

“...I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me.” (Matt. 25:36,40)



Matching gift opportunity for RCR

Would you like to double your gift to RCR?

A generous donor has offered a gift that will be used to match any donations received for the **prison magazine ministry** in the months of **July and August** on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to \$5,000. This allows your gift to go twice as far in bringing the Good News to Russian-speaking people, especially to those in prisons. This is especially timely, as we recently heard that we will not be the recipient of a special Foundation grant to help us with *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*.

How might this money be used?

Listing our magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, in the Russian Post mail order catalog has increased our circulation by over 1,000 copies, but many of the new subscribers are in prisons, so they are unable to contribute to the cost of preparation and printing. Thus, we need your help in continuing this outreach. Also, we are planning to print a supplement to the magazine this Fall - a paperback booklet of former prisoners' stories, poems and testimonies (which we wrote about in the last Frontline); a couple very nice donations have already come in for this project, and we are thankful, but more is needed. In addition, prison magazine ministry support helps us respond to letters received by the Moscow office and two correspondence centers in Komi and Novosibirsk - we send letters and materials to those who are imprisoned or otherwise cut off from society. Maybe some of you have not given a donation to RCR in a while. Now there is an opportunity to not only give, but “double your gift.” Donations for the prison magazine ministry in the next two months will be totaled at the end of August and this donor will then give RCR that same total amount (a matching gift up to \$5,000).

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to anything you can provide now. While the Lord is our ultimate provider, He prompts hearts to give to our ministry. Please pray about how you can help to meet the growing needs of the prison magazine ministry in Russia.

Your contribution will go twice as far in meeting these needs, but don't wait, the deadline is August 31, 2018.

Letter from a prisoner in the US:

Dear RCR – Thank you for continuing to send *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* and the “Frontline” newsletters / prayer requests. Despite my address changes and moving to different prisons, I still receive them. They help me to learn Russian, though I have a long way to go, and help me to know my meager offering is helping to spread the Gospel far beyond these prison walls.

I am in a faith-based treatment community called the Transformational Living Community. For an intense year men learn to trust God, commit His Word to memory, and address the deep issues that led them to drugs, crime and prison. I am a graduate mentor in the program and help to lead and guide men through the process. If I weren't still incarcerated, I'd feel like I was in a “Pirkko Home.”

When I get out in a year, I'm starting an apprenticeship to be an electrician. I want to get involved with a recovery program and teach men a trade so that they may earn an honest paycheck. My hope is that I may be able to travel to an actual Pirkko Home and share and teach when I'm off probation.

Thank you for continuing to minister to prisoners. Jesus is doing amazing things in the hearts of men, and only He can save us. May the Lord of hope and glory bless you and keep you in His perfect peace. - Allen M.

Change to our Frontline Schedule – Since each quarter (March, June, September, & December) we send you our “Reporter” newsletters, we will no longer also send a “Frontline” prayer letter in those months.

This month please pray:

- Praise God that we can distribute magazines in many regions of Russia, as well as in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Estonia and other countries, and for the Pirkko Home camp/conference held May 30 – June 3.
- for donors willing to provide \$250/month support for some of our Pirkko Home leaders: Andrei Kuzmichev (Zheleznogorsk), Ilya Ignatov (Dyatkovo), Sergei Bogatyr (Orel), & Andrei Agafonov (Solnechnogorsk).
- for preparation of short 7-10 minute programs for broadcasting in Astrakhan and over “New Life Radio.”
- for development of our Pirkko Home ministry to women – rehabilitation, adaptation and post adaptation.



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