

China Family Testimony

The Phillips Family

Although my husband and I talked about adoption throughout our marriage, seeds of this calling were planted much earlier. God birthed a love in my heart for China during a college visit to Xi'an, China, and then He gave me a unique perspective of adoption as I worked at a crisis pregnancy center. When our family of five moved to Australia as missionaries in 2011, we thought our adoption dreams were dead because of strict Australian adoption laws. But, in His goodness, God provided a way for us to adopt through our American citizenship. Lifeline was our first and only choice of agency, not only because of friendships we had with staff, but because of Lifeline's stellar reputation and incredible China partnerships.

I can't begin to describe how our sweet Lucy, who became our daughter as a tiny infant Christmas 2013, has rocked our worlds in the best possible way. To have a front row seat to her amazing transformation from a helpless, stoic, severely malnourished baby to a healthy, joyful, thriving preschooler has been the greatest privilege of our lives. She is a living miracle and lights up our home with her sweet laughter. She gives us so many reasons to celebrate God's redeeming grace.

I cannot recommend Lifeline enough! From our first inquiry email, Lifeline was committed to us and to our sweet child-to-be, holding our hands every step of the way. When an unprecedented complication left our family in a desperate situation, Lifeline walked with us, interceded for us, and used every resource available to reunite our family and bring our girl home. When I published my book, *Bringing Lucy Home*, I had no greater cheerleader than Lifeline. We are forever grateful for our Lifeline family! Our lives will never be the same.