

... You are the helper of the fatherless
Psalm 10:14



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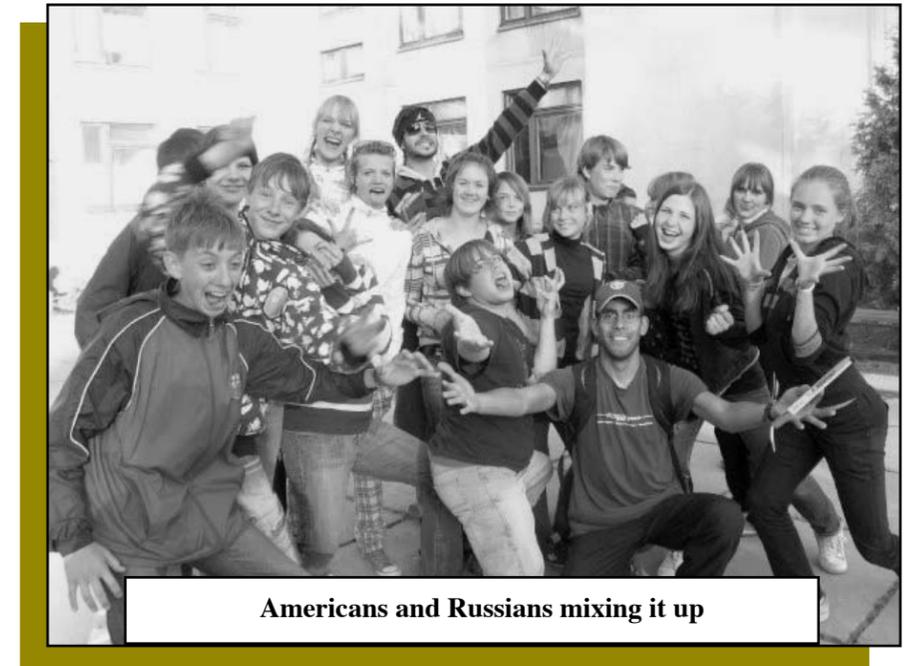
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I Love This Camp

I considered using the headline "I Hate This Camp," which was the opinion of one young lady at the end of the first day of camp. Youth in crisis from all over the city of Gatchina, some from the streets of Saint Petersburg and youth from a couple of local churches and those who joined us from the United States were all brought together to see what God would do.

Our idea was to bring youth from Christian families together with youth from families in crisis in a camp setting with the hope that they would make a connection that God could use. Maybe then kids in crisis would have a family or friend that could pray for them and maybe even find a church that would minister to them on a regular basis.

Quite frankly, it was not an easy



Americans and Russians mixing it up

task at the beginning to get the youth to co-operate in the activities we had planned. Grumbling was everywhere while trying to get them settled into their rooms

since they would not be permitted to room with their gang. And the biggest question of all, "Why do we need a Christian camp?"

To be honest, it seemed like nothing went as planned that first day and I breathed a sigh of relief just to crawl into bed that night. Waking up the next morning God brought me to a scripture; *"We may make a lot of plans, but the LORD will do what he has decided."* Proverbs 19:21 (Contemporary English Version)

As I shared that with our team, I knew that as we did our part to the best of our ability and then just stepped back and let God do what He wanted to do, we would have success. At the end of that very day, the same young lady who



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said she hated the camp now came to the same interpreter and said, "I Love This Camp." Without a doubt, God worked on so many hearts and changed so many lives. More than 70 Russian youth attended the camp and 22 made first time decisions to serve Jesus Christ. We even captured the attention of the local news media that came and did a positive report that included an interview with Kent.

By camp's end friendship were formed, phone numbers were exchanged and a small group of youth even came to the church where we were ministering on Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see the dream that God placed in our hearts come alive.

