



Dear Prospective Adoptive Family,

Thank you for your interest in Generations Adoptions! We are honored that you are considering Generations Adoptions as you prayerfully begin your adoption journey. Generations is a non-profit child placing agency licensed by the State of Texas. We are privileged to work with families across the U.S., and abroad, that are seeking to grow their family through international adoption. Many families feel called to adopt from a specific country while others are seeking God's heart and direction for their family. Generations can provide you with a variety of international adoption options through our own programs, as well as those of partner agencies we work with. Generations also offers home study services, post placement, and post adoption services for families residing in Texas.

Our mission is to provide permanent Christian adoptive families for children in need; counseling and support services for women throughout their pregnancy; and Christian families for orphans from around the globe. We offer domestic adoption, partnership programs, and international adoption programs. Generations Adoptions is a Hague accredited agency through the Council on Accreditation.

We have six International Adoption opportunities for you to choose from. We offer programs in Uganda and Cameroon. We also work in partnerships with two other agencies to offer additional international opportunities. One partnership is with Nightlight to provide adoption of children with special needs from China and Hong Kong. The second partnership is with International Child Foundation (ICF) offering adoptions from Mexico and Burundi. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for your international adoption journey.

For our Mexico and Burundi partnership with ICF, we take families through the beginning of the process through an Orientation, Home Study (for families in Texas), and help to prepare your Dossier. After the completion of your dossier, you will transfer to work with the caseworker at ICF for the remainder of your in-country process, and then we will conduct your post-adoption visits after you bring your child(ren) home. ICF is approved to work in both Mexico and Burundi and will act as your Primary Provider for your adoption process, while we assist to support you as a local agency to complete your orientation and home study.

After prayerful consideration, if it is your joint opinion that you qualify as an adoptive couple with Generations Adoptions and would like to further pursue adoption through our agency or with our partnership programs, please submit the attached application, and other included forms, to our office. We pray that we will be able to assist you as God leads you to adopt internationally.

Do not hesitate to call or email us with questions. Kelley Hollie, our International Director, can be reached at kelley@generationsadoptions.org. Our toll free number is 1-866-530-HOPE. We look forward to hearing from you.

Together in Christ,

Cathy Sones, Executive Director

Eligibility Requirements – Burundi

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- 1. The Adoptive couple must be a legally married husband and wife who have a stable marriage. The adoptive couple must be married a minimum of three years. Exceptions can be made for qualified applicants after their second marriage anniversary.**
- 2. The adoptive couple needs to each be professing Christians and members of the same church affiliation within the limits of traditional Christianity. Generations is Christian organization and our main criteria is to place children into Christian families.**
- 3. When adopting from Burundi, adoptive parents must be at least 30 years old and 15 years older than the child.**
- 4. The adoptive couple must commit to and acknowledge the importance of one parent being a “stay at home” parent, specifically during the initial 6 months of the child being home. This “stay at home” parent may work up to 20 hours per week outside the home, if necessary.**
- 5. The adoptive couple must submit a proof of employment and have a good employment record.**
- 6. The adoptive couple must be in good physical, mental, and emotional health.** *If health problems exist, the applicant must be under the care of a physician or mental health professional who can attest to their ability to adopt.*
- 7. The adoptive couple needs to be financially secure.**
- 8. The adoptive couple must complete the adoption application.** *This is used as a screening tool to ensure that the couple meets our criteria. The admissions committee makes the final decision on whether or not a couple is a “good fit” for our agency.*
- 10. The adoptive couple must complete all required adoptive parent training during the home study stage.**
- 11. They must successfully complete an adoptive home study in accordance with the laws of their state of residence, US Citizenship and Immigration Service, and Department of State.** *Home visits will be scheduled during normal business hours. All family members are required to be present.*
- 12. Each couple must consent to a search and for the agency to review the results of a Criminal History, Central Registry Background Check, and FBI fingerprint check.** *Adoptive applicants cannot have a criminal record to adopt from Mexico or Burundi.*
- 13. The adoptive couple must be able to allow the child to receive generally accepted medical care and treatment (including lifesaving and invasive procedures) as recommended by competent licensed medical care providers.**
- 14. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant based upon what the Board determines is in the best interest of the mission of this agency.**

Procedures for Families Adopting from ICF Partnership Program

1. Review Generations introductory Parent Packet from the website or request through the mail. This includes the information packet for the program with ICF. Call the Program Manager at Generations with questions.
2. Complete Generations' online pre-application (https://generationsadoptions.mysamdb.com/SAM/Fm/Fm_Ap_Form_Edt.aspx) and print, sign, and submit online the Child Care Commitment & Action Plan, *Generations'* Fee Schedule for Home Studies and Post-Adoption, and Statement of Faith and Christian Faith Questionnaire included in this packet. Pay \$500 application fee once approved by Generations.
3. Receive ICF Application and submit to ICF along with ICF Application Fee and signed ICF Fee Agreement.
4. Attend an Orientation call conducted by ICF program director and Generations Adoptions' program manager. Pay Generations' home study application fee following approval into the program with ICF.
5. Complete Adoption Service Agreement with ICF and submit to their office with fees from Phase I.
6. Complete ten (10) hours of Hague Accredited Adoptive Parent Training and meet with International Program Manager for additional training.
7. Once training is complete and references have been received by the agency, obtain a home study conducted by this agency with Criminal and Child Abuse background checks. Home Study Fee of \$2,000.00 (plus mileage if over 30 miles; plus lodging and meals if over 60 miles) is payable at first home study visit.
8. Final approval or disapproval from admissions committee (Director, Child Placing Management Supervisor, and Program Manager).
9. Submit home study and required documentation to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and await approval. Get fingerprints done when USCIS requests.
10. Receive I-171H home study approval from USCIS.
11. Collect documentation for dossier and send to ICF program director once approved by USCIS.
12. Begin process to adopt in Burundi with guidance from ICF program director. Generations Adoptions program manager will stay in contact with you during this time to provide additional assistance and support.
13. After you return to the US with your child, Generations Adoptions will conduct the required post-adoption supervision visits and reports. Post-adoption services fee of \$350.00 is payable at each time of service.
14. Complete re-adoption process in U.S. courts within 12 months of returning to U.S.

