



Anna's Testimony ***“Learning the Hard Way in Russia”***

I grew up in a good family: my father is a lawyer, my mother is director of a college — my parents provide me with love, support and good direction. But I decided to go another way, not counting the cost.

I got carried away by the fun and madness of nightclub life, then found I was lonely and empty inside. I filled the emptiness with drugs, which helped — until I had to pay for the pleasures.

I lost the support of my parents, family and friends. I was diagnosed with hepatitis and AIDS virus. I had no hope of returning to normal life.

To commit suicide was impossible. To return to the life I had left, there was no power.

In the hospital, guys from “Light of Truth” told me about God’s [restoration] center. It was pleasant for me to hear about the center, but I couldn’t trust “elected people” [Christians] because my daddy is a Jew. So for another year my life continually got worse.

My beloved brother even turned away from me, ashamed of his sister. I finally decided to go to the center.

I was first struck by the atmosphere of love — I was accepted as an old friend in trouble — everyone helped me and prayed for me.

I asked pardon from Jesus Christ, and accepted Him as my Lord and Savior, and He released me from all drug dependence. And God has returned my parents to me ... given me true friends ... provided work in a Christian printing house ... restored my health (my immune system is normal).

All that I chose to throw away, God has returned to me. The pleasure I have is not from external factors that I once envied, but from inside me. As I live my new life, I want to help other people to change their lives.

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