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Prayer Letter
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“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Tim. 4: 16 (NIV)

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

On December 8, we received the “Discipleship Handbook” 2 booklets (with content by Earl Poysti)– this is the 2020 supplement for our magazine, *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire*. It is now on its way to our subscribers and prison ministers. From the bottom of our hearts we thank everyone who prayed for and donated their funds to this publication.



On December 22 we received the last issue of the magazine for 2020, with the theme “You are Dear to Me.” The magazine is distributed not only in the prisons: it is read with interest by believers at large, in rehab centers and by the homeless. Please pray for all of our readers and that the magazine will be able to reach other countries by mail – some countries are closing down again due to the coronavirus.

“Thank you for your magazine and for all the discoveries made with its help. Studying the Word is like traveling in pitch darkness with a flashlight. But the further you go, the more it opens up to you, and something changes inside you. The Lord gradually opens up new facets of understanding.” - Alexander K. (prisoner in the Khabarovsk Territory, Russia)

RCR Recording Studio Ministry

At the end of this difficult year for the whole world, we have good news! In December, views for our RCR-Videos YouTube channel hit a record high for us. In just one month we were watched by **200,000** different viewers, each of whom watched at least 2 videos on our channel (according to YouTube statistics)! The number of subscribers to the channel has reached 20,000 people, which means the number has more than doubled in a year. Several of our old testimonies have become popular again and have received over 100,000 views, others more than 50,000 views. What is the significance of these numbers? By viewing, thousands of people have learned about Almighty God and about salvation through Jesus Christ, and also received encouragement and inspiration to minister to others! Many learned about the ministry of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine and the ministry of Earl Poysti. Without your support and prayer, this would not have happened! Praise God, and thank you for your help with this ministry. Here are some recent viewer comments:

- “Thank you for each of your programs. The stories of each guest are very encouraging and delightful.” - Olga R.
- “God, save me! I am an Orthodox Christian, but that does not prevent me from watching your videos and admiring the providence of God!” - Oksana A.
- “Someday I also want to come to your studio and share my testimony about the Savior, Jesus; I ask you to pray for me, my name is Akif.”
- “Powerful testimony! A tear has already broken through! A familiar state...” - Andrey K.

Pirkko Home “Liberation Ministry”

Thank you all for your prayers for God's guidance regarding the issues at the Nikulino Pirkko Home. Now we are making the important decision of determining where to transfer this ministry. There is a buyer for the men's house and Igor & Marina's house (next door). We started to prepare documents for this sale. Please continue to pray for a buyer for the main home, the one involved in the court case. On January 14, the appeal court in Tver will consider our case against the lower court decision, and if we win the appeal, we will have more time to transfer our ministry to a new location. Our current great need is for moving the Nikulino center - to pay the costs of preparing documents for the sale of the buildings in Nikulino and moving and settling into a new place.

Thanks and Prayer Needs:

- Thank you to each of you for your prayers and thanks to all who helped with publishing the Discipleship Handbooks, and/or with purchasing firewood for the Nikulino Pirkko Home, an ironing board and drying racks for the adaptation center (now at Solnechnogorsk) and all the needs listed last time for the Zheleznogorsk Pirkko Home. All these needs were met!
- Our great need right now is for prayer and finances regarding the move from Nikulino - preparing documents for the sale of the homes there, choosing the right new location, moving expenses, & possibly building materials and remodeling for the new location – for now, the current estimate is about \$2,500.

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