



# FRONTLINE

Monthly Prayer Letter

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## ***A Promising Summer for RCR's Ministry***

*He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. (1 Cor. 3:8)*

### **"Pirkko Home" Rehab Center Ministry**

Artem Panin, who serves at the Ruchiyok Adaptation Center, Moscow region, shares: "Since the beginning of this year, 19 people have come to us for adaptation, 16 brothers and 3 sisters. Our ministry staff is a special blessing to us. Our team consists of 5 people: me, my wife Oksana (who is responsible for the female adaptation ministry), Sergei M., Alexander S. and Andrei A. Earlier this year, Sergei was baptized and became a member of Solnechnogorsk Bible Church. He wants to continue this ministry, to be useful in the church, and to grow in the knowledge of God. Alexander and Andrei also want to make a covenant with God by baptism and are studying lessons on the foundations of the faith.



"Spiritual work with the residents after they complete rehabilitation is not an easy task and restoration takes time. They dream of a new happy life, family, work, but they are facing great trials and a real spiritual war, where it is necessary to fight the enemy - and unfortunately, there are many falls. Only a few people stay after adaptation to help with this ministry, probably 3%, so it's like in the Gospel: the harvest is plentiful - but the laborers are few.

"Our center is located at the Christian Camp & Retreat Center called 'Ruchiyok' ('Brook'), where we also work. The brothers prepare firewood, man the boiler room (and wood fired furnace), and handle upkeep and repairs. Our sisters clean the rooms, and do washing and ironing. An integral part of our ministry is trips to the church and Bible study. God blessed us with a good van, but, unfortunately, there are only 7 seats in it and we do not all fit. **This is our prayer need - transportation;** please pray about this with us. We thank God for all of you, and pray for you."



**Summer Camp.** "Praise God for the annual summer camp for rehab centers, held in June at a new location this year, in the Lipetsk region. There were 200 people, all delighted with God's obvious presence there. Powerful sermons were simple and understandable for everyone from the rehab centers, and for the graduates and the ministers. Everything was wonderful, and some people, being convicted by the Word, repented. There were seminars on family, finances, sanctification, being involved in a church, and personal evangelism. Pastors were available for counselling and answering questions. There were also various team contests in which we all became

very close. Praise God for this time!" - Ravil Davidov, assistant minister, Rummyantsevo Pirkko Home.

### **The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire - Christian Prison Magazine Ministry**

Since June 3, prices for sending mail in Russia have again increased. We also send magazines to Ukraine, Belarus and other countries, but Russia has the largest number of recipients - more than 1000, and we send some prison ministers 30 or 100 magazines at a time to distribute. Please pray for enough funds to produce & send the magazine.

### **RCR Recording Studio Ministry:**

"On the RCR website and Youtube we're starting to post a video series of spiritual conversations with Pastor Smirnov, the Chairman of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists. Every two weeks there will be new programs on different topics, such as "Why does God allow violent people to take power?", "How can you give thanks in everything?", "Why Christianity?", etc. - Denis Gostev



### **Please pray:**

- for God's protection and provision for the ministry of RCR in Russia;
- for someone to minister in the women's Pirkko Home in Dyatkovo, Bryansk region;
- for the ministry of the Pirkko Home rehab & adaptation centers, for their transportation needs, and for close relationships with their local churches;
- for staff member Natalia Poysti's trip to Russia in July to visit Pirkko Homes in Kursk, Bryansk & Orel regions;
- for the health of: Vyacheslav Kozlov (Komi), and Yanna (Nodari Mangasarov's wife, Rummyantsevo);
- for more new subscribers to the magazine throughout the country through the Russian Post catalog;
- for repairs being carried out in the Moscow office due to the fire inspection.



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