 Net Spendable Income	 \$	 \$
(Total Gross Income - Giving - Taxes - Debt)		
 Living Expenses		
Housing		
Mortgage/Rent	\$	\$
Property Taxes	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Utilities	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total Housing	\$	\$
Food	\$	\$
Clothing	\$	\$
Transportation		
Car Payment	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Gas/Maintenance	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total Transportation	\$	\$
Entertainment/Recreation	\$	\$
Medical Expenses	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Gifts	\$	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	\$
 Total Living Expenses	 \$	 \$
 Cash Flow	 \$	 \$
(Net Spendable Income - Total Living Expenses)		

Consent Form

1. PURPOSE

The undersigned agrees that this application is being made for the purpose of obtaining assistance with adoption. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of Bethany Baptist Church that assistance will be granted or given.

2. AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative, or staff member of Bethany Baptist Church and Life International to obtain financial and personal information from any institution or individual. The undersigned further consents to the release of any information to any authorized Bethany Baptist Church or Life International employee or agent from any individual or financial institution. The undersigned further authorizes any pastor, elder, minister or counselor to release to Bethany Baptist Church or its representatives personal information and opinions regarding the applicant's lifestyle, language, habits, truthfulness, parental fitness, and general moral and biblical character. Please supply contact information below:

Adoption Agency: _____ *Case Worker:* _____ *Phone:* _____

Additionally, please provide 4 character references, with one being a Bethany pastor or elder and the others being Bethany church members (not related to you):

Name: _____ *Address:* _____ *Phone:* _____

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3. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The undersigned acknowledges that Bethany Baptist Church has made no representation or warranty that financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that Bethany Baptist Church shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds Bethany Baptist Church harmless from any liability of any type or nature as a result of allowing the undersigned to submit this application.

4. PERMISSION

The undersigned gives Bethany Baptist Church permission to use their story and/or photographs on Bethany Baptist's website and/or printed material (i.e. church bulletin, adoption ministry scrapbook, newsletter, etc.) for adoption ministry promotional purposes. (Your answer does not have an effect on financial assistance).

Yes _____ No _____

5. SUPPORT RAISING AGREEMENT

The undersigned parties acknowledge they are freely agreeing to the following terms and conditions as a requirement to participate in the adoption grant process for Bethany Baptist Church:

1. We will formulate a mailing list of supporters and mail a support or prayer letter to each one. The applicant pays the postage. Bethany Baptist Church will supply a Support Raising Kit which includes: 1) instructions for the process, 2) sample support letters, and 3) Bethany Baptist Church's letter of support on church letterhead stating our commitment to come alongside of an adopting couple.
2. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by Bethany Baptist Church are under the ultimate control of Bethany Baptist Church. Bethany Baptist Church will make all final decisions regarding distributing and/or grants and loans of any funds.

3. We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by Bethany Baptist Church exclusively for legitimate adoption expenses, including but not limited to agency fees, legal fees, etc. We agree to provide verification of adoption related expenses to Bethany Baptist Church upon request.
4. We understand after our adoption support raising process, Bethany Baptist Church will make a determination how much of raised funds will be given as an interest-free loan, grant, or a combination of both.
5. We understand any funds raised (including the grant amount, if applicable) beyond our stated deficit will be used to further the ministry at Bethany Baptist Church and assist other families with the cost of adoption.
6. We understand we may not donate money to Bethany Baptist Church toward our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
7. We understand that if we decide not to adopt or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact Bethany Baptist Church immediately. Any funds raised will be used to further the ministry of Bethany Baptist Church and assist other families with the cost of adoption. Donations cannot be returned to donors.
8. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by Bethany Baptist Church for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.

6. ATTACHMENTS

1. **Picture** - If you have a picture of the child you desire to adopt that you are willing to share with us, please include the photo along with this application.
2. **Copy of Homestudy** – Please include a copy of your Homestudy with this application or when completed.

7. SIGNATURES

We are providing this information to Bethany Baptist Church for their internal and confidential use. All information contained in this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Adoptive Father _____

Date: _____

Adoptive Mother _____

Date: _____