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House Purchased for the Udomlya Pirkko Home



Today we can tell you about our joy and the Lord's answers to our prayers! Many people know our situation with the forced relocation of the Pirkko Home ministry from the village of Nikulino, in Tver region, where for more than ten years we were involved in the ministry of spiritual help to people with addictions at our Nikulino Pirkko Home.

The Living Word Church in Udomlya, together with the Christian leadership of the Tver region, supported our decision to move the ministry from Nikulino to Udomlya. Our Pirkko Home residents

were given space in one of the rooms in the church in Udomlya, where they lived for over a year. Brothers from the church came in the morning and in the evening to study the Word of God with them. The daily spiritual involvement of the brothers with our guys was a great support, especially in this difficult transition period.

We prayed for a whole year, with the entire church, for the acquisition of a house in the area for our Pirkko Home ministry. With God's help, recently we were able to buy a house! It is located in the small village of Taraki, 15 km (9 miles) from Udomlya, about a 10 minute drive from the city. The property is near the Volchina River. There is a Russian "banya" (bathhouse) on the site. Adjoining the house is a small addition for the Pirkko Home leader's family to live. In August, all the documents were completed and the guys moved from the church to their spacious, comfortable home, with so much joy!

The two-story house has a living room for fellowship and Bible study, a nice kitchen, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. This house can accommodate up to 12 men. The yard around the house is decent, but overgrown. If the Lord gives us strength and time, we hope to plow and plant this fall, since there is no garden there now.





There is a lot of work to do to clean and set up the house, and do some repairs. At the moment, there are four men in the program and 2 leaders, Igor Markov and his assistant Artur Zorikov, who are in the center or with the guys 24/7. Igor and Artur, and the guys who can, go to work after the morning Bible study to provide for the center's needs (food, utility bills, gasoline, etc.).



Leaders: Igor (left) and Artur (right)

Marina, Igor's wife, purchases groceries and medicine, runs errands for other necessities and handles administrative matters. She also stays at home with the two guys who are physically unable to work, even around the house, Nikolai and Igor. Nikolai, 38 years old, was accepted at the request of the Department of Social Protection of the Population, since no one else would accept him, and he needs help. He has had a hip fracture for a long time, and cannot walk. He uses a wheelchair. The operation he needs can be performed only in Moscow, and it is necessary to pass a lot of tests and examinations first. We are helping him to collect the necessary documents for the operation. And Igor, after many years of drinking alcohol, had a stroke. He has trouble walking and cannot work. These two men, both unbelievers, try to take care of household chores that do not require physical activity. During the day, when Marina needs to go somewhere on business, they all go together, since the men cannot be left alone.



There is no water treatment system for this property yet, but one will be installed soon. Right now, it is impossible to drink and wash from our well, as there is a lot of manganese and iron in the water. We go to a neighboring village for water, about 6 miles away. Marina collects water in canisters of 50 liters (13 gallons) and carries these canisters and loads them into the car. Our son Timofey helps her. Timofey is 8 years old, and Kristina is 6 years old – she just watches. After school, Marina brings the children to the center, makes dinner and lunch for tomorrow, and the children play board games with those who cannot work.

There is a lot of renovation work going on in the house. Currently we are replacing the electrical wiring which was in very bad condition, and working on the heating – there is a stove in the kitchen, but its heat is not enough for the whole house. An electric boiler has now been installed. In winter, there are usually more people in the center than in the summer.

Next we'll build a tool shed for the tools. There is nowhere to put these yet; everything is on the street under a canopy. Eventually we plan to have chickens, goats, and rabbits, but we'll need to set up a small barnyard with outbuildings.

Please pray for the further development of the ministry in our new Pirkko Home and for the fulfillment of all these needs. Our main request is that the guys going through our rehabilitation program will turn to God with a prayer of repentance. All of them have health issues and relationship problems with their families.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for our ministry. We do not know each of you, but the Lord knows that this is very valuable to us, and that thanks to your help we are here. God bless you!

