

2021

ANNUAL REPORT





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A WORD FROM HERBIE NEWELL

President & Executive Director

As we look back on 2021, we see a year full of growth, new opportunity, and fruitful work. The Lord has grown the breadth and depth of Lifeline's ministry. In 2021, Lifeline celebrated 40 years of gospel ministry. The Lord built our ministry 40 years ago to defend the fatherless, the vulnerable, the woman in crisis, the orphan, and the family. God has created a strong legacy through Lifeline by giving vulnerable children a hope and a future and finding avenues to bring gospel hope to children and families around the world. Lifeline's 40-year commitment to the gospel has not wavered. Because of our continual commitment to caring for the vulnerable, we can look back on all the Lord has built and recall story after story of gospel hope.



As we reflect on all the Lord accomplished through Lifeline this year, we also look forward to the future. With 153 million orphans worldwide, chemical abortion on the rise, and 1/3 of children in vulnerable situations – the continual work is great. We increasingly need partners who are willing to invest their time, talents, and resources as we look ahead to the work the Lord will do in 2022 and well beyond for the glory of the Lord.

2022 STRATEGY



Recruit, train, and assess missional Christian families to adopt waiting children from foster care



Implement a 50-state pregnancy counseling strategy to partner with local churches to reach vulnerable expectant parents with the gospel and life-affirming support



Begin a program with seminarians to reach the next generation of pastors and Church leaders with a gospel vision for adoption, family restoration, and ministry to the fatherless



Host a Global Orphan Care conference with all of Lifeline's Strategic Orphan Care partners



Establish a preferred provider network of therapists in the U.S. who are equipped to serve children who have experienced significant trauma and their families



Increase efforts to advocate with missional Christian families to adopt children most in need of International adoption: children with special needs, children with complex social histories, and large sibling groups



2021 IN REVIEW



January
**Expanded
Counseling Services**

Added two new counseling offices in Alabama, and saw double the number of clients we saw in 2020



April
**Officially Expanded into
Arkansas & the Florida
Panhandle**

Lifeline added an office in Little Rock and Pensacola



May
**Stand for
Orphans Kickoff**

2021 saw the 6th summer of our Stand for Orphans initiative



February
**Baptisms at
STEPS Home**

Five young girls at the STEPS Home in Chennai, India made the decision to be baptized



June
**PCA Made Lifeline
a Partner**

The Presbyterian Church of America designated Lifeline as its sole, preferred partner in adoption



March
Launched Vessels of Hope

Our new, monthly donor program is aimed at creating sustainable giving options to our supporters

**VESSELS
OF HOPE**





September
40th Anniversary

Lifeline celebrated 40 years as a ministry with a carnival for alumni families and friends



December
Purchased New Building

Lifeline closed on the building at 200 Missionary Ridge on December 31st



July
100th Child Brought Home from India



October
Pregnancy Resource Center Opened in Kansas



August
Expanded into Two New States

Lifeline established offices in South Dakota and Wyoming and immediately began the work of serving the vulnerable



November
Herbie Attended the Supreme Court

With the possible overturning of Roe vs. Wade on the horizon, Herbie Newell was asked to lend his voice to the fight to protect the lives of the unborn

