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A Boy and His T-Shirt

The Amazing Turns in Alexey's Life;
A Boy Rescued from Ruins Finds Christian Parents

"My Mom and Dad!"

We at Mission Possible are very glad to have the ability to offer hundreds of children a refuge and a better life in our shelter homes.

However, a child's eyes shine in a special way when somebody asks, "Would you like to be our child?" That question opens something deep and desirable in an orphan child's heart, offering hope for the yearning to have a mother and father of their very own.

We do our best to find adoptive parents from local churches for the children in our shelters. (Unfortunately, they cannot be adopted by citizens of other countries). An adoption to a loving Christian home is the best thing that can happen to these boys and girls who have encountered so much evil in their young lives.

Spiritually, adoption resembles becoming a child of God. Without the Lord we are orphans, alone, without an inheritance. Yet, once we are His we become children of the King with a kingdom inheritance!

In Alexey's life, things could have taken a much different turn. However, the psalm printed on the back of his t-shirt was perfectly fulfilled in his life: "The Lord is my fortress and my deliverer, my shield, my rock, in whom I take refuge." Psalm 18:2

Alexey struggled against tears. The 11 year-old tried to face the truth as a man would. Valentina, the shelter home mother, had just explained to him that there would be a court session where his parents, with whom he was hoping to be reunited, would be deprived of their guardianship.

We found Alexey in 2005, abandoned by his alcoholic parents. It was one of the many "coincidences" that was not a coincidence. Gennadi, the leader of our Moscow home, was driving to Mission Possible's farm when he decided to stop by the city Rostov to see if Gena, one of our former boys, was at home with his parents. Gennadi found only ruins of a burned down shack, and sitting in them was Gena's 6 year-old brother Alexey.



This is how Alexey came to our shelter home. The boy was well behaved and proved to be very talented. He loved to spend his time in the study room reading. "Alexey is our little genius! He knows the children's Bible by heart from cover to cover," Valentina exclaimed.

During the last four years, Alexey's parents didn't call a single time. The child continually asked, "When will Mom come to see me?" Valentina was in anguish. "What do you say to a child who asks something like this? We have tried to console him by saying that his mother has sent greetings and will soon come to visit, all the time knowing that sooner or later we'll have to tell the ugly truth: his parents have abandoned him."

This spring their parental rights were taken away. Alexey was devastated. He was declared an orphan and consequently was facing a transfer to a governmental orphanage.

Again, Alexey received divine help and intervention in perfect timing. A family of believers, who had met him at the shelter home, decided to adopt the dear boy. The paperwork was completed and Alexey moved immediately to his new home!

Alexey's new family is currently in the process of also adopting 3 year-old Alina, a lovely girl from our shelter who was abandoned by her drug using mother. Alexey is going to have a little sister!

For us, Alexey's life has been a miraculous example of what God can do in these abandoned children's lives. Feelings of joy are mixed with aching hearts as we say farewell for now to these precious children who have become so special to us.

Alexey, with his new parents and little Alina, whose adoption is currently in progress.



A Time to Part:

During the years in the shelter home, Gennadi Dolbin was a shoulder to lean on for Alexey. He has now moved to a new home, with his new mom and dad. The moment of saying goodbye was bittersweet; tears of sorrow and joy were shed.



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Alexey's life changed profoundly after he was found like the lost lamb in Jesus' parable. We are grateful that God trusted this work to our hands. Alexey is now with new parents and our mission in his life is accomplished. As we work with other boys and girls who desperately need God's intervention in their lives, we thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your prayers and gifts that make our ministry possible!

With gratitude, Ignat Ivanov

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