## Trip Report

To a boarding school and the dedication of our Rehab Center house

May 23 a large group of our volunteers went to the Orphanage for the children with mental



retardation. We often visited this place during last year and a half and made many friendships with the children.

Two of them were adopted by our volunteers in last
September, and one boy –
Tahir, found his family among our volunteers this May.
Perhaps this is our major achievement, because every child most of all needs a family.

## **Tahir and Victor**

Impressions from the trip was twofold. On the one hand, our program was wonderful. We played with the children in the "Indian Day", played outdoor games, gave gifts to graduates, made picnic. Fortunately, the boarding school is in a very beautiful place.



On the other hand, there was a great sadness for the fate of those children who graduated. Their level of development corresponds to about ten or eleven years old boys and girls but they are facing adult life with all it's cruelty and temptations...



That's what Natasha, our volunteer, wrote: "I have returned from a trip saddened. Many children whom we made friends with graduated, but what will be their fate? Many of them are sent to Torzhok and children say that there the conditions are terrible... Among them goes our Pasha. In conversation with him I felt such fear when it comes to his future ... I myself will pray for them and ask you to do the same..."



On Children's Day, we decided to conduct an "Indian Day" in Khimki's city park. Many children came through all the stations of the game, gaining prizes. We ministered to more than fifty children. Also their parents were invited to begin to participate in our programs to help children in orphanages and boarding schools.



## Additional photos can be seen here

In May, we also celebrated a certain victory in our Rehab ministry. Our rehabilitation center finally obtained it's home. We dedicated the new house to the Lord and happy that He has helped us in a year time to purchase a plot of land and build their a suitable for life house. Of course, much of the work is not finished yet: no kitchen, linoleum and external covering of the home, but still our guys do not rent, but live in their own home!





Another good news: brother Andrei Novikov, an alumnus of our Rehab center has planted new rehabilitation center in a rented house. So, now in our church we have two centers. New work and new opportunities. Thank God!

We also got a strengthened missionary vision for our church. In the future, our church will be much more active in missionary work: the opening of new churches and rehabilitation centers. Thank God for everything!

We sincerely thank all those who has helped us!!

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