



# A FULL LIFE IN THE EMPTIEST OF PLACES



*THE RELIEF BUS.*

## Ready, Set, Go!

I've been working with the Relief Bus for two weeks now! It's been a crazy few weeks, but I'm loving it! I have now officially taken on the position of volunteer coordinator, and I even have my own office space! I'm excited to take on the challenge of this new position, and loving the fact that I still get to serve on the street two days a week! It's the best of both worlds! If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering with the Relief Bus, send me an email at [volunteer@reliefbus.org](mailto:volunteer@reliefbus.org)!

## Familiar Faces, Old Places



One of the best things about being back with the Relief Bus has been the opportunity to reconnect with some of the friends I made during my last visit - friends on the street as well as friends within the ministry. Last week I got the chance, along with my roommate Johanna and new friend from Finland Laura, to take my friend Rosa and her two year old daughter Ellie to the park (see top left photo). It was nice to have a chance to spend time with Rosa outside the normal setting of Harlem, just loving on her and being a friend. I've also had the chance to talk with my friends Carmen and her husband Jose. Carmen has experienced a lot of medical problems, but Jose has been by her side through it all, and he truly has a servant's heart. He wouldn't even let me move my own stool when I sat down to talk with Carmen last week!

Thank you to everyone who has made my work with the Relief Bus possible through your financial and prayer support!

# Practical Giving

In Matthew 25, Jesus says that whatever we do for the least of these, we do for Him. This is a verse that I have personally seen come alive each and every time I serve on the Relief Bus. It's amazing how meeting someone's practical, immediate needs can open the door for God to transform their lives.

Before moving to NJ, I cleaned out my closet and packed clothes to give away. Two days after I arrived in New Jersey, I was serving on the Relief Bus in Harlem when I met a girl named Megan. She is about my age, once abused drugs, and was raped earlier this year. Megan has also lost custody of her 8 year old daughter. As I was talking with Megan, I learned that she needed a winter coat and some shoes - both items that I had brought to give away. Being able to meet Megan's needs in this way was a practical way of giving for me, and it has opened the door to a friendship that I hope will continue to grow, allowing me to pour the love of God into Megan's life. It's amazing how God can take a simple act of service and use it to build His Kingdom!



# Financial Support

I am an urban missionary. This is a really amazing and scary statement all in one. What does it mean? It means that my full-time job is to spread the love of God to the people of New York City and New Jersey. I schedule volunteers, coordinate schedules, serve soup, give away clothes and information, pray for people, and build relationships. It also means that I have to raise my own salary. I am completely dependent on the generosity of my fellow Christians to pay for my rent, food, student loans, etc. I have been blown away by the way God has used His people to provide for me in this way. However, I am still in need of approximately \$2,780 in order to to be fully funded for my one year commitment. This is where you come in. I need people who are willing to partner with me to do the work of God here on the streets of New York. Is God asking you to support His work of changing lives? Would you be willing to make a monthly financial commitment to supporting me in this ministry? Even \$15 or \$20 dollars a month can go a long way in helping me bring God's Kingdom here on earth! You can email me at [katieliefbus@gmail.com](mailto:katieliefbus@gmail.com) or visit my website, [katiemorrisurbanmissionary.weebly.com](http://katiemorrisurbanmissionary.weebly.com) for more info on becoming a part of my team!



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