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Monthly Prayer Letter
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FIRE and RCR Ministry Updates

*“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile...”
(1Cor. 15:13 NIV)*

Fire at Nikulino – One Pirkko Home Burned to the Ground!

At 2:00 am on March 30th the attic floor of the women’s building caught on fire, apparently from the chimney. The fire quickly spread to the entire house and the building burned to the ground. By the grace of God, no one was injured; all the people were brought out safely and they are temporarily in the local church in Vyshny Volochek. At the time of the fire, there were 5 men, 8 women and 5 children plus 2 leaders at the adjoining rehab centers. Dmitri Kuzmin and Marina Markova took charge while Igor Markov was away. The second building at Nikulino was partially damaged from the fire, and also lost its heat and water supply, since that came from the building that burned. They are assessing the work to be done to fix the damages and gathering a construction team, hoping to make it acceptable for the men to live in. We will send more information later. Please pray.



Rehabilitation and Adaptation Ministry – 15th Anniversary for Rummyantsevo

Nodari Mangasarov, Pirkko Home leader in Rummyantsevo told us about another meeting of ‘Pirkko Homes’ in the Moscow region on March 11-13: “We celebrated the 15th anniversary of the creation of a movement to save drug addicts and alcoholics. We focused on simple topics, benefiting all enrolled in a rehabilitation or adaptation center, plus assistants and leaders. The first topic covered was ‘The Value of God’s Word in my Life,’ the second, ‘Christian Fellowship, What’s Missing and How to Live Today,’ and the third topic, ‘Significance of Prayer in the Life of a Christian.’ We invited Christian Brothers, as well as the leader of the Baptist Union in Russia, Alexei Smirnov, for input on the topics. We had roundtable discussions for those who have attended more than once, as well as sessions for those new to the centers and for the women. The overall theme was focused on spiritual growth. Brothers and sisters from almost every rehab center gathered, approximately 70 people. Praise the Lord! For the first time, we decided to celebrate this center’s anniversary in two churches, since there were many of us and it was great practice for both churches. Blessed is our Lord! He guides us in organizing such events and continues to lead us - for over 15 years!”



RCR’s involvement in Christian Conference in Kazan

Natalia Chernyakova, host of “CHOICE” radio program shared about a recent conference: “We attended a conference called, ‘Abraham – Man of Faith.’ It took place January 26-29, 2016. One by one, believers from various regions of Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus spoke from the pulpit sharing their experiences. Representing RCR, our small team included Alexander Zakharov, Ayur Vanzhilov and me. We set up a table with handouts and our RCR banner in the hall. Ayur greeted conference guests with copies of the prison magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, and Alexander Zakharov spoke about the ministry. I was able to make six recordings for the ‘CHOICE’ radio program with brothers from Siberia, Minsk, Odessa and Volga Regions.” Praise God for those who make the “choice” to follow Him!



Please pray

- For the situation at the Nikulino Pirkko Home after the devastating fire.
- For us to be able to make more video recordings of other RCR programs.
- For our need of adequate studio equipment, to produce programs more efficiently.
- For God’s wisdom for the head of RCR’s rehab ministry, Dima Gusev, as he works with “Liberation Pirkko Homes” (RCR’s rehabilitation and adaptation centers) and establishes a new church in Solnechnogorsk.
- Praise God that the 1st edition of our magazine for 2016, with an increase to 7000 copies, has been printed! Please continue to pray for additional finances still needed for this ministry to prisoners.



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