



REPORTER

RCR's Studio Ministry Inspires and Draws People to God

76 years ago, the Lord placed the vision "Millions of Russians for Christ" on the heart of Nikolai Poysti. Perhaps this vision is unpopular for many today due to the negative association with Russians fighting in Ukraine, but nevertheless, we as Christians must do everything possible to bring Russian speakers to Christ. We also know nothing can stop Christ and "the Word of God is not bound!" (2 Tim. 2:9 ESV). We thank each of you for your prayers and support. Our RCR Studio invests in preaching the Gospel through video programs that are understandable and accessible to any heart. Your participation helps us reach hundreds of thousands of viewers, including Russian speakers in Ukraine, Belarus, Germany and the USA. See below.

RCR Studio Statistics for 2022:

VIDEO

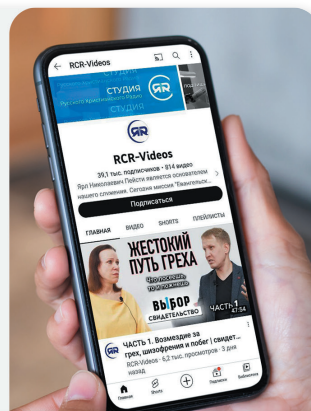
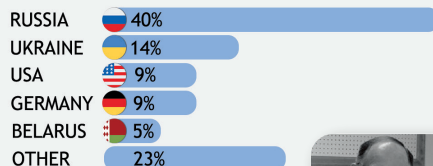


Link to the channel of the RCR Studio

- + 1,850,000 VIEWS
- + 490,000 UNIQUE VIEWERS
- + 8,200 NEW SUBSCRIBERS
- + 7,000 COMMENTS AND REVIEWS
- + 147 NEW VIDEOS

99 GUESTS IN TOTAL

Views by country:



SERMONS BY EARL POYSTI on Yandex Zen

+ 11,300 SUBSCRIBERS + 95,000 READS + 3,750 COMMENTS

We would also like to share some of the comments we receive from our viewers:

"Hello, I've watched your videos on the program "Choice." Please, can I come to you for help with implementing changes in my life? I myself am baptized, but I am ashamed even to say so, because Jesus sees and knows everything.... Help me or give me advice about where I should go (which city) to save my soul. We don't even have a church in Yakutsk, but in this city there are a lot of bad acquaintances and too many temptations, I'm weak." - Nikita (via WhatsApp)
(We gave him the contacts of our Pirkko Home rehab centers.)

"I watch your programs on YouTube. Help me find a church in the Republic of Bashkortostan that will be closer to me. I am in the village of Shafranovo, Alsheyevsky District. I'm looking for a Protestant evangelical church. I'm afraid to make a mistake with the choice, so I hope for your help. My husband does not understand me yet, but I really want to go to church. Thank you very much for your help and prayers." - Tatiana Z.

(We gave her the address of a church in a neighboring village and the phone number of a believing family from her village.)

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More comments the RCR Studio has received from our viewers:

“Praise God, this is a wonderful testimony of how God is able to give new birth! Thank you so much, I’m in tears. God changes lives, gives meaning, joy, and hope! Thank you, Natalia [the program host] and your team, I really love listening to your program about the destinies that the great merciful Lord found, changed, and transformed. This is an encouraging example for those who have not yet believed! This is the kind of video that I can advise to those who are perishing and do not know God! May the Lord bless you and your ministry!” – Svetlana

“Thank you very much for your “Choice” testimonies. They help to establish oneself in God, to be encouraged, to continue to serve Him with joy! Through these testimonies, new facets of our Living Lord Jesus Christ are revealed! I live in Kyrgyzstan, but if there is such an opportunity to visit Moscow (my daughter lives there), then my testimony about the Heavenly Father would become another thin stream flowing into this large full-flowing river of His grace to us!” – no name

The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

Magazine Statistics for 2022:



