

# Adoption Grant & Loan Application



Husband's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary 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?      Yes      No      If yes, names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you completed your dossier? (*if international*)      Yes      No

6. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption?      Yes      No  
If yes, Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_ 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 we may contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### Applicable Expenses

Agency Fees	\$ _____
Child's Medical Exam	\$ _____
Foreign Program Fee	\$ _____
Home Study	\$ _____
In-Country Fees	\$ _____
INS Fees ( <i>international adoptions only</i> )	\$ _____
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 Received:	
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Other source of funds (please specify)	\$ _____

**Total Estimated Resources** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deficit** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Total Resources - Total Cost)*

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Additional Grants/Loans Applied For:

Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____

## STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

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### 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

Outstanding 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)*

**CASH FLOW** *(Both monthly and annual columns of cash flow must be completed.)*

	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>
<b>Income</b>		
Gross Salary/Wage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Investment Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (write description)		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
 <b>Expenses/Payments</b>		
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 Charitable Donations	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Debt repayment (write description)		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total Expenses/Payments</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<i>(Total Income - Total Expenses/Payments)</i>		

## ADOPTION TESTIMONY

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

## PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

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*Please attach another sheet if more space is needed to answer questions.*

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 use a separate sheet of paper.)*

## CONSENT FORM

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### 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 commit to reaching out to friends and family for support.
2. We understand we may not donate money to *LS* towards our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
3. Donations cannot be returned to donors.
4. 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.
5. 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.
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 that have not been disbursed for adoption related costs will be used to further the ministry of *LS* and assist other families with the cost of adoption.

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7. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by LS for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.
8. 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.

### 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 an Adoption Fundraising Kit. The resulting process allows friends and family who wish to support your adoption to receive tax-deductions for their donations on behalf of your adoption. *Tools available include: letter-writing kit, online fundraising through mySTORY, and Gobena Coffee fundraising.*

**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.

**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 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 donation to your family fund.

**Interest Free Loan** – Interest free loans help couples overcome the initial cash flow crunch of adoption expenses. Repayments can be due annually to coincide with adoption tax credits. Typical loans range from \$3,000 - up to \$8,000.

**Note: Application processing time frame: 8-10 weeks**

*There are a limited number of funds that can be given as Matching Grants or Interest Free Loans. Each application is prayerfully considered. For more information, visit our website at [www.lifesongfororphans.org](http://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  
 Gridley, IL 61744



## 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. *Everything on this checklist must be received before your application can be processed.* Thank you!

Included	Not included	Information	Explanation
		Lifesong Adoption Grant & Loan Application	_____ _____
		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	_____ _____
		Picture of Child ( <i>if available</i> )	_____ _____
		Signed Consent Form & Request Type	_____ _____
		Complete Copy of the Signed Home Study	_____ _____
		Last Year's Tax Return ( <i>1040 Form <u>first 2 pages only</u></i> )	_____ _____

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