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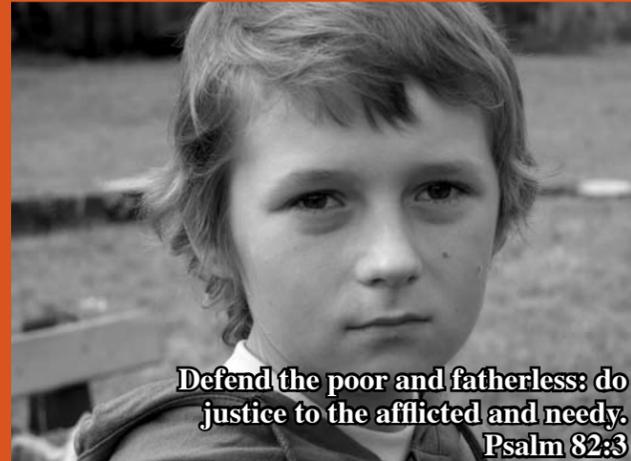


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Zhenya feeding street kids out of our van

the business center of the city while we stood waiting for an associate outside of a print and copy shop at 3:00 in the afternoon.) **The Ministry of Interior estimates that up to 17,000 children are exploited in prostitution in the country, but the actual number is believed to be much higher.**

The most recent numbers of children living on the streets in Russia is 1.5 million. More than 800,000 children live in orphanages. Today, more orphans and street children live in Russia than following in the aftermath of World War II. Each year Russia releases orphans into society at around the ages of 16 or 17, forcing them to make a way for themselves.

With no skills, they must find a job, a place to live, and a way to survive. Most don't. One report indicates that within five years of being released 9 out of 10 graduate orphans end up in crime, prison, prostitution, drug addicted, or homeless. Another 5%

Not long ago a gentleman who was on a recent vacation toured the city of Saint Petersburg, Russia and then challenged a friend of ours on the validity of the need for the work that we do there. He told his friend that while visiting the sites that he saw no evidence of "street kids."

district into the many metro and train stations you will find the young people that we endeavor to help. **According to the most recent Saint Petersburg governors report, 40,000 street children live in our city and the surrounding area.** The estimates according to some are moderate at best.

The fact is that one is not likely to encounter the "forgotten ones" while taking in all of the sights and sounds of memorials, museums and folk shows. Tourism is vital to the economy of the city and so of course Militzia (Russian police) scour the tourist areas to rid such nuisance from being an embarrassment.

If you risk walking the streets at night, you are likely to encounter teen-agers willing to sell their bodies to maintain their addiction or to have enough money to purchase a morsel of food. Some are even so bold as to approach businessmen in the middle of the afternoon. (One young lady tried to engage us in



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of graduate orphans will have committed suicide.

During the month of July a team traveled with us from the United States to help us in our first Youth Camp for Kids in Crisis (see September 2009 issue). During the period following the camp, our group split into two teams, traveling into orphanages, a children's hospital, and a drug rehab and on to the streets.

Our staff makes regular weekly visits to the streets to feed young people, minister to them and provide for other needs such as a medical help and clothes. I took one of the teams to meet up with Roma who would introduce us to some of the youth he visits.

We arrived just outside Lomonosovskaya metro station around time for lunch, so I decided to have them experience a tasty treat called blini, (it is somewhat similar to a crêpe with filling such as jam, fruit, potato, cheese, meat, cabbage and other vegetables).

Our team lined up beside the little kiosk and began placing our orders. I



Pastor Linda and Natasha

noticed a young man watching us from a distance. He was dirty, tired looking and obviously hungry. Another man from our team came to me suggesting what was already my intent. "I think he is hungry," he said, "I think that we should buy him something to eat."

I immediately approached the

young man and asked him if we could buy him something. In good Russian fashion he responded "Nyet." ("No." I am told that it is proper to say no at least once if a stranger would offer such a thing.) Of course I insisted and before you knew it, he had gobbled down three.

One by one they began to appear seemingly out of nowhere. Before long there were at least seven that I counted and some said more. All I know is that I kept the "blini lady" busy cooking. Team members who had not yet begun to eat gave up theirs as each new young person would appear, then we would purchase more. I watched our team as they struggled to eat that afternoon. Not because of the food, it was great, but because of what they were experiencing.

Each person we met had a story, if you would just take the time to show an interest, ask questions and then listen. I was so impressed as I watched members of our staff minister to these people.

Sasha got the shock of his life when one young lady approached him. It was a girl who was from his hometown and had gone to school with his sister. He could not believe the condition she was in. His sister's friend was now living on the street, addicted to drugs and in bad health. (Sasha has been working with street kids for about two years, but never was it so personal, until now.)

Natasha was another young lady who we met that day. Her hand was swollen to the size of a baseball, obviously



Sasha with young lady from his hometown

broken. She told us that she had been in a fight to keep something that belonged to her that one of the other street kids was trying to steal. I asked her if she would let me take her to a doctor to have her hand taken care of. She kept assuring me that she would be all right and that she would have it taken care of tomorrow during a scheduled visit to Doctors of the World.

I pleaded with her through tears to let me help today knowing the pain that she must be feeling. She reached up to wipe away my tears with the response "Don't cry." Of course I could not help but cry all the more. My pleas were to no avail. She ate a small portion, drank a Pepsi and asked only for some money to help her to pay some of the back rent so that she could have shelter for a couple more nights.

Natasha was only two years old when her drunken mother had her legal rights severed and then this little girl was placed into an orphanage. She is one of the thousands of children released each year from government run institutions forced to survive with no life skills. At age sixteen she found herself all alone discovering that her mother had died just two years prior to her expulsion.

This young lady has been living on the streets for the past three years simply trying to stay alive. She is such a beautiful young lady

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who doesn't have much to smile about. When we tried to force a smile from her, she was embarrassed because of her rotting teeth.

Two weeks ago while Roma was visiting back at the Lomonosovskaya metro station, he was given *misinformation* that he passed along to me. We were told that Natasha had died of a drug overdose. My heart grieved for more than a week until I received news that **she is not dead**, in fact she was missing because she is in jail.

Until we are able to get enough money to purchase land and build a girls home, we have another plan to help Natasha. Our

staff has connections with a girls rehab about 13 hours away that we would like to send her to. Please pray for her that while she sits in jail, that she will hear God speak to her heart and then allow us to get her the help that she so desperately needs. Please also pray that our staff will be able to visit her and that they will find favor.

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