

REPORTER

10 YEARS of RCR Studio's Video Ministry



After the end of Earl Poysti's ministry, who was perhaps the most recognized Russian-speaking radio preacher, we realized that in the context of the rapid development of digital technologies, some changes were needed in our studio. Trusting that God would help us, we switched to a new format, and in **2015** began to produce video programs and podcasts. This happened despite our lack of a video studio, suitable equipment and experience in video editing!

The first video released was the testimony of Pastor Yuri Keletgeut from Chukotka, on our "Choice" program. This episode opened a new page in the history of our media ministry.

Over time, we equipped a new video studio with modern video equipment. Today our studio team includes 6 people (see photo below) who were trained in video editing and camera work.

Our team's achievements over the past 10 years included: creating **1,200 videos**, taking about **50 filming trips** to other cities and conferences, growing an audience of **217,000 subscribers**, receiving **71,000 comments** from viewers (on all platforms), attaining over **86,000,000 total views** and listens, and completely **updating rcr.ru**, our Russian-language website.

I would like to separately mention the contribution of our program hosts. Natalia Chernyakova has been serving with us for 20 years! She has hosted 480 video programs as well as 350 radio broadcasts, primarily the "Choice" program. Denis Gostev has released 430 video programs, and Vladimir Gorlan has released 43 programs.

We praise God for RCR Studio's 10 fruitful years of video ministry and for the many lives God has touched through our programs.

"I love and constantly watch this program "Choice." These are very powerful testimonies of God's glory in people's lives. God works in each life differently. Faith in God becomes even greater from hearing such stories."—
Elena



The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Prison Magazine

“My House” is the topic of the June issue of the magazine, No.3.2025 (181). The Church is the House of God, and the Lord desires that His House should reveal Jesus Christ to the whole world. Christ paints a wonderful picture of the Church in his teaching about the vine and the branches. The more closely we are connected with Christ, the more fruitful we will be as branches in His many-branched vineyard – the Church of Christ. *“I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit...”* (John 15:5).

We’d like to share some letters from prisoners who receive our magazines:

I sincerely thank you for the latest issue of the magazine *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*. We gladly read the magazine attentively with the whole cell, and then pass it on to our brothers, like-minded people in faith. On my own behalf, I would like to express my deepest gratitude. It’s a wonderful magazine. It strengthens our faith and promotes spiritual growth. From the magazine I receive food from the Lord, comfort and joy. I always find in it issues that I have worried about, and I receive answers to many questions. God knows everything that we need, and helps the editorial staff to present materials in such a way that we can only admire and say, “I need this so much!” - **Dmitry B. (Russia, Republic of Mordovia, FKU IK-6)**

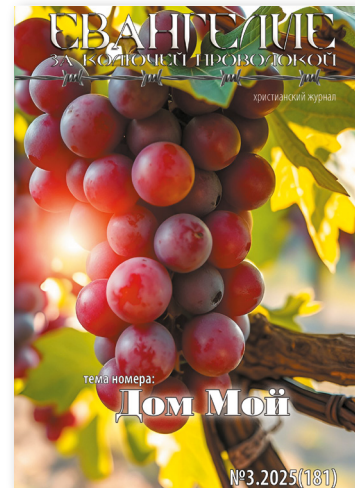
Reading the letters of prisoners in the pages of the magazine, I seem to be completely immersed in the world of fellowship with brothers and sisters who, like me, are languishing in prison. Of course, there are certain differences between us. Many people look forward to the end of their sentence, to meet their families and loved ones, as well as their brothers and sisters in the Church of Christ. But time passes differently for me. The end of my sentence is equivalent to the end of my life. My sentence is life imprisonment. But I am not despondent, like all the other convicts. I look for hope, a miracle, and the mercy of Christ. And you cannot even imagine how much strength, faith, and hope you give with your magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, to all the brothers and sisters in Christ who are in captivity, especially those sentenced to life imprisonment. - **Alexander M. (Russia, Republic of Mordovia, FKU IK-1)**

Thank God, my dear brothers and sisters, I received *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* from you! My happiness knew no bounds! I was afraid that they would not let this magazine come to me. But I received everything: both the magazine and an envelope from you. Thanks! I will read it and let the other sisters read it in turn. I do not have time to read it all at once. I have 30 minutes a day. I go to work from 7:30 am until 9:00 pm, and lights out is at 10 pm. I’ll write you a letter and continue reading. We would like more magazines, if you can send some. We don’t even have any books to help us with the Word of God. God bless you! Sister **Galina G. (Russia, Khabarovsk Krai, FKU IK-12)**



I received 2 magazines from you and read that you released a Handbook that is something like a Bible course called “Discipleship” by Earl Poysti (part 1 and part 2). You wrote that people should contact you, so I am. I’m a beginner and it is difficult to immediately delve into the faith. I need a push to help me jump in. It’s like a labyrinth and without a hint you can get lost. I am untaught and therefore it is difficult to immediately understand. I am a lost sheep who found myself within these walls, but the light came for me and the Lord called. Therefore, I will not wait for a second call, because I have already ignored the call many times. When I wrote to you, you answered my letter. May the Lord bless you for your work and your love. My life has changed with Christ. He filled it. I read a lot, and write and correspond with believers. Spiritual communication is life and a world of miracles. I have learned so much, new things that I did not know before. God bless you! – **Vitaliy Y. (Kazakhstan, Kostanay region, RSU No. 39)**

