Adoption Grant & Loan Application

APPLICATION

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 _____

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4. Have you adopted previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, names/ages_____
5. Have you completed your dossier? _____ (if international)
6. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption? _____

   If yes, Full Name _____ Age _____ Sex ____ Country _____
7. Do you plan on adopting an older/special needs child? _____
8. Church Name and Denomination _____ Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Church Activities _____
10. Is your church interested in establishing an adoption fund through Lifesong for Orphans?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No Who may we contact regarding this? _____
11. Are you interested in receiving information to advocate for a church fund that would potentially benefit

    future adoptive families? ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. Do you profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? _____
13. May we contact your pastor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

    Pastor's Name _____ Church Ph _____ Cell _____
14. Family Blog Info _____
15. Specify any special financial considerations or circumstances we should be aware of: _____

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ADOPTION COSTS

Applicable Expenses

Agency Fees	$ _____
Child's Medical Exam	$ _____
Foreign Program Fee	$ _____
Home Study	$ _____
In-Country Fees	$ _____
INS Fees	$ _____
Notarization/Authentication	$ _____
Orphanage Fees	$ _____
Overseas Fees	$ _____
Translation Fees	$ _____
Travel First Trip	$ _____
Travel Second Trip	$ _____
Visas	$ _____
Other _____	$ _____
Other _____	$ _____
Total Adoption Cost	**$** _____

Available Resources to Cover Adoption Costs

Personal Funds (savings, etc.)	$ _____
Employer Benefit (if available)	$ _____
Other Grants/Loans Applied For:	
Name _____	$ _____
Name _____	$ _____
Name _____	$ _____
Other source of funds (please specify)	$ _____
Total Estimated Resources	**$** _____
Deficit	**$** _____

(Total Resources-Total Cost)

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STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

Assets

Cash	$ _____
Checking Accounts	$ _____
Savings Accounts	$ _____
Investment Accounts (other than retirement)	$ _____
Life Insurance Cash Surrender Value (not death benefit)	$ _____
Retirement Accounts	$ _____
Value of Autos	$ _____
Value of Home (if owned)	$ _____
Approximate Value of Household Items	$ _____
Value of other items you own not listed above (write description)	
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
Total Assets	**$** _____

Liabilities

Credit Card Balances	$ _____
Balances of Past Due Bills (excluding credit cards)	$ _____
Auto Loan Balances	$ _____
Home Mortgage Balance	$ _____
Any Other Amounts Owed (write description)	
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
Total Liabilities	**$** _____

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

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CASH FLOW

	Monthly	*Annual*
Income		
Gross Salary/Wage	$ _____	$ _____
Investment Income	$ _____	$ _____
Other Income (write description)		
_____	$ _____	$ _____
_____	$ _____	$ _____
Total Income	**$ _____**	**$ _____**
Expenses/Payments		
Taxes and other deductions from paychecks	$ _____	$ _____
Housing Costs:		
Mortgage/Rent	$ _____	$ _____
Property Taxes	$ _____	$ _____
Insurance	$ _____	$ _____
Utilities	$ _____	$ _____
Other Housing Costs	$ _____	$ _____
Telephone (include cell phones)	$ _____	$ _____
Food	$ _____	$ _____
Clothing	$ _____	$ _____
Transportation Expenses:		
Car Payment	$ _____	$ _____
Car Insurance	$ _____	$ _____
Gas/Maintenance	$ _____	$ _____
Other Transportation Expenses	$ _____	$ _____
Entertainment/Recreation	$ _____	$ _____
Medical Expenses		
(include health insurance if paid by you)	$ _____	$ _____
Church Giving	$ _____	$ _____
Other Gifts/Donations	$ _____	$ _____
Other Debt repayment (write description)		
_____	$ _____	$ _____
_____	$ _____	$ _____
_____	$ _____	$ _____
Total Expenses/Payments	**$ _____**	**$ _____**
Cash Flow	**$ _____**	**$ _____**
(Total Income - Total Expenses/Payments)		

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PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. Who is God? _____

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2. Who is Jesus Christ? _____

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3. Who is the Holy Spirit? _____

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4. How do you use God's Word (the Bible) in your life? _____

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5. Describe your daily walk with God _____

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6. What is eternal salvation? How do you become saved? _____

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7. Share your salvation testimonies. (Please us a separate sheet of paper)

8. How has God led you to adopt (adoption testimony)? (Please use a separate sheet of paper)

CONSENT FORM

1. Purpose

The undersigned agrees that this application is being made for the purpose of obtaining assistance with international or domestic adoptions. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of *Lifesong* that assistance will be granted or given.

