



Residents and Mentors from 10 Knots Residential Outreach

Dear Friends of the Harbor!

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and care. I am truly grateful for your partnership and for standing with us through every season.

Last month's update ended up in the spam folder for some of you, so I hope this one reaches you. For more updates and stories during the month, you can follow me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/www.theharborboys.org) You can also check our website for all our updates: www.theharborboys.org

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There's so much to share that it can be hard to know where to begin.

Recently I shared a story on Facebook about Peter, one of our newest graduates. He joined the Harbor in spring 2024, and after two years, he was ready to start living on his own. Peter has cerebral palsy, and when he arrived, he was mostly immobile and used a wheelchair. With support from the Harbor, the church, surgery, and extensive rehabilitation, he can now stand and walk with crutches or a cane. He accepted the Lord, was baptized, and now serves actively in his church. Thanks to the Harbor staff, he moved into a newly renovated apartment and has learned important life and job skills to help him succeed. Peter is our seventh graduate who has cerebral palsy, yet this diagnosis did not define his future. **Thanks to committed people, Peter's life was beautifully transformed. Over the years, the Harbor family has celebrated more than 300 graduates from 10 Knots outreach, who have overcome incredible challenges, with many now thriving in their own homes, attending higher education, or serving in their communities. Each of their stories is a testament to your faithfulness and support, and there are many more examples like Peter's where hope and determination, joined with your prayers and support, have made a life-changing impact.**



Alyona, one of our current residents, is beginning to show amazing steps in growth and maturity. She now wants to finish school, get into college, and make her life matter. Marina, another current resident who has had mental challenges, refused to let others dictate what her future is going to be. With medical help and our staff support, she is flourishing and has set the goal of passing entrance exams for a local university, but she has not yet decided on a degree. In a society where orphans are already looked down upon and where there is little hope for a graduate orphan, it is so awesome to see such determination. Yana, one of the mentors at the 10 Knots residential program, has invited the girls to take an Alpha (discipleship) course at Max's church. Max is also one of the mentors at the 10 Knots boys' residential program. **We see the girls and boys opening more and more to hear the Gospel, accept invitations to attend church, and take various Biblical classes.**

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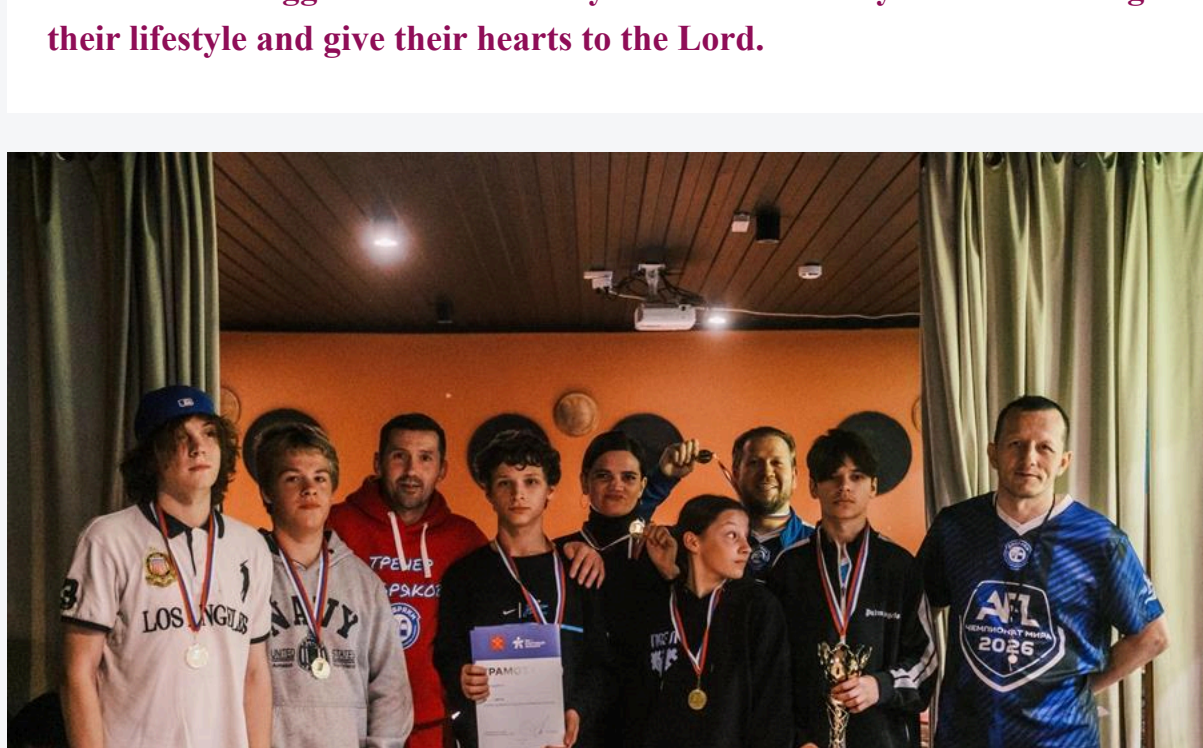
Moms & their children learning how to make handmade bouquets

