



# Open Hearts for Orphans

## “Say Yes” Adoption Grant Application in partnership with Lifesong for Orphans

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, how many times \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you completed your dossier? \_\_\_\_\_ (if international)
6. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you plan on adopting an older/special needs child? \_\_\_\_\_  
List special need(s) if matched \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
9. Church Activities \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? \_\_\_\_\_
11. May we contact your pastor? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
12. Family blog info \_\_\_\_\_



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## ADOPTION COSTS

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TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT	TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Agency Fees		Overseas Fees	
Child’s Medical Exam		Translation Fees	
Foreign Program Fee		Travel 1 <sup>st</sup> Trip	
Home Study		Travel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trip	
In-Country Fees		Visas	
INS Fees		Other	
Notarization/Authentication		Other	
Orphanage Fees		<b>TOTAL ADOPTION COST:</b>	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other source of funds: (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Estimated **RESOURCES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFICIT:** (Total Resources – Total Cost) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

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As of Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The following needs to be a complete list of the balances or values of the items you have ownership of (*assets*) and balances of amounts you owe (*liabilities*) as of the above date.

#### ASSETS

Cash	\$ _____
Checking Accounts	\$ _____
Savings Accounts	\$ _____
Investment Accounts (other than retirement)	\$ _____
Retirement Accounts	\$ _____
Life Insurance Cash Surrender Value (not death benefit)	\$ _____
Value of Autos	\$ _____
Value of Home	\$ _____
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 STATEMENT

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

Table with columns for Monthly and Annual cash flow. Rows include INCOME (Gross Salary/Wage, Investment Income, Other Income), TOTAL INCOME, CHURCH GIVING, EXPENSES/PAYMENTS (Taxes, Housing Costs, Transportation, Entertainment, Medical, etc.), TOTAL EXPENSES/PAYMENTS, and CASH FLOW.



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### PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

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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. *What is eternal salvation? How do you become saved?*
7. *Share your salvation testimonies. (Please use a separate sheet of paper)*
8. *How has God led you to adopt (adoption testimony)? (Please use a separate sheet of paper)*



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#### 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 adoption. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of Open Hearts for Orphans / *Lifesong for Orphans* that assistance will be granted or given.

##### 2. AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of Open Hearts for Orphans/*Lifesong for Orphans* 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 Open Hearts for Orphans/*Lifesong for Orphans* 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 for Orphans* or its representative's 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 Open Hearts for Orphans/*Lifesong for Orphans* has made no representation or warranty that financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that *Lifesong for Orphans* shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds Open Hearts for Orphans/*Lifesong for Orphans* 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 Open Hearts for Orphans/*Lifesong for Orphans* permission to use their story and/or photographs on the Open Hearts for Orphans or *Lifesong for Orphans* websites, 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. 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-1<sup>st</sup> 2 pages only**)
3. **Copy of Homestudy** – Please send us a copy of your completed Homestudy
4. **Letter from Pastor** – A written reference from one of your pastors on church letterhead indicating his support of your adoption.



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#### 6. REQUEST TYPE

- “Say Yes” adoption grant** – for the adoption of children with special needs and older children
- Downright Lovable Grant** – for the adoption of children with Down syndrome

*(Note: Grants range from \$1,000 - \$2,000. Application processing time frame: 6-8 weeks)*

Our grant partner, Lifesong for Orphans, offers the following additional opportunities. Please check if interested in applying for these and consent to the Support Raising Agreement below:

- Fund Raising Support** – Lifesong provides 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.
- Matching Grant** – Lifesong provides 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.
- Interest Free Loan** – Interest free loans can be used to cover adoption expenses. Repayments can be made annually, coinciding with adoption tax credits. Typical loans range from \$3,000 - \$8,000.

There are a limited number of funds that can be given as Matching Grants or Interest Free Loans, each application is prayerfully considered.

#### 7. SUPPORT RAISING AGREEMENT (if applying for additional options above)

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 Lifesong for Orphans (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. We understand that 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 Open Hearts for Orphans 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 raised that have not been disbursed for adoption related costs will be used to further the ministry of LS and assist other Open Hearts for Orphans families with the cost of adoption. Donations cannot be returned to donors.



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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. We agree to provide verification of adoption related expenses to LS upon request.

**8. SIGNATURES**

We are providing this information to Open Hearts for Orphans/Lifesong for Orphans 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Application to:**

Lifesong for Orphans

**Attn: Open Hearts for Orphans Adoption Fund**

PO Box 40

Gridley, IL 61744





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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To help us process your application in a timely manner, please use this checklist to ensure you've included all the necessary items. If you don't have something included, please provide an explanation for this. Please attach this to the front of your application. If all information is not submitted, it may delay your file being processed. Thank you.

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED	INFORMATION	EXPLANATION
_____	_____	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 Your Child <i>(If Available)</i>	_____
_____	_____	Signed Consent Form & Request Type	_____
_____	_____	Signed Home Study Complete	_____
_____	_____	Last Year's Tax Return (1040 Form 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 pages only)	_____

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