

Relevant LIFE SOLUTIONS



Relevant Life Solutions was able to assist single mom, Michelle Andrade purchase a reliable vehicle after her former car bit the dust.

Volume 3

SOWING HOPE

Quarter 1

Relevant Life Solutions continues to provide just that – relevant, real-life solutions for problems that seem overwhelming to families in crisis. Thanks to supporters of our work, this first quarter of 2018 has been full of ministry opportunities and solutions!

I am excited to share the story of the sweet family in the above photo. Michelle has been a single mom for 7 years. After realizing she was on her own with her 3 children (then ages 6, 3, and 2), she kicked into high gear and put herself through school by taking night and online classes while working 3 jobs to provide for her family.

“I did not grow up in a culture where women went to school. We got married and depended on our husbands to put food on the table. I didn’t know where to start, but I knew I needed to do something,” she recalls. “I worked as a classroom assistant and private tutor during the school year and as a camp director during the summers. At the beginning, I walked everywhere or depended on others for transportation. Once I got a car, I also began delivering pizzas.

Life’s challenges continued when my middle daughter was diagnosed with Essential Thrombocythemia (a myeloproliferative disorder affecting her platelets). She is now stable in her

platelet count; needing the specialist only twice a year. Later, my son briefly battled and conquered depression. My little family has had its share of highs and lows, but we have overcome together.”

This school year Michelle finally

Current Needs:

Work for both parents in a family of	5
Housing for	4
Transportation	3
Diapers for	1

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This is Yaroslav from Ukraine. He sends his thanks to RLS for providing new glasses.

Story #1: *continued:*

reached her dream of becoming a certified teacher! Her hard work paid off.

Just when she thought she could breathe and perhaps begin to save some cash towards a home, Michelle's car died. It could not be resurrected. Thanks to Relevant Life Solutions, Michelle has a new (used) Jeep that will be a reliable set of wheels for her active family. "Thank you so much," she whispered with tears in her eyes as she hugged me. "Who does this?"

We do. YOU do. Thank you so much RLS family! Together we help families have hope!

Story #2:

Her name is Amy. Amy, whose story is not that different from mine. Except I didn't have kids in tow as I left a chemically dependent spouse to start a new life in a new place. Pride almost prevented her from stopping at our church food pantry that Wednesday afternoon. But her family was hungry and the fridge bare. Amy was one day away from admittance to a local homeless shelter. The paperwork was in order.

"This is not where I EVER expected to be," she explained when I met her.

Amy is a real estate agent. Her car is decent. Her business suit and mannerisms professional. Like so many other women, She's a working single mom, struggling to make ends

meet. "When the two home sales I was counting on to pay my bills this month fell through, I had nowhere to turn. Every other agency said I needed an eviction notice before they could do anything."

After hearing Amy's story, the Relevant Life Solutions team, in partnership with the Orange Cove SDA Church and an anonymous donor, felt God's quiet nudge. We paid her rent. "Thank you so much!" She hugged me. Hard. "Now my kids can finish the school year with their class. This means so much to us!"

Story #3

Heather (photo below/right) is an angel. For six years we have regularly prayed and dreamed of serving God together. Apart from a beautiful singing voice, The Lord gave her the gift of organization and the ability to complete tedious tasks with ease. When she found herself between jobs, Heather offered to assist us with Relevant Life. She is organizing our resources, updating our data base, assisting with mail outs and even traveling with me for speaking engagements, where she ministers through music and prayer.

Our ministry is growing! But with me teaching full time and wearing my newly acquired "mom hat," I haven't been able to keep up. I thank God for Heather's help and look forward to the doors He will open for us in the future as we move forward in faith.

Speaking engagements and book sales continue to increase as we reach a wider audience.

Story #4

RLS Expands internationally!

We are prayerfully partnering with an orphanage in Romania and continue our work in Ukraine. My book, *Same Dress, Different Day: A Spiritual Memoir of Addiction and Redemption* is currently being translated into Russian and Spanish!

How can you help?

Needs to Pray About:

1. Housing for two single moms in crisis and their babies

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

2. Funds for book translation

- Into Russian: \$1,100 owing
- Into Spanish: \$2,000 owing
- Editing Fees for Study Guide: ?

3. The completion of the Study Guide for *Same Dress, Different Day*

- Please pray for time for Juliet to write and clarity of thought.
- (Outline & 3 chapters complete!)

4. Single Mom needs a car

- Huge need! She has been unable to save anything. Mom does have work, but needs reliable transportation.

