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Residents of the Rummyantsevo "Pirkko Home"

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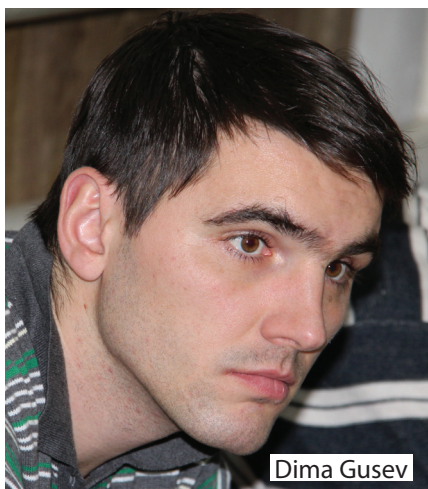
Mission Goal:
Proclaim the Gospel of
Jesus Christ using mass
media.

New Foundations

Located an hour and a half northwest of Moscow, the Rummyantsevo "Pirkko Home" has completed ten years of ministry among former prisoners, alcoholics and drug addicts. Hundreds of men have been helped to find forgiveness for their sins, while being transformed by the Gospel and given new life.

One of those whose life has been rebuilt is Dimitri Gusev, the "Pirkko Home" ministry coordinator for Russian Christian Radio. "Dima", as he is called, came to faith in Christ after years of addiction to narcotics and a lifestyle which led him to serve time in prison. However, Dima was saved from his sins while living at the Rummyantsevo "Pirkko Home" and for the past eight years has been involved in helping other addicts build a new foundation for their lives based on faith in Jesus Christ.

The Rummyantsevo "Liberation Center", as the "Pirkko Home" is also called, experienced some very challenging days around the end of 2010. Due to severe winter storms, the electricity was cut off for quite some time and the men had to draw water from a nearby well. In spite of the extreme conditions, they gathered to praise the Lord and celebrate a year of new beginnings and hope through their faith



Dima Gusev

in Christ as they welcomed 2011. The newer residents who had for the first time in their lives celebrated New Year festivities without alcohol or drugs remarked that they were amazed at how much fun they had without stimulants running through their veins! God has already built a new foundation for their lives without narcotics.

One man, named Oleg, recently showed up at the Rummyantsevo "Pirkko Home" looking for spiritual liberation so that he could become free from his own addictions. Oleg had heard about the center from friends and testified that he walked on foot for two days searching for the "Pirkko Home" because he wanted his life to be changed. Oleg was even willing to walk through severe winter conditions to find the freedom he so desperately sought.

Just imagine what Oleg would have experienced if he had walked for two days and found nothing! Praise the Lord, your gifts made it possible for us to help Oleg and many others just like him. Please pray for Oleg that he would come to faith in Jesus as Savior and turn his life over to His full control.

Rebuilding Lives

On December 18, 2010, the "Pirkko Home" for men in Nikulino, Russia caught fire and was completely destroyed. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the blaze, but all personal items were lost, including bedding, clothing, documents and other things. At the time of the fire, the men had joined the women residents in a Bible study next door in the newly renovated "Pirkko Home" for women. Damage to the women's facility was limited, although several windows in their dorm were impacted by the heat of the fire.



The Nikulino "Pirkko Home" in Flames



Remains of the former "Pirkko Home" in Nikulino

Plans are already underway to build a new dorm for the men on the same site of the one that burned down. We trust the Lord to supply the funds needed for this project and already our ministry partners have begun to step forward with donations. **We estimate the cost for this project to come to \$40,000.**

In spite of this tragic occurrence, we continue to see how God is rebuilding the lives of those who are living at the Nikulino and other "Pirkko Homes". Drug addicts and

alcoholics come to faith in Him, study the word of God each day and renew their minds in his truth while they develop hope for the future.

One indication of such hope found among those who are being transformed at the "Pirkko Home" is the recent announcement that two of our residents in Nikulino plan to marry in the summer of 2011. Oksana and Oleg recently were blessed by their local church when they announced their desire to marry.

