

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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. Do you profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? \_\_\_\_\_

12. May we contact your pastor?  Yes  No

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ADOPTION COSTS

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### 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)*

## 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

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

	<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)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Donations/Giving	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____
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>		

## 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)

## 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 process for *Lifesong* (LS):

1. 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.

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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 (select one)

- 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 6 -8 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 6 -8 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. You would ask for 10 volunteers to work on a Widow's home for one day and the volunteers would send out sponsorship letters to sponsor the volunteers to work on the home. All of the money raised would be given as a Direct Grant. For more info on this please go to our website or call 309-747-4527. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 6 -8 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. Timeframe to begin this from receiving application: approximately 6 -8 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)*

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Submit Application to:**

Lifesong – Both Hands  
PO Box 40  
202 N. Ford St.  
Gridley, IL 61744

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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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. If you don't have something included, please give us an explanation for this.

Thank you!

Included	Not included	Information	Explanation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adoption application, including adoption costs	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of net worth	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash flow	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Husband statement of faith	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wife statement of faith	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Salvation testimony	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastor referral letter	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picture of your family & child (if available)	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent form	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homestudy	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last year's tax return	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request Type	_____ _____

\* Please attach this to the front of your application.

If all information is not submitted, it may delay your file being processed. Thank you.