



REPORTER



Message of Hope Found in Celebrate Recovery Program

In September, 2012, a group of nine Americans from Fellowship Bible Church in Arkansas conducted a two day "Celebrate Recovery" conference in Dedovsk, Russia with the leaders of the Pirkko Homes. Celebrate Recovery was founded by Pastor John Baker, of Saddleback Church in California and more than 700,000 people have gone through the program in over 17,000 churches worldwide. Celebrate Recovery is designed to help those struggling with addictions and other issues of life by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process.

Our group shared how Jesus Christ has shown us grace and offered us hope as we have surrendered our addictions into His healing hands. Over the two days of the conference, we shared the Christ-centered principles found in Matthew chapter 5 and the 12 steps of the Celebrate Recovery Ministry.

We shared personal stories from our own lives of healing from addictions to alcohol, pornography, and food. Each of us told how God has given us the ministry of Celebrate Recovery to help us deal with the struggles of life on a moment by moment basis. We were honored to visit one of the local churches and share this message of healing with a group of people who have struggles of their own.

Our team was blessed by our visit with the Pirkko Home leaders and residents. It was a time of testimonies of how Jesus Christ is our Higher Power, the only One who can offer healing and redemption from our past. We serve a mighty God! Regardless of whether our struggle is with drugs, alcohol, sex, or any other issue, with Christ at the center of our recoveries, we truly do have Hope for our Lives.

- "Celebrate Recovery" Group from Fellowship Bible Church



Steps of Faith

"And it came about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above shall stand in one heap."
(Joshua 3:13)

I love the book of Joshua. It is filled with challenge and faith and assurance of the Lord's hand in all we do in service to Him. In my opinion this particular verse is very pertinent to RCR at this time. We've had a trying time over the recent past. Our beloved founder, Brother Earl Poysti, has passed on to glory. Our dear friend and colleague, Sergey Yakimenkov, has joined Earl, and now our brother in Christ, Mark Irwin, is returning to his first love; field ministry. These are some of the reasons why this passage in Joshua means so much to me.

After all those years, the children of Israel are finally about to cross the Jordan and take possession of the Promised Land. Once again the Lord made a promise. He promised to halt the flow of the Jordan and allow the people to cross on dry land. But the Lord also commanded something to the people. He commanded the priests to first pick up the Ark of the Covenant and then walk into the water. After the priests actually stepped in the water, with the faith that the Lord would do as He promised, then the flow of the water would be halted and the people would cross on dry soil. To this day we speak of "getting our feet wet" and taking a "step of faith". And so it is with RCR.



Mark Irwin, Ray Brumbeloe, and Sergey Yakimenkov

There have been many challenges in the past and there will be more in the future, but we will continue to trust the Lord, and keep taking steps of faith. As Acting CEO, I am asking you to join us as we accept this latest challenge, and step with us into the future. We are grateful for your continued prayers and support.

- Ray Brumbeloe, Chariman of the Board and Acting CEO, Russian Christian Radio

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

RCR is pleased to announce our acceptance and inclusion in the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). As a member of the ECFA, we follow high standards of Christian ethics in fundraising, financial accounting, and reporting; standards that help set the example for all ministries to follow.

ECFA is an alliance of over 1400 evangelical ministries committed to responsible stewardship, financial integrity, and God honoring practices. ECFA was founded in 1979 by evangelical leaders who came together to establish a means by which responsible organizations could collectively demonstrate a positive witness for Jesus Christ, showing biblical accountability and financial integrity in how their ministries are managed.

The ECFA seal of approval is the sign that an organization has met the requirements for membership in the ECFA. When an organization earns the privilege to display the ECFA seal, it clearly demonstrates to the public its willingness to follow the ECFA model of accountability. RCR displays the seal as your assurance that RCR adheres to the requirements of the ECFA.

For more information on the ECFA, please visit their website at <http://www.ecfa.org>.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*

The Amazing Power of Christmas



Impulsiveness, instability, the impossibility of finding correct orientations in life – these are the distinctive signs of our present times. The crazy rhythm of life leaves its stamp upon us, forcing change on everything around us.

