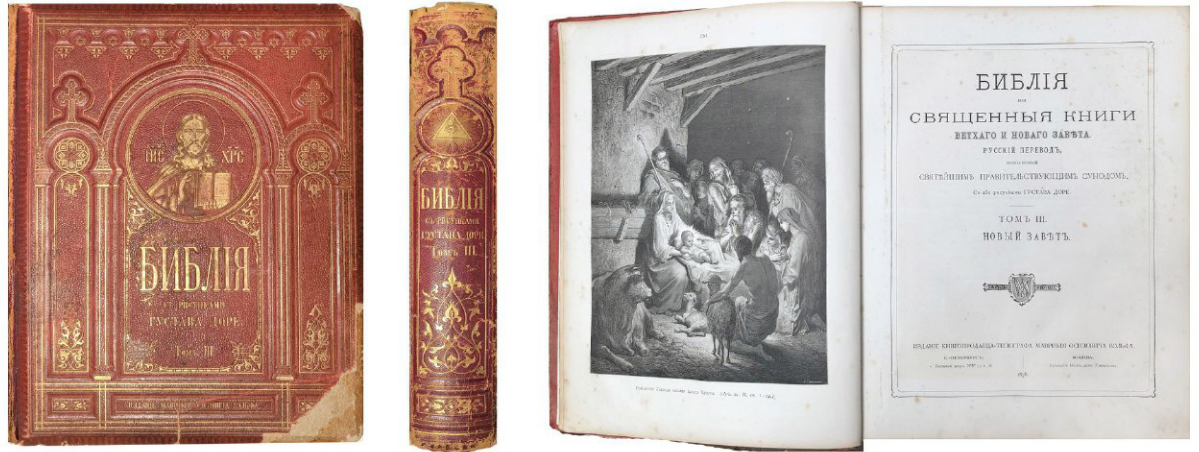




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150th Anniversary of the Publication of the Synodal Translation of the Bible in the Russian Language (1876)



The ministry and successes of the RCR Ministry are inextricably linked with the Bible. This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the translation of the Holy Scriptures into the Russian language. Prior to this, the Church Slavonic version of the Bible, written in a language that had fallen into disuse, was used in Russia. With this new translation the Bible became (and still is) understandable to most people living in Russia, and the story of the Savior Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary gave strength to the emerging evangelical movement and contributed to a national awakening.



Nikolai Poysti and his mother

During this remarkable era, when Russia's established and rigid religious order was being shaken up, Nikolai Ivanovich Poysti's parents lived in St. Petersburg, Russia. Nikolai's mother, Anna Olenina Poysti, wholeheartedly believed in her Savior, and had brought Nikolai to the newly organized Sunday school in the house of Princess Lieven and contributed to his faith. In turn, Nikolai Poysti passed faith in the life-giving Word of God to his children.

In 1918, God called Nikolai to be a missionary to Russia and later in 1946, he became the co-founder of Russian Christian Radio, with his son Earl. Earl carried the Good News to the peoples of the USSR for many years, utilizing the then-new capabilities of radio.

In memory of the path the Lord has led our ministry, we have begun posting materials from our archives on the new Telegram channel "Path of Faith. Nikolai and Earl Poysti / History of RCR." (in Russian). You can join us on Telegram to learn more about us and the origins of our ministry.



Preaching the Gospel in the Russian Language since 1946

Pirkko Home Ministry in Udomlya, Tver Region

Winter is coming to an end, and soon the season of spring and warmth will begin! Since December, there has been no work for our men here in Udomlya; all construction work has been temporarily suspended, and the guys have been busy around the house. They renovated the rooms, updated the walls and ceilings, replaced the flooring with laminate, and renovated the banya (sauna). This year, there was a lot of snow, and we often went into town to help clear snow from the homes of single sisters from the church, and wherever we saw a need.



This winter there wasn't as much of a crowd at our Pirkko Home as we expected, but the Lord knows when and whom to bring to Himself through the Pirkko Home ministry. Five people currently live at the center. One of them is our assistant Evgeny. He also continues his ministry at the tuberculosis clinic, is responsible for purchasing essential supplies for our Pirkko Home, and drives the van for the church outreach team. A second person, a graduate named Andrey, stayed with us because he has nowhere else to go. He's now working at a large company in Udomlya, but he can't afford to rent a place yet. Andrey is also attending baptismal preparation classes. Three other men are going through the program, learning about the Lord and the Christian life.

