

Dear friends,

It's with a new joy from Jesus that I write to you today. He has impressed on me again and again of His great love for us and His call and empowering for us to love our neighbor. I sincerely hope that this letter finds you basking in God's love and being drawn to walk with Him yet closer and closer.

Some great news is that Sasha, one of the orphans in The Harbor of Kursk, made a profession of faith! While at a Christian camp, with Ilia, she repented and turned to the Lord! This is certainly a huge step, though from talking with her and her mentors it's clear that she still has a long way to go to really stand in her faith. Growth is



This un-posed picture of Sasha and mentor Alla shows some of Sasha's progress. From being distant and standoffish she has become much more open and engaging in relationships.

clearly visible: Last year during prayer and Bible study times she would usually put up a fuss and sometimes leave the room. To describe her as having a hunger and thirst for the Bible, or for God would be an overstatement but she now listens more willingly. She has a desire to be baptized so we need to help her understand more fully what that means and to understand the life in Christ that is open to her if she will seek Him. Please pray for Sasha, that she would become deeply rooted and grounded in her faith, that she would hunger and thirst for the only One who perfectly loves her.

Other news about Sasha is that she recently fell and suffered a complicated break in her lower leg. The fall was small and seemingly insignificant. Both the fact that her leg broke on such a minor fall and the ensuing x-rays revealed that she has very weak bones and, according her doctors,

I'm so grateful to all of you who have responded to conversations and letters regarding finances for the Harbor of Kursk. There were several moments in conversations back in the States when I could see the lights come on in people's eyes as they deeply understood the plight of orphans in Russia put out into the streets, completely on their own, completely unprepared. And they understood the difference that we can make if we direct the resources God has given us to them.

I've been amazed at a number of people we've never met who have given, some in very significant amounts.

I'm always amazed at how impossible it is to predict who God is calling to support us financially. One person you'd think would surely give doesn't. Another looks skeptical and then gives. It convinces me again that God is in control and ultimately we all look to Him both for our daily bread and for help for the needy.

We still have a good ways to go if we are going to open a second apartment for boys. We welcome your participation.

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little bone marrow. Her leg is healing, however, which is obviously good. Extremely icy sidewalks don't mix well with crutches, which means that she has missed a lot of her studies at the sewing school and will probably miss the upcoming practical work. This is vital practice she needs if she is ever to work as a seamstress as well gain general job skills.

It's been a great joy to meet with our little staff. Our two mentors were hired while I was in the States. I have to say that I was initially expecting to have younger mentors than these ladies but I have been quite impressed by them and am confident they will be a great asset to the work. The first thing that has impressed me is their earnestness in the Lord. From the first time we met they have shown a great desire for prayer and Bible study. These are not the young Christians, untrained in the Bible you might expect to be so eager to learn and seek God. These ladies have been believers for many years yet their hunger for God has not waned.

I've been seeking to start out this work on a firm God-centered foundation, recognizing our dependence on the Lord in all things, both personally and in the professional care of orphans. The ladies have eagerly responded to this. I think we are off to a good start.

Upcoming training:

On March 28<sup>th</sup> Alla, Lydia, Ilia and I will take the 16 hour train ride to St. Petersburg for training with the Harbor there. With nine years experience they have a well developed program for the kids and have seen considerable success. We're all looking forward to getting a much clearer picture of what a successful program should look like in detail.

When we return we will be working hard to develop the program here for the girls we currently have and for a new group we hope to start in September at the beginning of the next school year. Pray for God's blessing and leading as we prepare.



A recent visit by Mark Cathey, my supervisor and husband to the co-founder and director of the Harbor of St. Petersburg, afforded the opportunity for this photograph of our fledgling work.

Back row: Alla (mentor), Lydia (mentor and initiator of this apartment), Sasha (participant) Galina (mentor) Mark, Ilia (program director).  
Front row: participants, Natasha & Ira.

Thank you for your interest in our ministry, for your prayer and financial support. I pray that you would so deeply abide in God's love for you, that love for God and neighbor would flow (super)naturally from your soul in thought, word, and deed. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love." John 15:9

*Blessings,  
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