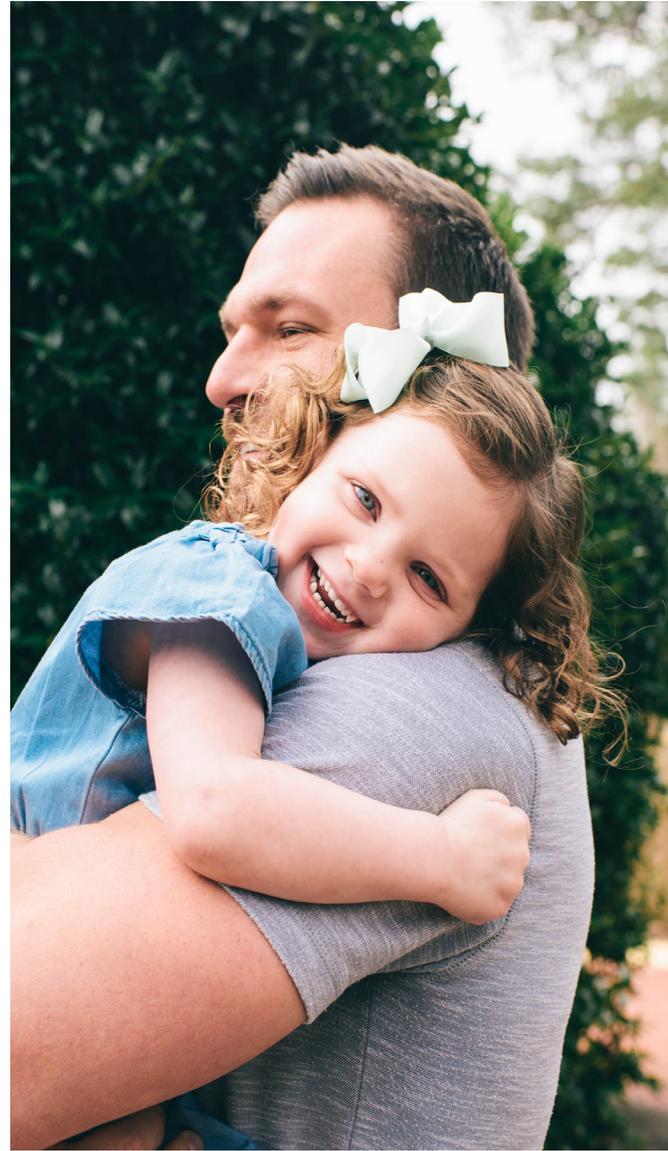
FINANCIALS

INCOME

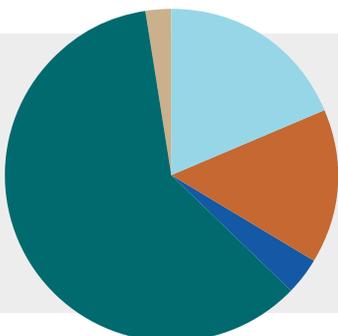
	2021 Income	2022 Budget
International Adoption	2,229,934	2,872,698
Domestic Adoption	1,755,905	2,298,704
Counseling/Education	363,676	554,800
Development	9,261,185	9,223,430
Miscellaneous	140,272	341,379
Total	\$13,750,972	\$15,291,011
Capital Campaign	3,200,000	3,355,000
	\$16,950,972	\$18,646,011

EXPENSES

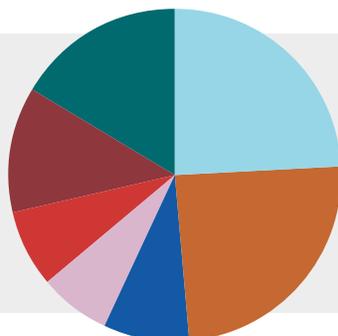
	2021 Expenses	2022 Budget
International Adoption	3,084,172	3,676,688
Domestic Adoption	2,442,849	3,691,682
(un)adopted	927,540	1,253,474
Fostering	1,072,900	1,068,329
Counseling/Education	1,128,944	1,124,134
Administrative	1,361,306	1,829,231
Development	1,923,569	2,474,074
Total	11,941,280	15,117,612
Fund Balance	1,809,692	173,399
Capital Campaign	3,200,000	3,355,000
	5,009,692	3,528,399



DISTRIBUTION



Income



Expenses

COLOR KEY

- Administrative
- Fostering
- Counseling/Education
- International Adoption
- Development
- Miscellaneous
- Domestic Adoption
- (un)adopted



41

DOMESTIC
ADOPTIONS

173

INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTIONS

23

SIBLING GROUPS
ADOPTED

ADOPTION

Lifeline believes all children are created valuable and deserve a permanent, loving family who displays and shares the hope of the gospel with them. Our International and Domestic adoption ministries seek to find strong, Christian families for children eligible for adoption. Our focus is finding Christ-centered families for small and large sibling groups, older children, children with mild, moderate, and severe special needs, and healthy younger children. Our families have long and challenging journeys in the adoption process, and we are committed to walking with them — discipling, encouraging, training, preparing, and counseling — before, during, and after welcoming their child(ren) into their home.

“Adopting my son is the best thing I’ve ever done in my life. It was a little scary because you just don’t know the process, but Lifeline did a very good job of taking us through the process. We never got off track with Lifeline. We were supported from the very beginning to even now.”

