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Amber Adoption Fund (AAF) Request for Assistance Form

What is the Amber Adoption Fund?

"A.M.B.E.R." stands for "Adoption Magnifies the Beauty of Eternal Redemption." This adoption-assistance fund was established by Grace Church in 2008.

As the LORD was leading us to establish the fund, a dear friend of our church, Amber Mathenia, was killed in an automobile accident. Amber was the daughter of one of our members, sister of another, cousin of others, and friend to us all. She was also the adoptive mother of two children, a daughter from Ethiopia (where she and her husband served as missionaries), and a son from Memphis.

As Amber's life so beautifully portrayed, the A.M.B.E.R. Adoption Fund exists to encourage and support adoptive families in the sometimes challenging processes of adoption, particularly with biblical counsel and offsetting financial challenges.

Requesting Assistance from the A.M.B.E.R. Adoption Fund

To apply for financial assistance from the AAF, you should submit in writing responses to the following:

1. Please supply your contact information
 - a. Name, address, phone, email
2. Please tell us about your family
 - a. Names, ages, etc
 - b. Include an up to date family photo
3. Please describe your connection to Grace Church?
4. Please tell us about your family's spiritual history
 - a. Especially adoptive-parents' history, including current church
5. Please explain your desire for adoption
6. Please give us a general picture of your family's financial needs
 - a. Annual income, debt, adoption costs, etc.
7. Please describe all forms of financial assistance that have been received for adoption-related costs
 - a. Family, church, organizations (financial, religious, otherwise).

Once your application is received Grace's elders will review and one elder will contact you regarding whether or not Grace will assist in your adoption costs. Priority funding is given to the members of Grace. **Please note that agreed upon financial assistance is made available once a child is placed in the home.** The maximum amount of assistance for non-members is \$500.

All applications should be emailed to "Grace Church" at info@gracechurchmemphis.com

May the LORD richly bless you and your family!

With love, in Jesus, Eph. 1:4-5,

The elders of Grace Church