THE GOSPEL BEHIND BARBED WIRE

+ 28,000
COPIES PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED

+ 1,320
REGULAR READERS

+ 2,257
LETTERS RECEIVED AND PERSONALLY ANSWERED

+ 518
MISSIONARIES & PRISON MINISTERS HELP DISTRIBUTE THE MAGAZINE

Correspondence with Prisoners

A special role in the ministry of *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine, which has been published since the mid-1990s, is personal correspondence with prisoners. Most of magazine’s materials are taken from the letters of prisoners, and they relate to life in prisons, which is why this publication is so valuable to them. Readers actively share their sorrows and joys with the editors, praise God in poems and personal testimonies, share needs and respond to others’ requests for help. Accordingly, a special role in the ministry of the magazine is occupied by personal correspondence with readers. Sometimes we receive several letters from prisoners in one envelope, as many do not have the opportunity to buy an envelope with a stamp. There’s such a strong spiritual hunger among the prisoners. They ask for envelopes with our return address, collections of sermons by Earl Poysti, handbooks for studying God’s Word, New Testaments, Bibles, postcards, and calendars. A new believer in Kazakhstan received a Bible Atlas, which was what he wanted. We send all these things to those who ask.

People appreciate any attention given to them, and they open up when they receive answers that are not stereotyped or dry. Some send our magazines to their unbelieving relatives, asking us to pray for their wives, husbands, parents, and children. One woman serving a term in Vladivostok asked us to send Christian literature for children to her son, who is in a boarding school.



In our letters we encourage them to visit prayer rooms in the prisons, if their prison has one. We send the addresses of churches and rehabilitation centers to those who are released. It is especially pleasing when released prisoners attend church and become prison ministers themselves. Who, if not them, can understand the problems in prisons better? And even people who are “free” use poems, sermons and other materials from our magazine in their small communities. We transfer requests for clothing, medicines, and basic necessities to missionaries and prison ministers in their area, who can personally visit and donate the necessary items. There are some very urgent needs.

In our magazine, we indicate the full addresses of prisoners so that people can write to them from the “outside” and we recheck the addresses before printing the magazines. It often happens that convicts are transferred to another prison, or sent to medical institutions for health reasons, or are released on parole. Therefore, work with letters requires timely correction and attention. We are grateful to the Lord that letters come to the editor. If there are no letters, then there will be no magazine!

Sometimes we have to put off answering difficult letters because time is needed to think. The work of mentoring in correspondence takes time and prayer, but from the letters themselves we draw encouragement and we understand that this ministry should not stop.

We thank everyone who prays for us and is willing to support for this needed ministry!





Pirkko Homes

Pirkko Home Ministry
Statistics for 2022:

8 PIRKKO HOME “LIBERATION” CENTERS UDOMLYA • RUMYANTSEVO • ZHELEZNOGORSK • OREL • KOKINO
DYATKOVO • PLAVSK • SOLNECHNOGORSK

+ 251
PEOPLE ASKED
FOR HELP

+ 58
COMPLETED THE FULL
PROGRAM (8 MONTHS)
+ 7
WERE BAPTIZED

+ 12
DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO
MINISTRY IN THE PIRKKO HOMES
2 PEOPLE DIED WHILE IN ONE OF OUR CENTERS DUE TO
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ADDICTIONS

+ 3
RESTORED TO
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Aleksey Dudikin, director of the Zheleznogorsk Pirkko Home, Kursk region: 16 people live in our center today:



9 residents and 2 assistant ministers are in the program, and another 5 brothers are going through the adaptation program at the church, working and participating in church life. In recent months, four people have repented before God. Two are preparing for baptism in January. More are planning to be baptized in the summer; they will begin their baptism preparations in March. Two more are preparing to enter an independent life. We bless them.

One brother, Roman (right), declared his desire to join the ministry and devote himself to it after the end of the program. And this is very timely, since my assistant Alexander will be leaving the ministry when his wife is released from prison in December. She will come to Zheleznogorsk, but she is an unbeliever and there will be a lot of spiritual ministry ahead as we get to know her. Please pray with us that God will open her heart to receive the gospel.



