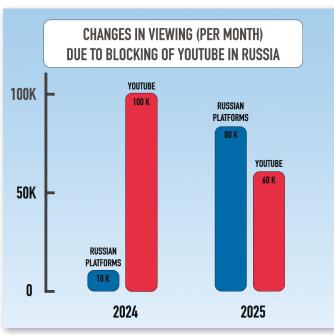
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RCR Studio Ministry: Helping People Find the Meaning of Life

"Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." (Mark.5:19).

RCR Studio programs are loved by a large audience of viewers. There are those who tell us that they have grown spiritually from them. They have learned what repentance is, why it is necessary to attend church, and were convinced of the need for water baptism and doing work for God.



Recently, due to the blocking of YouTube in Russia, many viewers have switched to viewing our content on other platforms.

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YouTube views fell from 100,000 per month (2024) to 60,000 per month (2025).

But views on Russian platforms (such as Rutube, etc.) grew from 10,000 per month (2024) to 80,000 per month (2025).

This is an overall increase in views.

Today, 12 videos are released per month, which are watched by 55,000 unique viewers per month on all platforms.

This winter, among the guests on our "Choice" programs were three "Tatyana"s

who had been diagnosed with cancer. Their lives

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"Choice" program

were threatened by a fatal disease, but in their trials they found Jesus Christ, who gave them life in every sense. Now, together, they serve unbelieving cancer patients, praying for them, providing spiritual support and preaching Jesus Christ. Follow the link in the QR code, where there is a collection of different stories (in Russian), of many who, while going through serious illnesses, found healing and consolation in Jesus Christ!

One of these three "Tatyana"s shares about further results due to these programs:

"We are the participants of three of your programs:

- "How I Found the Meaning of Life After Cancer" with Tatyana Bozin
- "Dying Without God Is Scary" with Tatyana Posmetnaya
- "The Huge Price to Believe in Jesus Christ" with Tatyana Bondarenko,

and we want to thank the RCR Studio team for the Choice program, for the work God has entrusted to you and for your help in our ministry.





"The first program with Tatyana Bozin told about a women's Christian group on WhatsApp called "God's Daughter," where believing sisters in Christ serve unbelieving cancer patients with spiritual support in text "chats," joint prayer, encouragement and personal counselling.

"The interview resonated in the hearts of many channel subscribers and new participants began to join the group, both believers with a great desire to be useful to God in this ministry, and unbelievers who found support and understanding from people who have gone from despair to faith through the test of illness.

"Now the group even has an unbelieving participant from America. So far, the total number of participants who came to the group after our three programs is 20 people.

"Each of you, dear ministers at RCR, is a part of God's huge work of spreading the Good News in the perishing world. With your hands, talents and abilities, the Lord "rescues those being taken away to death" (Prov. 24:11). God also very skillfully unites the destinies of people who have very different ministries, but at the same time have one great goal - glorifying the Lord!" – *Tatyana Posmetnaya*

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Prison Magazine Is Sent Far and Wide Across Russia – from Kaliningrad to Kamchatka and from the Arctic Circle to the Black Sea

We constantly get new requests to receive our magazine, and we also send the requested number of copies to prison ministers, from Kaliningrad to Kamchatka. These prison ministers correspond with or visit prisoners and give them our magazines. Here are some recent letters from a few of these prison ministers. Please pray for their ministry.

"Dear editors of the magazine, please send us ten copies instead of two. We are already distributing them to Christian sisters who send these magazines to those in prison with whom they correspond." – *Natalia*, *Volosovo*, *Leningrad Region*

"This year, 2025, God opened the door for us to preach the Gospel in a local prison. One of the men there is Garik; he is 69 years old, and he has spent 45 years in prison. I told him about Jesus, gave him a Bible, and told him my testimony of how God changed me. Garik has a dream - to start a new life. He has no relatives, he has never been married. He hopes that God will forgive him and save him. In three and a half years, he will be released. Pray for his repentance and a new life." – Viktor K., Abkhazia Republic





"Our visits and meetings are conducted in the format of correspondence and short-term visits. We go on visits at the request of prisoners who want to communicate and learn biblical truths. We correspond with them and provide materials and assistance through parcels, including things like medicines and the magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*.

"The ministry among women is also expanding. Sister Irina makes a great contribution to it. Having visited the women's prison for the first time, she made the ministry her own. She maintains extensive correspondence with prisoners, and prepares 30-50 parcels, which we deliver every two months. She also tries to help those released, and maintains contact with them outside the prison. Recently, a woman was transferred from prison to a hospital, where she is now in intensive care. Irina visited her and found out that she

has a child in an orphanage, who has never seen his mother. On Christmas, we visited the boy, and gave him a gift from his mother. The doctors are not hopeful about her recovery.

"There are difficulties and complexities, but despite this we continue to bring the Gospel to lost souls. Please pray." – Vyacheslav Kozlov, Komi Republic

News in the Lives of our Pirkko Home "Liberation Centers"

Udomlya Pirkko Home (Tver Region) – Changed Lives, and Hope for the Future

Over the past few months, we have seen some very positive results in the Udomlya Pirkko Home in the Tver region.

Let's start with the fact that graduate Evgeny Talykh completed the rehabilitation and adaptation program and decided to stay and help with the ministry here. He has begun attending courses to prepare for baptism. On Sundays, he also goes with the brothers from our church to the tuberculosis department of the hospital for evangelism. It is clear that God is changing his character and Evgeny agrees.

