



This month, on October 9, RCR is celebrating that Earl Poysti was born 100 years ago!



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**Prayer Letter
October 2020**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine

Thank you for praying for the publication and distribution of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine. Here is a message from Pastor Vyacheslav Kozlov (on the left in the photo) and our Correspondence Center in Komi, about their recent visit to the prisons in that area: “Twenty packages were distributed in the prisons we visited; at one, we were allowed two visits with prisoners and we met a sister who had just been released and brought her back with us to our church where she will be staying; then we testified of the love of Christ to the men’s prison colony settlement, through the fence - but they listened attentively and we handed them clothes and shoes. We distributed *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazines and some spiritual literature everywhere we went.”



We have been preparing **our next “magazine supplement,”** which will be a practical handbook with spiritual help for new Christians, such as readers of our magazine *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*, viewers of RCR programs, residents of the Pirkko Homes, etc. This handbook, compiled from a series of sermons by Earl Poysti on "Discipleship" (over 150 pages total), is extremely relevant in our time. Many people have only limited, superficial knowledge of Biblical truths, so the release of a clear, concise, easy to understand handbook that answers many of a young Christian's questions is very important. **Please pray about this project and help us with our goal of publishing and mailing 5,000 copies of this Discipleship Handbook in December** – a little over \$2,000 has already been received for this project, but we will need about \$5,000 more. Can you help?

RCR Recording Studio Ministry

There is only one way to God - Jesus Christ - but you can learn about Christ from many different sources! Our studio has prepared series of video programs on various topics: for young people planning to get married, for families, about the history of Jewish feasts or holidays, testimonies, and miracles. With your prayers and financial support, we are releasing these videos to reach more people for Christ!



A couple comments from viewers:

- “You are good people, you tell about God's miracles precisely and clearly, you have an excellent program, I have been watching for a long time” - Carlos K.
- “Thank God for your programs, because I have the same problem, but my husband was an alcoholic not a drug addict” – L. Epp
- “Today’s was a very important program and topic. I thank God, Oleg and you, Natasha ”- Lyudmila S., Ukraine

Pirkko Home “Liberation Ministry”

Please see updates on **various Pirkko Homes** as well as our **Nikulino Pirkko Home situation** (on the back)

Please Pray:

- For the situation in Nikulino – for the quick sale of the house there, for safety for the Markov family, and for a suitable location as they move that ministry to Tver (see back).
- For all the Pirkko Home leaders – for their families and children, and for wisdom and courage as they lead.
- For the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of people who have come in contact with our ministry.
- For the work on the next issue of the magazine (No.5 for 2020), “A Still Small Voice,” and for all our readers.
- Praise the Lord for providing funds for our recording studio needs and upgrades.



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Pirkko Home "Liberation Ministry"

On September 13, **Zheleznogorsk Pirkko Home** celebrated 10 years of its ministry, and at the same time, the church celebrated 30. Two of the Pirkko Home's graduates, Alexander and Mikhail, were baptized on this day! The Church is actively involved in the development of this ministry and rejoiced to see these changed lives.

At **Plavsk Pirkko Home**, the brothers laid a foundation for the future leader's room/office, utility room, and a bathroom; it is their hope to purchase foamed concrete blocks for the construction of the walls this fall (\$2000).

Feeding of the homeless at **Solnechnogorsk** (Moscow region) is continuing, and this ministry brings new people to our Pirkko Homes. As colder weather sets in, there are more and more new people coming. In addition to feeding people, we try to provide warm clothes and care.



Nikulino property taken to court! (Update)

In July, the Nikulino Pirkko Home was taken to court due to complaints from a recently retired antagonistic neighbor. He involved the fire department and local prosecutor, who claimed that our "home" was actually a "commercial hostel," and that the Nikulino Pirkko Home should be subject to commercial fire safety requirements. This led to four court hearings in July through September, and on Sept. 11, the judge made a ruling.

On September 4, the Moscow staff and a number of people in the US fasted and prayed about the situation in Nikulino, seeking God's will in all this, and if there was anything we should do. Igor and Marina Markov, leaders at Nikulino, have been very discouraged, and Marina has lost 40 lbs. during this ordeal. This neighbor even called the Russian version of Child Protection Services to check on the Markov family, claiming that their children were being mistreated. The babushkas (grandmothers) in the neighborhood came to vouch for Marina telling the authorities what a good mother she was. This man continues his verbal attacks on the residents and Igor has stayed in the Pirkko Home at night for their safety. Please keep praying for Igor and Marina.

Nikulino is in the Tver region, so the first week of September, Dima Gusev, Coordinator of all the Pirkko Homes, Igor Markov, and Artem Panin, another Pirkko Home leader, met with some church leaders in that region (the regional pastor, some local pastors, and a businessman interested in helping to start a ministry for those struggling with addictions near the city of Tver). Locals from the Tver region wanted to keep the ministry going in their region and wanted the Nikulino Pirkko Home ministry to move to a location near the city of Tver.

So the decision was made to put the Nikulino Pirkko Home building up for sale, and buy property near Tver.



On September 11, the judge's decision ordered the owner of the home (Alexander Zakharov, Exec. Director of RCR in Russia) to fulfill all fire and safety standards for a commercial building within a month at the Nikulino property. If not completed in a month, fines would be imposed. Alexander will seek advice from attorneys – perhaps an appeal may add an extension for another month or so before fines could be imposed, buying us more time to sell the property.

The judge's decision reinforced our decision - our ministry cannot continue in this house at Nikulino. We also learned that it's important that we just call our Pirkko Homes "homes" and not "rehab centers" as this term is used to refer to medical treatment facilities and there are commercial standards for those.

Although initially it sounds like "giving up" and letting evil win, there is definitely more to it. People are more important than buildings - we want what's best for Igor and Marina and for anyone needing what a Pirkko Home ministry has to offer.

Igor & Marina loved Nikulino... before all this. But they once considered moving to Tver because it looked like a better place for their son Timothy to go to school with his disability - he's just starting to talk at age 5.

It's also true that they've had a tough time finding jobs for the residents in Nikulino - there may be more work opportunities closer to Tver that they didn't have in Nikulino. And if the atmosphere for evangelical Christians is also better in Tver, and the churches in Tver are eager to help, that makes it even better!

Please keep this entire situation in your prayers: pray for Igor and Marina Markov, that the property in Nikulino would sell quickly and about the ministry's move to Tver.