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Micaiah Ministries and YOU!*

June 2008

I WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW



Zhenia March 2006

deep into a dark place under one of the very tall apartment buildings through garbage and broken bottles, with a stench that could almost knock you over.

I met girls and boys that seemed to me to be a bout nine years old, up to eighteen years of age. After our short visit we emerged out of the darkness and cold into daylight once again. As we were departing more street kids were making their way into this horrible place for the night.

As I stepped out from the hole that led under the building, there were a couple of guys just about to enter so I asked if I could take their pictures. We chatted for a few minutes and that was that... until March of this year.

Upon our arrival to Restoration House we were greeted by those we knew, and then we met a young man who seemed familiar. But, other than that sense of "I think I know you from somewhere," there was nothing spoken or done that lead me to believe that I did in fact know this young man.

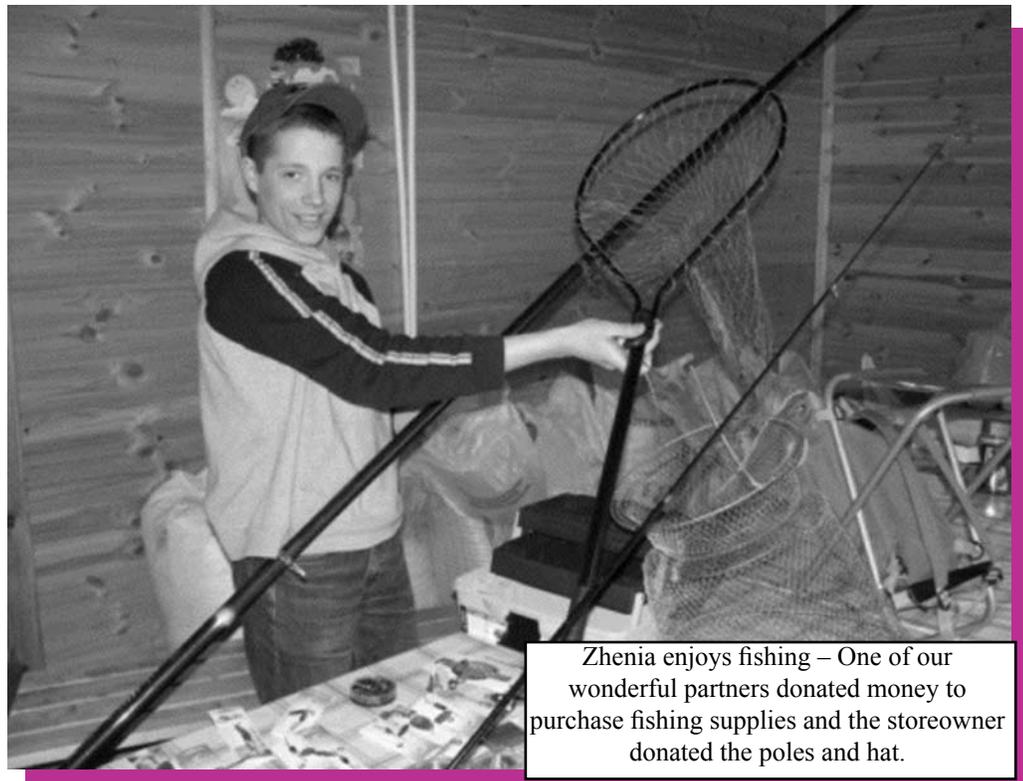
After we returned to America I had to go through some old pictures, and there he was, Zhenia. At that moment I knew that the teenager I had grown very fond of over the past two weeks, I had actually met two years earlier just outside that horrible place. The plan that God had to bring Zhenia to Restoration House is so wonderful! This is what he wrote just before we left the house in March:

Some of you may remember Sergei. He is the young man who came to live at Restoration House last summer. He lived there for several months and then decided that it was time for him to go out and get a job.