We continue feeding the homeless on the streets of the city, and the free distribution of bread and Bibles. We see these two ministries as relevant. We talk with people and invite them to our centers for spiritual and physical recovery, and there are those who agree to come. We send them to “Pirkko Homes” located in other regions, away from the sinful society they are accustomed to, so that the bond to sin is broken.

In the ministry, at home, and in the church, there are blessings and concerns. In general, everything is good in life. Praise God for everything!

Nodari Mangasarov, director of the Rumyantsevo Pirkko Home, Moscow region: Of the 13 brothers who live here, half are new - and for the first time they are hearing the Good News and are repenting! More people ask for help than the center can accept, so we send them to other Pirkko Homes. I am glad that almost everyone is going through the program to the end - it is long: 8 months - 5 months with us and then 3 months of adaptation in Solnechnogorsk. Of the five people recently sent for adaptation, one, Ilgiz, who is from a Muslim family but became a believer, decided to take an internship as an assistant at our Pirkko Home. I will be waiting for him! Recently, we also began working together with another church, an evangelical church in Nemchinovka.

We are thankful to God for providing jobs for the men. In addition to the Christian Camp “Ruchiyok” (or “Brook”), we work at one more camp and for two businessmen. We were able to update household appliances in our Pirkko Home, and we prepared our cars for the winter with the money we earned. We are slowly painting and updating the house. We also have carried out another sanitation from annoying bedbugs. Looks like we’ve dealt with this problem.

We do have a need - the repair of a dilapidated bathhouse: the floors are rotten and the walls need to be insulated. A “banya” or bathhouse in Russia is an important part of life. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the guys take a steam bath and spend time in fellowship and communication.

Thank you for being a part of our ministry!



Artur Zorikov: "I used to serve sin and was dying, now I serve the Lord and live!"



Friends, I want to tell you how the Lord found me in this perishing world, giving me a new life, which I had heard about before, but I did not want to accept.

I have a believing father and he told me a lot about God - that I needed to be reconciled with Him and that the church was praying for me. But I treated these words lightly and with mockery. For many years I lived dependent on alcohol and drugs, until I brought myself to a terrible state. Everything I earned I spent on alcohol and drugs. In the past, I had a happy family: a wife and two daughters.

Once, in a state of extreme intoxication, I fractured my hip, and after being discharged from the hospital, I ended up on the street, on crutches. I turned to my ex-wife for help, but she did not help me, because many times I had deceived her and I no longer had her trust. I had to ask for help from my father, with whom I had a difficult relationship. But there was no other choice, and he accepted me. I started reading the New Testament with him, and going to church on Sundays. After some time, I repented, after which I seemed to be

born again, but after three months I again broke down and left. Then I woke up with fear and shame after having gotten drunk again. I felt like a traitor to Christ. I cried, and asked for forgiveness from God, begging Him to take me out of this terrible place - I was in hell. After prayers, I called my father asking for help, but he said that the only thing he was ready to do was to bring addicted people like me to a help center – a Pirkko Home. I immediately agreed.

I went to the Nikulino Pirkko Home for rehabilitation (in the Tver region). The living conditions turned out to be very good and I was struck by the good relations people there had with one another, I felt support and care in everything. I thanked God that He brought me out of hell and brought me to this center. The program, designed for eight months, flew by very quickly, and I decided to stay in the ministry to help Igor Markov minister to people with addictions. Then the Pirkko Home moved from Nikulino to Udomlya. This time of hardship and joy has been a blessing to me.



This summer I made a covenant with the Lord in baptism and became a member of the church in Udomlya, where I also continue to serve. I see the Lord's blessing in my life: communication was renewed with my daughters Vika and Lisa (12 and 13 years old) and with my ex-wife Polina. I am slowly paying off my alimony debts, and I talk to my family about God. They are happy for me. My daughters were able to go to a Christian children's camp in the Bryansk region, after which they also began to pray, which makes me very happy. I always pray for my family and love them very much.

So the Lord changed my life. I used to serve sin and was dying, now I serve the Lord and live!

