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Monthly Prayer Letter

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New Friendships & Contacts to Help RCR Spread the Gospel

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.” (Romans 12:11, ESV)

In November, a conference was held in Moscow which brought together more than a hundred prison ministers from all over Russia, from Sakhalin in the Far East to Krasnodar near the Black Sea. The host of RCR’s program “Choice,” Natalia Chernyakova, shares about this conference:

“The theme of this non-denominational Christian conference was ‘Learn from Me,’ and taking time to learn from one another was the main purpose of these meetings. The organizers gave me an opportunity to speak about RCR’s ministry. As always, I began the presentation of our ministry with the words of our founders. Then unexpected reactions started coming from the audience! Even during my presentation, people were already responding with their comments: ‘Thank you very much! For five years already we have been taking your ‘Gospel Behind Barbed Wire’ magazines into prisons.’ and ‘I first heard the preaching of Earl Poysti in prison, and began to think about what I had heard.’ and ‘How can I get a copy? And how can I stay in contact with you?’ and ‘I repented in prison, listening to the sermons of Earl Poysti.’ Quickly we connected with one another and found points of intersection in our ministries. I left copies of our prison magazines for those who had not yet received them, so they can contact us. It was an interesting meeting, providing new friendships, new contacts, and some new possibilities for recording testimonies for RCR’s “Choice” program.

“Vladimir Anichkin, a prison minister from Tatarstan, introduced me to a young man named Ivan Grigoriev, to whom he had ministered while he (Ivan) was still serving his prison sentence. This young man is now 25 years old, and he told me how brothers came to visit the prison, preached, sang, shared their testimonies, and brought *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazines. ‘I was jealous,’ said Ivan, ‘when I saw these magazines in the hands of those who had become Christians in the prison. More than anything, I wanted to hold this magazine in my own hand, to open it and see what was written there. But I didn’t dare to ask.’ Now, 5 years later, he would like to receive at least 2-3 copies, to give to those who still do not believe.



“I saw Soslan Karayev again (left), whom I had first met seven years ago in our Moscow office, when Sergei Yakimenkov (then the director of RCR in Russia) invited him to come from Vladikavkaz to record his testimony in our studio. At that time Soslan had just been released from prison and was not well physically, but was spiritually revived. Now Soslan is involved with rehabilitation centers in Israel, Spain, Portugal, and Belarus. He continues to receive our magazines and goes into prisons to witness to the prisoners.

‘I also met Bishop Vladimir Murashkin (middle). A magazine called *The Good News to the Prisoners* is published in his house in Kaluga twice a year. Some prison ministers also take these magazines to prisons and correspond with prisoners.”

Please pray for the needs of the ministry:

- Pray for plans to increase the circulation of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* to 7000 copies (up from 6500).
- Thank God for the new contacts made at this conference; and ask Him to continue to provide new people to help us distribute the prison magazines.
- Pray that the Lord would bring us people willing to share their testimonies for the “Choice” radio program.
- Pray that God would give wisdom to the leaders ministering at the Pirkko Home rehabilitation and adaptation centers, and to Pirkko Home Coordinator, Dima Gusev.
- Pray for Alexei Mordinov, the new leader assigned to minister at the Pirkko Home in Kimry, Tver region.
- Pray for Vitaliy & Katya Ryzhkov.
- Pray for the needs of the Pirkko Homes to be met over the winter months, when there is less work available. The Nikulino Pirkko Home especially needs help with providing enough food, medicine, etc., due to also having young children also living there with their moms. (Right now there are 25 people, 5 of them children.)
- Praise the Lord that more churches in the US are becoming involved with helping the Pirkko Homes.

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