

It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God *makes the seed grow. – I Corinthians 3:7 NLT* 

## Pirkko Home Liberation Center Ministry

The Pirkko Home ministry continues much as before the war. God is still changing lives through this ministry. We recently received six testimonies from men at the Pirkko Homes! Adaptation Center, Solnechnogorsk (Artem Panin, leader) - 8 people are in the program. We are encouraged that before our very eyes Jesus saves the souls of people and changes their lives and priorities. We thank God for the stable jobs we have, where the men have the opportunity to share about Jesus Christ. We "plant" and God makes the seed grow!

<u>Dyatkovo Pirkko Home (Ilya Ignatov, leader)</u> – 5 people are in the program, plus we have 2 assistants who are taking classes to prepare for baptism. This spring, 2 men completed the rehab/recovery program and were sent on to the Adaptation Center (the next phase of our program). We continue to grow flowers in the greenhouse, which earns money for the center's needs. We are also getting ready to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Dyatkovo Pirkko Home!

Orel Pirkko Home (Vlad Fadeyev, leader) - The men at the Orel Center participated in a work day to clean and prepare the church for Easter. They also organized a meeting for the church youth at the Center... and one of the men at the Center, Alexander, repented and accepted Jesus as his Savior and Lord! One of our graduates would like to be baptized and is taking classes in preparation. We are also planting a garden for food – potatoes and other crops.



## The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

We have a big problem: due to financial difficulties, we have reduced the circulation of the magazine. Some funds are coming in, but it's impossible to transfer funds into Russia. We ask you to pray for the resolution of this issue.



On May 19 and 20, 2022, a congress of the ECB Church Union was held in Moscow. I, Edik, met with many ministers from different regions of Russia. We often publish sermons and articles by Viktor Ryaguzov, a pastor from Samara (he is on the right in the photo). It was nice to see brothers who were released many years ago now serving in churches. The magazine is in demand in rehab centers and churches.

It is still possible to send our magazine by mail to these countries: Kazakhstan, Belarus, Latvia, USA.

## **RCR Recording Studio Ministry**

Our YouTube videos are watched by tens of thousands of people. Pray that this work of evangelism will not be stopped by any wars and crises. There is a lot of hatred right now, but God's people unite no matter what. Here is a comment from a viewer in the Ukrainian city of Lviv:

"Natalia, best wishes to you and your loved ones! I often listen to your programs - they are over the top! With deep respect for you, Mary Raya, Lviv"

Please pray for the son of our "Choice" Program Host, Natalia Chernyakova, who lives in Ukraine. Pray for his health and repentance; he is a disabled veteran of the war.

Ministry to Ukrainian refugees Over the past 3 months, RCR has sent funds to help Ukrainian refugees at 3 locations: Poland, Moldova, and Ukraine. Besides providing humanitarian aid, our partner churches and pastors are sharing the Gospel. We recently heard from the church in Moldova that we are working with - they planned some special events just for the refugees, such as a concert on Easter (which 700 attended), and they are thinking and praying about starting a new church plant for Ukrainian refugees. Please pray about this.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for the Ukrainian refugees and all the Christian groups helping them. Pray for an end to this war.
- Pray for the Pirkko Homes for the arrival of new residents and the repentance of the current residents.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of the Pirkko Home assistants and residents who are preparing to be baptized.
- Pray for Ilya and Tanya Ignatov (leaders at Dyatkovo) who are looking for housing for their family.
- Pray for God's provision for the RCR ministries in Russia during this time when we cannot send funds there.



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