

Relevant Life Solutions ~ Empowering people through connecting and sharing resources. Real people. Real connections. Real resources.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS



A Single Mom's Gratitude

It's always heartwarming to hear from our recipients. Read this Mom's letter—p. 1.

A Monthly **Contributor's Story:**

We thank God for our contributors. Read how one has been blessed by giving—p. 1.



ASI Convention, Orlando

RLS had a booth at the 2021 ASI Convention. We made great connections. See p. 1.

1st and 2nd Quarter 2021

Giving is down, but God is not worried! Read how He cares for us on p. 2.



ASI CONVENTION. ORLANDO



August 4-8, 2021 I had the privilege of representing Relevant Life Solutions at an annual ministry convention in Orlando, Florida.

and independent ministries gathered to share God-stories and ideas for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the whole world. I was inspired by all the ways God is using regular people, like you and me, to be innovative and creative as they answer His call to be disciples and disciple-makers.

During the convention, I collaborated with the leaders of several other ministries, sold books, and shared Relevant Life Dozens of nonprofits Solutions resources. I believe we will have



some televised interviews as a result of our networking during the event!

A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR'S STORY

"God has blessed me with a good income, and taught me to manage my money better. It was giving to your nonprofit that helped me to begin to

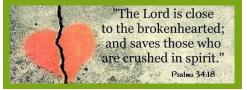
get my self-esteem back after my bankruptcy. I am more or less living within my means, and I have an emergency fund now.

So while it is because of friendship that I found RLS, monthly giving is a thank-you offering for me. I am so grateful for Juliet and RLS. I remember when she let me know that my money went to help someone with the deposit for their new apartment. I've never had to worry about food or a roof over my head, even with the bankruptcy. God reminded me that others do have to worry about those things and I still have more than enough to give."



A SINGLE MOM'S **GRATITUDE**

'Every time you give money, I want to cry. I am shocked to understand there are people who will help when life is difficult for me. I could never think that I could have such support. I am insanely grateful to you for everything. This is a huge help. Thank you very much."



RELEVANT LIFE SOLUTIONS

1ST & 2ND QUARTER

With monthly giving down and few opportunities to travel and speak, our resources have felt limited at times. Between a pandemic and a world at war with itself, it's hard to maintain our support base. Each month, needs continue to present themselves, but OUR GOD has been faithful! We have never had to turn anyone away without hope. The ONE time we simply did not have the funds in our account to cover the need.

we prayed and asked God to provide. Soon afterwards, we received an email from the person in need. It said, "Don't worry! God impressed someone else to help me this month and they covered it!" Isn't God good?

It's stories like this that remind me of a simple truth: Each person is a child of The King of the Universe. He is the One responsible for hearing their cries and meeting their needs. WE are PRIVILEGED to participate WITH Him in ministry. Our Creator is very creative when He helps His children. I love partnering with Him and catching glimpses of His heart for the hurting.

"IN ORDER TO EMPATHIZE WITH SOMEONE'S EXPERIENCE YOU MUST BE WILLING TO BELIEVE THEM AS THEY SEE IT AND NOT HOW YOU IMAGINE THEIR EXPERIENCE TO BE."

Brené Brown

Below are some stats for how God provided for His children during the first half of 2021.



People Helped

145



Medical & Mental Health

\$1,400+



Housing & Utilities

\$2,500+



Food & Household **Necessities**

\$1,500+

NEW RLS WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We have a NEW website! Some features offered are partnership opportunities, success stats, and scheduling requests for me to come speak at your venue. We are in the process of developing our online resource library. We want to provide relevant information, support and resources to our visitors. If you know of trusted books, videos, and content we can share or counselors, coaches, and advocates with whom we can connect our clients, please reach out and let us know. Take some time to check us out at www.relevantlifesolutions.org.

We are appreciative of our founder, board members and volunteers for their support and contributions to this important

ministry. It truly takes a village. We would love for you to partner with our village if you have time, talents or treasure to share. Please reach out to me via email at

I would love to connect with you and find out how we can work together for Jesus.

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WORDS OF HOPE FROM JULIET

Incredible suffering saturates planet Earth. When I am still, I feel it. People are hurting and they cannot mask the pain. Losses from Covid-19 continue to mount; lives, jobs, security, peace and health. Suffering greets us from all sides. It's difficult some days to find the "joy of the Lord" and live life from that place.

I recently read in Romans 8:18, some words that gave me hope. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us." This chapter speaks of the "whole creation" groaning and laboring with birth pangs. But things are not as they will be. I am reminded that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to

those who are called according this planet. We do not need to to His purpose (vs. 28). I have a Savior who lived, died and is risen! And WHO (vs.35) can ever separate us from His love? NO ONE! Through Jesus we are MORE THAN CONQUERERS (vs. 37)!

So, whatever fear you face today, LOVE has already conquered it. We can face today and tomorrow because we know the One who holds each day in His hands. He's got Juliet a plan for evacuating us from

fear. We will one day forget the pain of today as we look into the eyes of the One who died so we might live. The One who understands suffering as no one else can.

If you are overwhelmed by life and hurting, we'd love to connect and pray with you. Feel free to reach out.

Love,

RLS President