- Jason and Shereta Gray, Domestic Adoption Family



“Choosing adoption wasn’t an easy decision to make but going off of what I’d lived through as a kid, I had to make a decision that was best for her and best for me and not live in regret. Rachel didn’t pressure me about anything and just told me all the good and bad about each option, really explaining how the process works. After the adoption was complete, Rachel reminded me that there’s no timeline for grief . . . You may have a day when you’re down and need encouragement, or it may be two or three months from now. Don’t try to put a time frame on the healing process.”

A birth mother explaining how loved she felt with her Lifeline pregnancy counselor, who walked with her through pregnancy, birth, adoption, and grief.

38

**ADOPTIVE
PLACEMENTS**

497

**EXPECTANT MOTHER
REFERRALS**

57

**RESOURCE CENTERS
TRAINED**

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

We know women in unexpected pregnancies and their children are made in the image of God. Lifeline engages these women with the gospel and shows them the amazing truth that they and their children are valued by their Creator. We want to empower them to choose life for their unborn child and to make an informed decision about both of their futures. To accomplish these goals, we provide 24/7 support, counseling, connections to tangible resources, adoption planning, and post-placement support. Additionally, a woman can receive housing, physical care, life skills education, and support at The Village before, during, and after the birth of her child.

65

FOSTER FAMILIES
TRAINED

94

FAMILIES COUNT
GRADUATES

OVER

1100

PEOPLE TRAINED
THROUGH CEUs

FAMILY RESTORATION

Lifeline believes the gospel is the key that makes restoration possible for broken families; therefore, we equip local churches to provide education and ongoing support for both birth families and foster families through three programs: Foster Care, Harbor Families™, and Families Count™. All of these ministries serve as a bridge between the Church and a state's child protective services. They equip Christian families to provide temporary care for children and by assisting at-risk families as they pursue reunification with their child(ren). Through these partnerships with local churches, we are able to recruit, train, and resource Christian families to care for vulnerable children and disciple multiple generations with the gospel.



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heritage builders

Lifeline's new Heritage Builders program was able to serve more than 180 young people transitioning from Foster Care to independence in Central Alabama via mentors in the local church. The topics covered in the trainings include: healthy relationships, job interview and application preparation, financial scenarios game/simulation, sexual risk avoidance, human trafficking prevention/reality, and smart money habits.

"Since then, my family has had 12 sweet girls in our home all at different times . . . I knew that it was going to be something special; however, I didn't truly understand how being a foster sister would change my view on life and other children/families. Every child who has come and will come through our home has a special place in my heart. I tell people that I've been a sister to 12 girls. Each of them has her different story, but each of them will always be part of my story."

Tiernan Courtney, 17, foster sister for six years



"We praise the Lord that we are going to celebrate the joy of 10th anniversary of Developing Hope. We thank God that He helped and led us throughout these 10 years. Secondly, we are so thankful to Lifeline for providing us time, financial support, prayer support, and taking care of us. I am so grateful to Lifeline staff and other partners of Lifeline who pray for us and encourage us. I, Sam, Uriah*, and the Developing Hope executive board are highly appreciated and thankful to you."*

- Global Orphan Care partners in Pakistan.

*Names changed

4489

CHILDREN
IMPACTED

821

KEY
INFLUENCERS
TRAINED

26

COUNTRIES
REACHED

GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE

Lifeline believes children deserve families; however, the hard reality is that for the millions of orphaned and vulnerable children around the globe who are deprived of family, few will actually achieve permanency through adoption. Lifeline extends the biblical call to care for orphans beyond adoption. By training caregivers, teaching life skills, providing education, and partnering with local Bodies of Christ, orphaned and vulnerable children hear the gospel and can transform their future and that of their communities.





