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Monthly Prayer Letter

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Continue to Serve, Despite the Circumstances

“Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.” (Eccl. 11:4)

This year we have been repeatedly faced with different kinds of problems in the ministry. The fire in the Nikulino Pirkko Home, the lack of equipment to record videos, difficulties with the release and distribution of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine; maintenance of the office building in Moscow, and the new Russian law. But the Lord graciously helped us, and gave His blessing. Sometimes it is not easy do ministry when facing difficult circumstances, but if we wait for "the right time," then we will never sow nor reap. If we trust God, we are not afraid to sow, because our hope is in God, who nurtures the seeds of faith even in the most callous heart. Dear brothers and sisters, we whole-heartedly thank you for your prayers for us and for your support of RCR's ministry.

Progress at Nikulino. October 6 a new chimney pipe was installed for the new boiler at the main building. A second house, being remodeled and enlarged for use by the men, is actively under construction as well, and the plan is for the men to move into this temporary housing in November, and then resume the program for 'Mothers with Children.'



Celebration in Ruchiyok. October 1-2 a special ceremony was held at the Ruchiyok adaptation center to honor the current graduates of all the Pirkko Home rehab centers, who successfully completed their 5 month rehabilitation program and are now eligible to take the next step of "adaptation." Participants in addition to the graduates were Pirkko Home directors, the pastor of the local church, and guests from America – about 80 people. It was a joyful fellowship, filled with the Word of God, testimonies and music, as the bright fall sunshine and the golden leaves of Russia's national tree, the white birch, echoed the promise of a hope and a future for all attending.



New church plant gets closer to opening. The head of the Pirkko Home ministry, Dima Gusev, will pastor this new church in Solnechnogorsk, which will be the 2nd evangelical church in this city of about 100,000. Last month a team from America joined the Russian team to build the podium and pulpit for this church. The new heating system was also installed. Much is left to be done and we ask your prayers regarding every detail of planning so that this church will honor God in everything it does... including the finishing of the building itself.



Development of Video ministry. Starting in September, the "Choice" program has completely switched to a video format. In the past month we were able to record 11 testimonies! We made the first video for "Pastoral Conversations" with A. V. Smirnov, Chairman of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists.

Prison Magazine Ministry. We recently received this letter from the far north, in Yamalo-Nenets. Stepan Vavilov wrote: "The other day I received your magazine *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, №127 (#3, 2016), Now, with postage from my cellmate, I hasten to thank you for the magazine, and that once you published my letter in your "Frontline." Three sisters in the United States responded. By the grace of God, I wrote back to all of them, but only one sister began to write to me. I don't know why I did not hear again from the other sisters. Maybe my letters did not reach them?"

Please pray:

- for restoration of the damaged Pirkko Home at Nikulino, and for remodeling the house for men, including the need for a new furnace and heating system (about \$1500);
- for the development of RCR's video ministry and programming;
- for the publishing and distribution of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine;
- Praise God for a safe trip to Russia last month for the group of brothers and sisters from America.



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