



## Adoption Resources

*This is not an exhaustive list, but rather a list of agencies and resources used by Grace Church families who have adopted or the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO). By providing these resources, we are not endorsing the beliefs of the listed organization. E-mail us with questions, [atrisk@grace.church](mailto:atrisk@grace.church).*

### International, Domestic, & Embryo Adoption Agencies

- **Adoption Minnesota**  
612-333-0489; [www.adoptionmn.com/](http://www.adoptionmn.com/)  
Domestic Infant Adoption
- **All God's Children Adoption Agency**  
503-282-7652; [www.allgodschildren.org](http://www.allgodschildren.org)  
International Adoption- Placement agency only\*
- **America World Adopting Agency (AWAA)**  
1-800-429-3369; [www.awaa.org/](http://www.awaa.org/)  
International Adoption- Home Study Services and Placement Agency\*
- **Ampersand Families**  
612-605-1904; [www.ampersandfamilies.org](http://www.ampersandfamilies.org)  
Foster to Adopt
- **Children's Home Society/Lutheran Social Services**  
651-646-7771; [www.chlss.org/](http://www.chlss.org/)  
Domestic Infant Adoption, Foster to Adopt, International Adoption-Home Study Services and Placement Agency\*
- **CCAI Adoption Services**  
303-850-9998; [ccaifamily.org](http://ccaifamily.org)  
International Adoption- Placement agency only\*
- **Kindred Family Focus**  
763-551-8640; [www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/nexus-kindred-family-healing/foster-careadoption-services](http://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/nexus-kindred-family-healing/foster-careadoption-services)  
Crisis Nursey, Foster to Adopt
- **Lifeline Children's Services**  
205-967-0811; [www.lifelinechild.org/](http://www.lifelinechild.org/)  
International Adoption- Placement Agency only\*
- **New Horizons Adoption Agency**  
507-526-3518; [www.nhadoptionagency.org/](http://www.nhadoptionagency.org/)  
Domestic Infant and International Adoption- Home Study Services and Placement Agency\*

- **New Life Adoptions**  
612-746-5658; [www.newlifeadoptionsmn.org/](http://www.newlifeadoptionsmn.org/)  
Domestic Infant Adoption, Embryo Adoption
- **Nightlight Christian Adoptions**  
970-578-9700; <https://nightlight.org/snowflakes-embryo-adoption-donation/>  
Embryo Adoption
- **North Homes Children & Family Services**  
281-733-3000; [www.northhomes.org/](http://www.northhomes.org/)  
Foster to Adopt

\*International adoption agencies only provide adoption services in certain countries. You may need to use a home study agency located in your state for home study services and another agency, called a placement agency, to coordinate the adoption in from your selected country.

## Adoption Grant & Loan Programs

- **Abba Fund**, [www.abbafund.org](http://www.abbafund.org)  
Adoption assistance for Christian families through interest-free adoption loans.
- **Both Hands**, [www.bothhands.org](http://www.bothhands.org)  
Both Hands helps families fundraise for their adoptions. A family gathers a team of volunteers and Both Hands coaches them to coordinate a service project fixing up a widow's home. Both Hands - One for the widow. One for the orphan.
- **Grace Church, Children-at-Risk Ministry** [www.grace.church/at-risk/](http://www.grace.church/at-risk/)  
Adoption scholarships used to support families within Grace Church that are adopting domestically or internationally.
- **LifeSong for Orphans**, [www.lifesongfororphans.org](http://www.lifesongfororphans.org)  
Awards matching grants, interest-free loans, and creative fundraising tools and ideas.
- **Gift of Adoption**, [www.giftofadoption.org](http://www.giftofadoption.org)  
Awards grants to support domestic and international adoptions.
- **Show Hope**, [www.showhope.org/](http://www.showhope.org/)  
Awards grants to support domestic and international adoptions.
- **Kaitlyn's Fund**, [www.katelynsfund.org/](http://www.katelynsfund.org/)  
Awards grants to support domestic and international adoptions to Christian couples.

## Community Resources

- **Bien Aimé Farm**, [www.bienaimefarm.org/](http://www.bienaimefarm.org/)  
Equine, art experiences, and events for adoptive families. Respite farmhouse for adoptive couples.
- **Children's Theraplay**, [www.ctplaymn.com/](http://www.ctplaymn.com/)  
Numerous types of therapy to include physical, occupational, speech, feeding, treatment for sensory processing problems etc.