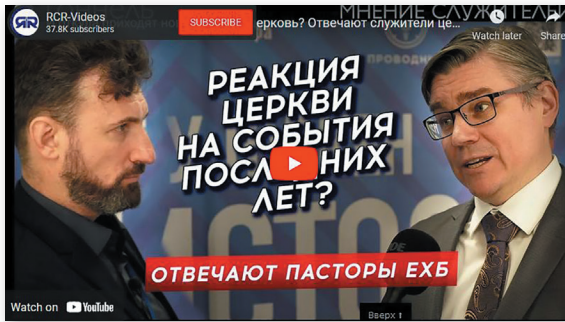
- Igor and Marina Markov – Udomlya Pirkko Home



RCR Studio Ministry

Dear friends, at the end of this year, it will be 7 years since we received your donations for our first camcorder for the RCR Studio! It is an honor for us to share another year of blessed ministry with you. We thank God and all who support our ministry for the opportunity to serve Jesus Christ!

Natalia Chernyakova, Denis Gostev, Vladimir Gorlan, Alexander Kalmykov, Nikita Vorotilov, and I, Ayur Vanzhilov, continue to serve in the studio ministry. Due to the efforts of each of these people, we regularly release programs, maintain social networks, and communicate daily with subscribers.



"Tunnel" program host Vladimir Gorlan, speaking with Moscow Pastor Evgeny Bakhmutsky

ministry helps attract 10 new viewers. If you donate \$10, then through our YouTube channel you help to reach 100 new people, not counting the readers of text sermons and listeners of audio programs in Yandex. Therefore, your participation means a lot for evangelism in Russian. Thank you!

We have a prayer request. Our Russian website rcr.ru has not been seriously updated for almost 20 years. We are hoping to create a new site that is more modern and user-friendly, but we need to find a Christian specialist to do this, which is very difficult. Please pray that God will provide someone.

Comments on our programs:

- I watch your programs. They are very interesting, I didn't know that God is Jesus! Before, Jehovah's Witnesses used to come to me and I always prayed to Him, Jehovah, but little attention was paid to Jesus in my prayers. In one of your programs, a man said that when he prayed to Jehovah, but nothing happened, and when he began to pray to Jesus Christ, he came to the truth. So, yesterday I decided to pray to Jesus, I repented late in the evening, accepting Him as my God, with all my heart, and asked Him to give me a dream that night to show me the truth ... That night I had a dream. In short, I was running from bad people (later I realized that it was from demons) in some multi-story building and I clearly saw a cross (simple, wooden, dark brown). I stood behind the cross holding on to the crosswise board. They were approaching me, but they couldn't touch me; they reached out with their fingers and were afraid, one of them began to growl in a terrible voice. And then I woke up, and in my head I had three words: "Salvation in Christ." I immediately scrolled through all this in my head, and remembered yesterday's request. I could not restrain myself, I cried, then laughed with joy! It was Jesus who gave me such a dream in response to my prayer! Tell me, do I need to be baptized? And where can I get a Bible? - Tatyana Z. [She repented after watching one of the "Choice" programs.]
- Thanks for the testimony! Now I know what life is. Life is the way to heaven. God spoke through your mouth! Thank you. - Vera Akimova
- Thank you so much for the video about spiritual counselling! Indeed, when you look at everything that happens in your life from the perspective of "What do I need to learn?" instead of "Why did this happen to me?" then life becomes much more interesting and meaningful. - Ilya Khlestov



Right to left: Ayur, Denis, Eduard Zavedeyev (magazine ministry director) and a couple who has given their testimonies on the "Choice" program

In addition, we were able to attend five Christian conferences over the past year, where we filmed testimonies for the "Choice" program - more than 70 people were our program guests. For the "Tunnel" program, Vladimir Gorlan goes out to the streets for evangelism, and also interviews pastors and Christian counsellors on various topics.