In my view, the most pressing and crucial questions which we are forced to decide together are who are we, and what are the greatest priorities in life? Here, at the threshold of the observance of this great holiday, let's not miss it. The birth of the infant Jesus stopped the course of the star, changed the lives of the Magi, and forced kings and poor people alike to direct their attention to the Messiah. Let's deeply ponder, wherein lies this amazing power of Christmas? On one side is the seething flow of life, but on the other - rest and peace, absent in this current reality but oh, so very necessary to our souls. Christmas heals, calming the worn-out daily worries which plague the heart of man. It forces one to ponder deeply about what's most important in life.

This past year has been a disturbing and unpredictable one for our staff, but God's leadership has comforted us and has given us the assurance of our future ministry. Precisely, it is the very Presence of God which helps us to remain faithful to our calling, working together to reach "Millions of Russians for Christ." In talking with people who have come through our "Pirkko Home" drug rehabilitation centers, hearing their testimonies in the recording studio or reading their letters from prisons, we again are convinced of the great power of the newborn Savior, whose effectiveness still prevails in our time. Reckless, godless, sinful people on-the-run stop in their tracks when they "come to their senses" and open themselves up to the transforming impact of Jesus Christ.

- Alexander Zakharov, Chairman of the Board and Director of RCR - Moscow

Earl Poysti's Book of Sermons

We are glad to offer a new book by Earl Poysti, our mission's founder: "Life in Sermons." This book leaves Brother Earl's footprints, left behind in this world for the strengthening of our souls.

The book contains selected sermons which he proclaimed on the radio during the 1960-80's. This book is only available in Russian and is designed for a broad range of readers. Its price is \$35.00, including shipping and handling. Makes a wonderful gift.



Ekaterina Frolkova:

“It’s Never Too Late to Start Life Anew!”

I lived as many people do. I was a very wanted and loved child in my family, but at our home drunken parties often took place. During my childhood, I saw my father beating my mother. At that moment my blood began to boil, and it birthed within me a desire to take revenge against him and all men. I later began to flirt with men, deceitfully leading them on, enticing them to fall in love with me - and then I’d drop them.

I knew only one thing about God. When we were children and my mother would leave for work, she would scare us with icons, saying that if we were naughty and got into mischief, God would punish us. But we just tossed some old rags on top of the icons and did whatever we wanted. After I finished school, I married a guy who came back from Afghanistan. I bore him two children but the drunken revelry only intensified and eventually I divorced him.

I pondered over why I was so miserable. I so wanted, just as any other woman, to have a family, a wonderful husband, comfort, and a home. But throughout all this, I was pulled back into the bad company of ex-cons and thieves. I was certain that I could change my life by myself. But I continued to drink. I had a third baby by another man I was living with. My two older children lived with my mother-in-law – they wouldn’t let me have them because I didn’t lead a normal lifestyle. It was at that time that my mother-in-law came to repentance, and a new life in Jesus. She prayed for me and those prayers bore fruit which were manifested through difficult trials. My father died and then our house burned down. I was left in the street with an infant in my arms, homeless. I was in despair about living this lifestyle and I tried to commit suicide.

Someone at one time had given me a “New Testament” and it caught my eye. I started to read it and pondered deeply at how short life truly is – and what really awaits me in eternity. Somehow, one Friday when I was working in the fields, I heard a voice say: “Go to church.” I thought it was people talking in the distance. But, again I heard that voice, and then a third time. I became frightened. On Sunday, I ran to church and after scarcely opening the door, I felt the holiness of that gathering pierce my heart, and I became aware of all of my depravity. That is when I repented.

Shortly after this, when my roommate was drunk, he decided to take out his revenge on me and almost killed me. When he realized I was still alive, he dragged me back into the house. I laid there for the next week and a half - not seeing or eating anything. During that time, I only prayed to God and told Him: “If I end up alive, I want You to always be with me. I will devote myself to You.” A miracle happened without doctors or medicine - I became well. During that period of time, an intense battle waged within me. My old life was pulling me back to my old ways while at the same time the newly roused life within me was attracted to God. I was thirsty, like one in the desert, and day and night I thought of how I could get to know the Lord, His ways and His purpose for me. I prayed to Him and He has kept me safe. He gave me a chance to start everything over again. Now my children are with me. My son has come to faith and I have a new and wonderful life.

This desire burns within me: that everyone realizes their purpose on this earth; and that it would not be too late for them to repent and turn to God, as it was at the time of Noah’s ark. Life is very short. Value your time. This comes from a person who tried and tested the cost of ‘freedom’ in this world. Had I heard the Truth, my life would not have been so bitter!

