

The LYDIA Fund



...to look after orphans... ~ James 1:27

*Let
Youths be
Delivered from
Institutions by
Adoption*

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the LYDIA Fund all about?

Our mission is to encourage and enable married Christian couples in greater Minnesota to adopt children out of orphanages and similar institutions by providing financial assistance for their overseas fees and expenses. We are funded entirely by donations.

What are the qualifications for obtaining funding?

We desire that adopted children find their way into two parent Christian homes. Therefore, your relationship with Jesus Christ is of utmost importance. In addition, we serve only greater Minnesota couples who are adopting institutionalized children internationally.

What is involved in requesting funding?

A written application and, if you qualify, a personal interview. To qualify for the interview, you must meet the above requirements and complete all sections of the application.

What is an interview like?

The interview is an informal meeting with our board members which takes place in Mpls/St. Paul prior to your departure date. It's a chance for us to get to know you better, to hear your story, to answer questions and to pray for you. (Travel to the interview is at your own expense).

How much funding can the applicant expect?

The amount varies greatly. It is entirely dependent on what God has provided in our account, so we cannot guarantee what amount, if any, would be available at the time of the interview.

How is the funding disbursed?

Money will be sent directly to your adoption agency and applied to your overseas expenses.

When should the application be submitted?

Ideally we'd like to receive it about 3 months prior to your expected travel time (but after the INS and home study processes are well underway or completed).

What should be included with the application?

- Notarized copy of your overseas fees and expenses
- Your Christian testimony

Where do we send the application?

The LYDIA Fund
c/o Bethlehem Baptist Church
720 13th Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55415



LYDIA Fund's Mission:

to encourage and enable married Christian couples in greater Minnesota to adopt children from orphanages and similar institutions overseas by providing financial assistance for their overseas fees and expenses.

Congratulations to these families...



◀ Roger and Joyce Anderson, adopted Natasha (15) from Ukraine, Dec. 2001

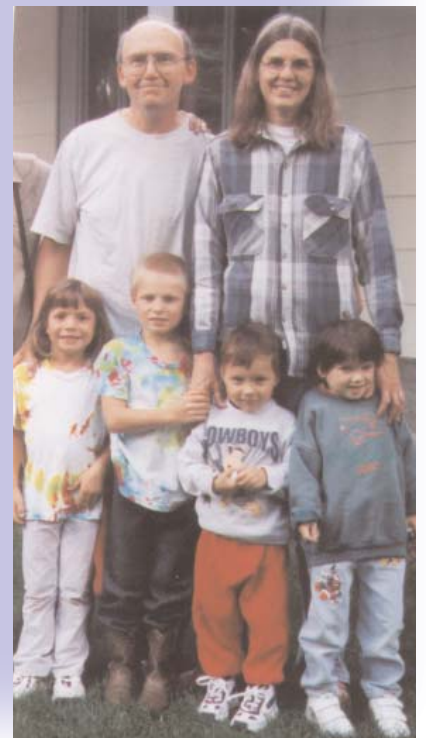


Gregg and Jan Donnelly, ▶ adopted Myah (8) from India, Oct 2001



◀ Ron and Michele Nolte, adopted Sergei (12) and Maria (11) from Russia, Feb 2002

David and Cheryl Hansen, adopted ▶ Erik (6) and Krissa (6) from Ukraine, Aug 2001



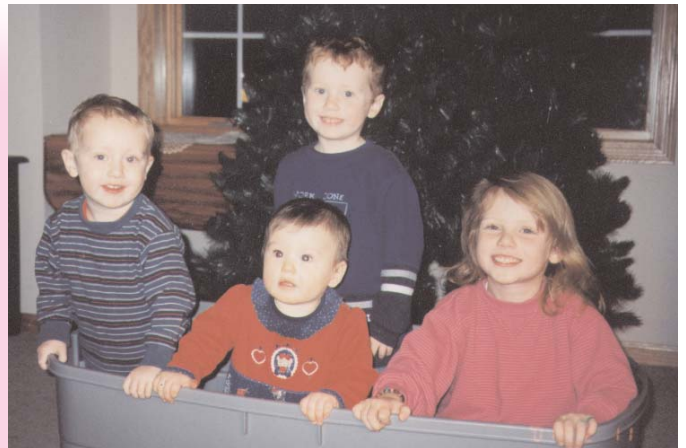
...newly formed by God's grace!



- ◀ Kyle and Gretchen Newkirk, adopted Daniel Alexy (3) and Anne Oksana (20 mo.) from Ukraine, Nov. 2001



- ▶ Dave and Liz Stein, adopted Julia (7 mo.) from Russia, Oct. 2001



Other LYDIA families not pictured:

- ▶ Jeff and Terri Gram, adopted Hanna (2) from India, Nov. 2001
- ▶ Eric and Stacey Roberts, adopted Nadiya (7) from Ukraine, Aug. 2001



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Coming soon:
The LYDIA Fund website!

PRAISE GOD!

LYDIA IS NOW A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT CORPORATION!

So now you can make checks out directly
to The LYDIA Fund and send them to:

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Participate, by all means, in delivering youths from institutions by adoption!

- Receive future quarterly issues of this newsletter.
- Pray for orphans, parents, and the LYDIA Fund.
- Adopt.
- Contribute money and/or time.

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