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Monthly Prayer Letter

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Grace For Those Thirsting for Truth

"For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)



Alexander Zakharov (right) and Alexey Tuchin. (far left) visited with Vyacheslav Kozlov (center) and those ministering at the prison correspondence center in Komi.

Prison Ministry & Rehab Center Ministry

Alexander Zakharov, Exec. Director of RCR in Moscow, took a quick trip to the Republic of Komi with Alexey Tuchin, CEO of RCR in the USA: "On April 24 we flew to Syktyvkar, Komi, arriving after midnight. We were met by the pastor of the local church, Vyacheslav Kozlov, who also directs the correspondence ministry in Komi for *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* prison magazine, and supervises the local "Pirkko Home" rehab center. Our first stop was the correspondence center, where these dear people waited up for us, to tell us about their work visiting and corresponding with prisoners, collecting needed items for the prisoners and sending packages to them, and helping those released from prison. We stayed up sharing until 4 am! After two hours of sleep, we traveled the 90 miles to RCR's first "Pirkko Home" in the city of Emva. It opened 22 years ago and still accepts people who want to solve



their sinful problems. We were met by the 14 residents and began our fellowship with sharing. Each one told where he came from and what problems led him to the center. They are at different levels of understanding and faith. Some are just starting to look at the gospel path, some are trying to understand their mistakes, and some are already trusting Christ. One person repented during our conversation. We prayed for them and shared our own life experiences and what led us to the Lord. This center has many household needs and a constant need for work; the men have fears about their futures, but they are learning how to live by trusting in God."

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Christian Magazine Ministry

On May 23, the magazine editorial committee met regarding issue No. 133 (No. 3, 2017), which will have the theme of "Loneliness" (right). People can subscribe to our magazine through the Russian Post mail order catalog, but prisoners cannot pay so we send it to them free of charge. Alexander Rudov (prisoner, Primorsky Territory) wrote: *"I am one of those people who have found salvation through your magazine. Somehow your magazine caught my eye, and I began to read with some reluctance. I was far from faith and from love for people, but God touched my heart. I began to wonder if I was any worse than these people, about whom it was written, and if it was possible for me to believe. I started attending prison chapel meetings and reading the Word of God. I have been a believer now for 7 years; I've accepted the Savior Jesus Christ and I've been baptized. I am very grateful for your magazine, through it I met my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank God."*



RCR Recording Studio Ministry

New video programs for the "FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH" series continue to be produced with Mikhail Ivanov, pastor and professor at Moscow Theological Seminary. Here are a couple responses so far:

"I'm sending much gratitude for your "Foundations of Faith" programs. Everything is clear, understandable, and interesting. Well systematized doctrines. Special thanks to Mikhail Ivanov." - Galina N. (Nizhny Novgorod)

"I am sincerely grateful to you for the magazines and DVDs that I received from you. I am already over 70 years old, but I can listen, watch, be edified and pray for you. Please accept my small donation." - Lyubov V. (Perm)

Please also pray for these things:

- for the health of Vyacheslav Kozlov, a minister in the Komi Republic (heart problems);
- healing for Yanna, the wife of Nodari M. (leader of the Rummyantsevo Pirkko Home), who just broke her leg;
- Ravil D (Rummyantsevo Pirkko Home assistant) asks for prayer for his daughter and for an issue he's facing;
- for completion of remodeling in the men's center at Nikulino; and additional ministry help at Nikulino and Dyatkovo;
- Praise the Lord for a reduction of the items required to be fixed in the Moscow office per the fire department.



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