



REPORTER

Millions of Russians for Christ



Alexey Tuchin

RCR's New Representative

I was born in Kazakhstan to a Christian family, where both parents came from Christian families, as well. My siblings and I were raised with Christian principles; however, my late teen years were far from a good example, despite the fact that most of our time was spent in or around the church. Praise God that He was faithful even while I was not.

My first connection with RCR started back in 1997, when Earl Poysti, evangelist and the founder of RCR, came with his wife Natasha (my aunt) to visit our region and church. During one of the last services I came forward to repent and pray, but the change came years later. After we moved to the United States, the real conversion started happening. God changed my heart, with time changing my values and working in all areas of my life. My ministry in church began with helping in the youth Bible study group. Then in the summer of 2007, I had an opportunity to help with a summer camp for orphans in Russia, and continued to visit Russian orphanages with our church youth, mainly in the Pskov region. My wife, Olga, and I married in 2008 and we continued ministry together; that was a special blessing for us. In October 2009 we moved to Estes Park, Colorado, for a time to be of some help in the last months of Earl Poysti's life. The following summer, and again that fall, I had my first experiences helping with RCR's "Pirkko Home" rehab centers. In 2012, while serving for a year with a mission in Russia, we again were blessed to join a mission team visiting RCR's rehab centers. As we prayed for new opportunities after returning back from Russia, the Lord gave us an answer, as we were asked to join RCR Ministries, where we are humbly looking forward to serving. We ask that you support us in prayer, asking God to guide us and give us His vision for the ministry.

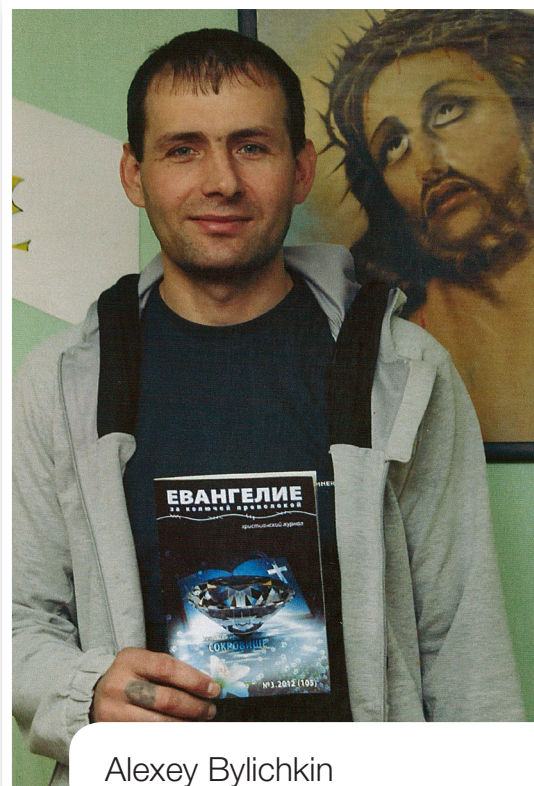
Chairman's note: Alexey Tuchin is truly a blessing to this ministry. His heart to serve is unmatched and his ability to effectively communicate the gospel is always delivered with love and patience. Alexey will be an enormous help with the future growth of RCR. I look forward to having everyone meet this remarkable young man.

Alexey Bylichkin:

“Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name”

Dear friends, we would like to share with you the testimony of Alexey Bylichkin. It consists of two letters, one was written in February 2012 from a prison colony in the Perm region and another in January 2013, after his release. For three years we sent Alexey Bylichkin the magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*.

I thank God for your work and for the magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*. It's been a year since I've been in this prison colony. During this year there were many trials and I endured them only with the Lord's and your support. Many times others have tried to mislead me from the Way, but the Lord has not permitted it. After one prisoner was released, he stayed here in the village, to start drug trafficking and selling drugs. God will judge him. The administration became aware of the situation and a few times I fell under suspicion. They did not trust me. Once they brought in drug tests and the staff looked at me and said, “Pray, Bylichkin. If the test is positive, you're dead.” I replied that the Lord will not allow it. After that even the administration believed that I no longer needed drugs. I AM FREE OF IT. Glory to God! Once a free man came into our prison colony and said, “Alexey, I know you used drugs in the past. I have some with me.” My heart was pounding. I paused a minute. I remember that feeling. With all my strength I wanted to scream, “I am free!” but I said nothing. He turned white, not expecting such a response. I went home and began praying. My drug-addicted life flashed before my eyes. I looked for a rehabilitation flyer, found it, and went to the shop where that man was. As I came up to this unhappy man I could see anxiety in his eyes. I wanted to help him, so I handed him the flyer and told him that the Lord was waiting for him. – Alexey Bylichkin.