2. Authorization and Release

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of *Lifesong* to obtain financial and personal information from any institution or individuals including but not limited to those individuals and institutions listed as references and made a part of this application. The undersigned further consents to the release of any information to any authorized *Lifesong* employee or agent from any individual or financial institution listed on the attached list of references. The undersigned further authorizes any pastor, elder, minister or counselor included in the list of references to release to *Lifesong* or its representatives personal information and opinions regarding the applicant's lifestyle, language, habits, truthfulness, parental fitness, and general moral and biblical character.

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

3. Limit of Liability

The undersigned acknowledges that *Lifesong* has made no representation or warranty that financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that *Lifesong* shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds *Lifesong* 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 *Lifesong* permission to use their story and/or photographs on *Lifesong's* website, and/or printed material, with the purpose of helping families to adopt children.
(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/loan process for *Lifesong (LS):*

1. If participating in a matching grant, we will formulate a mailing list of supporters and mail Support Kits to each one.
2. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by *LS* are under the ultimate control of the *LS* Board of Directors that 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 *LS* 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 *LS* upon request.
4. We understand any funds raised (including matching grant amount, if applicable) beyond our documented adoption costs may be used to further the ministry of *LS* and assist with other families' cost of adoption.
5. We understand we may not donate money to *LS* towards their own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.

6. We understand that if we decide not to adopt or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact *LS* immediately. Any funds raised will be used to further the ministry of *LS* and assist other families with the cost of adoption. Donations cannot be returned to donors.
7. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by *LS* for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.

6. Attachments

1. **Picture –** If you have a picture of the child you desire to adopt, and are willing to share with us, please send in a photo along with your application. Please also include a photo of your current family.
2. **Tax Return –** Please send us a copy of your most current year's Federal Tax Return (1040 form)
3. **Copy of Homestudy –** Please send us a copy of your completed Homestudy
4. **Letter from Pastor –** A written reference from your pastor on church letterhead indicating his support of your adoption.

7. Request Type *(Mark all that apply.)*

☐ **Fund Raising Support –** We provide you with a support raising kit. The resulting process allows friends who wish to support your adoption to receive tax-deductions for their donations on behalf of your adoption. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 8-10 weeks.

☐ **Matching Grant –** We provide you with a matching grant and a support raising kit. The grant acts as a catalyst to the process which allows friends who wish to support your adoption to receive tax deductible receipts for their donations. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 8-10 weeks.

☐ **Lifesong/Both Hands –** This provides an innovative method to help remove the financial barrier to your adoption and to help benefit a widow's home. As the family, you would ask 10 volunteers to work on a widow's home for one day and send out sponsorship letters to sponsor them to work on the home. All of the money raised would be given as a Direct Grant. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 8-10 weeks.

☐ **Interest Free Loan –** Interest free loans help couples overcome the initial cash flow crunch of adoption expenses. Repayments can be made on a monthly basis or annually to coincide with adoption tax credits. Typical loans range from $3,000 - up to $12,000. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 8-10 weeks.

Note: There are a limited number of funds that can be given as Matching Grants or Interest Free Loans. If no money is available we can still serve as a tax-deductible vehicle for your donors, friends, and family (see option 1 above).
For more information, visit our website at www.lifesongfororphans.org or call 309-747-4527.

8. Signatures

We are providing this information to *Lifesong* 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:_____

Application must be printed and signed in order to be processed

Submit Application to:

Lifesong – Adoption Grant/Loan
PO Box 40
202 N. Ford St.
Gridley, IL 61744

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To help us process your application in a more timely manner, please use this as a checklist to ensure you've included all the necessary items. ***We must have everything on this checklist before we can process your application.*** Thank you!

Included	Not included	Information	Explanation
☐	☐	Adoption application, including adoption costs	
☐	☐	Statement of net worth	
☐	☐	Cash flow	
☐	☐	Statement of Faith	
☐	☐	Husband Salvation Testimony	
☐	☐	Wife Salvation Testimony	
☐	☐	Adoption Testimony	
☐	☐	Pastor referral letter	
☐	☐	Picture of your family & child (if available)	
☐	☐	Consent form	
☐	☐	Signed Homestudy	
☐	☐	Last year's tax return *(1040 Form first 2 pages only)*	
☐	☐	Request Type	

* Please attach this to the front of your application.
If all information is not submitted, it ***will*** delay your file being processed. Thank you.