

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

## Pirkko Home "Liberation" Ministry







Dmitry Gusev: At the end of May, our annual camp retreat of the Pirkko Home Liberation Centers & graduates took place, organized jointly with the Dom Slova center from St. Petersburg, with guests from other centers in Belarus and 13 regions of Russia. The geography represented at the meeting was extensive and about 250 people attended. The main topic of the meeting was "Time of Salvation". This is the time when the soil is actively fertilized under the barren fig tree by the efforts of the ministers of the Pirkko Homes, with hopes of the first fruit - repentance. The motto of the meeting was God's call to Joshua: "Be strong and courageous." Only Jesus Christ can teach you to be courageous in the fight against sin. Only with Him can we conquer drugs, alcohol and other vices.

The program of events for these 4 days included: getting to know each other, time for personal testimonies, sports games, and, of course, abundant spiritual food for edification and reflection.

Pastors from local churches were invited to conduct seminars on the topics: Fighting Temptation, I & the Church, Spiritual Discipline, Spiritual Ethics, Wise Financial Management, Evangelism, and the Biographies of Earl Poysti and P.V. Rumachik. During the meeting, counseling was also carried out, and there were repentances. It ended with conversation around a large campfire with tea and a samovar.



<u>INVITATION:</u> August 2021 marks the 75th anniversary of the first RCR radio broadcast! We invite all of you to the celebration on Sunday, August 15th at 6:00 pm, it will be a special service dedicated to the memory and ministry of Earl Poysti. His son John Poysti will be speaking. We will meet at:

Word of Grace Bible Church, 1317 NW 12th Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604

## **RCR Recording Studio Ministry**

Our ministry continues to reach Russian speakers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ – first with radio & now with video! *Ayur Vanzhilov*: Dear friends, just read these comments on our programs. An enormous work of God is taking place in the hearts of thousands of viewers. Thank you for your support and prayers for the ministry of the RCR Studio.

- Thanks so much for your testimony! I am very impressed, to the bottom of my heart. I needed to hear it! Tatiana L
- Lord, thank you for this discovery for me! For this story told by this beautiful woman, Polina, who pierced my heart, for now it becomes clear to me how to act, how to bless my child. Tetiana E
- I'm Stunned! ...It is beyond words! I have a difficult family situation at the moment. Thank you for the psychological help in the context of this conversation! I will listen to you. Lybrema B.
- Thank you for the strong testimony, I cried and asked God for forgiveness because I do not love my enemies when they are not fair, God is working on my heart. Olya E
- What a powerful testimony! God inspired me through you! Ksenia V
- Through your programs, I have repeatedly received inspiration and consolation, support and lessons. Lesya K
- How inspiring! Such testimonies! I have the hope of meeting God, the living Creator.- Alla B
- I haven't heard anything like it. I am delighted. I thank God for speaking to me through this testimony! Nina K

## The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

Eduard Zavedeev: Correspondence between convicts is prohibited in Russia, that is, a prisoner must receive special permission to write to another prisoner. And it's not that easy. Often *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine is the only opportunity for prisoners to have communication with others. When publishing letters from convicts with their testimonies, reflections, and/or needs in our magazine, we include their addresses, and the Lord gives the prisoners the opportunity to correspond with believers at large through us.

Here is what Yuliana A (Chuvashia region, Russia) writes: "Thank you for publishing my article. Letters from believers began to come to me and I really need this support," and from Andrey Z (Vologda region, Russia): "Thank you for sending me the magazine regularly. Thanks to this, I grew spiritually and found fellowship with Christians from all over the world."



We thank the Lord for you who pray for us and donate your funds. In recent years, we were able to publish several magazine supplements with sermons and articles by Earl Poysti. Recently we received this from Igor S: (Kostanay region, Kazakhstan): "I finished the magazine supplement with sermons, called 'Salvation - Gift or Works?' I'm going to send it to my parents. Although they do not read everything, they pass it on to those who are interested. And recently I began to read the 'Discipleship' Bible Handbook aloud, since the inmates would not mind listening."

## **Praise & Prayer Requests:**

- Praise God for 75 years of ministry to Russian speaking people and for the clear, powerful sermons of Earl Poysti, which are still used today to minister to people!
- Pray for the RCR Studio ministry as it continues to reach thousands with the message of the Gospel and how God truly changes lives and gives people meaning and purpose. Pray also for the good health of the program hosts
- Pray that the Pirkko Home at Nikulino would sell soon so the ministry can move to Udomlya, in the Tver region.
- Pray for more volunteers to help with construction of the 2nd floor of the Plavsk Pirkko Home this summer.
- Pray for the Pirkko Home residents and graduates who attended the annual camp retreat in May, that they will be able to apply the things they learned and strengthen their walk with Christ and "Be Strong and Courageous."
  Pray also for those who repented and responded to the Lord at the retreat, that they would grow strong in their new faith.

