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April 2008

Olga will be celebrating a milestone in her life on April 26. She turns fifty years old. We have been told that it is not really polite to talk about a woman's age, but we thought you would like to know so that you will realize what a special day this is, and celebrate with us.

For more than ten years, Olga has given so much of herself to love the "children at risk" in the Kupchina district of Saint Petersburg, Russia. For nearly two years, she has been the director at Restoration House in Nikolskoe. We want her to know how much we appreciate what she does to help the street children.

We invite you to write, call or E-mail Olga:
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A Father to the Fatherless



Andre

*A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families...
Psalm 68:5(NIV)*

We received a phone call from Olga telling us that Andre has left restoration House. For how long, we don't know. He had received word that his last remaining relative had died, so he was returning to his hometown.

Olga told us that Andre was having a difficult time dealing with the fact that there is no more family in his life. Although he had been rejected and abandoned some time ago, I guess he always had in the back of his mind some sense of belonging since he did have family even if they were not there for him.

She asked us to pray for him because he was so upset, hurt and confused.

But now, there is no one. A few days after the phone call from Olga a young man asked us to attend a sporting event he was involved in. Those who know me know that sports are not really my thing. But this young man has expressed a love and respect towards us in such a way that I could not refuse his request.

While watching him compete, a friend of mine looked at me and

commented, "You are a father to the fatherless." He reminded me of how that Dima, a young street boy, had asked me to come and watch him play soccer. Then he told me that the father of the young man I was watching compete, won't come and support his son. My heart was heavy for many reasons.

First to think of how many hurting people there are who just need to know that some one really cares about them. Then, realizing the great responsibility there is because of those who look to us for that affirmation.

At first I thought, "I don't want that label, that's too

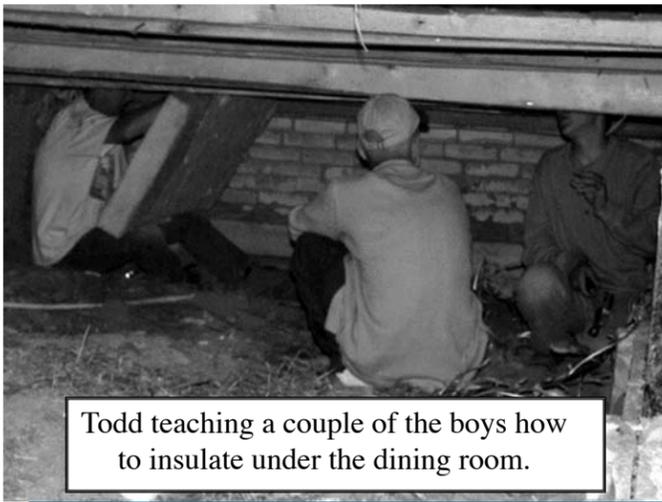
much responsibility." Then I began to consider that God called Himself a "Father to the Fatherless" and the fact that we are to be changed more and more into the image of the one that created us. (Colossians 3:10)

We have realized from the discussions that we have had with some of these children at risk, that they are not looking for a substitute parent and, we are not trying to be that in their lives. They want "normal lives" which would ideally be that their parents would become the parents that Christ desires them to be. But, since for some it will never happen because the parent or parents are deceased, and until it happens for others, we do have a responsibility to be an example of our Heavenly Fathers love towards them.

In statistics that we have been able to access on the Internet, children



Andre



Todd teaching a couple of the boys how to insulate under the dining room.

they empower them to be courageous and yet wise, bold and yet discerning. Without the father's blessing, many teens feel unwanted, uncared for, and un-affirmed."

Father's are role models.

For that reason, we have hired a Russian man whose name is Genya, to live at

without the influence of a loving father figure in the home are...

- 5 times more likely to commit suicide
- 9 times more likely to drop out of school
- 10 times more likely to abuse chemicals
- 20 times more likely to end up in prison

When a prison chaplain once offered free Mother's Day cards to inmates, they were all snapped up in minutes. But when he offered free Father's Day cards, there were few takers. Sadly, many young men and women today have grown up with little or no experience of a father's love.

A minister wrote: "As Dads bless their teenage sons and daughters,

Restoration House. Although he is a young father with an infant son and little experience of being a role model, Genya has sensed a call of God on His life to step in and assist with the responsibilities of guiding the boys at the house. He has asked two other men who have experienced life on the street and have been set free by the power of God to assist at the house as well. These two men live at Restoration House on a full time basis.

We are asking that you would pray for them to be the example of the Fathers love and guidance to the boys.

Because we see these attributes in our Heavenly Father, these are some of the ideals that we are trying to bring into the work at Restoration House:

1. Provide a safe and secure environment for restoration to those who are weary.
2. Provide a place of belonging.
3. Provide an environment where the boys are free to learn, experience, and grow.
4. Allow the privilege of



Sam in discussion with Sergey.

choosing or rejecting His Fatherhood, but inform of the benefits of choosing Him and the consequences of rejecting Him.

5. **Lead** the boys not just tell them and just send them.
6. Walk through the wilderness with them as God does with His children.
7. Just as God always expects, but never rejects, we are expecting them to walk in the structure and guidance we provide, but allowing them to fail with the confidence that they will always be loved and never rejected.



Kent cutting hair for the first time. They just want it buzzed off so it's easier to care for.

Please pray that Andre will have a greater awareness that in our hearts he is a part of our Restoration Family and that he will know that God will never reject or abandon him.

Even when my father and mother should desert me, You will take care of me. (Psalm 27:10 CEV)

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

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928.537.9453

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Jesus First Baptist Church
Pastor Larry Rhodes
Eagar, AZ
928.333.5950

April 16
Assembly of God
Houck, AZ
Pastor Kathryn Pierce
505.593.3981

April 20
The Family Church
Fort Defiance, AZ
Pastor Ken Delaney
928.729.5448

April 23
Pentecostal Church of God
Amarillo, TX
Pastor Jackie Findley
806.376.8417

April 27
Abundant Life Fellowship
Tahlequah, OK
Pastor Jay Jones
918.458.0040

April 30
Rock House
Catoosa, OK
Pastor Lavonna Ashlock
918.266.7625

May 4
Midwest Agape Chapel
Bixby, OK
Pastor Kevin Lewis
918-366-7730

May 7
Victorious Life Outreach
Park Hill, OK
Pastor Perry Jamison
918.456.5683

To Schedule Meetings in your area call: 918.456.7770

LOOK!

The address for shipping NEW clothes to The gathering center has changed.

**Attn: Rita Canan
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Your gifts make it possible for us to bring food, clothes, coats, shoes and blankets to Jenna. **Please pray for her.** We have been trying to convince her to let us help her find a place to live, but because she has become addicted to chemicals, she refuses any help that would take that away from her. In the picture above she hugs Kent to apologize for sneaking chemicals and cigarettes to Restoration House when she was invited to a party. In the background you can see the filth in which she lives.

Very soon, we look forward to bringing you pictures of the van we will be purchasing for Restoration House. We have \$16,333.95 at the time this is being sent to the printers. Thank you to each one who is making this possible!



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