



## 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).*

### International & Domestic Adoption Agencies

- **Adoption Minnesota**  
612-333-0489; [www.adoption-minnesota.com](http://www.adoption-minnesota.com)  
Domestic only
- **America World Adopting Agency (AWAA)**  
1-800-429-3369; [www.awaa.org](http://www.awaa.org)  
International
- **Ampersand Families**  
612-605-1904; [www.ampersandfamilies.org](http://www.ampersandfamilies.org)  
Teen Adoptions, Domestic Only
- **Bethany Christian Services**  
763-553-0344; [www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)  
International adoption and domestic adoption from Minnesota foster care
- **Carver County**  
952-361-1654; [fostercare@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:fostercare@co.carver.mn.us); [www.co.carver.mn.us](http://www.co.carver.mn.us)  
Domestic adoption from Minnesota foster care
- **CCAI Adoption Services**  
303-850-9998; [ccaifamily.org](http://ccaifamily.org)  
International
- **Dakota County**  
952-891-7487; <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/Adoption/Pages/default.aspx>  
Domestic adoption from Minnesota foster care
- **God's Children Adoption Agency**  
877-431-5877; [www.allgodschildren.org](http://www.allgodschildren.org)  
Domestic and International
- **Hennepin County**  
612-348-5437; [www.hennepin.us/residents/human-services/foster-care-adoption](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/human-services/foster-care-adoption)  
Domestic adoption from Minnesota foster care
- **International Adoption Services, Inc (Edina)**  
952-893-1343; [info@ias-www.org](mailto:info@ias-www.org); [www.ias-ww.com](http://www.ias-ww.com)  
Domestic and international

- **Kindred Family Focus**  
612-331-4429; [www.nexus-yfs.org/sites/kindred](http://www.nexus-yfs.org/sites/kindred)  
Crisis Nursey, Foster Care and Adoption
- **New Horizons Adoption Agency**  
507-526-3518; [www.nhadoptionagency.org](http://www.nhadoptionagency.org)  
Domestic and international
- **North Homes Children & Family Services**  
281-733-3000; [www.northhomesinc.org](http://www.northhomesinc.org)  
Domestic
- **Scott County**  
952-445-7751; [fostercare@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:fostercare@co.scott.mn.us); [www.scottcountymn.gov](http://www.scottcountymn.gov)  
Domestic adoption from Minnesota foster care

## Adoption Grant & Loan Programs

- **Abba Fund**, [www.abbafund.org](http://www.abbafund.org)  
Adoption assistance for Christian families through interest-free adoption loans, grants and family adoption funds.
- **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**, [grace.church/adoption-scholarships/](http://grace.church/adoption-scholarships/)  
Adoption scholarships used to support families within Grace Church that are adopting domestically or internationally.
- **The Micah Fund**, [cafo.org/member/micah-fund](http://cafo.org/member/micah-fund)  
Promotes the adoption of American black and biracial infants and children by providing financial grants to qualified adopting couples who live in Minnesota and surrounding cities.
- **LifeSong**, [www.lifesongfororphans.org](http://www.lifesongfororphans.org)  
Awards adoption grants and loans.
- **Lydia Fund**, [www.lydiafund.org](http://www.lydiafund.org)  
Helps Christian married couples adopt children out of orphanages and similar institutions overseas by praying, by providing financial assistance, and by mobilizing God's people to participate in this mission.
- **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.

