



July 2008

Vadik, The Camera, Andre and Luda



Vadik

Often times there will be a group who will push against you to make it seem like normal overcrowding. But, in reality they are trying to distract you in order to get into your stuff without you being aware.

Usually I walk with my hand grasping the camera bag shoulder strap and then slip one finger into the zipper strap to make sure to keep the bag closed. When I reached to slip my finger into the zipper strap I noticed my bag was open and there was a hand inside. When I

when Vadik saw a familiar face. One of the older men from the church who has embraced our boys was on the bus. He asked Vadik to sit next to him. Vadik was able to show the pictures on the camera and tell his acquaintance the story of where he lived and how far God has brought him.

Please pray for Vadik as he continues to grow in his walk with the Lord.

Andre has had a difficult struggle coming to grips with the fact of feeling so alone in this world after the passing of his only remaining relative. We have not personally had the opportunity to sit and visit with him since he left Restoration House several months ago. We had only one short encounter with him,

So many people have been asking about my camera, Vadik, Andre and Luda, so we felt the need in this issue to give you some updates. One of the plaguing questions in so many people's minds is did Kent ever get his camera back. In short, YES.

There are some interesting elements to the story. As we approached the metro there was the usual pushing and shoving of many people trying to get on the underground train. We have often cautioned people that when they get on the trains to guard their personal items carefully. This is a large city much like New York and there are people who would try to pick your pocket or steal your belongings when you are not on guard.

touched her hand she immediately pulled it away gave the signal to her friends and they hurried off of the train just as the doors closed. This all unfolded in just a matter of seconds.

The first thought that came to mind was, "I am so glad that God told me to leave the camera with Vadik." Because I was obedient to trust Vadik, I still have my camera for Vadik to take pictures another day.

The camera was also useful when we boarded the bus to the village. We no more than got onto the bus



Andre



Luda

been to church and continues to want to grow in his walk with the Lord. While at church Andre asked her if he could come to the house on the weekends and days he is not working. She replied, "Of course, this is your home. This will always be your home."

Olga has such a mother's heart for these guys and we are so grateful for her. Andre needs your continued prayer for his spiritual growth and for shielding from the enemy's temptations as he works. Remember to pray too for Olga as she pours the love of Christ into the kids.

Luda is doing better physically. She gave birth to a baby boy and for the time being he is now in an orphanage. Luda is not able to care for him and is still easily swayed back to street life. Olga invites her to the house, ministering to her and trying to teach her life skills and responsibility. Luda

only has a short amount of time to reclaim her son before her parental rights are permanently severed.

We would like her to reclaim her child and then let us help her to care for him. We have been helping a sister ministry that cares for people in these situations. They have already agreed to assist, but Luda must be willing to submit to their guidance. Pray for her that she will make the right choices. Pray too that God will really get a hold of her heart. If she would allow Him to radically change her, we have seen that she too could be a real asset to the ministry at Restoration House.

just long enough to say a friendly hello and purchase some groceries for him. We hope to be able to see him this month and have a nice long visit.

Olga told us that he does construction work now and lives at the construction sites. He has

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Gatchina Palace of Youth

During our visit to Russia in March, the Administration in Gatchina, the district where Restoration House is located, asked if we could have a meeting. As a result of that visit, we are now working together to resolve the crisis of the street children in our area. Most of the kids who end up on the streets have no birth certificates or their birth certificates cannot be located, so they are non-existent to a large degree. Because there is no funding from the government, the Administration is excited that we are willing to carry the financial responsibility for some of these boys.

Because the Gatchina Administration is working to prevent children from ending up on the streets, they have opened a "drop in center" for children in crisis. Because the local administration desires to do more, yet lacks enough funding, they have asked for our help. Micaiah Ministries is now helping to feed these children and youth on a weekly basis and our team is able to go and speak to the kids teaching them "Life Principles." Our staff of course teaches these "Life Principles" from a Biblical foundation. This is an awesome opportunity for us to begin to speak into the lives of these young people and also to let them know about Restoration House.

This is the report that we received recently from one of the Administrators:

In May 2008 on base of the Gatchina Palace of youth the room for youth from 12 till 18 years has been organized leisure. Basically it is guys from group of the social risk, inclined to bad to behavior. Their attraction in a room of leisure occurs by informing educational institutions, inspection on affairs of minors and other state structures engaged in groups of social risk. The purpose rooms of leisure - formation at teenagers of a positive social position, joint pastime and participation in actions (various trainings, methodical conversations about a healthy way of life, preventive maintenance of a narcotics, drinking and smoking), the qualified help of the psychologists, requiring for them.

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July 20
Word Fellowship
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570.457.5054

July 22
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Christ
Selbyville, DE
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July 27
Liberty Rock Church
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August 3
Haleyville Church of God
Port Norris, NJ
Pastor David Carpenter
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August 10
The Tabernacle
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Pastor Roy Zettlemoyer
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August 15
Jesus Focus Ministry
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Gatchina Palace of Youth continued

The room of leisure works from 10.00 till daily, in base of a room the big collection of films, various computer games of developing and entertaining character. Within day tea drinking are carried out (spent), joint viewings of films during which at guys are an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and to adjust friendly communications (connections), to share own opinion concerning seen (overlooked) or heard. Once a week in a room psychologists from the Regional Youth center of preventive maintenance of a narcotics which carry out (spend) the trainings directed on complex preventive maintenance bad of behavior work, render the qualified psychological help to teenagers.

In second half of day from 15 o'clock till 17 o'clock guys have opportunity to work in the years (summer) labor brigades generated by a department of vocational guidance and socially useful works of the Gatchina Palace of youth. Labor brigades are engaged in an accomplishment of city (cleaning of park and city territories). After work in a room of leisure joint tea drinking are carried out (spent).

For the current month the room was visited by 143 persons, from them about (near) 20 it is constant visitors of a room.



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