We're having trouble heating our house. Gas lines were planned for our area in 2025, but that didn't happen. We heat with electricity, which is very expensive. Even in the city, people use wood or electricity. We're hoping for a miracle from the Lord that gas will be brought to our area. Please pray with us for that to happen.

Otherwise, everything is going well. This Sunday, one of our residents, Alexander, repented in church and prayed with the pastor. Alexander came to us three months ago. The whole church prayed for him, and now the Lord has touched his heart, glory be to God!

Thank God, my voice has finally recovered after surgery about 9 months ago! Our little daughter, Anya, is growing and bringing us joy. The older children are doing well in school. Kristina is in the church children's choir, and Timofey is in the youth ministry. He also learns poetry and recites it at Sunday services. Thank you all, dear friends, for your prayers and the support you've given us over the years. May God bless you!

– Igor Markov, leader of the Udomlya Pirkko Home



Visit to the Plavsk Pirkko Home, Tula Region, February 2026



Part of the RCR Studio team, Ayur and Nikita, along with the youth of the Moscow church "Kovcheg" (the Ark), visited the people at the Plavsk Pirkko Home in Berezovo. Currently, the home houses five people: three disabled people, a homeless woman, and Viktor, an assistant to manager Peter Pitsurenko. This center has also become a shelter for those who have nowhere else to go: who have no home, and who lack the health to survive on their own. Kovcheg Church, which is helping with the renovation of a neighboring house here, tries to visit for fellowship and support. This time, our youth threw a real party, preparing refreshments! We held services there for two days: singing songs, reading the Word, praying, and getting to know the residents better. We also brought them fresh food and helped clear the snow from the grounds. Please join us in

praying for and supporting Plavsk Pirkko Home so that the disabled people who live there – Evgeniy, Vladimir, Alexei, and Elena – may be strengthened in God.

The Lord is blessing the ministry in all the Pirkko Homes. There are currently 53 people in rehab and adaptation.

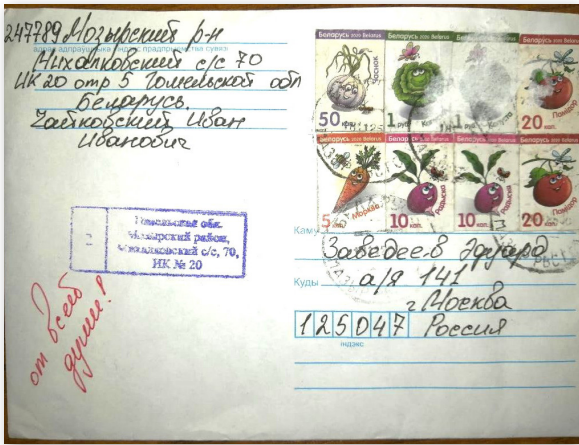


The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire Prison Magazine Ministry

Dear friends! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. Pray that the doors of the prisons will be open to the preaching of the Gospel, despite the various obstacles. We believe that "...the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9).

We not only publish *The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire* magazine and distribute it free of charge throughout Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan, but we also personally respond to letters from prisoners. Letters are essentially the only means of communication with prisoners, so it is important to support and spiritually guide them with correspondence. We at the editorial office aren't the only ones responding to their letters. There are brothers and sisters from various regions of Russia, and even from other countries, who read our magazine and correspond with prisoners at the addresses published in it. Praise the Lord for those who labor in God's field!

God provides for the delivery of our magazines in Belarus, where there are restrictions on obtaining Christian literature. Usually in Belarus we cannot send magazines directly to prisoners. In the case of Ivan, who wrote to us, we send our magazines to his sister, who then delivers them to him in the prison. Here's what Ivan wrote:



"Praise the Lord that my letters are still reaching you, for this is the only way I can share with you! Of course, I also want to thank those brothers and sisters who care about us, and those who have come to faith in prison. Receiving a letter of encouragement and support in these places is a great blessing from God! Remember that writing a few lines to a prisoner, who sometimes hasn't heard a kind word, changes their heart to greater trust in Jesus Christ. For almost eight years now, I've received most of your magazine issues, and I see that people are interested in the magazine. The Gospel Behind Barbed Wire magazine unites those who seek God's presence in their lives. And what joy it brings to those who have prayed for prisoners to come to God, when an article describes a case of repentance and they learn that the Lord has answered their prayers! Not everyone will pick up a Bible and read it attentively. But

almost everyone reads the magazine, and there you'll find God's Word, and real-life stories of reconciliation with God. And people begin to engage their minds to understand. The Lord speaks to such a soul." – Ivan T. (Belarus, Gomel Region). – Eduard Zavedeyev, responsible for the magazine

