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Prayer Letter August 2022

Build with God "Think about Life and build it with God"

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<u>Funding for RCR's ministry in Russia</u> - Praise God, we have found an alternative way to fund our ministries in Russia (while still respecting the restrictions of the sanctions), by partnering with another Christian organization. They have the funds in Russia (in rubles),

which they want to transfer here, and we have the funds we want to transfer there. So we donate to them here in dollars, while they make donations in rubles directly to our RCR office in Moscow. God is good!

<u>Ministry to Ukrainian refugees</u> - In July, the Emmanuel Church in Balti, Moldova, that we are working with, held a special kids' camp just for the refugees. About 70 attended. The theme was "Build with God."









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Response (on Instagram) from one of the youth attending: "4.5 months - war at home - This week has been different for us. 5 days in the camp from @emanuel.balti - something completely new and very interesting. Although yesterday, at the closing, we were told "we won't be offended if you don't remember us later...." no! We definitely won't forget.

We fell in love with our dear mentors [list of many names], everyone who was behind the scenes and who was there these days and took care of us, helped us and embodied all the ideas, so that we feel good - and it was interesting, so that we think about Life and build it with God!"

Please keep praying for the many refugees who have endured so much, and lost so much. Pray for them as they rebuild their lives, that they will truly seek and trust the Lord in everything.



Ayur Vanzhilov (RCR Studio Video Editor), along with others from his church in Moscow, went to Taganrog (near the Russia/Ukraine border) to a TAP (temporary accommodation facility – a gym) set up for refugees coming into Russia. "Refugees came there from Mariupol, Donetsk, & Severodonetsk; most having lost property, health, loved ones, and their hope. It is impossible to listen to their stories without tears. We listened, sympathized, cried, & prayed with them, and

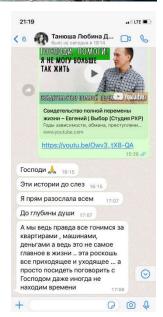
tried to help any way we could: we bought medicine, essentials, train tickets, and helped the disabled and elderly. We gave out New Testaments. I also had a few sermons by Earl Poysti and our magazines, which I gave to those whom I met personally."

RCR Recording Studio Ministry

Comments on our programs come to us from very different people and places: such as from Muslims who are touched by Jesus Christ, and a call from the Czech Republic, where Christians love and always wait for our Choice program and also show them in a rehabilitation center there. Viewers are grateful for the short course on counseling on our channel. Many of our viewers share videos with their friends (as noted in a comment below). Therefore, we try to do our best to regularly release new videos, and we thank you, because without the support of donors this is impossible.

"These stories bring me to tears, I send them directly to everyone I know. These videos reach to the depths of the soul. But we really are all chasing apartments, cars, money, and this is not the most important thing in life. These are luxuries that come and go ... But just sit sometimes... we don't even find time to talk with the Lord. Send me videos like this more often." — Tatyana from Moscow





The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Magazine Ministry

Although we were forced to reduce the circulation of the magazine, and our August issue will be printed in black and white, due to the recent lack of funds, we are still trying to send *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* to everyone who wants to receive it. We believe that the Lord will send everything necessary to continue the publication and distribution of this publication, which is greatly awaited in prisons. God is doing His work and many come to faith in Christ by reading our magazine. Praise the Lord!

"It's a pity that your magazine has been reduced in circulation. It really is a gift to prisoners from Heaven!!! We prayed before, but now we will pray even more fervently! Nothing is impossible for God and therefore we will not lose heart. No one dares to doubt your love for Him! Your magazine is an expression of your love for the Creator through His creation! Thanks for the 1st magazine, and the 2nd magazine has also already arrived. Thank you, dear editorial staff. I confess, I honestly did not expect to receive an answer from you ... I hoped, but did not expect it... During my 2 years of imprisonment, I wrote a huge number of letters both to the church and to various ministries, including the editorial offices of numerous Christian publishing houses. For the first year I did not receive a single answer at all, then, finally, the Lord granted me mercy and I began to correspond with some believers and prison ministers. I am happy that I am 26 years old and the Lord has already taken over my life, transforming it and me, according to His good pleasure, as only He can! Praise God! Hallelujah!" - Vasily K (prisoner in the Brest region, Belarus)

We thank the Lord and all who pray and donate to the work of God. Please continue to pray for us.

Pirkko Home Liberation Center Ministry

<u>Plavsk Pirkko Home (Peter Pitsurenko, leader)</u> – There are 9 people in the recovery program here [for those addicted to drugs and alcohol]. We thank God for each one. We continue to slowly work on the construction and remodeling of our building, and are also working on a home for our assistant leader in the nearby village. Recently the city administration and police came to visit us and thanked us for our participation in cleaning the city and helping them with organizing holidays. Plus we have very good relations with our neighbors, because we help them whenever possible.



Orel Pirkko Home (Vlad Fadevev. leader) - Sergey Stepnov's testimony



I am 38 years old, and am originally from the Tver region. Before going to a rehab center, like many others, I led a wild life, believing that I lived the right and normal way. I drank alcohol in large quantities, regardless of the time of day. Due to the fact that I began to use it early, I lost both friends and everyone who surrounded me. I worked by deceit, selling old car parts as new. Because of all this, it was always hard on my soul. I knew a little about God, since my mother was a believer - she talked about Christ. Mom constantly prayed for me and said that I needed to go to a rehabilitation center. I began to pray with her. I felt that the Lord ordered me to go to a rehab center to change my life. I went through the program, repented, and the Lord gave me a new life. For three years I was doing my own thing, repairing washing

machines, and at the same time telling people the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After a time, I weakened, and felt that I was again sliding into the same swamp, where I had been. I began to pray to the Lord to help me. Now I'm in a recovery program at the Orel Pirkko Home. Thank God, I can feel free from sin again. I don't want to go backwards again, and I pray that the Lord will bless my journey with Him, under His guidance.

Kokino Pirkko Home (Oleg Murashev, leader) - There are 7 people in the center for the program now and we sent one man on to adaptation, the next step. As usual, life in the center consists of the main elements, such as the study of God's word and work. Praise God that the renovation of our building was completed. Every Thursday we have a blessing: brothers from the city church (in Bryansk) come to visit us to fellowship with the guys. Another blessing is that we were helped with the finances for vehicle repairs. On July 17 we celebrated the 8th anniversary of the Kokino Pirkko Home!



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Ukrainian refugees and all the Christian groups helping them. Pray for an end to this war.
- Praise God for his provision for the RCR ministries in Russia during this time.