Alexey Bylichkin

Let's join Alexey in praying for that unhappy man and many others like him.

Greetings, brothers and sisters! Praise God! December 17, 2012 I was released on parole! “So Alexey, where are you going?” I asked myself. Thoughts raced through my head. The New Year is coming! But then I firmly decided to go to the rehabilitation center where the police had arrested me in 2009. I was excited when I came to the address where our church used to gather. I heard someone yell, “Alex is released! Alexey Bylichkin!” I had tears of joy as brother Vasiliy Fedoseyev approached me and said, “Alexey, let's go to the rehab center, come visit us.” In the four years of my absence, the rehabilitation center was repaired – I didn't recognize the house. Everyone was happy. I witnessed to them from the Psalms, “Bring my soul out of prison, so that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me.” (Ps.142:7) The next morning there was prayer, the study of God's word, and preparation for Christmas! Wow, just like a fairy tale!

The tale is finished. The holidays are over. Many interesting things are ahead. It is necessary for me to get new documents and pass a medical examination. But most importantly, I can go out and tell people how God delivered me! Hallelujah! I would like to thank you once again for the magazine *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*. God bless you all! – Alexey Bylichkin



Rumyantsevo Adaptation Center at Ruchiyok Camp

On the Path to Spiritual Growth



The Rumyantsevo adaptation center is located in the Christian camp “Ruchiyok” (translated ‘little stream’) on the outskirts of Moscow. Men who have completed rehabilitation in one of our “Pirkko Homes” can come here for the next step, where they learn to manage earned money, free time, and responsibilities such as attending worship - things that will help them survive after leaving a rehab center. At this time there are two ministers responsible for this adaptation center, Artem Panin and Igor Tukin, plus 11-14 residents, who work as the maintenance staff for the camp. Last fall, they prepared a large amount of wood for the boiler (furnace) room. This was hard work, but the guys did not lose

heart, and helped each other, trying to do everything as for the Lord. And the Lord created a good brotherly atmosphere among them, which contributed to their Christian growth. Winter in central Russia is distinguished by severe frosts and heavy snowfalls. In December, temperatures reached -22° F and it stayed cold in January, which was a tough challenge for the men working in the boiler room. Their hard work has helped to keep the camp going despite deep snow and drifts.

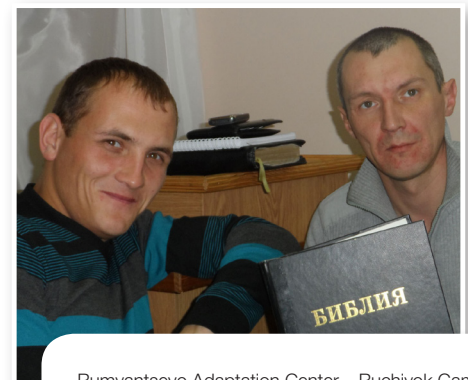
We strongly encourage our residents to visit churches so that the busyness of their work will not be an obstacle to their spiritual growth. In pairs, they regularly visit local churches for prayer groups and meetings with relatives of addicts. We also continue to participate in outreach with the Gospel every Thursday with the church in Nakhabino.

Prior graduates responded to our needs and in their spare time prepared our ministry van for the winter – they repaired, painted, and put some insulation inside it. It was a remarkable testimony to us of the Holy Spirit’s work in those who, after graduating from the Pirkko Homes, continue to seek to glorify God with good works. The residents of the Rumyantsevo adaptation center were able to travel to Vyshny Volochok in this repaired vehicle, where they helped with rebuilding the Nikulino Pirkko Home for men and participated in a joint Sunday worship service. Again we saw the beneficial effects of such trips on our residents.