Less than a year ago, these two did not know each other and were both struggling to get free from the unending grip of their addictions. But today, their sins are forgiven, their hearts and minds are being restored and God has given them a love for one another with a beautiful hope for the future. Praise the Lord for His gracious work in their lives as you pray for Oleg and Oksana. By the way, both of them desire to continue in service to God through the "Pirkko Home" ministry when they are married.

God uses Russian Christian Radio to rebuild the lives of former prisoners, alcoholics and addicts that society had all but thrown away and considered useless. At the same time, He is using these restored lives to love and serve Him and rescue others from the same pattern of sin.



Oleg and Oksana, Nikulino



Earl Poysti

Built Up In The Faith

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the solid foundation on which Russian Christian Radio is built. We proclaim that message in a variety of ways, but no matter how we say it, the message stays the same, *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household"* (Acts 16:31).

The radio messages of Earl Poysti continue to proclaim the Gospel even a year after his passing on March 8, 2010. Millions have heard God's word explained through this servant's faithful ministry over the years and they are still appropriate today. **You can obtain Poysti's recordings in Russian by calling our staff at (970) 586-8638.** In addition, we offer a video that recounts Earl Poysti's ministry across Russia at the end of the Soviet Union when he preached in more than one hundred cities and towns. Call today to order audio CDs of Earl Poysti's sermons or a DVD of his missionary campaign in Russia.

Building Relationships

The "Pirkko Home" centers in Russia are a work in progress whereby men's and women's lives are being radically changed and transformed into living examples of the love and power of God. As a result, lives that had become meaningless and hopeless are now being used of the Lord to build up others.

Stanislav and Igor, two former residents of the "Pirkko Home" in Lgov, Russia returned to the area after their rehabilitation and adaptation were completed and have joined a church not far from the Lgov center. They both want to continue their growth and build up their faith in a local fellowship, while serving the Lord.

The Lgov center residents were quite active in 2010, as they helped construct a new church building in the Bryansk region. They also strengthened relationships among various local churches by visiting them and participating in services, testifying to God's work in their lives and praising the Lord through song and the preaching of the word of God. In addition, the Lgov residents volunteered to assist their local city administration to clean up a nearby public park. In this way, the center and local authorities get to know each other more and build stronger relationships and mutual trust.

The Lgov team also assisted a church in Ryl'sk, Russia to start yet another center, which opened in November 2010 and was later dedicated in a formal ceremony the very night that the Nikulino "Pirkko Home" burned to the ground. We see the Lord's hand in the Ryl'sk center, as men repent of their sins and are transformed by his mighty work.

Valera and Sergey, two residents at the Ryl'sk "Pirkko Home" are examples of God's transformational work. Valera was a former military specialist who became addicted to alcohol and lost everything he had – his family, his job, his friends and much more. However, the Lord has touched Valera's life already and he is being released from his bondage to alcohol. Also, Sergey allowed alcohol and narcotics to destroy his life, eventually spending time in prison for crimes committed related to his addictions. Praise the Lord, Sergey came to the Ryl'sk center and has repented of his sins.



Residents of the "Pirkko Home" in Ryl'sk, Russia

Pray for these and other residents of the Ryl'sk "Pirkko Home" that their lives will be built up with faith in God who will continue to work in their lives and give them full freedom from their former way of life. Pray too, for their reconciliation with God and to be restored to their families.

After more than a year of discussions and prayer, a new rehabilitation center opened in Orel, Russia in December 2010. In cooperation with a local church and believers there, the Orel center houses eight men whose lives are being transformed with the truth of God's word. One of their own, Roman Beseinov, is directing the center, himself a long time alcoholic who was liberated by the power of faith in Jesus Christ.

Praise God that with your help, Russian Christian Radio is able to reach even more Russians for Christ through rehabilitation centers for addicts and alcoholics, radio programming and prison ministry. Please continue to pray that God will liberate many more men and women through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and consider how you could partner with us to help offer new life in Christ to those gripped in sin.

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