Through our Pearl mothers' program, we held a seminar on how to be not just a listener of the Word, but a doer. The mothers and older children who attended shared how this has helped them think about not wasting their lives. One mother shared, "This seminar was like fresh air that filled me with hope and gratitude. I learned that I am special and valuable, and how to forgive those who hurt me." We saw how our more seasoned mothers were helping our younger mothers and their children. Another mother said, "God's promises touched my heart. I've never experienced anything like this before. It was as if I had met God Himself. I'm grateful for the conversations that lasted until 2 a.m., for you listened to my pain, and for the transformation. I don't want to go back to that mess I call 'life.'" **What a beautiful picture it is to witness the transformation.**



Tatiana & Viktor ministering to our participants

As of this fall, we're working with every orphanage in the city. The "I Am Valuable" outreach began visiting kids in the orphanages on a weekly basis, and what a joy it was to resume these visits. The kids were thrilled to see our staff again! Many hugs and high-fives, and words like, "How much have I missed you?" and "I am so happy to see you again," pierced the hearts of our volunteers because it is only through God's deep love and care being shared that this has happened. **A year ago, it was a completely different situation. We set new goals to accomplish with these children this school year, and of course the biggest is to be a Godly role model so they choose to change their lifestyle and give their hearts to the Lord.**



Our Soccer Team - Coach Roman and Konstantin, Nikita the leader of Jesus Sports

Jesus and Sports outreach has kicked off its season, and the kids are excited. Each child in this outreach was waiting for the sport closest to their heart, and when they returned, they were practically crying. They said how much they missed their games, practices, and friendships. **We are grateful to God for the deep connection, bond, and love we have built over the years with each participant.**



Ilya Serving the Needy

Another story I shared a week ago on Facebook was about Ilya, who is our recent grad. As part of our spiritual and moral values class, also known as "the knot," Ilya chose to live out his love of Christ by serving the homeless. This helped him understand what God has given him, how richly blessed he is, that life has value, and how much he has to offer those who have nothing. **Ilya shared, "I came to help them, but I was the one who was helped." Our mentors want our residents not just to hear it, but to do it, so we praise God for what Ilya did.**



We are also thrilled to announce that a new video about the Harbor, with an amazing recap of all that we do, is in the works; as soon as it is ready, we will share it with you, so stay tuned.



Levi & Jayden

I (Alex) have been on the road, and it's been a rich time, but I miss my family and try to work hard to maintain a healthy Biblical balance between the ministry and the family. **I am seeing the hand of God as He is opening doors, touching hearts, and transforming the lives of people in the churches where I have the honor to preach, and much more.**

Amy and the boys are doing well and staying busy. Levi recently told my wife how much he enjoys his new hybrid Christian academy, which he attends twice a week. This is the first time he has said how much he loves his new school, so it is a huge praise. Jayden is enjoying being in kindergarten and some first grade at home. Although he really wants to join his brother at "real school" as they call it! **Amy's health is, for the most part, under control as long as she stays strict with her diet and maintains as stress-free a life as possible. It is still a journey, and we are learning, but we are relying on the Lord and thanking Him that Amy is ok. Thank you for your prayers and care.**



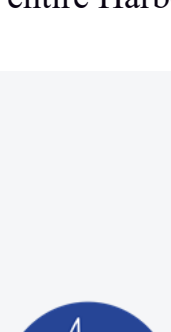
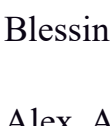
It is hard to believe that we are now getting close, being only two months from Christmas and two and a half months from the end of this year. The goal of the Harbor is to raise our 2026 budget of \$650,000. So far, we have raised around \$365,000, and we still have some ways to go, but with you and our God, we can reach that goal.

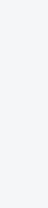
Would you consider partnering with us to help close this gap? Your generous gifts make life-changing work possible. **Please pray for the graduates, staff, and residents, and if you feel led, we invite you to give or share our story with your friends or church. Every prayer and every gift brings hope to the orphans, mothers, and youth we serve. Thank you for standing with us.**

As always, we are forever grateful to you for all that you do. You are a tremendous blessing to us.

Blessings

Alex, Amy, Levi, Jayden and the entire Harbor Family



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