In October, we were greatly encouraged by the visit of three of our graduates. They shared their experiences of life outside the center, both challenges and blessings, and then studied the Scriptures together with the residents. The residents are concerned with what they will face when they go out into the world, so these meetings are very useful; they see living examples of people who have completed rehabilitation, joined the church and continue to stand firm in faith. Such meetings make a big impression, particularly on those who still are considering whether to become a Christian.

In December there was almost a complete replacement of the residents of the adaptation center; new Pirkko Home graduates came from rehab centers in Orel, Kimry and Lgov. Once again we had to work hard on building new relationships and keeping our friendly atmosphere.

It is becoming a tradition at the Rumyantsevo center to have a joint time of fellowship with several rehab centers to start the New Year. Our men happily agreed to prepare a special dinner, serving 50 people, and it was rewarded with the pleasure of fellowship and lots of testimonies. For those who do not know God, it was a testimony of God’s love. Thanks be to God!



Rumyantsevo Adaptation Center – Ruchiyok Camp

- Nodari Mangasarov, Director of Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home, Moscow Region.

Radio Ministry:

The Problem of Broadcasting in Small Russian Cities

“Hello. I am writing to you from the city of Inta, Russia, far north in the Komi Republic. I was born and grew up in a family of atheists. I began to think about God at the age of 35-37, and was baptized at 47. I am a radio engineer, and I used to work at remote meteorological stations. Currently I work on a poultry farm with quails seven days a week from 7am to 9pm every day, with no weekends, holidays or vacations. When time permits, I visit an orthodox cathedral.



Inta (Инта), in north Russia

“I have listened to your radio programs for about 12 years already. Once I was visiting a paralyzed friend and told him about you. He asked me to make a simple radio receiver so he can listen to the radio, since he doesn't have a computer at home. I did that, because it is an inexpensive, simple technical task. Then my friend asked, 'Why isn't it available for the other people, all over the city - for the elderly and infirm, like me?' I said nothing, even though I knew how to do it. Since then this idea has never left me, and now I have decided that I will put all my strength and knowledge together to make it a reality. I found a decent receiver. The power is not big, but enough for our city; 15 watts is enough to cover the area of 10 km². The transmitter can be operated in a manual mode and by computer. Side radiation is within an acceptable norm. I am very glad that you have responded to my request for help. I had written to many others, but the only response was silence or advice such as, 'Do you think you need it more than anyone else?' Not that I need it – it is for those who are weak and bedridden. Unfortunately, I am only one person and I can't do this alone; I would have to quit my job and run around trying to get permits, but then I would have nothing to live on, so I decided to ask for help from you. There should be a way to make this work, and my hope is in the Lord. I know this would honor and please God. I am relying on you to help bring the word of God to every home; do not leave me alone with this problem. God bless you! Yuri Eremin”.

Yuri's letter raises a big issue for small cities in Russia: there are no churches, no access to Christian literature, but there are people in need of God's love and comfort. Unfortunately, the process of obtaining permission to broadcast even in small cities is associated with quite a long bureaucratic process, and only local people can deal with it. In order to begin broadcasting with FM frequencies, a number of issues have to be addressed in order to receive a permit:

- Create an organization that will do the broadcasting, since broadcasting may only be done by a legal entity.
- Find an official site for the transmitting antenna and transmitter.
- Apply to the General Radio Frequency Center, which conducts research and provides the broadcasting frequency.
- Get a license for broadcasting in the city.

And this is only a small part of the legal work to be done to start broadcasting officially. FM-broadcasting is a very good, but very difficult path.

Thankfully, there are also other ways for our radio programs to reach others across Russia. We provide our Christian programs on disks, so that people can distribute them to those who are interested. Almost every house today has a DVD-player, which can play audio files on disks. Programs are also available for downloading from our website and can be written on disks to share. Yes, maybe it is not as massive, but it is targeted, specific help for people.

Here is the latest reply we received from Yuri: “God bless you! I see that I can't manage to get it all legalized. I would have to give up my work and solely promote the case for radio. Well, the Lord works in mysterious ways. I wrote to the mayor of the city for assistance; maybe he will come through with help. As for the disks, that's a great idea. If you can, send me 5-10 sets to try, and I will offer them to people. Yuri Eremin.”

To send free Christian radio programs to people like Yuri Eremin, as well as those serving time in prisons, we need tangible help. Recording, editing, copying, printing, and mailing disks and supporting our website require tangible efforts and costs. Thank you for your prayer support and financial gifts.