



REPORTER

RCR's Ministry Today

We've been blessed in many areas of our ministry recently. With God's blessing and your faithful help, last year's finances ended "in the black!" and all three areas of RCR ministry continue to develop:

- The RCR recording studio began some completely new video programs for the younger generation in January;
- Our Christian prison magazine is reliably published bi-monthly and continues to gain many new subscribers; and we're planning to publish a supplement to the magazine this year – a book of prisoners' stories, poems and testimonies, if the Lord provides the funding;
- The Rehab Centers are becoming more self-supporting as the Lord provides jobs for them.



2018 began with a small group from Vancouver, WA visiting the new church and post-adaptation center in Solnechnogorsk (Sun City). The goal was to build and install additional kitchen cabinets and teach the rehab graduates this skill, which is in high demand. Our expectations were exceeded and the project was done in just two and a half days! Praise God! Lord willing, there will be many more vocational training trips in the future, so we're inviting you and your church to join us as we plan upcoming trips!

Our group then visited rehabs in the Tver region, and their growth and development is another blessing to share. The Tver region is known for its poor economy, which directly affects our two Pirkko Home rehab centers there - lack of work causes difficulties in supplying even the basic needs. But our Lord is faithful. A few months ago the Nikulino Pirkko Home was offered a service contract with one dairy farm near the city of Tver; quite far from the center, but well-worth pursuing. Now both men and women during rehab and after finishing the program have jobs at the farm, which supply both the needs of the center and their own personal needs.



The rehab ministry is booming with weddings this year! Lord willing, there will be five weddings in 2018, and four of them will be for men actively ministering in Pirkko Homes – Andrey Bavykin (from Kimry), Aleksey Mordvinov (from Lgov), Ravil Davidov (from Rumyantsevo), and Aleksander Ivanin (from Dyatkovo). How wonderful it is to see once broken people not only restored but also building new Christian families! Marriage implies new responsibilities, and we're praying for God's guidance and provision in their personal lives and ministry.



Introducing the Rummyantsevo Pirkko Home



We begin 2018 with the hope that Christ will help us bring great results for His glory in this Pirkko Home.

I want to tell you about the people who live here. Let me start with a recent occurrence to illustrate how people come closer to God through the study of the Gospel. Alexander, a former alcoholic, had a path to God filled with ups and downs

because he did not take what he heard at the Pirkko Home seriously. As a result, he became disillusioned, stumbled and fell back into the world. Unfortunately, he



could not stop drinking on his own and only after coming to the bottom of the sinful bucket of his life, did he realize his helplessness. It took a number of unsatisfying experiences and going down a path of suffering without Christ before he realized he needed help and returned to the rehab program. Alexander recovered and continued his journey of discipleship at the Pirkko Home. Scripture has opened his eyes to many things in his life.



I also would like to note that in the process of knowing God, one must also learn how to work, which helps to cultivate the qualities of a Christian character. We are grateful to God that we have a very small farm yard at this rehab center. When taking care of God's creatures, people develop the principles of responsibility, as they are entrusted with certain things and duties. This is very important for the future of people who, in many cases, have never worked, but have only led an immoral and dissolute way of life.



One of the most rewarding moments in the life of the rehab center is our Sunday visit to the local church. Throughout the week we

prepare our hearts to worship and glorify God. In the church we participate by singing hymns, reading poems, and sharing our testimonies.

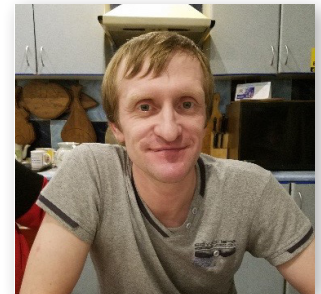
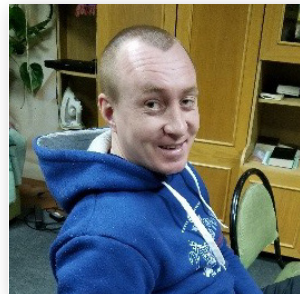


Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home – cont'd.



Praise God that He gives us food for each day. We teach the men the importance of a prayer of thanksgiving before every meal, knowing it is God who provides, and that everything in this world is from Him. Through this, we realize our constant need to communicate with God. At the center we listen to and watch a lot of Christian programs, sermons, and testimonies of former addicts and alcoholics. Through these good examples, our residents are encouraged and gain confidence in the power of Christ.

In the past year at Rumyantsevo, through repentance, God in truth has risen in the new lives of these four men: Ruslan Z., Vitaly K., Dima V., and Peter T.



Ravil Davidov - “God Will Help You Learn How to Live a New Life”



Ravil Davidov - Before

Greetings to you, dear friends. My name is Ravil Davidov, I'm 31 years old and I come from the city of Ulyanovsk.

I grew up in a prosperous family where religion was important, but my mother was a Christian, and my father was a Muslim. Despite the difference in their religious views, they lived happily together. When I was young, I was obedient to them, but when I grew up, I began to change in a bad way. I did not share their views on life. I could tell you a lot about that period of my life, and brag about all my accomplishments, but that's not important anymore. Jesus Christ changed me into a new person. He had to teach me how to live a new life, because life without God had led me to drug addiction. I was desperately thinking about what to do next, how to get out of the captivity of substance abuse. But on my own, I could not deal with this problem.

