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An Encounter With God

“My name is Ira. I was born in Cherepovets. When I was 9 months my father took me away. In 1996 parental rights were terminated. Most of my childhood period my father spent in prison.

After that my granddad and my granny took care of me. When I was 6 my granny died and next year my father got released from the prison. He brought me to Saint Petersburg.

I was almost 8 years when I joined a new school in 3rd grade. I got to know new friends who taught me to lie and curse. My grades got worse. Because of that my father hit me so I was coming with bruises to the school. Then teachers noticed it and called police. I was sent to a shelter.



Easter Party - Front: Lena, Yulia and Ira - Back: Sasha

In two weeks my dad took me from there.

bringing me. Once when I was 14 I came home and heard my father and stepmother quarreling saying that I'm staying in their way. I left home again.

At 9 years old I stole 3000 rubles. My stepmother told me that if I don't bring money back I'm not to come home so I didn't. This is how I began living on the streets, stealing, asking for money.

A friend of mine brought me into a basement for the first time when I was 14. There I met Igor, Zhenya and others. When I was 15 I took drugs: speed, hashish, heroin. Since 16 years I was always running: street friends, drugs, alcohol, basements, clubs, stealing became my friends. At 18 I decided to change my life.”

I began to smoke at 9 years old. At about 11 I started sniffing glue and other mixtures. At 11 I tried alcohol for the first time. Then it all started.

I've been to almost every social shelters and centers of Saint Petersburg. Sometimes I was coming home or police was

After some time in the hospital, Ira spent a short amount of time living in a social flat. Our staff received a call from the director asking is she could come live with us.



Singing at the house



Preparing to plant potatoes



Off to School

Carrying buckets of manure for the garden



Celebration at the lake

Haircuts



Tanya and Ira preparing salad

Although often when you hear me speak of Ira and the others you would think that as Todd puts it "they were Little Angels," I will for the sake of this writing tell you that Ira has not always been the compliant and cooperative young lady. Olia who cares for the girls has often told us that Ira is "tough to work with." Quite frankly, the previously mentioned organization was surprised at how long she remained with us and thanks our staff for their patience with her.

Recently we received an invitation to take a couple of our residents to a "Weekend Encounter" where the hope is that people will really encounter God, confess their sins and allow God to step into their lives and make a real change.

That is exactly what happened with Ira!

This is what Ira wrote in her own words about her recent encounter with God.

"I'm doing good. I'm thankful to your Restoration House. I've been changed so much for these last three months. I've started reading the Bible, thinking over the Proverbs, I've become more patient.

Now we have a new mentor - Lena. She is very good, she teaches me how to cook. I'm grateful to all of you for being patient with me. Thank you for good mentors.

Recently, me, Olga, Sasha and Zhenya have been to a conference for three days and I so much enjoyed it!

Olga and Sasha always encourage me and give me right advices. At that conference I repented. I didn't have relationships with my dad but after



Front: Olga, Tanya and Rita - Back: Ira, Olia and Yulia

Encounter conference everything's changed. I wrote a letter to my dad and I forgave him. He has also forgiven me. I'm happy that now everything is good between me and my dad. My father found trust in me again for he lost it when I was using drugs. I'm happy that I've got to be there. Now I want to quit smoking.

For these three months my life's changing. Thank you uncle Kent, uncle Todd, Olia, Olga, Sasha, Zhenya, Sergey, Lena. I'm thankful that there are such people who change others like me. Thank you.

Blessings
Ira."

Wonderful things have been happening in Ira's life since her encounter with God. Her relationship with her father is

stronger, she has an opportunity to live in a transitional flat with another young lady, she has made new Christian friends at another church and has the opportunity to serve in the children's ministry there.

You are making a difference!

Please continue to pray for Ira that she will continue on the path following Jesus Christ. Pray too that she will be able to overcome the habit of smoking. And also pray for a total healing and restoration in her body from HIV.

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June 13-July 11 NIKOLSKOYE, RUSSIA

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Pastor Nolan Ford
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Pastor James Johnson
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Pastor David Carpenter
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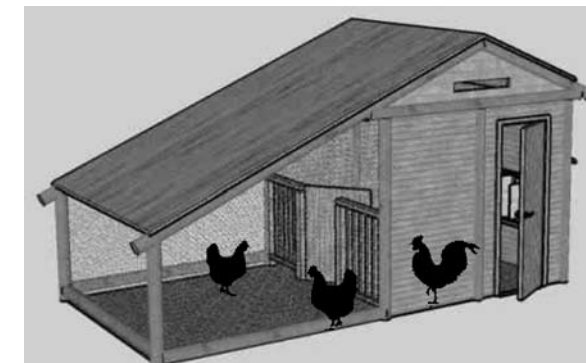
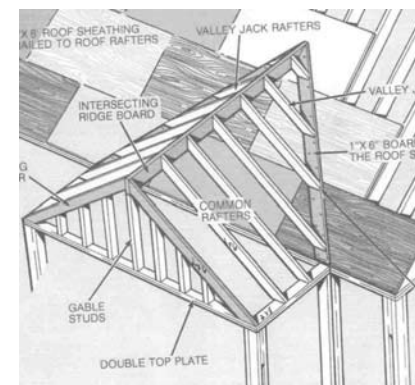
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