Hello, dear editors of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*! I always receive and read your magazine with joy, especially when I realize that my spiritual state needs to be better, and when despondency and sorrow visit. About 10 years ago I repented in a high security prison and after that I attended meetings in the IK-12 prison in Orsha, Belarus, participating in the Bible studies, joint prayers and fellowship. I have long noticed, and was pleasantly surprised to see, that your magazine is interesting to, and revered by, not only Protestant Christians, but Orthodox believers as well, who read it with great love, despite the open statements of Orthodox clergy that such literature should not be touched. I ask you to continue sending the magazine to my friends at this same prison. I will give you a name. Sincerely, **Sergey G. (Belarus, Vitebsk region, Orsha). He was released 01/11/2025.**



Pirkko Home Ministry at Rumyantsevo

Dear friends, we are glad to greet you from our Pirkko Home “Liberation Center” in Rumyantsevo! We would like to share news from our rehab ministry. Thank God, as some men progress through our program and move on, we are working with new men whom the Lord sends our way!



Dmitry, Assistant leader

I hope you remember and have been praying for our brother Dmitry from Udomlya, Tver region [we shared his testimony in the last Reporter], who intended to stay and help with our ministry here in Rumyantsevo after he completed the recovery program, and more importantly, after he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior. We are happy to inform you that Dmitry is now serving with us as we reach out to help the newly arrived guys. God sent us both him and Arthur, another co-worker, as my assistants. Dmitry is in training, going through all the stages of ministry, and most importantly, learning how to love people, reach out to them, accept them as they are and bring them the Gospel by word and personal example. This is not easy, but Dmitry has a desire to learn and achieve spiritual growth. At the same time, he wants to make a covenant with Jesus through water baptism in the local church later this year. Thank you for your prayers!



Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home residents and Leader Nodari Mangasarov (at right)

The next thing I would like to tell you about is the new men in the program. The circumstances have changed, as we have previously written, such that now we have to look for new people – not many come on their own. We pray for people, put up notices several places, and use various Internet platforms to inform them about us: who we are and that we provide help to any person with addictions of any kind, for free. The Lord sees and hears and we have several new men in the program.



Timofey

Timofey is from Krasnodar. He's an educated man, with two higher degrees, and is very wealthy, but he came to us with a drug problem. His twin brother died of an overdose and Timofey thought that his life could end the same way. Through a believer he learned about our center and decided to come. It is hard for him, but he is taking small steps. Praise God.

Anton from Dedovsk, Moscow region, went through a twelve-step program, and did not drink alcohol for a long time, but then fell into addiction again. Now he studies God's Word and understands how effective the Scripture is for the soul, how it changes lives, and is real and active. We thank God for him.



Anton



Maxim

Maxim, also from Dedovsk, is a graduate of Moscow State University. This man is very tormented by sin. He has been to various rehab centers since 2001, from ones in Spain to ones run by the Orthodox Church, but in fact he only began to know the Gospel now. It is very difficult for him, since he has a lot of knowledge and experience in psychology and various programs. Everyone else had given up on him long ago, but his mother hopes that God will save him. We believe this and we try to help him despite everything. Please join us in praying for him.

In April of last year, **Nikolai** was in our program, but then we learned that he had cancer. At that time, we tried to help him, but without qualified medical help we could not



Nikolai

cope and he had to be admitted to a specialized hospital. While he was undergoing treatment there, we were praying for him. After the treatment, he decided to come back to us, almost a year later, with the words that without the Lord he would die. We gladly took him into the program again. Praise God for Nikolai, and for our answered prayers. We believe that this illness and healing will become for him the voice of God and a call to solve the main problem, called sin.



Major repairs on the second floor and stairway of the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home



Our other big news is the renovation of the second floor of the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home. Dear brothers and sisters, we have long planned to implement this project, but for various reasons it did not work out; there were no funds and/or there were no people who had the skills needed. Thank God, today we have already made decent progress. We dismantled the floors and walls of the second floor. They were very old and dilapidated, but the main problem was not this, but the bedbugs, which we tried to get rid of for 5-7 years. Sometimes we thought we had succeeded, but it only lasted for a while, then the same problem came again. In the end, we removed all the old plaster, treated the walls and are now re-plastering the walls, painting them, and are re-laying flooring. Yes, the renovation is going in very small steps, since we don't have the means for everything all at once. We thank the Lord that such an opportunity exists at all!



Please pray:

- For the baptism of assistant leader Arthur (planned for this fall)
- For the baptism of assistant leader Dmitry (planned for this winter)
- For the repentance of the new men in the program
- For opportunities and the means to finish the renovation of the 2nd floor
- For me and my assistants, for wisdom in ministry



Dmitry & Arthur, assistant leaders planning to be baptized

- Nodari Mangasarov, leader of the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home

Prayer Request for RCR Ministry:

Please pray about our transfers of funds to Russia. As most of you know, since the imposition of the sanctions, we have been unable to directly transfer funds as we had before. Yet God has provided in other ways. Over the past few years, we have identified people with property or other assets in Russia who were willing to give the proceeds of sales to the Moscow RCR office, and in return we would reimburse them or their relatives in the USA or Europe. Unfortunately, we have not identified more of these situations during the past few months, thus we need your prayers. If you know someone who wishes to sell property in Russia, please let us know, and we will pursue the opportunity.