## Adoption Websites, Blogs & Resources

- [www.adoption.state.gov](http://www.adoption.state.gov)  
A comprehensive website that will guide you through questions about the requirements and process of international adoption broken down by country.
- *The Adopted Life*, [theadoptedlife.com](http://theadoptedlife.com)  
Transracial adoptee Angela Tucker empowers other transracial adoptees.
- *Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO)*, [www.christianalliancefororphans.org](http://www.christianalliancefororphans.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.
- [www.child.tcu.edu](http://www.child.tcu.edu), [empoweredtoconnect.org](http://empoweredtoconnect.org)  
Free downloadable, professional resources, including TBRI practitioners by location.
- *Children's TherAplay*, 651-773-0354, [ctplaymn.com](http://ctplaymn.com)  
Physical and occupational therapies with horses. Various locations.
- [EvermoreCommunity.org](http://EvermoreCommunity.org)  
Encouragement, support & community for adoptive families.
- *Focus on the Family*, <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/resources-adoption-foster-care/>  
Adoption resources & book recommendations.
- *Hope Connections*, [tohavehope.com](http://tohavehope.com)  
Help for 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.
- <http://hopeathomeblog.blogspot.com/>  
A blog by Dr. Susan Hillis and Beth Templeton, dedicated to helping adoptive and foster parents encounter the Father's heart for their families, partnering with God to transform orphans into sons and daughters.
- [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.
- <https://loving-shepherd.org>  
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.
- [www.mnadopt.org](http://www.mnadopt.org)  
Minnesota Adoption Resource Network (MARN). MN ADOPT is dedicated to supporting and sustaining the families who adopt Minnesota Waiting Children.
- *Reel Hope*, <https://www.thereelhopeproject.org/adoption-info/>  
Resources for families looking to adopt from Minnesota foster care.

## Adoption/Pre-Adoption 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

- *Adopt Without Debt: Creative Ways to Cover the Cost of Adoption* by Julie Gumm
- *A Call to Love: Preparing Your Heart and Soul for Adoption* by Julie Holmquist
- *The Adoptive Parent Toolbox* by Mike & Kristin Berry
- *A Hope Deferred* by Stephen J. Yuille
- *Another Place at the Table* by Kathy Harrison
- *Before You Were Mine* by Susan Tebos & Carissa Woodwyk
- *Honestly Adoption: Answers to 101 Questions About Adoption and Foster Care* by Mike & Kristin Berry
- *I Call You Mine: Embracing God's Gift of Adoption* by Kim de Blecourt
- *In On It: What Adoptive Parents Would Like You To Know About Adoption* by Elizabeth O'Toole
- *Preparing for Adoption: Everything Adopting Parents Need to Know About Preparations, Introductions and the First Few Weeks* by Julia Davis
- *Successful Adoption – A Guide for Christian Families* by Natalie Nicholas

## Post-Adoption Books

- *Adoptive Parent – Intentional Parent* by Stacy Manning
- *Attaching in Adoption* by Deborah D. Gray
- *Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control*, by Heather T. Forbes, LCSW and B. Bryan Post, LCSW
- *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
- *Does Anybody Else Look Like Me?* By Donna Jackson Nakazawa
- *Faith, Hope, & Connection: A 30-Day Devotional for Adoptive and Foster Parents* by Melissa Corkum & Lisa Qualls
- *Give Them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson
- *The Connected Child* by Dr. Karyn Purvis
- *The Connected Parent* by Lisa Qualls and Dr. Karyn Purvis
- *Thriving as an Adoptive Family* by David Sanford
- *Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew* by Sherrie Eldridge
- *20 Things Adoptive Parents Need to Succeed: Discover the Unique Need of Your Adopted Child and Become the Best Parent You Can* by Sherrie Eldridge
- *Transforming the Difficult Child* 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
- *The Whole Life Adoption Book: Realistic Advice for Building a Healthy Adoptive Family* by Thomas Atwood and Jayne Schooler
- *Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences* by Leonard Sax

## Adoption Stories

- *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir* by Nicole Chung, transracial adoptee
- *Kisses from Katie* by Katie Davis
- *Wait No More: One Family's Amazing Adoption Journey* by Kelly and John Rosati
- *Closure: A documentary of transracial adoptee Anglea Tucker searching for her birth family*

## Podcasts

- *The Adoption Connection*
- *Connected Families: Parenting Kids From Hard Places (Episode 45)*
- *The Empowered Parent*
- *The Honestly Adoption Podcast*

*This resource list will continue to be updated and can also be found online at [grace.church/oneless](http://grace.church/oneless).*