



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

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we close another year of providing relevant solutions to people in need, I want to share a few hallelujah stories and warmly thank you for your prayers and financial support. I also want to share our current needs and invite you to include us in your year-end giving, or even better, become one of our monthly contributors so we can wisely budget for 2024. Thank you for considering RLS' ministry in your continued support.

"I HAVE SHOWN YOU IN EVERY WAY, BY LABORING LIKE THIS, THAT YOU MUST SUPPORT THE WEAK AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT HE SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'"

Acts 20:35 NKJV

NEEDS TO BE MET

THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE



We met Yulia in 2016 while adopting our sons in Ukraine. She immediately became like part of our family. She is from Dnipro, an area heavily affected by the current war. In January, 2023 Yulia arrived in the U.S. through the Uniting For Ukraine program. Prior to that, she was helping Ukrainian refugees in

France. Yulia is a self-supporting missionary who has served God by serving others in many

countries, including Cambodia. Currently she volunteers for an urban ministry in St. Paul, MN. She has learned to drive and needs **\$3000** to purchase a used vehicle. Will you help us meet this need?



ORPHANS' EDUCATION



would love to have each child's uniform, books and supply fees sponsored for the school year and are asking for **\$1,000 per month**. If you are interested in helping with this project, either through funding or putting together a fundraising campaign, please let us know.

We continue to offer aid to the Sola Gloria de Deo school and rescue mission in Vaideu, Romania. We

NEED **\$12,000**

RLS FUNDRAISER

Our children's book, *Princess Venus Far From Home*, (mentioned in last year's newsletter) needs a new illustrator. Unfortunately, the previous illustrator was unable to proceed with the project. If you have ideas for funding, please reach out. We need to raise **\$2,000** for a new illustrator. *(All Juliet's book profits benefit RLS.)

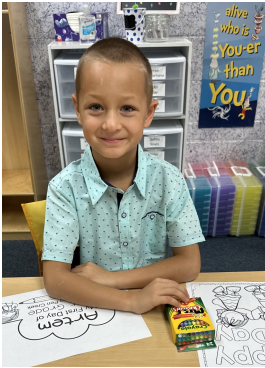
NEED **\$2,000**



STORIES OF SUCCESS AND THANKFULNESS

Thank YOU to each of you who support our ministry. As you may know, your donations helped us bring six Ukrainian refugees out of that war-ravaged country in 2022. We have

worked diligently to help them establish themselves here in America. We continue to offer support as needed, but they are steadily becoming more self-sufficient.



The children are doing well in school.



Sasha has completed much of her dental treatment plan, for which she is very grateful.

Lana is working and has also earned her Personal Trainer's certificate!



Vova now speaks English and has gained his driver's permit.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

2023 MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR:

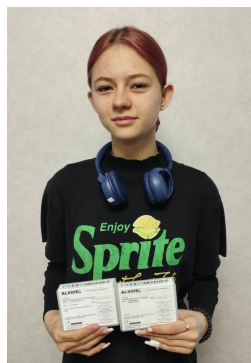
- a pastoral family facilitating a rehabilitation center for the chemically dependent,
- a family in Kyiv who lost their income because they were in the adoption business and all adoptions are suspended since the war began,
- and a single mom with two children in Romania who are refugees from the war in Ukraine.

LIFE-SAVING MEDICATION

Medicine is expensive and extremely difficult to obtain in certain regions of Ukraine.

Twice, we have been privileged to help this child obtain her medication.

Thank YOU!



GOD'S PROVISION

Relevant Life Solutions was able to provide a bed to a woman in her sixties who was sleeping on a deflating air mattress and suffering back issues. It's a great story of God's provision!

We were low on funds, but I really felt impressed that we needed to buy a bed for this lady. I ordered the bed online, but the order was unexplainably cancelled. I ordered again and it was sent to the wrong address and returned. I ordered a third time and it was cancelled. I called customer service. They said tech support had flagged my account for doing something fraudulent. I explained my situation, but the representative told me I was no longer welcome to be an online shopper with their store! After I wrote an email to the CEO of the company and to someone in the corporate office, I received an apologetic phone call and was invited to try again to purchase the bed online. I did. Again, it was delivered to the wrong address! I received a refund and an apology for the error. I finally gave up, wondering if I'd heard the Lord correctly.

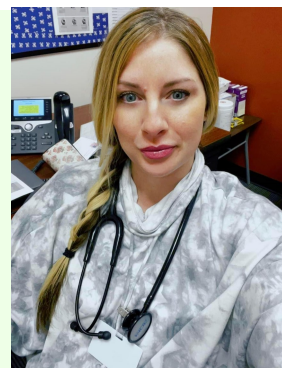
After a couple of weeks, the woman texted me and said, "Guess what was just delivered to my home?" Yes! It was the bed! And the best part is that we got it for FREE because of all the trouble! God is so good!





BACK ON HER FEET

We just want to congratulate and celebrate one of our RLS full circle single moms. Before and after divorce, she suffered some serious setbacks that nearly broke her spirit. We provided support in various ways over a couple of years. She was so grateful that when she was able to help, she contributed to our Ukraine work. Now she is working full time as a registered nurse and recently moved into a home after a long season of not having her own place. Our God is a full-circle God and He will continue to write this mom's story.

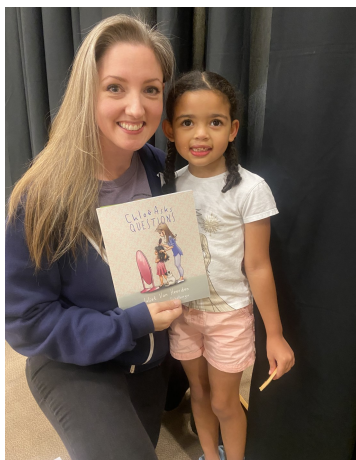


JULIET SPEAKING

This year, I've had a few speaking engagements, but would love more in 2024. I had an interview with John Bradshaw on "It Is Written."

We talked about sexual identity and my book, *As I Walked*. At a camp meeting, I shared the 12 Steps of Recovery and part of my personal testimony. I spoke on boundaries at a women's retreat, and on forgiveness at a couple of other gatherings for women. At a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) event, I shared "Three Things Parenting Taught Me," and met a mother and daughter who look exactly like the characters in my book *Chloé Asks Questions*. That was fun! I enjoy signing and selling my books at each event.

André and I, along with our Board sincerely thank each person who has prayed for and supported our work for the past ten years. Only God knows all the lives changed and the people helped through our ministry, whether through books or articles, funds, food, clothing, utilities, medical or dental care, education, networking or travel-related



needs. We are thrilled to be the hands and feet of Jesus in practical ways and look forward to the doors He will open in

2024—we invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us financially in blessing "the least of these."

Juliet Van Heerden
RLS President

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