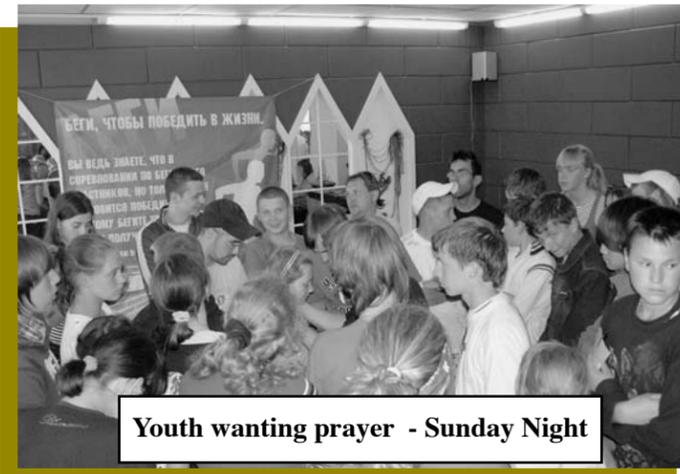
Andre was one of the boys who attended the camp along with two other young men who quickly became "trouble." It seemed that they would do everything the opposite of what you would ask them to do. They seemed to be the most stubborn, non co-operative, rebellious young men at the camp. We had to lock the door to their room to keep them out of their room and involved in activities. It appeared that they had made up their minds to not like anyone or anything, yet God was about to work on their hearts.

Because I had the key to their room, of course I was the most disliked. Little did they know that I walk in the increased favor of God and man. I was determined along with others on our team, to pursue these young men for Christ.

By the end of the second day we had already begun to experience "breakthrough" with some of the kids, but not Andre and his two friends. We had planned a 2 1/2 hour hike for the third day which brought groans and complaints from many. Once again I was the bad guy going from room to room running kids outside and locking the doors behind them. Some tried to hide out in tents and I had to run them off from there. I trusted that we were hearing from the Lord, led by the Holy Spirit, but I will admit that doubt did try to enter in.

It was that hike, the cookout, the rain, the games and the tired that somehow brought us all together. Andre and his friends began to relax and actually began to play with me. Back at the camp that night I watched them be more co-operative and listen as the message of God's love was presented. Then on Sunday night as I spoke about "Fulfilling Your Dreams," I watched these young men listen intently and even ask for prayer. As camp ended on Monday they actually were hugging us good-bye.

Over a week later



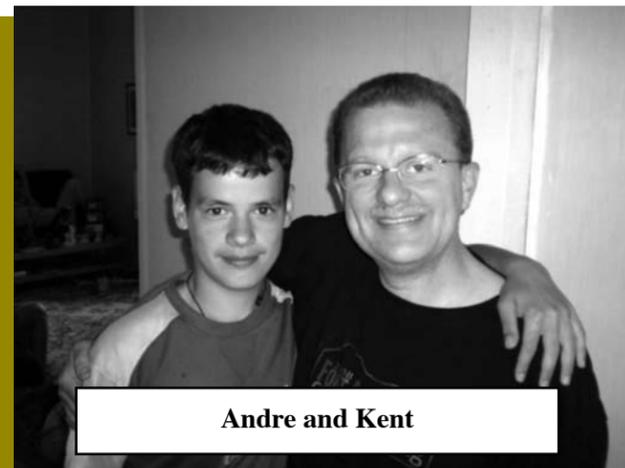
Youth wanting prayer - Sunday Night

Vitya, one of the boys at Restoration House was celebrating his birthday. We had permitted him to go to another camp but he was coming home to celebrate. When the van pulled up with Vitya and the other guys, I was surprised to see who followed...it was Andre. Andre was coming to visit Restoration House!

When he walked through the door, he immediately gave me a big hug. He acted like such a gentleman that night and was so respectful. The change that God made in his life was so amazing. Andre has been to the house twice and we look forward to him visiting more.

There are so many lives that were touched because of your generosity. The lady who interviewed for the news asked if I really thought that five days would make a difference. I responded by telling her that it was a beginning place to make a difference. If she were to ask me that same question today I would have to tell her that *it made a difference* in Andre, Masha, Axana and so many more.

Together, we ARE making a difference... Together, we ARE reaching the world for Jesus!



Andre and Kent

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