Who We Are As An Agency

As a non-denominational Christian ministry serving Christian families, Generations Adoptions desires that families know and understand the foundation that this ministry is established upon. Generations is committed to placing children with married Christian husbands and wives who have an active and vibrant Christian faith. Generations seeks families that have a firm commitment to live according to God's Word and to teach their child(ren) who Jesus is so that they, too, can come to have a personal relationship with Him.

We want you to consider carefully if we are the right agency for your family, taking into account our values as a Christian ministry. We recognize there are many wonderful adoption agencies, with different requirements that may better meet your needs as you expand your family. We believe it is our responsibility as an agency to understand each applicant's Christian faith, and consider it crucial to our fulfillment of the very foundation of our ministry to evaluate if we are the right agency for you as well.

In an effort to help us understand your beliefs and practices, **we ask that you read the following Statement of Faith carefully and determine if you both are in complete agreement.** In addition we ask that you each complete the Christian Faith Experience questions completely, describing your beliefs and practices. Please return your responses with the initial application.

Generations Adoptions' Statement of Faith

(Adapted from the National Association of Evangelicals' Statement of Faith)

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. God is the Creator of all life, including the unborn and the issues of life and death should remain in His hands.
9. Marriage is ordained of God to be the union of a man and a woman.

We are in complete agreement with the above Statement of Faith.

Signature of Prospective Adoptive Father

Date

Signature of Prospective Adoptive Mother

Date

Husband's/Wife's Christian Faith Experience

Both husband and wife must answer each of the following questions on separate sheets of paper. Please make sure your answers are typed and include the numbers below with each response. Include your signature and date at the end of your responses. Read ALL of the questions first before answering.

1. Please describe what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means to you personally.
2. How does one become a Christian?
3. Briefly describe how you became a Christian.
4. Describe your spiritual growth and experience since becoming a Christian.
5. How do you address sin in your life?
6. How does your personal relationship with Jesus Christ affect your daily life?
7. How do you know that you have complete assurance that you are going to Heaven? What Bible verses can you name that give you this assurance?



Child Care Commitment and Action Plan

Eligibility Requirement: The adoptive couple must commit to and acknowledge the importance of one parent being a “stay at home” parent to the extent reasonably possible, particularly during the initial 6 months of the child being home. This “stay at home” parent may work up to 20 hours per week outside the home if necessary.

Description of Action Plan for Implementing Eligibility Requirement:

We commit to implementing the above plan to care for our prospective adoptive child. If any changes need to be made to the plan, we will submit such changes in writing to Generations for approval before implementing any modifications of the plan.

Prospective Adoptive Father Signature

Date

Prospective Adoptive Mother Signature

Date

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN GENERATIONS ADOPTIONS, INC. AND
THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE APPLICANTS FOR COMPLETION
OF THE HOME STUDY & POST PLACEMENT/ADOPTION REPORTS**

Fee schedule for Home Study Services:

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| 1. Application fee: \$500.00 | Paid at submission of application |
| 2. Parent Training Online Course: \$149.00* | Paid at time of training |
| 3. Home study fee: \$2,000.00** | Due at time of visit |

Fee schedule for Post Placement/Adoption Services:

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| 1. Report for 1 child: \$350.00** | Due at time of visit |
| 2. Report for additional children: \$250/report | Due at time of visit |
| 3. Phone Call w/ Casenote or Visit Summary: \$150 | |

Additional services that may be required:

1. Home study Update (USCIS Approval Expiring): \$800**
2. Home study Update (Change to Family's Circumstances): \$600**
3. Expedited Home Study Service: Additional \$500***
4. Subsequent Adoption for Returning Generations Family: \$1,000****

*Online training is paid to online training provider through the internet and not paid directly to Generations Adoptions.

**Mileage is charged at the current IRS rate. Depending upon distance, lodging and meals may apply. When more than one visit is required for the home study or post placement visits some of the visits may be arranged to take place at our office or other mutually agreed upon location.

***Expedited Service means Home Study is prioritized by the staff at Generations Adoptions, Home Study is Reviewed within 2 Business Days, and Finalized report is mailed to the family via FedEx (shipment charges paid by family)

****Discounted rate applies only if the same caseworker that completed the initial Home Study is available to complete the subsequent report.

We understand that the above fees are due to Generations Adoptions and there is NO REFUND. If we decide to stop the home study process or do not turn in the required paperwork, the full fee is charged. A report with the provided information will be completed.

Adoptive Applicant Signature

Date

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Date