



## ORPHAN CARE OUTREACH

# HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT

Starting the process of becoming a foster or adoptive parent can be overwhelming. The following information is a step-by-step guide on what to expect as you prayerfully consider where the Lord is calling you.

### STEP 1

**Pray and ask others to pray with and for you.**

### STEP 2

**Decide if you are wanting to foster children and/or adopt.**

*The following are types of Adoption:*

- International Adoption
- Domestic Private Adoption
- Kinship Adoption
- Adoption from the Foster Care System

### STEP 3

**Choose an agency to be certified through.**

*The following are agencies we recommend:*

- Koinonia
- Bethany Christian Services
- Valley Teen Ranch
- City Without Orphans
- Fresno County Department of Social Services

*\*If fostering, you can go directly through the county or through an agency*

### STEP 4

The county or agency you choose will walk you through a thorough process of becoming certified for foster care and/or adoption. This process can include, but is not limited to: CPR certification, background checks, child-proofing your home, as well as classes.

### STEP 5

**At the completion of your certification, continue to pray as you wait for a match or placement.**

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