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Restoration House Helped Us To Gain Hope

“I have a brother at Restoration House,” a recent comment on a social network that caught my attention. She went on to say, “We have already visited twice and are hoping to visit again. It is a really kind and warm place. It is very comfortable and wonderful people live there who meet their guests standing on the porch with a smile, a warm look and a hot cup of tea.”

“Restoration House helped us to gain hope that our brother

will return and gave us the incentive to fight. Thank you so much for your priceless help!!!”

Those were comments made by the sister of Maxim who came to live with us in

October after having been found living in an attic sleeping on cardboard.

Maxim was born in Saint Petersburg but soon after, his parents divorced and his mother took he and his sister Anya to live in a distant village. In 2000 they moved closer to the city to live with great-grandma.

As time passed the great-grandma died and because Maxim’s mother was drinking alcohol and neglected the kids, Maxim’s dad took the children to live with he and

his new family. According to staff at Restoration House, the sad fact is that his dad did not have the love for the children that the mother had. Maxim struggled in school and he and his dad fought a lot.

Because Maxim struggled in school he did not attend for an entire year in 2005 but instead began to hang out on the street begging for money. During that time he was taken to the hospital with burns on his legs because he was so high from sniffing chemicals that while smoking a cigarette he started a fire.

While in the hospital neither of his parents came to visit him.



Maxim unwrapping his new winter shoes



Maxim with new shoes, jeans and jacket – ready for church

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According to Teen Feed

20-40% of homeless youth experience sexual abuse.

40-60% of homeless youth experienced physical abuse in their homes before ending up on the streets.

Family crisis is the most prevalent reason youth and young adults identify for becoming homeless.

Studies have found high rates of mental problems among homeless youth; mental issues manifest both as a cause and a consequence of homelessness.

Homeless youth are remarkable young people with tremendous futures... if we help!

Maxim was taken into custody many times for what the Russian's call hoboism, along with sniffing chemicals and sleeping in boxes and attics. He was taken to a shelter and the parents notified, but again, no one came to visit him.

He told the state services that he "liked his parents" but that he "felt rejected, that they had created new families" and that he was "treated like a stranger and that they did not need him at all." Although during the time he spent at the shelter he tried to get in touch with his parents through letters and phone calls, they did not respond to him.

Finally in 2007 the state court severed the parental rights and Maxim was sent to a boarding school where he studied and lived in the dorm with other orphans. Two years later he was sent to vocational school to become a mechanic.

Maxim was skipping classes and several times was reported to the police. Most of that time he was going to Saint Petersburg to hang

out and drink. He was then expelled from school and began living on the streets. By the time that he came to live at Restoration House he was having trouble seeing and holding on to things due to the shaking because of the drugs, chemicals and drinking. In his words, "I came to the city and met with bad company."

He went on to say, "Thanks to this home I have stopped bad habits except for smoking. I don't want to go back to my old bad company."

"I'm grateful to this home for helping me to overcome my addictions. I'm grateful to the social worker who sent me here and I am grateful to everybody who supports me. But first of all I am grateful to the Lord for creating this place and His Word. I like very much to go to church."

One of the staff wrote, "When we pray, Maxim is so reverent and still, and when he prays he is the same way. One time shortly after he arrived at our house we asked him to pray before lunch and as he thanked God for bringing him to our house he became very emotional and almost started crying. After he finished praying the room was so still and he didn't open his eyes for a few minutes as he just stayed in that humble attitude of prayer. It really



Maxim when he first came to Restoration House

touched everyone's hearts."

All of the staff agrees that Maxim is hard working and kind. He has a gentle and quiet voice and often sits quietly. He has a desire to learn to play the piano and become a long distance truck driver.

We have been able to get Maxim into the doctors and God is healing him as his shaking has almost subsided and his eyesight is beginning to show improvement. He is happy that now his strength is such that he is able to go to work at a construction sight with some of the other residents.

The staff is helping him to get the documents required for him to be able to receive the benefits due him and to make it possible for him to go to school and get a job. They have already been able to track down his birth certificate, pay fees and petition for benefits on his behalf.

Thanks to you, Maxim really feels that he now has a family and his sister feels that she now has a brother.

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

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April 21
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Maxim saw that the Russian newspaper in Gatchina used this picture of Igor and him in the article they printed about the work at Restoration House a couple of months ago. It was obvious that he was thrilled as he laughed seeing the picture of himself with the socks given to him from our friends in Finland.

If you spend yourself in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.
Isaiah 58:10

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