RCR Studio Ministry

Peace be with you, friends! We all remember that the Gospel commands us to care especially for orphans and widows. We would like to tell you about our volunteer studio worker, Nikita Vorotilov. He is an orphan; he grew up without a father, and his mother died of alcoholism when he was seven years old. But God brought him to Himself, set him on the path of truth, and provided him with work in the RCR Studio.



Nikita (left) with Vladimir Gorlan

Over the past year, Nikita has been on the set of the "Tunnel" program nine times as a cameraman and assistant to Vladimir Gorlan. Each shoot takes about eight hours of work and includes meticulous technical preparation. In this program, we ask people questions on spiritual topics, share with them about Jesus Christ, and give them a New Testament. Nikita also helps with filming at the RCR Studio itself and partially edits videos. He is a blessing to us, and the ministry is a blessing to him! We invite you to get to know him better through his testimony, which was shared on the "Choice" program. See his testimony on page 4. – Ayur Vanzhilov, responsible for the RCR Studio



Testimony of Nikita Vorotilov on the “Choice” Program



Greetings everyone! My name is Nikita. I've been a volunteer and assistant at the RCR Studio for several years now. I'd like to share my story.

I remember my childhood in fragments. Let me start by saying that I grew up without a father. Throughout my childhood, my mother struggled to get her life in order. Over time, she began to drown her sorrows in alcohol. Her care for me diminished. Therefore, my grandmother played a huge role in my life — she took on the responsibility of raising me.

In kindergarten, I sang a lot. The teachers told my grandmother, “You should send him to music school.” So I ended up in music school. Choir, solfeggio (music training by ear), music literature, vocals, seven years of accordion, two years of piano — nine years of study in all. God began to work in my life especially through music. At the end of first grade, my mother was hospitalized — her body was destroyed by alcohol. One day, my grandmother came to school, sat down on a bench, and asked, “Nikita, do you know what?” I was seven years old. I asked, “Did Mom die?” And she answered, “Mom died.” I said, “I see,” and ran off to play in the sandbox. I cried at the funeral only because the atmosphere was so sad; I didn't understand anything about death.

But it's interesting that, since childhood, I somehow knew that there was Someone in heaven, Someone who was very kind. I would kneel, fold my hands, and say, “Dear God, help me.” My grandmother and I went to Orthodox church twice a year — on Easter and before the start of the school year. In eighth grade, at music school, I met Nazar, who was the son of a pastor. One day, they invited us to their home and gave us an accordion. There, for the first time, I saw people praying — sincerely, without icons or candles. It made a strong impression on me. At the pastor's invitation, my grandmother and I came to the Kovcheg (the Ark) Church. That day, I met a classmate from elementary school, Vasya Zakharov, the son of another pastor, Alexander Zakharov.

We began attending church regularly. I immediately joined the music ministry and began singing in the choir. During this time, I learned that Jesus Christ was crucified for my sins and resurrected, and that there is a Bible; I began reading it and attending Bible studies. My grandmother and I repented at the Feast of the Harvest and were baptized the following summer, in 2017.

In 2020, my grandmother broke her hip, then contracted COVID in the hospital. One morning, the police called the intercom for my apartment and told me that my grandmother had passed away. Then, everything inside me exploded. She was a part of me; I loved my grandmother very much. After her death, I was taken under the guardianship of Pastor Alexander Zakharov's family. He also invited me to serve at Russian Christian Radio.



I now understand that throughout my life, the Lord passed me from hand to hand – from my mother's to my grandmother's, and from my grandmother's to the hands of the church. The church became a true family for me. The words of Scripture became reality for me: **“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you”** (John 14:18).

Today, I continue to develop in music and ministry. At RCR Studio, I am a camera operator for the “Tunnel” program and assist with other filming and editing projects. I believe that nothing is impossible with God. He provides for everything in time. And I want to thank Him endlessly.