



## I'm Glad That I Don't Live There Anymore



Zhenya



Our recent trip to Russia produced many results! We fed kids, had meetings with administration officials, visited an orphanage, ministered in churches, had a Youth Event where our guys competed in soccer, and held our 7th Annual Leadership Conference.

During the first five days of our trip, a video crew traveled with us at their own expense, documenting the work and some of the outreaches of Restoration House. The team from *Salt and Light Productions in Sarasota, Florida* approached us with the idea in order to help us with presenting the vision to churches and others, and for this we are very grateful to them.

On Sunday they traveled with Vadik and Zhenya to New Generation Church in Gatchina. Both of these young men seem to be growing more and more in the things of the Lord.

While interviewing Zhenya, it was interesting to hear him talk about how he was witnessing to others about what God has done in *his* life. I must admit, he sounded like quite the little preacher. (Later in the week we talked about an opportunity for him to take a video Bible School course.

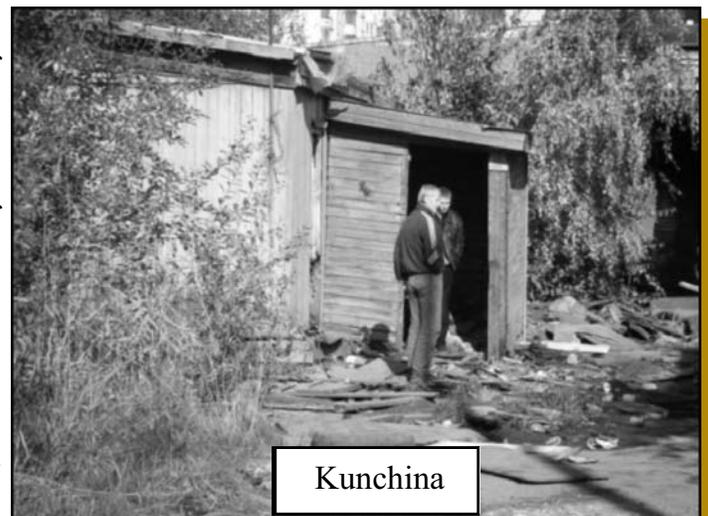
His response was very positive.)

Vadik has grown in such wisdom as he studies the Word of God. He remains very involved with the daily Bible studies as each day we read five Psalms and then look into the meaning of each verse of one chapter in Proverbs. The understanding that he has of the scriptures is inspiring. *(Who knows, we may just have a preacher and teacher in our midst. Maybe another Kent and Todd?)*

Sunday evening the video crew met us in the Kupchina district of Saint Petersburg so they could document where these boys came in contact with Olga and the work of Restoration House. They interviewed others who were still living on the street. In particular one young man named Ilya and a young girl, Vera.

The video crew did what they do best, capturing the pictures and the stories of why these kids are on the street. But, then God did what He does best, taking the opportunity to draw the hearts of some of these youth to Himself.

We began to talk to these kids about making a change in their life and getting the help they really needed. Before you knew it, Vera was in tears and ready for us to



Kunchina



Vera

connect her with our sister organization run by our friend Olga K., and Ilya was ready to make a move to Restoration House. He has experienced a dramatic turn around with his life and we are still hearing good reports about him. We will spotlight Ilya's story in a future Newsletter.

The next couple of days were spent working around the house, interviewing the boys and the staff and then a return to the city to capture on video some of the places the boys talked about. That would include a short visit back to Kupchina. The video crew needed to get some pictures of it with more daylight. We asked Vadik to join us on this trip so that he could show us any other places we might need to visit.

Vadik was uncomfortable with the idea of seeing that horrible place

and meeting up with some of the street kids. Vadik's life is now so radically changed. He realizes the pull that the street can have on a person and does not want to be drawn back into that lifestyle. We told him that he did not have to get out of the van, so he agreed to come along.

Zhenya, who is one of our staff, and Vadik dropped us off and then went to buy some food for the kids. After being gone for some time, they called and asked if they could now bring the food. The plan was that Vadik would stay in the van while Zhenya made the delivery, but instead, he mustered up the courage to come along with Zhenya.

It was good for both Vadik and the others. For him, he saw the life he left behind and was grateful, and for the others they saw what they could be. Vadik laughed and commented about the glass they had put in one of the windows of the abandoned building where these guys stay. It seems so futile to do such a thing, but it will keep some of the wind and rain out from where most of them sleep. Vadik stepped into the building and looked around and became very sober. He worked at smiling as he greeted all the familiar

faces and then I noticed him shake his head with pity. I pulled him aside and asked how he was feeling. His response, **"I'm glad that I don't live here anymore."** I

wept as I hugged him and told him that I too was glad he didn't live here anymore.

The video crew wanted to ask him how he felt about visiting the streets where he once lived. He told me that he really did not want to do another interview because he already told me how he felt. I told him that we would keep it short and he asked me if it was really that important just to hear him say "two words."

I told him that two words could really make the difference in someone else's life. He agreed to the interview because he wants his life to make a difference. He reaffirmed to the crew, **"I'm glad that I don't live there anymore."**



Vadik

Each day the boys at the house pray that others living on street will make a decision to move to Restoration House. And, until they do, that God would watch over them, feed them and keep them safe and warm.

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**S Rozhdestvom!  
 Merry Christmas!**

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here again, but it is. Soon Restoration House will be filled with kids in crisis for our annual Christmas parties - friends and strangers alike.

At these parties, children and youth hear the message of Jesus love for them and also of the help they can receive at Restoration House. All of those who have come to live at Restoration House through the past two years, whether for a week, a month and some for many months, have all become acquainted with the benefits of this ministry through parties like this.

You can help make a difference in the lives of these kids with your extra gift this month!



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