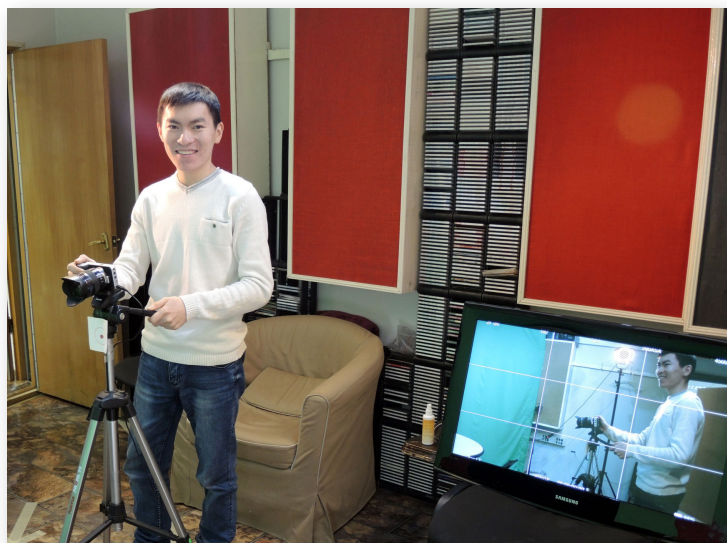
One day, God extended a helping hand to me, through my dear mother. When I wanted to end my life by suicide, God moved my believing mother's heart to come to me, despite everything evil that I had done to my family. She came at just the right time and told me once again about Christ, that one can live a life born again from Above. It seemed unreal to me, but I was at a dead end and grasped at my mother's words like a last straw. I made the right choice by going to one of the Pirkko Homes. It's been a while since those events have passed and I still remember the words of my mother: “Son, you can do this; God will help you learn how to live a new life.”

On the paths of faith, there were still difficulties and trials waiting for me, but a loving Teacher, Jesus Christ, helped me to succeed. Now I minister at the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home, and I'm happy that I can advance the saving word of God – telling others that there is a way out; Jesus is waiting for everyone. Come and start your life in a new way.



Ravil Davidov - After

Meet the RCR Studio Staff in Moscow



Videographer & Video Editor Ayur Vanzhilov. Starting RCR's video studio was a definite step of faith, but today we regularly record four different video programs, and sometimes there are so many programs that they don't all fit on the hard drives!

Thanks to friendship with a missionary school in Moscow, Natalia Chernyakova is able to record many more testimonies for the "Choice" program, including students, teachers, and missionaries from all over Russia.

Most recently, in January, Tatyana Shmykova from the Kemerovo region (3,500 km - or 2,100 mi - from Moscow) came and we recorded some programs about Christian parenting



and raising children. These programs are very needed, especially by new parents, and parents who just came to know God. These people need help with raising their kids because they weren't raised in a Christian home and most of the time have no clue about how to bring their children to God. These programs cover topics such as "The Bible - it is important! How to make it more interesting for children," "Prayer - learning to pray together," "Living Heroes of a Living Book - studying the Bible together in your family."

We can now record a lot more programs, thanks to the open hearts of RCR's supporters, who gave funds for a new computer for video editing. Our studio has reached a new level, and its ministry is in demand.

It is important for us to expand and distribute our programs, so we ask you to subscribe to our YouTube channel "RCR-Videos" and share them with your friends.

For me personally, 2017 was "a year of family"- the first half my wife and I were preparing for our wedding, then we learned how to live together, and now, looking at my wife Anna, it is already evident that we are expecting a baby! Anna supports me and blesses my ministry at RCR. God is wonderful and great; I do not cease to marvel at His mercy. His hand is on us every day! It brings us happiness to see both His blessings and His lessons, as He draws us closer to Him.

Sound Engineer Alexander Kalmykov. I have worked in the RCR studio for over 3 years, recording and editing audio and video programs and uploading them onto the website.

I was born in a Christian family and went to church from childhood. At age 18, I repented and was baptized. For a long time, due to the divorce of my parents, my mother and I lived with relatives in Ukraine. In 2013, we moved to Moscow. It was difficult living in a big metropolis. The absence of a permanent job pressed on me, as well as the inability to go to church regularly. My heart was restless, so I prayed. In this difficult period, one of the pastors invited me to visit the RCR studio and get acquainted with the staff, and then I was offered a position to try this field. Here, I found my ministry, for which I am very grateful to God!



The first audio materials I worked with were the sermons of Earl Poysti. This voice I knew from my childhood - my grandfather and I often listened to his sermons on the radio. And now I was working with them! I couldn't believe that this was happening to me! In recent months, I've been learning video editing, with the help of Ayur. I ask you to support me with your prayers, and that God's inspiration would not leave us and that our programs would reach and help many people. I consider it very important to "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6).

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