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Monthly Prayer Letter
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The Necessity and Benefit of Regional "Pirkko Home" Gatherings

"... Encourage one another and build each other up ..." (1 Thess. 5:11)

Leaders ministering at RCR's Pirkko Home "Liberation" rehabilitation centers plan joint activities for all the leaders, rehabilitants and graduates of the centers for spiritual encouragement and fellowship. Events such as reunions of graduates, rehab center anniversaries, summer camping and, more recently, the addition of regular gatherings, are being held in all regions where there is a Pirkko Home. One of these three-day get-togethers took place in the Bryansk region from February 5th to 7th of this year. The theme of the meeting was: "Expanding Your Personal Ministry." **Nodari Mangasarov**, leader of the Rummyantsevo rehab center, Moscow region, shares about this:

"The Pastors of the Bryansk churches were invited in advance to this meeting in Dyatkovo, with their presentations and seminars. It was set up so that we could all talk about pressing issues in a roundtable discussion.

Aleksey Dudikin (leader of the men's adaptation center in Zheleznogorsk, Kursk region) led a meeting with those who currently minister in Pirkko Homes.

Artem Panin (leader of men's & women's adaptation center in Ruchiyok, Moscow region) led an edifying session with the women, both those who are going through rehabilitation or adaptation and those who help in the ministry.

Andrei Kuzmichev (leader of men's rehabilitation center in Rylsk, Kursk region) met with the men who were in rehab centers for the first time, who no longer wanted to go back to their past lives.

Ilya Ignatov (who ministers in the Dyatkovo rehab center, Bryansk region) held a seminar for those brothers who have a desire to stay in the ministry and be an assistant to a Pirkko Home leader.

Pavel Petukhov (assistant to Andrei Fetisov, leader of the Pirkko Home in Dyatkovo), prepared a quiz on the first ten chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Many people were found to be lacking in the knowledge of God's Word. This game served these brothers and sisters with either edification or a reproof - everyone could test their convictions, their love for the Word, and see how laziness can come slowly and take over a person.

"There are times when we become 'religious' or 'dutiful' in our actions," reasoned the brothers... 'when the 'fire' within us is dying down.' 'It is good to have conferences and meetings, but what do we do afterwards?' asked the graduates of the centers. It is important to not simply gather and 'set each other on fire', but to keep what is valuable afterwards for day-to-day life.



"Summing up the results of these meetings, we once again see that there is no such thing as *too much* of God's Word and mutual support for those who want to live for Christ and grow spiritually. Pastors and churches see the blessing of this ministry and God's work of grace among society's outcasts, who are now saved brothers and sisters. We ask you to pray for these gatherings - for the organization process, for financial resources, for the wisdom of the brothers, and most importantly for the salvation and repentance of those who go through the rehab program. It is all done for the glory of the Lord!"

Please pray:

- for Pirkko Home ministers, for their families and their health;
- for nine brothers who are going through training in Rummyantsevo to become leaders in the Pirkko Home ministry;
- for Nodari Mangasarov's family and for his wife's health as they are expecting their second child;
- for the next gathering on March 11 – 13 in Rummyantsevo, which will mark the 15th anniversary of this center;
- for the new church plant that Dima Gusev has been called to lead, ministering to and with former addicts;
- praise God for blessing Dima Gusev's meetings in the US and for his opportunity to see a specialist here.



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