

Liberty in Christ

"... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Cor. 3:17

"Pirkko Home" Rehab Center Ministry

US staff member, Natalia (or Natasha) Poysti shares about her recent trip to Russia:

In July, the Lord gave me the opportunity to visit seven "Pirkko Homes" in Russia with Alexander Zakharov, Exec. Director of the RCR office in Moscow. It gave me great joy to see discipleship in action – residents starting a new life in faith, and the strong and mature faith of those ministering at the Pirkko Homes.



Visiting with the men at the Lgov Pirkko Home

Our first stop was in **Orel** at the home of Andrey Semenov. He and his wife Natalia recently lost their unborn baby. I was so impressed with her faith and how together they bravely rely on God and His will in their lives. In the **Orel Pirkko Home**, where Andrey ministers, there are now seven men, who shared with us about their lives, their struggles, and their desire to change.



In **Zheleznogorsk**, Kursk Region, we were greeted by the pastor of the local church and the Pirkko Home leader, Alexey Dudikin. Alexey is young but very capable of management, leadership and preaching the Word. His wife Margarita is also very active and supports him in his ministry, and they have three small children. The **Zheleznogorsk Pirkko Home** was built in the courtyard of the church, and they enjoy a very close relationship with the church. The pastor told us that he thinks the rehab center is strategically more important than the Kremlin, since in them **eternal** affairs are solved. 17 brothers, from 30 to 60 years old, are at this center for adaptation, after completing rehabilitation in various other "Pirkko Homes." Everyone had come from a terrible past - prisons, drunkenness, drug addiction – but today they have changed so much! One young man shared how one time he woke up in a morgue – he was so drunk that he seemed dead, and people had dropped him off there! When he woke up, he ran away... but that really shook him up and he realized he needed help.

We had a wonderful meeting at the **Lgov Pirkko Home**, Kursk region. The leader, Alexei Mordvinov, devotes a lot of time to the spiritual care of everyone in the center, working to strengthen each one's faith in Jesus Christ. He is a very good mentor and counsellor. Please pray for Alexei's health; he has a bad case of psoriasis. Alexei's assistant, Roman, asks for prayer for the restoration of his relationship with his daughter.

The **Rylsk Pirkko Home**, Kursk region, is located in a house donated by a Christian woman in 2011. The brothers enlarged it and added a second floor. It is very nice. There are eight people in the program here. The leader, Andrei Kuzmichev, is very business-like, so everything is efficient, practical and well thought out to the last detail. The guys here are like a loving family. They admire Andrei and they joke: "As the 'priest' is, so is the parish!"

We will continue the report about Natalia's visit to the rehab centers in the next issue of RCR's Frontline

RCR Recording Studio Ministry:

Typically, summer is a time of holidays, vacation, ministry in church camps and rallies. But this summer, there were many people who especially wanted to tell their stories on our "CHOICE" program, of how the Lord saved them. We recommend one of our latest programs (at www.rcr.ru in Russian): an interview with Leonid Semikolenov, who after becoming a believer now does prison ministry.

Prayer requests and praises:

- for the graduates of the "Pirkko Homes" - for many, there is nowhere to go when they complete the rehab program, especially for those 50-60 years old, so some continue to live at the centers & the number is growing;
- for a woman to minister in the women's Pirkko Home at Dyatkovo, Bryansk region - the need is great;
- for the need of an updated computer to create and edit video programs;
- praise God for the result of the court case regarding the accident with the Lgov Pirkko Home van (see Reporter # 1, 2017), the other party was charged and we were awarded funds toward getting a new van;
- praise God for a safe and uplifting trip for Alexander and Natalia to seven rehab centers in July;
- praise God for increasing the number of magazine subscriptions through the Russian Post mail catalog to 912;
- praise God for two generous donations last month: one for a van for the Ruchiyok adaptation center and one for bonuses to supplement the small salaries of RCR staff in Russia and the US.



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