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September 2008



"God calls orphans 'the fatherless,' whose cries are echoing across time, waiting for the ears of the church to hear."
(Fields of the Fatherless by C. Thomas Davis)
It's time for us to listen!
"You are the helpers of the fatherless." (Psalm 10:14)

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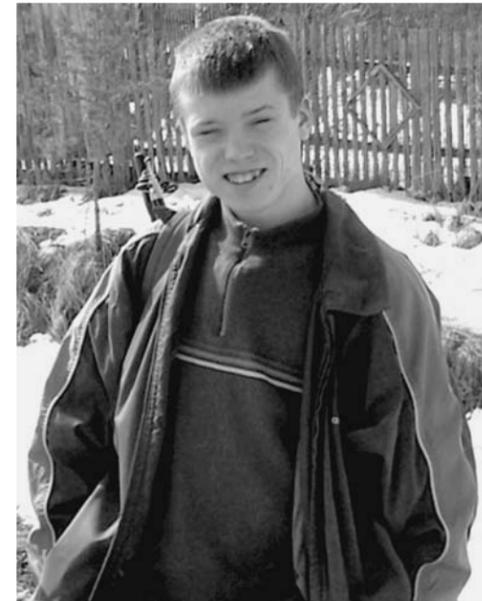
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VADIK...



home telling the others how much we care about them and how much we want to help them. Vadik really seems to understand the vision of this ministry.

Vadik seems to enjoy getting to study the Bible, often reminding others "Get your Bible, its time." He often can be seen with a "take charge" attitude when it comes to the daily lessons.

One other defining attribute found in Vadik is that he is willing to own up to his failures. He at times struggles with losing his temper, especially when he feels that others are not participating or when our leadership team, *in his eyes*, makes mistakes.

On one such occasion, I had the opportunity to deal with his "attitude." Since he enjoys the Bible study so much and yet was not participating, I knew that something was wrong. I asked if we could talk and he agreed.

I told him how good I thought that he had been doing at Restoration House. His reply, "Not always." I told him that the staff told me that he was such a good example to the others, and again he replied, "Not always." He

knew he had failed that morning but was struggling with getting back on path. (*Isn't that like many of us when we fail?*) He just needed some encouragement and he was immediately repentant and back involved.

As we were making plans for the weekend, I asked Vadik if he would like to go to church with me again this time, and he was eager to go.

As we made our way through the Metro I talked to him about our services in America and about how I report to the congregations about the boys. I told him that the people were always moved by his story and that people were praying for him.

Because the church where we were about to minister had given to the work at Restoration House, I asked him if he would like to share his story with the people.



Vadik is a great young man who has survived street life at age nine and then was placed into an orphanage, then left the orphanage at sixteen (*A common practice for orphanages in Russia*) only to once again face the streets, living on rooftops, in basements and abandoned buildings, and begging from people. He survived two suicide attempts, telling us, "I tried to die, but I couldn't." God has an awesome plan for Vadik's life!

As we watched and listened to Vadik in March and again in July, we can see great possibilities for Vadik to be more deeply involved in the vision of Restoration House. He has been such a good example to others who come to live at the home whether it is for just a few days, a few weeks or a few months. He often reminds them of the requirements in the



would be good for him to have a good cry because of all that he had been through in his young life.

During the next service as I stood there again reading his note to the people, I watched this young man reach up and wipe his

He got very nervous and told me that he could not do that, telling me that he is good one on one, but that he would not be able to stand up in front of all those people and talk.

I asked if it would be all right for me to read what he had written to our partners in March. He agreed.

I told him that I would probably cry when I read his story and he responded, "Don't do that." I assured him that it would probably happen, because I cry almost every time I read it. His response was, "Don't cry. Men don't cry." To that, I responded, "Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem." That settled that because it was in the Bible.

He watched as I read. I tried so hard *not* to cry that morning because I did not want him to be uncomfortable. I watched this smiling young man sit and listen to me talk about him and how he lived on the street at nine years old. Then as I talked about him trying to commit suicide I watched the smile leave his face as that moment in time came flooding back into his mind. I could hold back no longer and the tears began to flow.

We ministered in two services that day. As we traveled between churches, Vadik admitted, "When you were trying not to cry, I almost cried." We talked about that it

eyes releasing some of what the enemy has tried to keep penned up inside of him.

Vadik has expressed a desire to some day work at an orphanage. The boy who has been through great difficulties has made up his mind that instead of harboring hate, that he would choose to use his life to make a difference in the lives of others.

For the moment, Vadik is not at Restoration House. He told us that his girlfriend is going to have his child. He has decided that he has a responsibility to care for this child. Again we can see an evident sign that God is working in Vadik. According to one source, more than 100,000 babies are abandoned every year in Russia. Many are found dead in the streets. Yet this young man who's heart is being changed by God is desiring to step up to the responsibility of being a parent, so he is busy working construction building banyas (*sauna*).

Because he has a desire to work in an orphanage, our staff has committed to mentor him if he is willing. His first response was that he could not stay at Restoration House because he had to take care of his child. Our

commitment to him is that we will ask partners to help support his child while he is being mentored at the house.

Our staff were the ones who approached us with the idea of doing this, and that suggested that some day he could become a part of the staff. They even suggested that it would be a good idea to move him to one of the staff rooms when he comes back to live at Restoration House.

We are not certain as to where this path will lead. For the present time we are told that the mother is living with her parents but that they cannot afford to pay for the child. We will continue to bring you reports about Vadik and we ask that you will keep lifting him up in prayer.

Helping Vadik to fulfill his dreams and helping Vadik help his child is just one more way that;



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315.668.7320

September 6 & 7
Victory Community Church
Chaumont, NY
Pastor Jesse Linstruth
315.681.1710

September 12
Table Talk
Christian Temple
Uhrichville, OH
Holly Daisy
740.922.2628

September 14
Smithtown Community Church
Falls Creek PA
Pastor Harold Hills
814.371.6831

September 17
Good News Christian Church
Wallingford, CT
Pastor Joe DeAngelo
203.284.4383

September 19-29
Russia Outreach

September 26-27
7th Annual Leadership Conference
Saint Petersburg, Russia

October 5
Good News Christian Church
Wallingford, CT
Pastor Joe DeAngelo
203.284.4383

October 12-15
The Lighthouse Evangelical Church
West Decatur, PA
Pastor Steve Millinder
814.342.2576

October 19 pm service
Church of God
Brockway, PA
Pastor David Nagle
814.265.8198

October 22
Bible Way Church of God in Christ
New Castle, PA
Pastor John Young
724.656.8398

October 26
Tri County Church of God
Salem, OH
Pastor Francis Burkhart
330.337.1708

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- Dishwater (For sanitizing to ensure health SAFETY) \$1,250
- Water Filter (We have very hard water) \$2,000
- Small Car (For staff use when the van is in use) \$2,500
- Outdoor furnace (We have our main oil furnace that is the most reliable, but it is very costly with the rising costs of fuel oil. We are endeavoring to lower the monthly cost which was more than \$1,000 each month for the winter last year.) \$6,000

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