

Major RCR Projects for 2021

At the Spring RCR Board Meeting last week, we approved some major initiatives for 2021. These were developed by the leadership team in Russia to address some near-term needs as well as some long-term plans (including a vision for a possible new ministry).

Meanwhile, we were contacted by a supporter asking about our current needs and projects, so we have prepared this letter to include in the April Reporter. You will hear more about these projects in upcoming Frontlines. We ask you to pray for guidance as we implement them, and let us know if you would like to support one of these special projects.



- **New cameras (and accessories) for the studio - \$ 7,500** – these are to replace our older cameras that that have started to malfunction and overheat. To continue the ministry and reach more people with the Gospel, modern, high-quality cameras are needed. In the midst of an ocean of useless programs on the Internet, our Christian channel should not be inferior in quality.
- **Complete the 2nd floor in the Plavsk Pirkko Home - \$ 15,000** – this home is overflowing with residents now, to the degree that some have to sleep in the kitchen! It's time to finish the construction projects here, especially the 2nd floor, so we can provide more bedrooms and a bathroom. ↓

- **The move of the Nikulino Home to a new location - \$ 10,000 estimate** – Praise God that we have sold two of the three houses in Nikulino, and will now begin looking for a new location to buy. Funds from the sale of the houses will be used to purchase two new houses (for the leader's family and for a new Pirkko Home). These additional funds (\$10,000) will allow us to remodel the new Pirkko Home to house multiple occupants.



- **A new multi-functional center (Pirkko home and “nursing home” combo ministry) - \$ 30,000 estimate** – A new vision. Many retirees are unable to get by on their meager pensions in Russia. This facility would allow us to pool their resources and leverage the services of the Pirkko Home residents and graduates to lend a helping hand.
- **Also, we need ongoing support for Vyacheslav Kozlov (\$300/mo)**, who is a prison minister and pastor up in the far North region of Komi where there are many prisons, He visits families of prisoners and orphans as part of this ministry. He is also the head of the very first Pirkko Home, which was set up to help Christian prisoners when they are released from prison.

If you would like more details on some of these projects, read on! →

RCR Studio – Cameras Needed. In 2016, the RCR studio started working from scratch in a new area of ministry - the production of Christian video programs. It was a blessing to receive support from donors who helped to purchase the necessary equipment (video cameras, computers, studio equipment). Since then, the RCR Studio has grown a lot, into a ministry that includes a YouTube channel (RCR-Videos), as well as other media resources (social networks, instant messengers, other video platforms). In five years, we've produced 600 videos and shot over 50,000 GB of footage using our three cameras. But the cameras are worn out, and periodically they malfunction and overheat; also the video quality does not meet modern standards. Today's viewers are very selective and many are primarily attracted by the quality of the video. In the midst of an ocean of useless programs on the Internet, our Christian channel should not be inferior in quality. **Project cost: \$ 7500.** We are planning to purchase Blackmagic Cinema Camera 4K (3 cameras). They are distinguished by 4K resolution, professional color correction, and are compatible with existing lenses. We also need three SSD (solid state hard drives) and three Manfrotto tripods.

Plavsk Pirkko Home in Berezovo, Tula region. This ministry started in June 2019. Since then, a lot of work has been done - the house there was basically rebuilt from scratch, and the ministry has been built up and has gained momentum. The Lord blesses Peter Pitsurenko, who is responsible for the ministry at this Pirkko Home. Much has been achieved thanks to his leadership and initiative. Peter and his assistant Alexei, work well together and excel in providing a welcoming and loving atmosphere for those living in the Pirkko Home, as well as continuing the building projects, making it a nicer place to live. Those seeking help love to be there. But the house only has beds for 6 people in the program right now. Some residents are now sleeping on the kitchen floor because there's nowhere else to go! Obviously there is a lack of bedrooms, and it's time to finish the second floor. We will need to insulate it, erect partitions, install windows, finish the inside and the gables outside, install heating and electrical wiring, build a staircase and a bathroom. According to our calculations, this will require **\$14,000- 15,000 for materials.**



We plan to carry out the work mainly ourselves and with the help of volunteers from churches. Recently, good relations have been established with another evangelical church - from the city of Suvorov, which is 30 miles from Berezovo, and maybe they can also help. Expanding the capacity of our Pirkko Home will increase our capabilities and take our ministry to the next level. We hope that we will be able to accommodate up to 20 people at a time. Currently we are working on moving a gas boiler with a water heater from the kitchen to the new boiler room on the main floor, and completing the registration of gas utilities for the house. They have also started a hobby farm at Plavsk Pirkko Home - chickens and pigs endured the winter well. There were no losses. In the spring there are plans to expand the farm, to have ducks in addition to chickens.

Nikulino Pirkko Home. There were 3 houses at Nikulino, the Markov's house (the Pirkko Home leaders), and the men's and women's buildings. The men's building was right next door to the Markov's house, and both houses were recently purchased by the same family. (See picture.) Now we just need a buyer for the large main house. Igor and Marina Markov will live there until it sells. Now that the court case is settled, and the weather is warming up, it should be easier to find a buyer. Then property can be chosen for the ministry to continue in a new location. They already have one possible location in mind. We hope that the funds from the properties already sold will be enough for the Markov family's new house and a new Pirkko Home. But then we will need to remodel the house so more residents can live there (**estimate is \$10,000 for remodeling**). (When the main building sells, they hope to hold those funds until they can purchase a property that will work for the new idea of a multi-functional center, which is still in the planning stage.)



These two properties have sold at Nikulino: Markov's house (left) and the men's building (right). Now we just need a buyer for the main house. Please pray for that.