

## The Need

- Adoption expenses of \$20,000-\$40,000 seem financially impossible to many Christian couples.
- As a result, thousands of children remain in orphanages or are adopted by unbelievers instead of learning the gospel of Jesus Christ in a forever family.
- Each orphan needs to be rescued through the payment of a “ransom.”
- Our own adoption into the Family of God as believers was expensive, but Christ was willing to pay the ransom.
  - “Just as the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)
- How many church families need financial help adopting children?

## The Role of the Church

- God has commanded His people to care for those in need.
- When God calls a couple to adopt, the financial hurdles provide opportunities to see God’s provision in ways we never imagined.
- We believe God wants to use His church as the primary context for mobilizing adoption and providing the support for those adopting
- By establishing an adoption fund, local churches can directly minister to their families and share in the blessing of bringing their children home.

## An Adoption Fund Complements Christ’s Purpose for the Church:



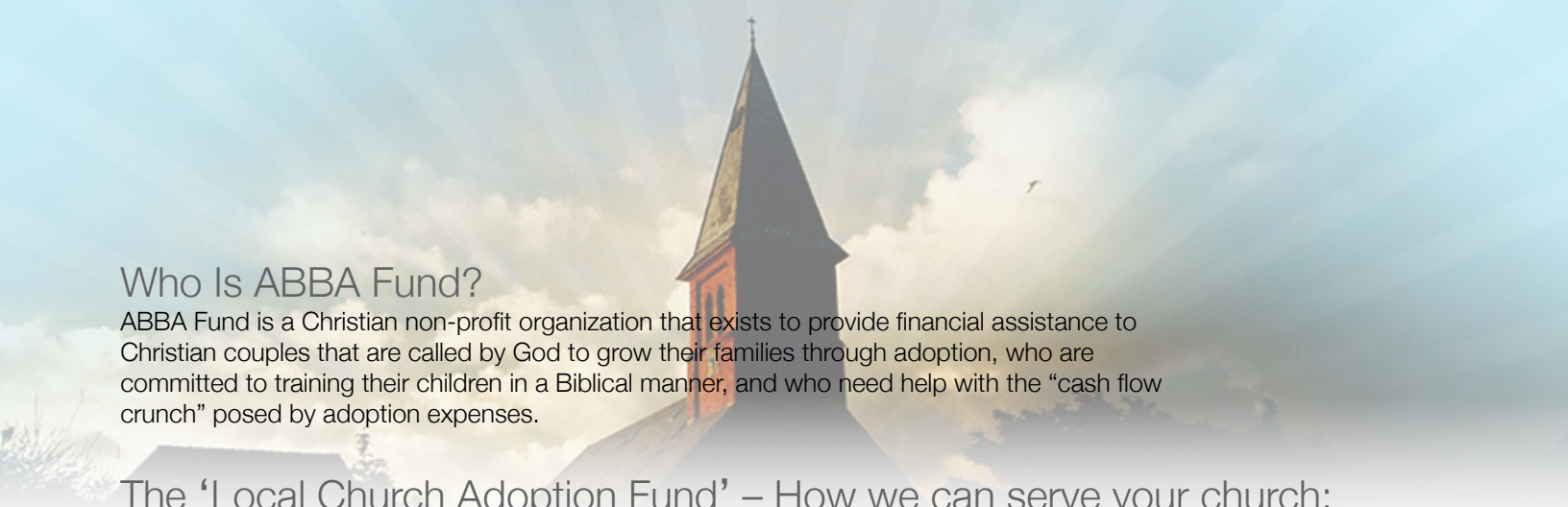
**Gospel** – Our adoption of orphans is a beautiful picture of the Gospel and our spiritual adoption by God through Christ. Adoption serves to fuel passion for worship as people see God’s power and love demonstrated in a very personal way.



**Community** – As God grows families through adoption, God’s people have the privilege and responsibility of joining with parents in the process of guiding their children to faith in Christ. Further, adoption is a costly, time-consuming, and emotionally draining process, which creates many opportunities for members of the community to minister to one another. The establishment of an adoption fund provides the opportunity for the community to care for the substantial financial needs of adoptive families.



**Mission** – Adoption by Christian families could be referred to as “missions in reverse” because it provides an opportunity to reach into our own cities and across the globe to bring children into homes where Jesus is present and the Gospel is proclaimed. An adoption fund will promote adoption and provide funds to assist families in fulfilling the Great Commission through adoption.



## Who Is ABBA Fund?

ABBA Fund is a Christian non-profit organization that exists to provide financial assistance to Christian couples that are called by God to grow their families through adoption, who are committed to training their children in a Biblical manner, and who need help with the “cash flow crunch” posed by adoption expenses.

## The ‘Local Church Adoption Fund’ – How we can serve your church:

Church allocates funding from special offerings, church contributions, or fund raising efforts to launch an Adoption Fund ministry. ABBA Fund places 100% of the church’s contributions directly into the church’s Adoption Fund (Due to our Board’s contributions and private donors we do not charge the church any administrative fees).

### **ABBA Fund provides administration for the following:**

- Qualifies families for interest-free loans based on mutually agreed upon criteria.
- Reviews applications based on the following required information:
  - Spiritual – salvation testimony, Biblical worldview, pastoral reference, adoption testimony
  - Financial – statement of net worth, cash flow
- Administers the funds as directed by the partnership.
- Receives and disburses funds to adoption agencies, etc. on behalf of approved couples as mutually agreed upon.
- Administers tax-deductible receipts, mailings, follow-ups, etc.

### **Administrates Interest-free loans:**

- Requires couples to sign a covenant agreement to repay the loan through monthly or annual payments.
- Allows families to take advantage of the \$12, 150 (per child) Federal Adoption Tax Credit to repay the loan (note that payments made with grants or gifts do not qualify for the Tax Credit).
- Maximizes each contribution as loan repayments provide funds to meet needs of new adopting families.
- Becomes self-perpetuating by re-circulating loan repayments in the form of new loans.

### **Administrates Matching Grants:**

- Provides family with a “support raising” process to help them gather prayer and financial support for their adoption
- Matches funds raised by the family on a “dollar-for-dollar” basis up to a specified amount
- Mobilizes the body of Christ to come alongside believers who have been called by God to adopt. The benefits are great: 1) creates a prayer team and natural support group for each adoptive family, 2) Prompts others to consider whether God may be calling them to adopt, and 3) allows others to have an “investment” into the life of the adopted child.

## “Win-Win” Situation

- The church becomes an active partner in adoption ministry with minimal administrative burden.
- The body of Christ as a whole is engaged in this Kingdom activity (church, friends, family).
- The major roadblock of limited finances is removed.
- A precious child is adopted into a loving, permanent Christian home.
- Synergy is created: Both ministries – the church and the ABBA Fund – are able to do more together than each could do individually.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS

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