

LAURA GAIGALNIECE, one of our Fresh Start participants, will be graduating from



LAURA, 8, IEVA 9, WHEN THEY WERE FIRST PUT IN REZEKNE ORPHANAGE

the University as a fully accredited and trained DENTAL HYGIENIST July 2nd.

That's amazingly incredible as, when we first met when she was 16 years old and her older sister Ieva 17, both had been prematurely 'aged out' of the orphanage and were basically homeless.



LAURA'S BAPTISM IN BLACK SEA, 2010 AT OUR BIBLE CAMP

But they attended our Discipleship Camp in Crimea, opened their hearts to Jesus, and I had the privilege of baptizing them in the waters of the Black Sea!

We provided a transition apartment and expenses so they had a place to live and could finish school and apply to the university.

Now, at the end of a long journey, Laura graduates from the medical college! GOD'S MIRACLE!

UNIVERSITY GRADUATION DAY, JUNE 22, 2018, REZEKNE UNIVERSITY, LATVIA



LAURA GAIGALNIECE WAS A 16 YEAR OLD ORPHAN ON OUR WAIT-ING LIST FOR BIBLE CAMP IN 2010



SHE CAME TO CHRIST THERE & BECAME PART OF OUR 'FRESH START' PROGRAM

FACT: WHEN AN ORPHAN 'AGES OUT' OF THE ORPHANAGE, WITHIN 2-3 YEARS **90%** BECOME WHAT THEY CALL '**SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED**': HOMELESS, ADDICTS, PROSTITUTES, PRISON, GIRLS ESPECIALLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEX TRAFFICKING, **10% COMMIT SUICIDE!**



FRESH START: PROVIDES A **TRANSITION APARTMENT**, MENTORING BY OUR STAFF, ACCOUNTABILITY, **FUNDS FOR FOOD**, MEDICAL, PERSONAL EXPENSES, **MONEY TO CONTINUE EDUCATION**

LAURA WAS **ONE OF 20 CANDIDATES OUT OF 70 APPLICANTS THAT WERE ACCEPTED INTO THE MEDICAL UNIVERISITY TO STUDY TO BECOME AN DENTAL HYGIENIST**. HERE SHE IS AT PRACTICE AT SCHOOL. WHEN WE MET LAURA, SHE WAS 16, 'AGED OUT' OF ORPHANAGE, HOMELESS, WITH 2 YEARS LEFT TO GO OF HIGH SCHOOL. SHE & SISTER IEVA, MOVED INTO OUR 'FRESH START' APARTMENT & PROGRAM. **IN 2 YEARS, SHE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL SECOND IN HER CLASS**, THEN ENTERED **UNIVERSITY & GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE**, ENTERED DENTAL SCHOOL & **BECAME A DENTAL ASSISTANT & NOW GOES ON FOR HER DENTAL HYGIENIST DEGREE!** AMAZING... CONSIDER THAT 90% OF ORPHANS LEAVE WITH 9TH GRADE EDUCATION



FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, LAURA HAS WORKED AS OUR INTERN, OVERSEEING OTHER 'FRESH START' PARTICIPANTS IN LATVIA & TEACHING LIFE SKILLS LESSONS AT OUR BIBLE CAMPS FOR ORPHANS TO THE 15-17 YEARS OLD ORPHANS SOON TO 'AGE OUT' OF THEIR ORPHANAGES. SHE DEVELOPED THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION AND HERE IS TEACHING AT OUR AUGUST, 2021 CAMP FOR ORPHANS