- Family Attachment Center, [www.familyattachment.com/](http://www.familyattachment.com/)  
Offers a full range of mental health services, with a special emphasis on services for children.
- Reel Hope, <https://www.thereelhopeproject.org/waiting-kids/mn/>  
Resources for families looking to adopt from Minnesota foster care and videos of waiting children.
- River Valley Riders, [www.rivervalleyriders.org/](http://www.rivervalleyriders.org/)  
Therapeutic horse riding program for people with physical special needs and/or mental health needs. Minimum age is 4 and rider needs a note from a doctor that says the person is able to ride a horse.
- Family Achievement Center in Minnetonka and Woodbury, [familyachievement.com](http://familyachievement.com)  
Provides speech and occupational therapy to infants, toddlers, children and young adults in a fun and motivating environment.

## Websites

- Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO), [www.cafo.org/](http://www.cafo.org/)  
CAFO unites more than 150 respected organizations and churches worldwide. They work together to inspire and equip Christians for effective orphan care, adoption, and foster care.
- Empowered to Connect, [www.empoweredtoconnect.org/](http://www.empoweredtoconnect.org/)  
Free downloadable, professional resources, including Trust-Based Relational Intervention practitioners by location.
- Focus on the Family, [www.focusonthefamily.com/resources-adoption-foster-care/](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/resources-adoption-foster-care/)  
Foster care resources, encouragement, and blog.
- The Forgotten Initiative, [www.theforgotteninitiative.org/resources/](http://www.theforgotteninitiative.org/resources/)  
Foster care and adoption resources & book recommendations.
- Hope Connections, [www.tohavehope.com/](http://www.tohavehope.com/)  
Help for foster and adoptive families to form connections through education, coaching, and hands-on experiences so that these children and their families might experience healing and a new outlook for a positive future.
- How to Adopt, [www.howtoadopt.org](http://www.howtoadopt.org)  
Starting your adoption journey? This website helps you understand the process and find the resources that you need.
- Loving Shepherd Ministry, [www.loving-shepherd.org/adoption-resources/](http://www.loving-shepherd.org/adoption-resources/)  
Interested in taking the first steps of your adoption journey? LSM offers a variety of resources that will provide personalized guidance for you and your family.
- Texas Christian University, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, [www.child.tcu.edu](http://www.child.tcu.edu)  
Information on Trust-Based Relational Intervention
- U.S. Department of State- Bureau of Consular Affairs [www.travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption.html)

A comprehensive website that will guide you through questions about the requirements and process of international adoption broken down by country.

## **Top Recommended Books**

- *The Adoptive Parent Toolbox* by Mike & Kristin Berry
- *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma* by Bessel van der Kolk
- *Building the Bonds of Attachment* by Daniel A. Hughes, PhD
- *The Connected Child* by Dr. Karyn Purvis
- *The Connected Parent* by Lisa Qualls and Dr. Karyn Purvis
- *The Whole Life Adoption Book: Realistic Advice for Building a Healthy Adoptive Family* by Thomas Atwood and Jayne Schooler

## **Other Books**

- *Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families and Church* by Russell D. Moore
- *Adoption Is a Family Affair!: What Relatives and Friends Must Know, Revised Edition* by Patricia Irwin Johnston
- *Adoptive Parent – Intentional Parent* by Stacy Manning
- *Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control*, by Heather T. Forbes, LCSW and B. Bryan Post, LCSW
- *Honestly Adoption: Answers to 101 Questions About Adoption and Foster Care* by Mike & Kristin Berry
- *Thriving as an Adoptive Family* by David Sanford
- *Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew* by Sherrie Eldridge
- *Transforming the Difficult Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach* by Howard Glasser and Jennifer Easley
- *The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind* by Daniel J. Siegel & Tina Payne Bryson

## **Podcasts**

- *Adoption-Wise*
- *Connected Families: Parenting Kids From Hard Places (Episode 45)*
- *Empowered to Connect*
- *The Honestly Adoption Podcast*
- *The Forgotten Initiative Podcast: Meeting you right where you are on your foster care journey*
- *All Things Sensory*