

# SOWING HOPE

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." King Jesus

## Speaking Out For Recovery

"I will say, "Yes" whenever You call me to share my story," I prayed one morning last year. Since that prayer, God has opened opportunities for me to speak in Killeen, Tyler, and Houston, Texas and in multiple Florida locations.

In October, I attended a Journey to Wholeness recovery ministries training, returning home with a burden to help churches create safe, healing 12-Step groups. In January, I was thrilled to facilitate a Recovery Awareness Weekend in West Houston Church. They launched their recovery ministry soon afterward! In June, I'll be traveling to West Virginia to share my testimony and speak on the relevance of addiction recovery ministries among Christians. Each speaking engagement is an opportunity to place *Same Dress, Different Day* in the hands of potential readers and to share the hope of God's redeeming love with people affected by addiction.



## Book Sales = Housing for a Displaced Florida Family

"Thank you so much for your ministry; both via your book and nonprofit organization. My family has been blessed by your heart toward families, especially those with children whose parents have been affected by the addiction of family members." That's how Nzingha's letter began. After explaining the circumstances leading up to taking in, then putting out her own mother (who relapsed into severe alcohol abuse after a 5 month hospitalization), and being displaced from her home when she was unable to maintain the rent on a part-time income with a



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## Same Dress, Different Day



A SPIRITUAL MEMOIR OF ADDICTION AND REDEMPTION

### Donations Provide Relevant Solutions For Real People

ALL *Same Dress, Different Day* book sales/donations support Relevant Life Solutions. We also sincerely thank our monthly donors who keep this ministry moving forward. Here are several ways your donations have recently provided for people's relevant needs: pre-job interview haircuts, diapers and wipes, groceries for 10 individuals in March and April, a marriage license, a government ID, rent for someone who lost their job, electric bill paid for a family in hard times, Bibles, books, etc. Current needs include housing & transportation for a homeless couple in transition to a new life. Sincerely, Juliet Van Heerden

take home pay of \$634 per month, this single mom of two sincerely thanked **Relevant Life Solutions** for helping her get on her financial feet again.

For eight months, Nzingha and her children rented one room from a friend while she looked for new work and safe housing. She says, "My income was too high for income-based housing and too low for many of the homes in suitable areas of our city." After many setbacks, including health issues, car issues and the death of a precious grandparent, she has finally found full time work and a home for her family. Last quarter, **Relevant Life** contributed a total of \$1700 to assist Nzingha with housing and electric deposits and emergency repairs. Her letter ends with, "God has blessed. I now have a full time salaried Social Work position in a school district. I have the same schedule as my children. Thank you so much for all of your help. Because of your ministry and your contribution of \$1,700, we received keys to our new home on March first."

### *Tekoa and Aniya on Move-in Day!*

