

Relevant

LIFE SOLUTIONS



Since 2016, Relevant Life Solutions has provided food, clothing, housing and legal fees so one tiny person can be safe with her mamma.

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Our nonprofit's mission and ministry expanded internationally to Ukraine last year when we went to finalize the adoption of our sons. Despite their meager means, the local people were incredibly gracious and hospitable.

Although no one ever asked, we discovered many needs in Ukraine. God invited us to partner with Him in meeting some of those needs. Thanks to friends like you, we were able to provide help and hope to Case #1. She is incredibly grateful because YOU helped reunite her with her child!

We have three current cases:

SOWING HOPE

Case #1:

A sweet single mom befriended us and translated many important conversations. We got to know her and her toddler and became aware of their needs. Before we left Ukraine, the little girl's Canadian father took the child against her will and refused to allow any communication between mother and baby. We immediately sought donations to assist in hiring an attorney and beginning a legal process to reunite mother and child.

At the time, the mother lived in a youth hostel. Our first step was obtaining a more suitable place for her to stay so she could prove that

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she is a "fit" mother. Thanks to several Relevant Life supporters, we were able to rent an apartment for this woman and another single girl who became homeless after the missionaries she stayed with returned to America.

Current Needs:

Housing for	6
Child Support for	2
Education for	1
Legal Fees for	1

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Your monthly donation provides a brighter future for this young man and his family.

Case #1 *continued*:

Relevant Life Solutions continues to support mother and child as needed until this custody battle is won. Because the father is abusive, and neglectful, it is unsafe for the little one to be with him. An officer from INTERPOL contacted the mother and told her the international police "are on her side" on condition that she continues to prove herself a "fit" mother by providing a home and legal paperwork/procedures to gain full custody of her daughter.

The lease on the apartment we rented for them MUST be renewed on September 15th. The annual cost is \$2750.

Case #2:

Against her mother and grandmother's wishes, a teen girl decided to keep her baby rather than abort him. Baby boy was ill for most of the winter and spent much time in the hospital. The girl's mother and grandmother barely have enough food for themselves. The nursing teen sometimes went without food.

Due to continual conflict in the home, the girl has left several times, but really has nowhere to go. I put her in touch with the mother from Case #1 and that mother has mentored her for several months. Relevant Life Solutions would like to offer a housing solution for both women so they can help one another with their

children while they work and also to emotionally support one another.

Case #3:

A twenty-year-old young man struggled to survive on the streets for about 3 years. He was homeless for a time. He started working at a flower shop, but dreamed of becoming a chef so he could earn more money to send to his grandmother, who supports his younger siblings after their mother's death.

Relevant Life Solutions is sending him to culinary school so he can achieve his dream and support his family. His education will take 18 months. It is a live-in program with a full curriculum, including Algebra (which is challenging, but he is doing it!) He initially attended school full time and worked nights in a flower shop (where he also slept). His grades suffered because he was not sleeping enough. We encouraged him to stop working so much, hire a tutor, and allow our ministry to supplement his income so that he can rest and study, which are the priorities. Currently he is doing much better in school and is looking forward to graduation in 2018.

How can you help?

I'm inviting you to partner with Relevant Life Solutions to provide relevant life solutions for these three individuals and their families.

Our ministry has never taken on long-term support situations like these, yet we feel led to help those whom God has placed on our doorstep (even if the doorstep is on the other side of the world.) Here's how you can help us sustain these efforts:

Partner with Relevant Life to Provide:

1. Housing for two single moms and their babies

- 1 year: \$2750
- 6 months: \$1375
- 1 month: \$229.16

2. Legal Fees for International Custody Battle

- Approximately \$1,800 total
- (Attorney fees are much less in Ukraine than here, but this amount seems impossible to a mother in her situation. It may as well be a million dollars.)

3. Culinary School/housing/food

- 18 months: \$7,200
- 9 months: \$3,600
- 3 months: \$1,200
- 1 month: \$400

4. Child support (food, clothing, transportation, medical) for one family:

- One month \$200.
- One week \$50.

***This quarter's support also included:**

- Exam/certification fees for a single mother seeking a teaching degree so she can support herself and her two little girls.
- Car repairs for a single woman in transition between jobs.

All consistent donations to Relevant Life Solutions help us budget our support of these and the local families

