



ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

The Harbor is a Christian based discipleship and life skills program for teenage orphans who have left the orphanage system. Harbor offers help with education and skills and a way to achieve success for these orphans. After 10 years they are now reaching

out to the many young mothers that grew up orphans and touching the next generation. We love the Harbor and began our work with them in Over the years we have helped provide sewing machines, sergers and fabrics for the sewing program while building strong relationships. CASMI mission teams enjoyed sewing with the Harbor girls and in 2006 the Harbor girls helped to design the current zipper purse now used around the world for evangelism.

Harbor has now expanded their outreach and founded the Vocational training center. Here orphans of all ages are exposed to various career options for the first time in their lives. Currently five professions are being offered and they are: carpentry, ceramics/pottery, computer programming, cosmetology, sewing/upholstery and cooking. Some of the orphans are using these skills to acquire supplemental income ie.(doing haircuts for friends). Still others are attempting to develop small businesses out of these skills (computer services, beauty salon, art boutique). Local businessmen/women are brought in to discuss themes such as resumes, interviewing, dressing for success, and business ethics. Come and Pray for the Harbor with us!



Meet Nadya who is the sweetest young lady. Nadya grew up as an orphan and went through the Harbor program. She is a talented artist and after hearing us share the love of Jesus through the zipper purse she stepped out in faith and began to share her story of hope in Jesus with other orphans. She went on to become a missionary and is now a full time missionary with Youth with a Mission in Russia reaching orphans and teens for Christ.

Read How God is using your partnership with CASMI and Harbor to change lives!



In 2004 these girls made costumes for Steve and me to advance their sewing skills. The young lady on the left is Nastia. She went on to finish her degree in fashion design and is now a talented designer. Instead of pursuing a future in design she decided to come back as a mentor at the Harbor and works with the girls that have graduated from the Harbor program.

Above Nadya is sewing the zipper purse for the first time. What a crazy day that was, full of total chaos and God's spirit. They loved it and we all left wondering what would come of that project? The zipper purse is now used around the world to share God's hope of redemption through Jesus! They are available through our website or contact us for more information. Here is Nadya with her friend and mentor Ira Richardson. The paintings above are painted by Nadya. She sells her work to raise support with YWAM.



They loved making fleece hats and scarfs - the first sewing mission with the girls - 2005!



Hairdressing



Cooking class



Will you pray for the continued growth of the Harbor. Many of the orphans from orphanages we have helped over the past 10 years now come to the vocational center to gain skills. God has answered so many prayers - continue with us to pray for God to change lives and encourage the staff that gives so much!