



The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

Prisoners still eagerly await our magazine and people constantly request new subscriptions. However, recently some prisons in Russia have not delivered our magazines. Please pray that the prisoners will have the opportunity to subscribe, the magazine will reach those to whom it is sent, and that the Lord will break down any obstacles put in place by the prison administrations.

- *“When you sent me the first magazine, they let me have it, but not the second one. I almost got into a fight over it. They did let me have the third one. Before, I corresponded with people in different countries: Moldova and others. Now the borders are closed and we cannot write people there. I really like the articles in your magazine, I read them to people, and we discuss them.”* - Elena Shipulina, prisoner in Kirov region, Russia.
- *“I am always glad to receive a magazine from you. For 19 years now I have been reading it, and every time I learn something new.”* - Sergey Brylev, prisoner in Mordovia.
- *“Thank you very much for the latest issues of your magazine. We have many difficulties, and in your articles there are many answers and solutions to this or that problem. I’m not the only one who reads them; also convicts from other units ask for them. After they have read them, they say: ‘If a new one comes, be sure to let me read it.’”* - Artem Gnitko, prisoner in the Arkhangelsk region, Russia.

RCR Recording Studio Ministry

Thank you again for supporting the ministry of the RCR Studio. We are very pleased to be able to offer viewers an improved picture quality with our new cameras. But more important is what we want to talk about in our programs. Recently, we have had these guests in our studio: a pastor from the south of Russia; a woman who lost her husband due to the coronavirus; prison officers who have received our magazines for over 15 years; and ministers from the Moscow region. Different guests with one thing in common - Jesus Christ. And it is He who is the focus of all our programs. May God bless both Christians and non-believers through this ministry.

According to the statistics of our video channel, in the spring of 2021, 170,000 unique viewers watched our programs, and the number of subscribers increased to 25,000. Praise God!

Video program comments:

- *“What testimonies from the Choice program can I show my unbelieving brother? He has heard about God, but it seems to him that people like him could never become believers. Now he is interested to see how people come to God. Help me please.”* Eva (from Yelets)
- *“Your video is just super! I'm still searching for God and I hope to meet Him! When you see people united with God, it's very encouraging! But there are still doubts in my soul! Can I really do this? Thanks for your work on the channel! Just a breath of fresh air!”* Lyudmila K.
- *“Very instructive topics. Many families get divorced, not knowing what to do in family life.”*



Pirkko Home “Liberation” Ministry

Plavsk Pirkko Home: The leaders are discouraged because two people left the alcohol recovery program and returned to their former life. The hope is that they already know Who to turn to in times of difficulty. The finishing of the second floor will begin in June, which will allow a significant increase in the number of people that can be admitted to the program here. Pray for the urgent need for volunteers to help with the construction.

Nikulino Pirkko Home move to Udomlya: We are still waiting for a buyer for the main house at Nikulino. But we are moving forward with finding a new location. We are looking at a possible building in Udomlya (U-dome-lee-a), the town where we hope to move the ministry. Moving the family of leader Igor Markov to a new location also faces difficulties, since home prices in the town of Udomlya are much higher than in the village of Nikulino. Igor made a personal request for help so they can buy a house. (Please note that personal gifts for Igor Markov are not tax deductible.)

Prayer Needs:

- Please pray that the Pirkko Home at Nikulino would sell soon so the ministry can move to Udomlya.
- Pray for volunteers to help with construction of the 2nd floor of the Plavsk Pirkko Home this summer.
- Pray for the Pirkko Home graduates who attended the annual reunion and camp retreat (May 21-23), that they will be able to apply the things they learned and strengthen their walk with Christ.