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COUNSELING HOURS
PROVIDED

423

PARENT COACHING
SESSIONS

213

FAMILIES ATTENDED
ROOTED IN LOVE

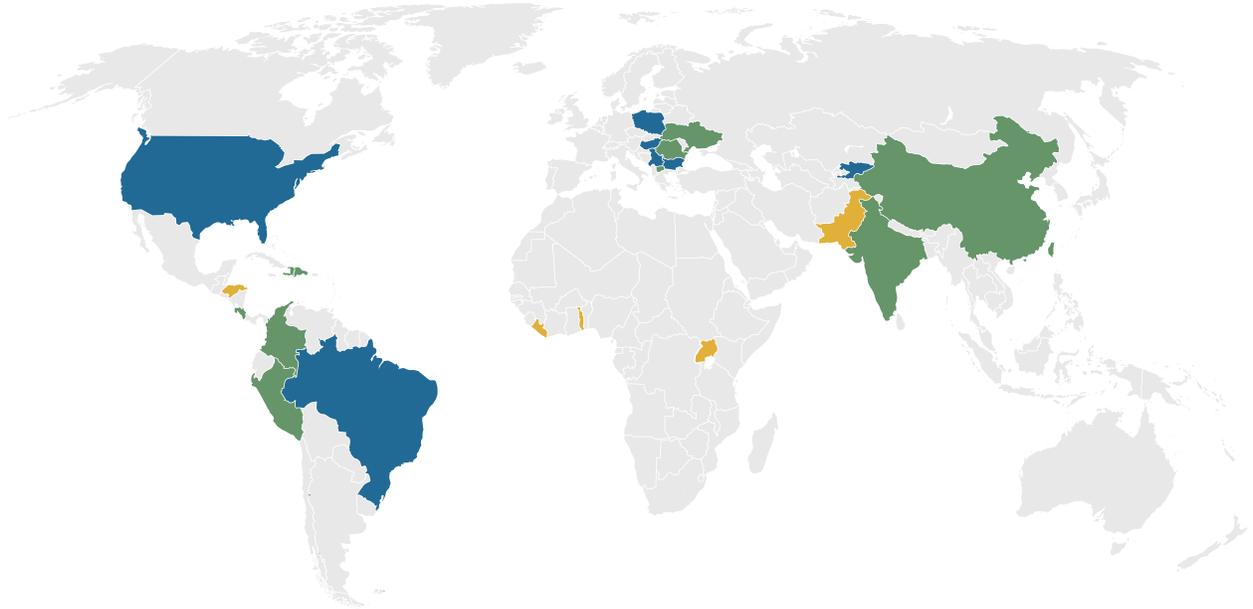
EDUCATION & COUNSELING

Lifeline is committed to supporting families with the resources they need to nurture and disciple their children who have come from hard places. Trauma, neglect, and abandonment leave deep scars that affect the way children think, learn, and relate to the world. Our highly trained and experienced therapists, educational specialists, and parent coaches bring together cutting-edge techniques with a biblical worldview to give children the help they need to thrive, and families the support they need to help their children become all God intends for them to be.

“Working with Lifeline, and Lynn in particular, gave us hope when we were at the end of our rope . . . We struggled for three years until we came across Lifeline and reached out for help. Lynn and Lifeline have been an absolute blessing for our family. We didn’t know what we didn’t know. We didn’t understand that our daughter needed a different parenting approach. The coaching has been transformative. It’s not easy, and it’s a process, but it’s working. We’re learning, our daughter is learning, and we’re growing together. God put us together and blessed us with Lynn and Lifeline.”

- Parent Coaching Family

WHERE WE SERVE



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Brazil
Bulgaria
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary

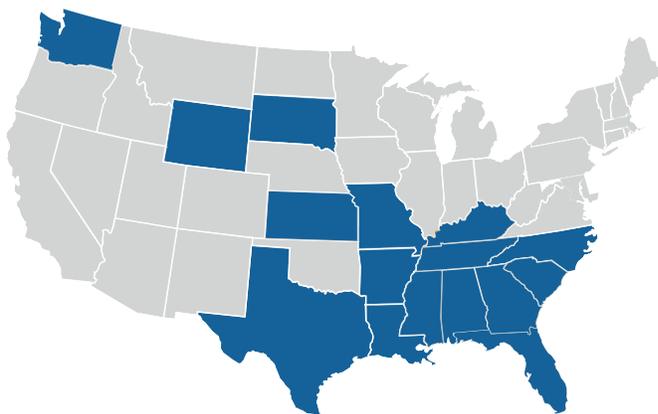
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Macedonia
Poland
Taiwan

INT. ADOPTION & (UN)ADOPTED

China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Haiti

GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE

Guatemala
Liberia
Togo
Uganda
Pakistan



LICENSED STATES

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi

Missouri
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