

Deliver those who are being taken away to death,
And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back.

Proverbs 24:11



Step Forward

My phone rang the day we left Kursk, when I was in “Evropa,” a large supermarket doing some last minute shopping. It was Valery, one of our mentors for the boys. In addition to working with the boys in the residential program, Valery has been visiting orphanages for many years and running *The Flight School of Life* in which he and his wife take orphans to their home

for a few hours a week for training in life skills and a Bible lesson. Now Valery was ecstatic. The director of the orphanage he visits asked him if we would take four girls into The Harbor for the next school year!

Life Choices

Having the director of an orphanage recognize the benefits The Harbor offers to orphanage graduates is a huge step forward. Up until now we have had trouble getting the girls’ apartment filled. In most cases girls have preferred what they call “freedom” to the relationship and skills building offered through The Harbor. Lacking healthy male role models, the girls seek to fulfill their desperate longing for male love through boyfriends – relationships they cling to more than anything else life could offer. I have experienced little more heartbreaking than watching, in past years, girls waver between the choices. On the one side is The Harbor, offering mentors, life skills training, and relationship. Granted, there are some rules, but if the girls paid attention, the rules are not so strict. On the other side is apparent freedom offering immediate gratification of desires, unlimited access to boyfriends (who predictably come and go and never quite offer the girls what they want) and no pressure from mentors. The girls don’t see the

Making it possible

A major task I'm working on this summer is seeking out financial partners who will bring hope to these kids' futures. In order to continue our work and allow for a bit of growth, we need to raise an additional \$2,000 per month. We are praying for 2-3 major donors who would contribute \$5,000-8,000 per year and others who would contribute \$50-200 per month. We are also looking for \$3,000 in one-time gifts to cover some development at the boys' house.

One Thing

I would ask you for just one thing – would you take some time in prayer and ask God if He is calling you to this ministry at this time to help make a difference in these kids' lives? I am confident in His provision for His work and will be grateful to you for considering whether you are to be a part.

hurt down the road; they see freedom. Many are the conversations, appeals, and explanations from Harbor staff who, like John the Baptist calling people to repent, call the girls to come and gain life. Yet many, many choose temporary freedoms over the real freedom of life in Christian community at The Harbor.

Opportunity

With this director's recommendation, we are poised to have a full house of girls, several of whom have already shown a readiness to work in order to achieve something in life. Please rejoice with us at the opportunity to impact these lives for our Savior and pray the director



and the girls would, indeed, stick with their choice to be a part of The Harbor this fall. Would you prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be a part of these girls' lives through a one-time gift or a pledge. Your gift will allow us to deeply impact these girls and touch the lives of countless others we reach out to in orphanage visits, life skills training for 10-16 year olds, and our residential program as well.

Heather and I will be in the States until mid-August. We'd love to hear from you. Our contact information is below.

Gratefully,

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