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## I Think I Understand Better Now

*Resurrection Sunday (Easter) was later in Russia than in the United States, so this report from one of our staff is coming to you later.*

Honestly, other than coloring eggs, none of my plans worked out quite the way I had expected.

On Friday morning, right before lunch, we watched the Passion of the Christ. Originally we planned to watch it in the evening. The way everything turned out, we had more time to discuss the movie while it was fresh on everyone's minds.

When the film was done we were all silent for a long time. It was so quiet and no one spoke. I think finally Pasha said, "Are we done



Misha, Sasha, Anton, Missy, Pasha, Tanya and Igor Resurrection Sunday

or is there more?" So then we all kind of got up for a minute and stretched.

We spent a long time talking about the film and the life of Jesus - about questions they had about what Jesus endured and what it was really like for him.

Igor said that it was way too much blood and that there is no human way

possible for Jesus to have lived after the beating He took. It really affected him to find out that Jesus actually endured even more than they were able to show on film.

Misha told me that he remembers the first time that he saw the film when he was much younger. He said that he cried and cried watching Jesus go through everything. He could not believe that Jesus would willingly endure so much when He did not have to do it.



First time coloring eggs

*This was recently posted on numerous Russian social pages.*



Ilya Chernyshev

**Almost all organizations stopped helping street kids, they gave up on them. And not all organizations can take responsibilities to solve this problem or they are afraid to solve this kind of problem.**

**I want to say thanks to those people who organized and support Restoration House!!! !!! !!!**

**And a huge thanks for those who are solving social problems and life problems. We can see results!!! THANK YOU.**

At first Pasha was very quiet. He would only say that he had seen the film before and so there was nothing new for him to learn.

Slowly as Misha and Igor were talking, Pasha finally started to open up and talk too. It affected him in a different way than Misha and Igor...it was like he could not let himself talk about it because then he would have to admit that he believes that it all really happened and that Jesus did all that for him.

You could tell by how carefully Pasha was choosing his words that he was trying to keep himself distanced emotionally from what we were talking about, like he was just talking about the content of the film and not real events.

Igor admitted that he was still not quite ready to really put his trust in Jesus but that he is close. He really wants to understand but is concerned that he cannot live the kind of life that he believes would be necessary. We talked with Igor and explained that trusting in Jesus is not something you do because we have persuaded you to do it, but rather because you truly believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins and you want to put your trust in Him to help you live a different life.

You don't have to be perfect to come to Jesus. Maturing in Christ is a process and Holy Spirit will be there with you - helping you every step of the way.



Anton, Igor, Pasha and Yegor

Every day I see him asking questions and opening up...he really WANTS to understand this life that he can have in Jesus Christ. I believe that he is very close.

When we were done answering their questions I asked them each to tell me how it made them feel knowing that Jesus did all of this for them.

Igor said, "I am so grateful for what Jesus did. I cannot imagine wanting to die for the sins of someone else. That is so much more love than I have ever known before."

Misha said, "For me it is very hard to think about how cruel the people were. Jesus did not have to suffer so badly. Why did He have to endure so much? They did not have to beat Him so badly. I am very overwhelmed by what He did but so glad that He did it. Yes, I am grateful too."

Pasha said, "I agree with what they said...I am grateful. It is good to know why Jesus did this for me. I think I understand better now."

You know writing it all down I feel like I am going on and on and still cannot capture the looks on their faces and the atmosphere as we finished up our time in worship.

Even after we were done singing and praying we all sat there for a long time and did not speak. It was like no one wanted to finish or break free from our time thinking about the incredible love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

So, even though it was not what I had originally planned, God was so faithful and we really had a wonderful time.

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