

START AN ADOPTION FUND

at your church

The Need

An estimated 153 million orphans world-wide are trapped in a cycle of hopelessness, needing love, care and protection. Adoption costs of \$20-30K seem "financially impossible" to many Christian families. This can result in orphans missing out on Christ honoring forever families.

The Role of the Church

God expects His people (the Church) to care for those in need. We believe that God wants to use His church as a part of the financial provision for adoption.

3 Common Barriers that the Church may face:

1. **Barrier:** Church staff "plate is already too full" to administer a fund.



Solution: Lifesong carries the administrative load. Using mutually agreed upon criteria, Lifesong will review applications, disburse funds, handle the accounting and donor receipts, etc.

2. **Barrier:** Church feels uncomfortable approving/denying their families.



Solution: Lifesong screens, reviews, approves, denies according to preapproved criteria.

3. **Barrier:** Adoption Fund is unfamiliar territory.



Solution: Lifesong has the passion and expertise to administer the fund for the church with integrity and transparency. Full reports are given to the church each month.



Lifesong administers the funds at no cost to the church or to the fund. 100% of the donations received by Lifesong go directly to the Church Fund.

How does an Adoption Fund fit with your churches mission/ vision?

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.
- **Do Justice:** We are called to seek justice for the oppressed, to lift up the downtrodden and to speak up for the forgotten.
- **Live out Loud:** As the church is active, the community will see that Jesus is alive and working in His people (Matt 5:16).

How does a local Church get started establishing an Adoption Fund?

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Bringing Joy & Purpose to Orphans

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"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, Cornerstone Church
Author, Crazy Love and Forgotten God*



"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, Senior Pastor, The Church at Brook Hills



"I want to encourage you to spend some time with our good friends at Lifesong. God is using this ministry to open the eyes of the church to God's heart for orphans."

— Dennis Rainey, President, Family Life



"Adoption is a ministry to effect future generations...and Lifesong's Adoption Grant, and Church Adoption Fund programs are fantastic resources for how God could provide for your adoption financial needs..."

— Howard Dayton, Co-Founder, Crown Financial Ministries



"Every chance I get, I point adopting families (and those who think they might be) to Lifesong. Our Christ Jesus is using this ministry to empower families to adopt children, and thus to point the whole church to the gospel that saves us and the mission that sends us."

— Russell D. Moore, author, *Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families and Churches*

