



ADOPTION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

A FEW QUICK CONSIDERATIONS

1. You may submit this application after your home study is complete.
2. This application is for domestic and international adoptions.
3. Applications from all qualifying Canadian citizens will be reviewed.
4. Lifesong Canada must receive the completed application before the placement of a child in your home. This allows Lifesong Canada to comply with CRA guidelines.
5. You may only submit one application for assistance per adoption to Lifesong Canada
6. Please note that all applications are reviewed and decided upon by a separate Advisory Group through an objective evaluation and independent decision-making process.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To help *Lifesong Canada* process your application in a more timely manner, please use this as a checklist to ensure you have included all the necessary items. **If all information on this checklist is not submitted, it may delay your application being processed.** If you have not included something, please provide an explanation for consideration. Thank you!

	Included	Explanation
Lifesong Adoption Assistance Application (8 pages)		
Picture of Your Family		
Picture of Child(ren) to Adopt (<i>if available</i>)		
Complete Copy of the Signed Home Study		
Last Year's Tax Return (T1 form first 2 pages only)		

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Husband's Full Name: Birthdate: Age:
Wife's Full Name: Birthdate: Age:
Street Address: City: Prov:
Postal Code: Home Phone: Cellphone:
Primary Email: Secondary Email:
Date of Marriage: Any prior divorce? Date:
Husband's citizenship: Wife's citizenship:
Husband's Employer: Length of Employment:
Wife's Employer: Length of Employment:
Dependent Children
(names & ages):

CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name: Denomination:
Church status: Number of years: Church phone #:
Your church involvement:
May Lifesong contact your pastor? Pastor's name:
Does your church presently have an adoption or orphan care ministry?
Would your church be interested in establishing an **adoption fund** through Lifesong Canada?
Are you interested in receiving information to advocate for adoption in your church?

Who is God?

Who is Jesus Christ?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

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

Describe your daily walk with
God:

What is salvation? How do you
become saved?

Husband's salvation
testimony:

Wife's salvation
testimony:

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Have you adopted previously? If YES, names/ages:
What type of adoption? If international, have you completed your dossier?
Are you working with an adoption agency? Agency Name:
Case Worker: Phone/email:
Has the agency completed a home study with you? If yes, please **include with the application**
Do you have a specific child(ren) identified already for this adoption?
If YES, Full name: Age: Sex: Country:
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Are you adopting an older or special needs child(ren)?
Describe the child(ren)'s special needs:

Have you received approval for travel to pick up the child(ren)?
Expected date of approval: Expected date of travel:

If you have a **picture of the child(ren) you desire to adopt** and are willing to share with Lifesong Canada, please include a photo(s) along with your application. Please also include a **photo of your current family**.

Describe your family's support network:

Why are you adopting? How has God led you to adopt?

PARENTING INFORMATION

What is your philosophy regarding the spiritual training of your child(ren)?

What is your philosophy regarding the education of your child(ren)?

HUSBAND: How would you describe your 'parenting style'?

WIFE: How would you describe your 'parenting style'?

What parenting skills training have you received & how do you plan to continue to improve these skills?

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Lifesong Canada requires three references (Pastor, employer/co-worker, relative/friend) as part of your application. A unique reference form for each person can be downloaded, completed and sent directly to *Lifesong Canada* by the appropriate person (www.lifesongcanada.org/adopt/apply).

Reference	Name	Email	Phone
Pastor			
Employer/Co-worker			
Relative/Friend			

ADOPTION COSTS

Type of Expense	Amount	Type of Expense	Amount
Agency Fees		Overseas Fees	
Child's Medical Exam		Translation Fees	
Foreign Program Fee		Travel 1 st Trip	
Home Study		Travel 2 nd Trip	
In-Country Fees		Visas	
Immigration Fees		Other:	
Notarization/Authentication		Other:	
Orphanage Fees/Donations		Total Adoption Cost:	

Please indicate how you intend to finance your adoption costs:

Personal Funds (savings, etc.)		Bank Loan	
Employer Benefit (if applicable)		Grant (Organization):	
Church adoption fund		Grant (Organization):	
Other source:		Total Estimated Resources:	

Deficit (*Total Resources – Total Cost*):

Amount of Financial Assistance Requested:

Specify any special financial considerations or circumstances *Lifesong Canada* should be aware of:

STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

As of Date:

You affirm that the following needs is 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	\$
Chequing Accounts	\$
Savings Accounts	\$
Investment Accounts	\$
Life Insurance Cash Surrender Value	\$
Value of Vehicles	\$
Value of Home (if owned)	\$
Approximate Value of Household Items	\$
Value of other owned items (write description)	
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
Total Assets	\$

Liabilities

Outstanding Credit Card Balances	\$
Balances of Past Due Bills (excluding credit cards)	\$
Auto Loan Balances	\$
Any Other Amounts Owed (write description)	
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
Total Liabilities	\$

Net Worth **\$**

(Assets – Liabilities)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(Both Monthly and Annual columns of cash flow must be completed)

Income	Monthly	Annual
Gross Salary/Wage	\$	\$
Investment Income	\$	\$
Other income:	\$	\$
Other income:	\$	\$
Total Income	\$	\$

Expenses/Payments	Monthly	Annual
Taxes and other deductions from paychecks	\$	\$
Mortgage/Rent	\$	\$
Property Taxes	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Utilities (electricity, gas, internet, etc.)	\$	\$
Other Housing Costs	\$	\$
Telephone (include cell phones)	\$	\$
Food	\$	\$
Clothing	\$	\$
Car Payment	\$	\$
Car Insurance	\$	\$
Gas/Maintenance	\$	\$
Other Transportation Expenses	\$	\$
Entertainment/Recreation	\$	\$
Medical Expenses (not paid by health insurance)	\$	\$
Church Giving	\$	\$
Other Charitable gifts	\$	\$
Other debt/expenses:	\$	\$
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Total Expenses/Payments	\$	\$

Cash Flow	\$	\$
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(Total Income – Total Expenses/Payments)

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 *Lifesong Canada* that assistance will be granted or given.

2. Authorization & Release

The undersigned consents to the release of any information to any authorized *Lifesong Canada* employee or agent from any individual listed on the attached list of references. The undersigned further authorizes any pastor, elder, or minister included in the list of references to release to *Lifesong Canada* or its representatives personal information and opinions regarding the applicant's lifestyle, language, habits, truthfulness, parental fitness, and general moral and biblical character.

3. Limit of Liability

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

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 Canada* (LSC):

1. We understand we may not donate money to LSC towards our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
2. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by LSC are under the ultimate control of the LSC Board of Directors that make all final decisions regarding distributing and/or grants of any funds.
3. We understand any funds raised beyond our documented adoption costs may be used to further the ministry of LSC and assist with other families' cost of adoption.
4. We understand that if we decide not to adopt or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact LSC immediately. Any funds raised that have not been disbursed for adoption related costs will be used to further the ministry of LSC and assist other families with the cost of adoption. Donations cannot be returned to donors.
5. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by LSC for payment / reimbursements of any kind.
6. We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by LSC 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 LSC upon request.

6. Signatures

We are providing this information to *Lifesong Canada* 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: _____

Send the complete reference to Lifesong Canada by **email** (adoption@lifesongcanada.org) or by **mail**:
Attn: Adoption Assistance Program
867558 Township Rd. 10, Bright, ON, N0J 1B0