



## Adoption Matters

143 million. That's a big number. It is also the number of orphans in the world today. Having trouble wrapping your mind around that? Big numbers are useful for capturing the magnitude of the situation, but they can also cause us to miss the point. It doesn't take 143 million to make a tragedy. One child without a home is a tragedy. Something is broken.

God is the father of the fatherless. He is the great Redeemer, who takes broken things and makes them whole again. He puts the lonely in families. His concern is for the orphaned, and He calls His Church to participate with Him.

Every child longs for and deserves the love and security that comes from a safe home. **Adoption matters.**

At Muskogee Church of Christ, we believe that children belong in families, and we want to help make that happen. That is why the MCC Adoption Fund exists. We hope that with the help of our grants, Christian families can bring children into their homes through the wonderful gift of adoption.

Will you come alongside us as we come alongside God?

## How We Can Help

Adoption can cost between \$10,000 and \$45,000, and as a result many orphans are not adopted into families.

Maybe you want to adopt, but you need some help getting over the financial barriers keeping your desires from becoming a reality. We understand, and **we want to help.**

If your heart is saying "yes" to adoption, but your bank account is saying "no," please don't give up on the idea. Allow us the opportunity to join you in your journey. Grants are awarded in the amount of \$1,500.

Eligibility is pretty simple. Are you adopting? Are you a Christian? Do you have a completed home study? If you can answer "yes" to all of these questions, then please feel free to apply.

Do you know someone who could use some help with the financial side of their adoption? Please pass this information onto them.



IT'S EASY TO SAY, "IT'S NOT MY CHILD, NOT MY COMMUNITY, NOT MY WORLD, NOT MY PROBLEM." THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEE THE NEED AND RESPOND. I CONSIDER THOSE PEOPLE MY HEROES.  
—FRED ROGERS

"A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING. GOD SETS THE LONELY IN FAMILIES."

—PSALM 68:5-6

## How You Can Help

Maybe you have a heart for adoption and want to assist in the care of orphans, but know that you can't adopt at this time. There are other ways you can make a tremendous impact.

Many families with room in their hearts and homes are unable to overcome the financial barriers. That's where you come in. There is a critical need to connect generous givers with willing families, so that orphans can have a loving home.

Would you consider donating to the MCC Adoption Fund? There is no gift too big or too small, and every penny will go towards helping children come home. Plain and simple, your generosity will **change a child's life.**

All donations to the MCC Adoption Fund are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to MCC, with "Adoption Fund" noted in the memo.

Want some creative ways to support the MCC Adoption Fund? You can find some on our website. Go to [www.mccweb.org](http://www.mccweb.org), and click on the Ministries page to get information about the MCC Adoption Fund, including some funding ideas.

# Here's How To Apply

Application packets are available online at [www.mccweb.org](http://www.mccweb.org) (see the Ministries page). They can also be picked up at the church office or requested to be sent in the mail.

Simply fill out the application, round up the supporting documents, and then send it all back to us.

Applications are reviewed every six months, following this schedule:

- Applications accepted Dec. 1- Mar. 31, recipients selected May 31
- Applications accepted June 1- Sept. 30, recipients selected Nov. 30

Families are welcome to apply each application period.

If you have any questions concerning the MCC Adoption Fund or the application process, please email us at [adoption@mccweb.org](mailto:adoption@mccweb.org).



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## Considering Adoption?

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