

# ADOPTION GRANT APPLICATION



Husband's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Biological children's names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

Have you adopted previously?  Yes  No

If yes, names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

Type of adoption?  Domestic  International

Have you completed you dossier (if international)?  Yes  No

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?  Yes  No

Specify and special financial considerations or circumstances we should be aware of:

## ADOPTION COSTS

TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT	TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Agency Fees		Overseas Fees	
Child's Medical Exam		Translation Fees	
Foreign Program Fee		Travel - 1st Trip	
Home Study		Travel - 2nd 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Source of Funds (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ESTIMATED RESOURCES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFICIT** (Total Resources - Total Cost) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following beliefs represent the core of central orthodox beliefs from a biblical and historical perspective. While a full understanding and the ability to adequately articulate these beliefs is not required, the explicit rejection of anyone of these particular beliefs disqualifies one from membership in Living Hope Church.

### *I believe...*

- that the Scriptures are true, authoritative and sufficient (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3: 16; 2 Peter 1 :20-21 ).
- that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-6; Isaiah 46:9-10; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- that the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God; and that the Father is neither the Son nor the Holy Spirit, the Son is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).
- that I am, along with all humanity (Christ excluded), by birth and action a sinner (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 12-21; 7:18; Ephesians 2: 1-3).
- that the deserved penalty for sin is death, both physical and spiritual (Genesis 2: 15-17; Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14-15).
- that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human (Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:1-4, 14; Colossians 1: 15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3).
- that Jesus Christ died as my substitute to pay the penalty for my sin (John 1 :29; 10:1-18; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1 :4; 1 Peter 3: 18).
- that Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 1:20-21:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34).
- that Jesus Christ physically ascended into heaven and will one day physically return (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4: 16; Hebrews 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1 :7).
- in a future physical resurrection of the dead. Those who trust in Jesus Christ alone will be raised to eternal reward. Those who have not trusted in Jesus Christ will be raised to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24: 15).
- that only by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone can I be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy (John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6).

## SIGNATURES

Husband

Wife

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## **HUSBAND'S SALVATION TESTIMONY**

Please give an account of how you came to faith.

## **WIFE'S SALVATION TESTIMONY**

Please give an account of how you came to faith.

## **ADOPTION TESTIMONY**

How has God led you to adopt?

# CONSENT FORM

## 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 Living Hope that assistance will be granted or given.

## 2. AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of Living Hope 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 Living Hope 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 Living Hope 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 Living Hope has made no representation or warranty that financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that Living Hope shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds Living Hope 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 Living Hope permission to use their story and/or photographs on the Living Hope 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 Living Hope (LH):

1. We understand we may not donate money to LH towards our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
2. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by LH are under the ultimate control of the (TK) that make all final decisions regarding distributing and/or grants and loans of any funds.
3. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by LH for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.
4. We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by LH 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 LH upon request.

## 6. ATTACHMENTS

1. **Tax Return** – Please send us a copy of your most current year's Federal Tax Return (Form 1040, 1st 2 pages only)
2. **Copy of Homestudy** – Please send us a copy of your completed Homestudy

## 7. SIGNATURES

Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Wife \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- You must be in the process of using an agency that is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization licensed to place children for adoption. Please note: Your placement agency may differ from your home study provider.
- If using a consultant the consultant, they must provide a statement that they only work with 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations licensed to place children for adoption
- Be a covenant member of Living Hope
- A completed home study
- Completion of either the of the following marriage assessments:
  - The Gottman Assessment.** The Gottman Institute has done extensive research to determine the most common predictors of divorce. The assessment is not Christ-centered, nor does it necessarily give biblical direction for growth areas. Members of the team could become trained facilitators for a small fee. The team could recommend marriage mentoring or counseling as needed.
  - The SYMBIS Assessment** by Drs. Leslie and Les Parrot. There are two different resources, one for pre-marriage and one for married couples. The Parrots are Christ-centered and widely used among churches. Members of the team could become trained facilitators for a small fee. The team could recommend marriage mentoring or counseling as needed.
  - Prepare/Enrich** is a religious-based assessment and is widely used among pastors. They have the normal option (widely protestant) and catholic. Members of the team could become trained facilitators for a small fee. The team could recommend marriage mentoring or counseling as needed.
- Is the couple willing to undergo a psychological evaluation (MMPI), have a Christ-centered counselor walk them through the results?
- LH would pay for this service (\$300-400), The evaluation looks for a variety of psychological markers ranging from depression to personality disorders. This will help the couple further discern if they are ready/capable to go through this emotional process. It will protect the church, knowing LH has done its due diligence before awarding a grant.
- Meeting with one of the members of the LH:360 Foster & Adoption team.

## THINGS TO KNOW

Applications cannot be submitted for:

- Independent adoptions through lawyers, facilitators, or humanitarian organizations licensed to place children
- Adoptions through foster care
- Private family adoptions
- Embryo adoptions(LH:360 Policy is to make payments directly to agency at time of placement)
- Adoptions from non-Hague Convention countries
- Adoptions through for-profit adoption agencies
- Adoptions for which placement has occurred
- Adoptions for which an application has already been submitted



## 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. If you don't have something included, please include an explanation. Thank you!

ITEM	EXPLANATION (IF NECESSARY)
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Grant & Loan Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Costs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Net Worth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Faith	
<input type="checkbox"/> Husband Salvation Testimony	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wife Salvation Testimony	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Testimony	
<input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Your Family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Your Child (if available)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Consent Form & Request Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Home Study Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Year's Tax Return (Form 1040, 1 st 2 pages only)*	
	<small>*Tax Returns will be confidentially reviewed by a Living Hope Elder and Comptroller to ensure Living Hope is in compliance with IRS regulations.</small>

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