

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. – James 1:27

At the Church of Joy, we believe in building strong families. There are vulnerable children, all over the globe, in desperate need of forever families who will give them the same love that God has given us as his adoptive children. While finances are limited, and we can't provide this grant to every applicant, know that we stand with you, we're praying for you and we thank you for loving God and his children.

Include these items with your completed application:

- Your completed and approved home study or home study update from a licensed 501(c)3 adoption agency.
- Copy of I-800 or other citizenship eligibility document (for international adoption)
- The first two pages of your federal tax return (please do not send the entire tax return) for the most recent year available.
- A family photo or video testimony (include your referral photo if available).

Please make sure that, along with the items listed above, you complete every page of this application.

To be considered for our grant, please compile and submit all documents by the date listed on our website at: www.thechurchofjoy.org/adoptiongrant

You can submit in two ways:

- Scan your documents as PDFs and email them to us at <u>officecoj@gmail.com</u> If the files are too large, please consider uploading and sharing a link using a secure free cloud based service such as <u>Dropbox</u>, <u>Google Drive</u> or <u>WeTransfer.com</u>
- Print and mail your documents directly to us at:

The Church of Joy Attn: Adoption Grant

P.O. Box 41

Williamson, GA 30292

Please note:

- Applications cannot be submitted post-placement.
- If you have references with similar content to the one's we've outlined, you may submit those.

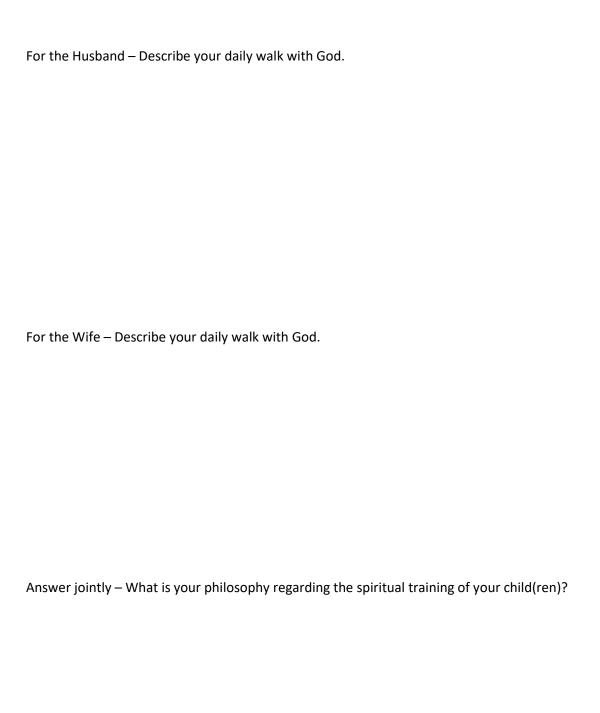
For more information, including how families are notified of selection, please see our website at: www.thechurchofjoy.org/adoptiongrant



If printing, please print clearly.			
Husband's Name			
Husband's Profession			_
Wife's Name			
Wife's Profession			-
Children's Names & Ages			
Home Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	_ Email		
Adoption Agency, Phone & Website _			
Case Worker Name & Email			
Home Church, Phone & Website			
Senior Pastor Name & Email			
In what area(s) do you serve in your he	ome church?		

Please describe how God has led you to adopt (a video of your adoption story is also acceptable).







FRIEND REFERENCE

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form on behalf of this adoptive family. We understand that you may not know all the details of the family's life, but we ask you be as candid as possible. You can email this file back to us directly at: officecoj@gmail.com or give it to the family.

Date
Your Name
Phone
Email
Name of Family you're referencing
How long have you known this family?
How did you meet this family?
How would you describe this family?
Please describe this family's support system.
Do you have any concerns about them as parents?



EMPLOYER/CO-WORKER REFERENCE

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Date	
Your Name	
Phone	
Email	
Name of Person you're referencing	
How long have you known this person?	
How would you describe this person's work habits?	
How would you describe this person's character?	
Please add any additional comments or concerns.	



PASTOR / CHUCH LEADER REFERENCE

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Date
Your Name & Role at Church
Phone
Email
Name of Family you're referencing
How long have you known this family?
How would you describe this husband and wife's marriage?
Please describe this family's commitment to their church body.
Do you have any concerns about this family becoming adoptive parents?