

"Behold, I will do a new thing... I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." – Isa. 43:19

## The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine

Work on the first magazine issue of 2020 is nearing completion with the theme "New." Only the Lord gives a new heart to a repentant sinner and creates a new person. In January, tariffs for mailings from Russia to other countries have risen again. Please pray that the magazines will be printed properly and will reach many who need them, and pray for us as we select new topics and materials for this year's issues.

"The other day I received your magazine at my new address. Thank God! Previously, I was in a prison in the Urals. Thank you for responding to my request. It is very pleasing to realize that you have not forgotten about me, you remember and help me with literature as much as possible. The main thing is that you have not turned away, like many "friends" have, but continue to help. The prison here is new, better than the one where I was. Good people are working here and the attitude towards us is good. Compared to where I was, both in relation to convicts and employees, and in terms of life and living conditions, everything is according to the law, and as it should be. If it's appropriate to use the word, I am happy with life imprisonment. God bless you! With respect, Eugene C." (prisoner in Khabarovsk Territory)

## **RCR Recording Studio Ministry**

We started the New Year with powerful testimonies for the "Choice" program about coming to God through the horrors of civil war, missionary service among Muslims and the forgiveness of a murderer. The story of Tamara B. from Tajikistan will touch your heart. By the way, Tamara is the mother-in-law of the preacher



Sergei Gavrilov. <u>Please pray for the launch of upcoming new projects</u>. One of them is to talk about the Christian meaning of the Jewish Old Testament feasts, as many reject Jesus Christ, not understanding why they need the "Jewish God." We are also preparing another format for testimonies in the form of 5-7 minute accounts about how God helped people in their most difficult life situations.

### Feedback from our programs on the Internet:

"These programs need to be shown on the main channels of our country! This is what's really important to people! Not the divorce of their favorite artist, etc. I thank God for you! Don't Stop!" (R.B. from YouTube)
"I thank God for the people who are saved through Jesus Christ! Thank you very much for your moral support and spiritual nourishment, which is priceless!" (Sergey G. from WhatsApp)

January 31- February 1, our film crew is visiting the Generation for Christ 2020 youth conference to present RCR's ministries and meet young people who would be willing to share about their faith for one of our programs. Please pray about that.

# Pirkko Home "Liberation" Ministry

From the Adaptation Center at Ruchiyok Christian Camp & leader Artem Panin: "Today, 12 people are at our adaptation center (after graduating from a rehab center). In the morning and evening, we study the Word of God and pray together. We invite godly men from churches to conduct evening Bible studies emphasizing practical applications. We also learn to study the Bible on our own. On Wednesdays, we visit small groups at local churches.



Weekly we talk about the gospel with people on the street and seek new people needing rehabilitation from their addictions. We continue to clean the dormitories and other buildings, and chop wood for the furnace in the boiler room. Through this work, the guys learn discipline, respect for each other and obedience. We pay the guys a little money so that they can learn how to manage it. Over the past month, 3 people completed the adaptation program and joined the church: Andrei B., Dmitry A. and Leonid S. Please pray for the brothers going through adaptation, for the strengthening of their faith and that they would join the church, as well as for their health. We also have a need: our room at the Camp needs to be repaired after problems we had with bedbugs (about \$700)."

#### Please also pray:

- About the need for more new leaders and assistants for the Pirkko Homes.
- Praise God for help provided for Ilya, for his dental work (dentures). He is in the center of the above photo.

