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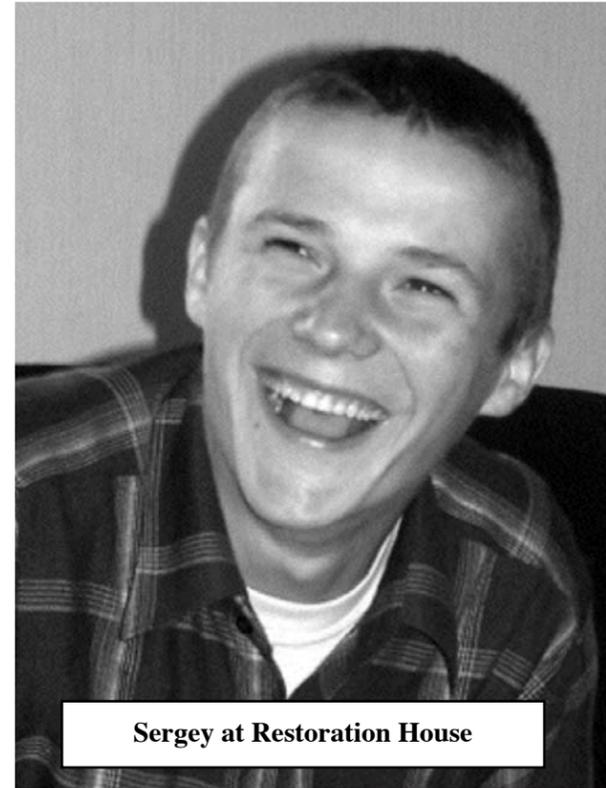
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Sergey at Restoration House

had made in his life. He was so different that the people in the church where he used to come and get fed did not even recognize him.

After several months at Restoration House, he became lonely for his friends from the street who had become like family to him. He would go and visit, but would always come home. *(We teach the boys that when they fall down, they need to get back up again. We also teach them that there is a consequence to their actions. Just like many of us, some*

*get it right away and some seem to get it only after they have to suffer great consequences.)*

We were disappointed to find out that Sergey decided for his birthday he would go visit his friends and celebrate with them. Although our staff tried to persuade him otherwise, he was determined to go.

That night Sergey gave into his flesh and joined his friends in getting drunk. What followed was a very real tragedy. One young man convinced him to help steal a car.

These are the details from third and fourth hand information.

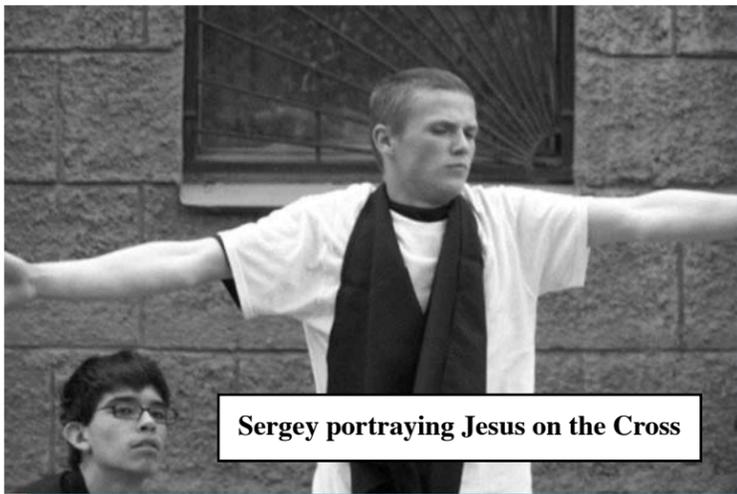
Caught in the act by the owner, the boys panicked and Sergey's friend

Many of you will remember the bright, vibrant young man who we told you about in 2007. We met him a few years before that, but while our work team from America was building the addition to Restoration House he decided to come and help us build. After just a few days there he decided that he wanted to make Restoration House his new home instead of living on the street.

He seemed to adjust well and after our youth team arrived, he began traveling with them performing drama and testifying of the wonderful change Jesus Christ



Some of the American drama team girls with Sergey



Sergey portraying Jesus on the Cross

flattering out.

*But when I get out I'll prove to you what I failed to prove when I was free. I've realized and fully understood what a fool I was.*

picked up a rock and struck the owner. Sergey is convinced that the man was alive when they ran from the scene.

We are told that they took nothing from the man lying on the ground. They simply ran. The man was later found dead and all of his personal effects stolen.

Sergey was arrested, tried and put into prison. The information we have attained leads us to believe that he was found guilty of accessory to a crime.

Our staff has received many phone calls from him asking for forgiveness. On each occasion he asks them to please relay the message to Kent and Todd asking for forgiveness. They were finally able to get a letter to him from us letting him know that we love him and that more importantly that God has never stopped loving him.