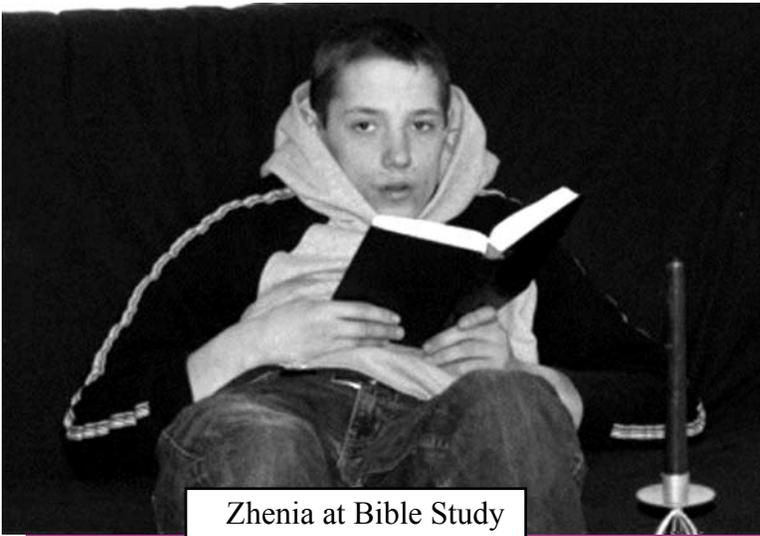
After struggling out in the world for several months, even making some wrong choices, he has now returned to Restoration House. For that, we are most grateful to the Lord. We believe that God has some awesome things in store for him, and we believe that we can help him become more rooted and grounded in the things of God.

But, this story is not about Sergei, it is about his younger brother Zhenia.

More than two years ago, you might recall that I told you the story of the street kids taking me to see where some of them were living at the time. It was a cold, rainy day and we were all soaked to the bone. The kids took me



Zhenia enjoys fishing – One of our wonderful partners donated money to purchase fishing supplies and the storeowner donated the poles and hat.



Zhenia at Bible Study

“Hello America! My name is Zhenia. I lived in the streets in the basements and in attics. Nowadays I’m living in the Nikolskoe village in the house that Micaiah Ministries bought for us.

One day I had normal life but one day something just turned upside down in my head and I started leaving home. Then little by little I started drinking beer. Then I met guys living in the streets. Through them I’ve learned how to drink vodka, to smoke drugs, to sniff glue and steal. And if God wouldn’t have led me here in this Gods House, I would probably be dead by now.

Thanks to Olga Nikolaevna, Kent and Todd and of course first of all Jesus, thanks to them I forgot what it is like to sniff glue, drink beer and vodka and to smoke drugs and I quit stealing.



Zhenia and Vitia playing soccer in the snow.

Now everything is excellent for me. I believe in God. Everyday we sit down all together to study Gods Word and I think that I will never come back to the life I left behind.”

I have to tell you a quick story that I believe will reveal to you how God has been changing Zhenia. As you know, we celebrated Olga’s birthday while we were in Russia. We planned a surprise party for her and invited staff, volunteers and friends, and of course the boys were going to be there.

We knew that the guests would bring gifts and we did not want the boys to feel uncomfortable not having gifts to give her, so we gave them each money to buy Olga something. *(We have been advised not to give them money because they*

will only steal it from you and not return. Yet God had been speaking to us about trusting the boys so that they will begin to trust themselves.) After instructing them that they were not to spend the money on

themselves and to bring back the change, we sent them on their way.

Later that day they returned excited about what they had purchased and gave us the change and the receipts. After they left the room, I counted the change and discovered that we were seven rubles short. That is a very small amount of change, only about thirty cents. I said nothing about it, because anyone can lose change.

The evening had passed and the boys were getting ready for bed early that night. About 9:45 someone knocked on my door. It was Zhenia. While getting ready for bed, he had discovered the change he had not given to me. He



Vadik, Olga, Zhenia and Denis

handed it to me and apologized. “I quit stealing.” I hugged him and thanked him and told him how proud I was of him and then just wept.

God is truly making a difference in their lives. Please continue to pray for Zhenia that the work the Christ has begun in Him, He will complete.

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The truck is scheduled to bring the container, load and deliver it to the port in New Jersey on June 16.



We need a minimum of \$9,645 to make this happen.

Price of the container \$1475
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