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Adoption

One way we can help the orphan is by giving them a forever family. Adoption is a viable way to support a child and to provide them with the physical, emotional and spiritual care they need within your own home. There are many options when it comes to adoption. Here are a few to think about:

1. International Adoption
2. Domestic Private Adoption
3. Foster Adoption Programs (Fos/Adopt)

We recommend before choosing that you consider all the pros and cons of each and then decide what is best for your family.

Some suggested resources:

Books to Read:

Adopted For Life by Russell Moore

Provides the background of our own adoption in Christ and how we are to live out the mandate to care for the orphans. The author also provides information about international and domestic adoption.

There is no Me Without You by Melissa Fay Greene

This book is about Ethiopia and the devastating effects HIV/AIDS has had on the country and also a story of a woman who starts an orphanage after the loss of her daughter.

Websites to visit:

Loving Shepherd Ministries

This website provides adoptions services for those thinking of adopting internationally, domestically or through foster care. Their online forms help you decide which direction is best for your family. At the home page, click "adoption services" on the top menu.

Website: www.loving-shepherd.com

Lifesong for Orphans

Lifesong for Orphans helps provide innovative financial solutions for adoption expenses through interest-free adoption loans, matching grants, etc. Lifesong helps churches to create and launch Church Adoption Funds in churches nationwide. Lifesong also develops in-country orphan care solutions in Ukraine, Zambia, India and Honduras through Christian schools, orphanages, transition homes, micro-business, etc.

Website: www.lifesongfororphans.org

Adoption Agencies to check out:

Chinese Children Adoption International

Providing adoption placements in China, Ethiopia and Haiti.

Chinese Children Adoption International has found loving homes for over 8,500 abandoned Chinese children since 1992. CCAI exists to find permanent homes for homeless children, provide humanitarian support to children living in orphanages and offer cultural and emotional support to adopted children.

Website: www.chinesechildren.org

Partners for Adoption

Partners for Adoption is a California adoption agency dedicated to building international families. A licensed, nonprofit and Hague Accredited California adoption agency, they work with California families throughout the state. They have worked with families wishing to pursue an adoption in California for over 24 years, and help place children from China, Russia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Ukraine, Korea, Mexico, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Colombia, India, Ghana, and many other countries.

Website: www.partnersforadoption.org

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Adoption and Legal Services

Ed Stone is an attorney whose practice is dedicated to helping birth mothers and adopting parents successfully navigate the domestic adoption process in the State of California. These are "private" or "independent" adoptions because they do not involve the use of an adoption agency. As an adoption attorney, Ed not only helps birth mothers and adopting parents find the match that's right for them, but also advises them of their legal rights and responsibilities and files all necessary paperwork with the court and the appropriate state agencies to secure the adoption. Having an attorney throughout this process can make it a lot less stressful, and Ed is committed to making the experience go as smoothly as possible.

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