On Christmas, a graduate of our center, Sergey Sankatsev, came to visit us. After rehabilitation he left for ministry in Novorossiysk, where he helps in the house of mercy at the local church. For us, this is a good testimony that graduates often return to the place where they started a new life with God, to share what's happening in their lives.

Also, in the center today we are trying to do some different things with the guys who asked for help. There are currently 5 guys living here. A brother from the church who works as a barber invites us to his shop for fellowship - he tidies up the guys' appearance, gives them a haircut, and then we reflect on spiritual topics. The church tries to actively participate and support our ministry. The brothers come on Tuesdays to study the Bible, the pastor of the church also visits the guys with







the Word every week, and other brothers come for spiritual and friendly support. All this is very important.

On weekends, we go skiing with the guys in the forests. There is a ski equipment rental service in the city, and we are happy to use this service!

The guys see our care through this. Many of them have not played sports, have not been to a barber, and have not received a kind word or even a good attitude towards themselves for 15-20 years. Through all this, God works in their hearts. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to give people hope for the future. With God's help, they will definitely succeed!

Please pray for us and the guys in our rehab program.

- Igor & Marina Markov, head of the Udomlya Pirkko Home

News from Other Pirkko Home Centers:

Rumyantsevo – This center celebrated its 24th anniversary in March! It was our 3rd Pirkko Home, and the first to start helping men with alcohol and drug addictions. Recently four more of our graduates decided to dedicate themselves to ministry and will help here, learning to be assistant leaders.

Dyatkovo – Things are going well under the leadership of the new director, Oleg Glazov. Two of the men in the program repented at the local church in January! We are building a relationship with the local church; the brothers from church have been coming to visit and also help the guys find work. The Lord is blessing us!

Kokino – The men at Kokino finished renovating and insulating their building and put up a fence.

Plavsk – Construction is nearing completion on the second floor, where the men's bedrooms and bathroom are. The men there are laying laminate flooring, painting the ceilings and walls, and installing plumbing.

Dmitry Gurulev: "God liberated me from the burden I had carried for so long!"

Greetings to all, dear friends! My name is Dmitry and I am 31 years old. I was born in the Chita region. My father was a nuclear power engineer. When I was 7 years old, my father was sent to work in the city of Udomlya in the Tver region. There I went to school and was an excellent student and a wonderful pupil. At the age of 10, I began to play soccer. My mother "doted" on me, enjoying my behavior and achievements in my studies and sports. But only for the time being!

Unfortunately, at 16 or 17 years old, as often happens in worldly life, I got involved with bad company, and the sin that had already lived in me began to gain momentum, enslaved me and took control of me. Studies and sports all faded into the background. It started with cigarettes, then marijuana, and then off I went: crime, drugs, alcohol, and problems with the police. Plus, my parents divorced and my father disappeared from our lives, leaving my mother and me with nothing. My mother earned little, and we often had to move from



one apartment to another, and sometimes there was nothing to eat at home. Coming home from the street, I saw my mother crying.

The years passed, and in addition to marijuana, I began to use amphetamines. I did not sleep for 5 days, and sometimes for weeks. My aggression and constant conflicts led to the fact that my mother could not stand it and did not want to see me anymore! I began to disappear on the street for weeks or months. From time to time I came to my senses, got a job, and went on business trips around the country, but continued to use alcohol and drugs. In the end, they started kicking me out of work. By the age of 30, I was mentally and physically exhausted from constant loneliness, guilt towards my mother, and strong resentment towards my father. I blamed him for my failures! Such resentment is a heavy mental burden that I carried throughout my life. Inside, I experienced a constant struggle, as if an angel and a demon were fighting inside me. Soon I was completely under the power of evil spirits; I could not find peace. I could not get a job. I was driven away everywhere because of my character, aggression and indignation. Thoughts that I should not be here began to appear more often, and the question came: "Where then?" After long wanderings, I returned back to Udomlya. My grandmother took me in for a while. I found a job as a salesperson in a hardware store.

One day, while standing at the checkout, a girl came up and paid for the goods she had bought and said that she wanted to say a few words to me on the street. I went out. She looked at me and said: "I see complete despair in your eyes," and began to testify about God and invited me to church on Sunday. It turned out that this was Sister Marina Markova, a church member and the wife of Igor Markov, the head of the Pirkko Home rehab center in Udomlya. When she left, I felt warm inside.

Three months had passed since that meeting, and after many nights of sobbing and times of being overcome with despair, I remembered that meeting and decided to go to church. After the service, that same Marina came



Dmitriy with Nodari, leader of Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home

up to me and offered to take me to the rehabilitation center in the Moscow region. I agreed to go. She personally came to pick me up the next day and took me to the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home. So God was looking for me and found me! Three weeks into my program, I came to repentance before the Lord! Waking up after that, I felt liberated from the burden I had carried for so many years – resentment and disappointment, failures and anxiety, fear and despair. No, the problems have not completely gone away, but I am solving them with God. The main thing is that I have been forgiven and pardoned!

I have completed the rehabilitation program and am now on an internship, intending to stay and work in the Pirkko Home ministry. The Lord has given me the strength to get rid of the resentment towards my father. Now in my prayers I ask God to arrange our meeting and communication in the future. I forgive him, as God forgave me! Of course, I want to receive holy water baptism, to make a covenant with Jesus! This is my story, brothers and sisters! I praise God for His wonderful and great deeds!



