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Prayer Letter
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RCR Studio Ministry

Ayur Vanzhilov: Praise God, our audience in Russia continues to grow! We are succeeding in gathering an audience in Russia anew, after the blocking of the YouTube channel. Just in the month of March, the number of viewers increased by 800,000 people! We are posting our programs on several internet platforms, so the workload has increased significantly and we will need an assistant cameraman and video editor (which will cost us an additional \$150/mo.). It is also time to buy new spotlights; our old ones served us for 10 years, but need to be replaced. Please pray about these things.

We invite interesting guests to our studio for our programs. Recently, Sergey Murzin shared his testimony on "Choice." He probably would have died in prison, but thanks to Jesus Christ, he has a new life - what a miracle! He and his wife Svetlana have 12 children, and all of them glorify God on musical instruments! Pray that many more people will watch the testimonies on our "Choice" program, and learn about salvation in Jesus Christ.



"Choice" Program with host Natalia Chernyakova & guest Sergey Murzin

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Prison Magazine Ministry



Our prison magazines were sent with a brother from Uzbekistan.

Eduard Zavedeyev: In April, a "Church and Mass Media" conference was held in Moscow, in which we participated, and there we met a brother from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Our magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, does not reach Uzbekistan due to the dominance of Islam and censorship. Only through personal testimony and the Internet can people there learn about Christ. Taking advantage of the opportunity, we gave this brother some of our magazines.

The recently launched prison ministry in the Abkhazia region (near the Black Sea) continues. The first fruits are already appearing. Prisoner Beslan (in the middle of the photo to the right) turned to the Lord in a prayer of repentance. Praise God!

Thanks to you, the publication and distribution of this much-needed magazine continues. We ask you to especially pray for the salvation of the souls of readers who have not yet made the decision to follow the Lord, as well as for the employees of the prisons.

Pirkko Home Liberation Center Ministry

Change of Leadership at the Kokino Pirkko Home, and Testimony of New Leader, Boris Morozov

In March there was a change in leadership at the Pirkko Home in Kokino, Bryansk Region. Oleg Murashev, who had been in charge of the center since its opening in July, 2014, has left the ministry in Kokino. Unfortunately, he could not stay free from his addiction to alcohol and several times served as a bad example for the brothers there in the recovery program. Oleg has repented, and realizes that he is not worthy of leading the center any more, and has decided to return with his wife Oksana to his native church in the Moscow region, for his own rehab and recovery. This is disappointing, but Oleg is in God's hands. He has tasted how good the Lord is and we believe that God is working in Oleg's heart and we pray for his recovery.



Beslan, a prisoner in the Abkhazia region of Russia, recently repented.



Boris Morozov, who has worked as Oleg Murashev's assistant for several years, is now responsible for the ministry in Kokino. Please pray for him. Brother Boris is 57 years old; he was born in Bryansk and has lived there most of his life. He says the following about himself:

My parents were simple people and worked at the factory. Until the age of 15, I was a good son and student and played sports. But friendship with those on the street led me to alcohol and cigarettes. After school, I served in the army. When I returned, I got a job as a worker at the factory. I got married, and a daughter was born. My workforce group was large - 12 people; we celebrated all the holidays and birthdays together, and alcohol became an integral part of my life. My family broke up after 11 years of marriage, and I was to blame for everything. Life went on, and I married a second time. But after more than 10 years, my wife died of heart failure. Then I started drinking heavily. By this time, my father and mother believed, became members of the church and prayed for me.



I tried to start a family again. Four years of a happy life flew by quickly. And then came a difficult fight for my wife's life; she was diagnosed with cancer. She was gone 1 1/2 years later.

I was drinking heavily, I no longer cared about my job, and I saw no point in anything. Mortal melancholy overcame me and I attempted suicide - I hanged myself. I had a dog, and when all this happened, it howled. A neighbor heard, and ran and cut me down. I woke up in intensive care. After leaving the hospital, basically nothing changed, life went on as before, with much alcohol. I planned to once again commit suicide, with no one to interfere.

But apparently the prayers of my parents intervened - I learned that there are Christian recovery centers, houses of spiritual and social assistance. In 2018, they suggested I go to the Kokino center. I agreed, because I had no hope. About then, my mother passed away and no one was left to turn to. At home, alone, I turned to God for the first time, saying, "Help me, if You exist."

When I arrived at the Kokino Pirkko Home, I saw the care of the people living there and began to read the Word of God. Not right away, of course, but the Lord touched my heart. I wanted to read more, and since then



the Psalter has become my favorite book. In time, I completed the recovery program, attended a baptismal preparation course, and have been a member of the church for 6 years now. Praise God. The Kokino center needed helpers, and I've been working here for about 4 years already.

The Lord is changing my character. I lost my relationship with my first wife, which was my fault, but now I have a daughter and a grandson, and I adore them. This is all because of Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life.

I ask you not to pass by people who are downtrodden and lost, with empty eyes. You need to approach them; you just need to talk to them, so that they don't leave this life alone and without God. I am grateful to God that He has provided me with a job – to help people with empty hearts, as I once was. The Lord brings them to us in different ways and we help them.

Other prayer requests for the Pirkko Homes:

- Pray for Oleg Glazov, leader of the Dyatkovo Pirkko Home, who had a massive stroke recently.
- Pray for the big job of removing old plaster and replastering the walls at Rummyantsevo after bedbugs, and a solution to the decontamination problems.
- Pray for the men learning to be Pirkko Home assistants, being raised up to be faithful servants of God.
- Pray for the men who have come back and are in the rehab program again – it is not easy for them to return.
- Pray for the annual Retreat in May for all the Pirkko Home centers at the Ruchiyok Camp, Moscow region.

Please pray for the prayer requests underlined in this letter, and for the end of the war in Ukraine.

Praise God for his provision for the RCR ministries in Russia during this difficult time.



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