



# REPORTER

Millions of Russians for Christ



The team from Atlanta that helped remodel the Nikulino Pirkko Home

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Mission Goal:  
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ using mass media

## Partnership in Action!

Back in 1999, a woman in Moscow approached Russian Christian Radio (RCR) to offer her cottage in the country for use in ministry to the Lord. RCR decided to use her home to open a second rehabilitation center as a place where former prisoners could gain a second chance at rebuilding their lives. Eventually, RCR bought a second home

next to the one given to us with the hope that, someday, we would be able to expand our ministry to help many others find liberation from their past sins.

Known as Nikulino, this little remote village is the site of one of eight "Pirkko Homes" in which Russian Christian Radio is working alongside local churches to assist drug addicts and alcoholics find new life in Jesus Christ and release from their addictions.

In June and July of this year, several very different groups came together to work on the common goal of remodeling and expanding the Nikulino home located in the countryside of Tver oblast (region) some five hours north of Moscow. Two groups of Pirkko Home residents worked on the home, preparing it for an extensive makeover, one from the Nikulino home itself and the other from the Rummyantsevo and Lgov facilities (located west and south of Moscow). In addition, a group of young people from a church in Moscow spent a weekend at the Nikulino site painting and building a new fence for the property, as well as spending ministry time with the staff and residents.



A house transformed with help from partners

In July, another group, this one from Atlanta, Georgia in the United States, arrived to help remodel the women's dorm at Nikulino. Only one person on this team spoke any Russian but most had significant construction experience and the team from Atlanta made a huge contribution toward the expansion of the Pirkko Home ministry there. Fighting off biting flies and sweltering under a record heat wave (the worst in nearly 40 years), this group of eight men worked for an entire week for long hours under very difficult conditions. Each man was able to contribute to the project and enjoyed working alongside the residents at the home. In addition, the Atlanta team joined the residents each day in worship, prayer and the study of the Scriptures (with translation help). They also joined in sharing about God's work of grace in their own lives as they gave their testimonies in local churches.

RCR's Executive Director, Ray Brumbeloe, organized and led the team from his home church in Atlanta. Brumbeloe noted that both the residents at the Dom Pirkko in Nikulino and the members of his church team were deeply blessed as they developed close ties and personal relationships. In addition, he noted,

"The Pirkko Home ministry is addressing the severe needs of Russian men and women who have endured circumstances far beyond what most Americans could imagine. They face such issues as drug addiction, alcoholism, prison, family desertion, suicide attempts and are left with a sense of hopelessness in a world that seemingly cares little of their struggle. Through the Pirkko Homes, many of these men and women are finding the grace of Jesus Christ in the midst of the whirlwind that surrounds them. The men and women involved in hands-on leadership positions in the Pirkko Homes are not strangers to the trials these people have endured, and many have experienced the same difficulties in their lives. Rather than turn their backs and march forward, the men and women involved with the Pirkko Home leadership are reaching back with helping hands."



A record heat wave made work very difficult

Dima Gusev, the overall coordinator for the Pirkko Home ministry, echoed Brumbeloe's views and felt that the work team from Atlanta had made significant improvements to the women's dorm that will facilitate greater ministry at the Nikulino home. RCR's director in Russia, Sergey Yakimenkov, was also pleased with the partnerships and looks forward to other such opportunities where churches will join with us to help establish and build up God's kingdom in the lives of those who desire to be free from their sins and their addictions. Please prayerfully consider how you and your church can partner with Russian Christian Radio through our Pirkko Homes.

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## Partnerships with Local Russian Churches

Nikolai Titar reports from the area of Pavlodolsk in far southern Russia that the Lord has also blessed the Pirkko Home in his region. Working in partnership with a local church from the Kabardino-Balkar republic of Russia, Nikolai and his team have seen the Lord make huge changes in the lives of those living there at the Pirkko Home. Two of the residents have finished their rehabilitation and are now working in the "adaptation" phase whereby they are given jobs and live more independently in preparation for returning completely to a restored life. Both of these brothers have come to faith in Christ and will soon be baptized and each will soon be married. When we wrote about the Pavlodolsk center more than a year ago, one Russian emigrant in the United States from that area in Russia saw the report and called to offer his old home to Nikolai and his wife so they would have a place to live. Recently, the local police also came by to inspect the premises and they stayed for a long time while Nikolai and the residents were able to witness of God's amazing transformations in their own lives. Praise the Lord for the way that he sends his people to partner with us in reaching Russia for Christ!



Pavlodolsk Pirkko Home staff and residents

The Pirkko Home in Lgov, Russia located in the Kursk region some 300 km southwest of Moscow, has also been blessed through a strong partnership with a local church in nearby Zheleznogorsk. In June, church members from the Zheleznogorsk church spent a day helping plant gardens so that the residents of the Pirkko Home could eventually put up their own vegetables for the winter. Another member of the church also offered her land for use in planting and growing potatoes for that purpose as well. The coordinator of the ministry there, Alexei Dudukin, himself a former addict, was married recently and, along with his new wife, will continue to serve in reaching others for Christ so they can experience new life and release from their sins. The Lord has recently touched the heart of one of the Lgov center residents in a special way. Vasili testified that he had lived for some 20 years as an alcoholic and more than once was near to death. However, the Lord saved him and now he is actively seeking to live for God and his glory. Praise the Lord that Alexei Dudukin and his wife are helping Vasili and other residents to find God and live for him.

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## Earl Poysti Sermons

Every day we receive testimonies which indicate just how powerfully the Lord continues to use the sermons of our founder, Earl Poysti, to reach Russians for Christ. In honor of Earl's life and ministry, Russian Christian Radio is preparing to publish books with Earl's powerful sermons in Russian so that generations to come will be blessed again and again with teaching and preaching from God's word. As you pray for this publication to become a reality, please also consider how you could play a key role with a special gift that will enable even more copies to be printed.

## Frontline sign-up

One way in which you can actively support Russian Christian Radio is to regularly pray for our various ministries. If you are not currently receiving our monthly prayer bulletin, FRONTLINE, be sure to contact us and request that your name be added to our mailing list. That way, you will receive either email or postal reminders to help you pray more effectively for the work that God is doing through Russian Christian Radio.



Daily Bible study and prayer helped build strong relationships in Nikulino