The following is a letter in response to ours:

*Hi Kent and Todd.*

*I got so glad when I received a letter from YOU. I'm very happy to know that you are remembering me and praying for me. And I'm very happy that you are not mad at me for my*

*I didn't listen to your instructions and I didn't follow your words. And now I regret about it so much. If only it would be possible to bring those times back I would listen to and I would learn from your words. But the time is not a watch which one can buy for money. There is no way to bring back the time which has already passed.*

*Only now being in this place I've realized how much time and how many days I've lost. For that wasted time I could change so much. But as I've already said I was a fool who didn't see the light right in front of me. I didn't take the chance that God gave me. But I'll try to change all that and I'll show you that I'm worthy of your expectations.*

*I'm very glad that there is a group of youth coming to Nikolskoye this summer. I'm happy about youth camp. I do want my brother to go to the camp with you and all other guys. Of course I myself do want to participate in the camp but unfortunately, I won't make it.*

*Sometimes when I recall the time when with the youth group we were performing drama in the name of God I even start crying. For then I felt so good and it was good though at the*

*beginning I refused to take part in it. But ultimately I did it with a great pleasure.*

*I want to see you so much but the bars and the fence don't let me do that but anyway I'll see you for I'm not a life term prisoner.*

*I'm also concerned about my brother. I haven't received any letter from him yet. I hope he will write one.*

*I love you very much and I give you a big hug. I'll definitely come back to the Restoration House right after I leave the jail.*

*Well, I'm finishing here. I'll be writing to you more.*

*See you. Take my regards. I give you a big hug. I miss you very much.*

*Your lifelong friend Sergey!*

We have not given up on Sergey or his brother, nor will we. This incident only causes us to realize even more the need for Restoration House. It is our duty to strive all the more to rescue these lives from destruction, to stand up to the enemy and shout "NO MORE!"

Muhammad Ali said, "I figured that if I said it enough, I would convince the world that I really was the greatest" and he did. The world believed.

If we tell these street kids often enough that Jesus loves them and that he has a plan for their lives, we are convinced that they too will one day believe.

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

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Reynoldsville, PA  
Pastor Jim Green  
814.653.2344

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Tri County Church of God  
Salem, OH  
Pastor Frances Burkhart  
330.337.1708

August 23  
Smithtown Community Church  
Falls Creek, PA  
Pastor Harold Hills  
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August 30  
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Old Forge, PA  
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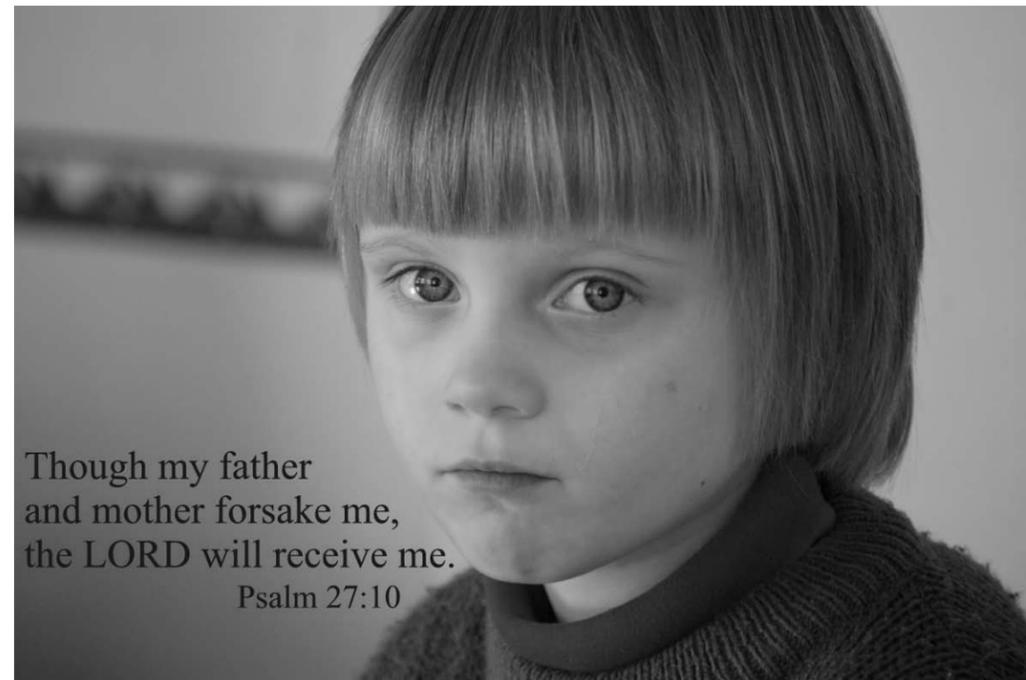
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Spirit and Life Tabernacle  
Lacona, NY  
Pastor Sonny Rudd  
315.387.9995

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South Bay Chapel  
Vernon, NY  
Pastor Roger Bates  
315.829.2244

September 11  
New Life Church  
West Monroe, NY  
Pastor Brent Culver  
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September 13  
Living Waters Fellowship  
Watertown, NY  
Pastor John Petit  
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Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.  
Psalm 27:10

**Thank you for all that you do to make a difference!**

But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him--how can God's love be within him? Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. 1 John 3:17-18

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