## WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT 2023 MISSIONARY ADOPTION FORM

CHURCH		
ADDRESS		ZIP
NEW ADOPTION	RENEWAL	(CHECK ONE)
COORDINATOR/PRESIDENT:		
ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
EMAIL		

NAME OF MISSIONARY AND/OR FAMILY YOUR GROUP HAS ADOPTED OR WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT—(A Missionary list is attached, in an attempt to get all families adopted, we are asking that each Missionary be adopted no more than twice, please indicate your preference.)

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	 	 
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice		

AGREEMENT:

Our group accepts responsibility to share special occasions such as birthdays, special holidays and anniversaries, with gifts and cards in as much as we are able. It is our special responsibility to pray and correspond often with our adopted missionaries.

SIGNED

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Oklahoma District Women's Department P.O. Box 13179 OKC, OK 73113

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For Office Use Only:		
Date Received	_Date Sent	_Initials

### ADOPTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### WHAT IS THE ADOPTION PLAN?

The Women's Ministries Adoption Plan is a ministry program, bringing women together with a missionary family of the Assemblies of God.

#### WHO MAY BE ADOPTED?

- Nationally appointed World Missionaries and U.S. Missionaries and their children 18 and under.
- District appointed missionaries and their children 18 and under

Key areas of ministry through the Adoption Plan include: intercessory prayer, correspondence on a regular basis, cards and gifts on special days such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, packages of small gifts such as magazine subscriptions, books, appropriate age level toys, Christian DVD's, CD's, etc., financial support—cash gifts for nationally appointed missionaries (U.S. or World) may be sent to their accounts in Springfield. Be sure to properly identify your gift as 'personal,' and give the full name of the recipient.

# HOW DOES THE LOCAL WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GROUP BECOME A PART OF THE ADOPTION PROGRAM?

- Select a missionary or missionary family from the District's missionary list
- Complete the Adoption Application form and return to the district WM's office
- Appoint an Adoption Coordinator from your local church group/club to keep up with the adoption throughout the year.

#### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE ADOPTING GROUP?

- Renewals are made each January but new adoptions can be done throughout the year. It is recommended that you keep the adoption for the entire term of the missionary (3-4 years).
- Contact the missionary before sending any item out of the United States. Sometimes the duty/customs charge is more than the value of the gift. Some missionaries in foreign countries receive small packages without any problem. Padded manila envelopes are best for mailing packages. Follow up with a letter stating that you have sent a gift. Ask for a response when it is received. Always send airmail.
- If you cannot continue the adoption or need to change an adoption, please notify the District Women's Department office
- Inform new coordinators about the Adoption Plan. Many times missionaries 'get lost' when there is a transition of leadership in the local church.
- When you adopt a World (foreign) missionary, acquaint your women with the country where the missionary labors. Ask someone to give a report on customs, religions, and people of the country.
- Send your missionary a picture of your group, church, and pastor. The missionary is part of your family since you have adopted him/her.

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