I calculated what your donations mean to our ministry: every dollar donated to the RCR Studio



"Choice" Program with host Natalia Chernyakova

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Prison Magazine Ministry

The 4th issue of the magazine for 2022, with the theme “Faithfulness,” was published in black and white with a color cover. We were concerned about how it would look and read, but thank God, the printed magazine turned out very well. This year we repeatedly wrote in the magazine that due to financial problems we were forced to reduce the circulation of the magazine. We are receiving letters from our readers who are praying and are genuinely worried about the future publications of the magazine.

[Editor’s note: The shortage of funds for the magazine is due to sanctions that don’t allow sending money to Russia. Instead God has provided some unusual ways to transfer funds. Please pray that God continues to show us ways to meet their needs.]

Letters from our readers who are praying for us:

“God’s peace to you! I saw from your note and from the magazine that economic grief is affecting you. We deeply empathize and pray for you and your ministry to us. Your magazine must live! We hope in the Lord that He will work through His children to help with this difficult situation. We Christians must stand together for a just cause. God makes a way even where there is none. Thank you for all your work, for the love, patience and wisdom shown to us. Thank you for being there. I just love you and worry about you, but, unfortunately, I have no way to help financially. I am here with a life sentence, in my first year, and there is no work. I pray and ask for your forgiveness that I cannot provide the necessary assistance to my beloved magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*. Sincerely yours, brother Yuri N.” (Minsk region, Belarus)

“P.S. I wrote an appeal: ‘Dear Readers of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine, so that the Good News may continue to be proclaimed through the magazine, God invites everyone, if possible, to give a part of their funds to the work of preaching the Gospel. The magazine is experiencing financial difficulties, a crisis, as the apostle Paul wrote - ‘we were afflicted on every side’ (2 Corinthians 7:5). Pray, friends, and donate to the cause of God.’”

“Thank you very much, I read your letter and magazine, and I understand your need; therefore I am going to fast on Saturday for your good, so that you continue to prosper, and so the Lord helps you in this.” - Lilia T. (Irkutsk region, Russia)

“I received from you a long-awaited letter with a magazine and a collection of sermons by Earl Poysti called ‘Bread of Life.’ Folks, the Lord sends us trials, tests our faith. Through your magazine, the Lord has led many souls to salvation. Your magazine is a creation, the work of the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ himself, He will not leave His work halfway, He brings everything to completion. We pray for you unceasingly and we are inspired by your work.” - Ivan F. (Novosibirsk, Russia)

“If not for Jesus’ Sacrifice, I don’t know what would have happened to me”



Greetings, my name is Sergey, I am 26 years old and I am a former drug addict. I tried drugs for the first time at the age of 16. After a while, I decided to try harder drugs, and by the time I was 20, I began to use “salt” heavily. I grew up with, and still have, believing friends - we went to school together. After school, we didn’t communicate for a long time, but then I found a phone number and called one of them to borrow money. And so it went on for several years, they kept calling me, inviting me to come to church, but I refused because from childhood I was told that this was a sect. Eventually I came to the church, but at first I understood little. Several times I was invited to the youth meeting. All this time, I continued to use drugs, and my friends tried to persuade me to go to a rehabilitation center. In the end, after several years of persuasion, I gave up and went, and that’s where I am at the moment – at the Zheleznogorsk Pirkko Home. When I came, I was angry about everything, and at first it was very hard for me, both mentally and physically. Several times I wanted to leave, but the Lord made me stay. About a month after the start of rehabilitation, I repented. Now I am serving in the ministry in the kitchen and God is constantly working with me. Soon my program is ending and I have a desire in my heart to stay here for some time to serve the brothers in the center, to receive water baptism and to fully devote my life to our Lord Jesus Christ, because if not for His sacrifice, I don’t know what would have happened to me.

