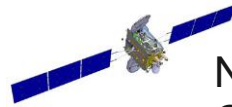




# CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR RUSSIA



No one said doing Christian radio would be easy...



*Sponsor of the New Life Radio Satellite Network-  
Moscow, Russia*

November 2014

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## ***NLR celebrates 18 years on the air!***

Listeners reach out around the world

Putin signs mass media ownership bill and its impact on New Life Radio

After 18 years, we know that despite the ups and downs of keeping this ministry alive and flourishing, it is something that the Lord continues to bless. Its His radio and His word that makes the difference, so with that, we take some space here to remember from the thoughts of listeners around the world why we continue to broadcast.



Magadan



Moscow

DATELINE: November 7, 1996

From a small studio on a hilltop overlooking the port of Magadan, a region where millions of Soviet citizens were imprisoned and killed--many for their faith in Christ--an FM transmitter was turned on and the voice of NEW LIFE in Christ ushered in a new era of Christian evangelism for a country that had prevented the name of JESUS from being broadcast over the airwaves.

The mission strategy was simple: find a means to develop Christian radio where there wasn't any, in order to support the growing Slavic church in evangelism and discipleship. The key was to start in one place, and expand it nationwide. Starting with the first Christian FM station in Russia to an international satellite radio network, this is the history of NEW LIFE RADIO, and we celebrate its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary in sharing the light of the Gospel!

*"Well done guys! NLR creates a very positive atmosphere in our house. After stress of the work day and after running around all day, its nice to come home and turn on NLR to get positive and helpful information. After we began to listen to your radio station, we finally stopped watching TV which was a very sore spot in our lives."*

**Peter, Perm, Russia**

*I love you New Life Radio! I am on a maternity leave with two kids and I don't always have an opportunity to go to church. NLR you help me to stay alright and stand in my faith no matter what. Thank you!*

**Elena, Voronezh, Russia**

*Hello NLR! Thanks over and over again for your radio station!*

**Eugene,  
Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine**

*Hello New Life Radio! I am a former Moscovite and now I live in Germany. Thank you for you work, for the inspiration and instruction, for sermons and music. You support me every day!*

**Adele, Germany**



## Putin Signs Law Curbing Foreign Ownership of Russian Media: the impact on NLR

MOSCOW, October 15, 2014 (RIA Novosti News) –

“Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law reducing the possible share of foreign stockholders in the Russian media to 20 percent. Federal sources quoted, "Unless otherwise stipulated by an international treaty ... a Russian legal entity with a foreign participation share amounting more than to 20 percent ... has no right to own, manage or control... more than 20 percent of shares of the authorized capital of the entity." In addition, the new law stipulates that foreign citizens, stateless persons and citizens of the Russian Federation who have citizenship of another country, are not entitled to act as founders of media companies. Permitting foreigners to control mass media could influence the strategic decision-making process and, in some cases, this could threaten the informational security of the state, as well as the rights and liberties of Russian citizens, member of the Russian Federation Council Andrei Klishas told RIA Novosti in late September.”

WITH THE PASSING OF THIS LAW, the current non-commercial partnership organization in Moscow that controls New Life Radio (since 2004) will be liquidated in February 2017. NLR founder Daniel Johnson--who also serves as president of *Christian Radio for Russia*--was disqualified by this new law to continue the radio organization. Efforts were made to seek compliance with the legislation to end his trusteeship of NLR and establish 100% Russian control, however, Russian federal regulations make no provision for the transferring of ownership of this type of legal entity to others. In essence, NLR is faced with one prospect: create a new non-profit in Moscow and pursue the required legal permissions to engage in mass media and broadcasting, or terminate in-country broadcasts by 2017.

As part of its contingency planning, CRFR is able at any time to initiate and sustain the satellite radio network from a site outside of Russia. Steps are now being taken in Moscow to develop a new entity that will take over the legal sponsorship of New Life Radio. Station manager Dima Vatoulya is leading the effort to register a new mass media organization, in conjunction with local representatives of Christian ministries that have partnered with NLR since its inception of satellite radio broadcasting. While there are no guarantees that the new organization will be able to secure all mass media permissions, we have two years to prepare, while NLR continues in its current state through February 2017.

The new law also affects our FM radio affiliates that will now be required

to change their mass media licenses in order to use the programming from the new entity. There are many bureaucratic barriers to get through in order to reassemble the current network, as well as a new mass media name for NLR, which may simply have its identification shorted to an acronym like **Radio NL** (New Life).

Please pray that God, in His wisdom, will show us the way through this process, even as Russia continues its repression of basic freedoms of religion and the press. While NLR has weathered many storms throughout its ministry life, we know this is just one more event to keep us on our knees in prayer and dependence on the Lord, so that we might accomplish His purpose to proclaim the Gospel across the Slavic world.



### New Life Radio staff UPDATE

Andre R, Inna, Dima, Andre M

In October, Dima Vatoulya finished construction of a remote-controlled radio automation system, filled with 14 years of programming, that will be sent to CRFR in New York to serve as a system backup to our satellite radio network. With this equipment, we can guarantee NLR’s operations no matter what happens in Moscow.

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NLR STAFF UPDATE continued:

The dedicated team of radio missionaries at NLR are facing great personal financial needs as the cost of living in Moscow has risen dramatically, due to Putin's decree to stop all food imports from western nations that have set sanctions on the Russian state. Food costs are very high, and we are concerned to be able to take decent care of our staff. They are hardworking despite being underpaid, because they have a clear calling from God to continue no matter what the situation. Still, they have 5 children and we need to do our part to equip these missionaries.

CRFR has set a goal of increasing the compensation of each staff person by \$500 a month, while also seeking to make Andre Mironov full time at the station (monthly cost: \$1700). If you can help sponsor an individual staff missionary above and beyond what they current receive, CRFR would be grateful.

A THOUGHT: There is little we can do about all the pressures and troubles facing New Life Radio from the actions of the Russian government, and we are prepared to take on any and all challenges they give us that threaten our radio ministry, but it would be a shame to see NLR fall, simply because we cannot raise the funds needed to keep this extremely effective global media ministry working. NOW MORE THAN EVER, we need your prayers and financial support!

NEW LIFE RADIO continues its tradition of sponsoring the costs of programming for the Slavic church, having NO paid programs (save for one), NO selling of products or services on the air, and NO ongoing solicitations for support. We call it MIRACLE RADIO, because few stations would survive for so long under these conditions. Thank you for your part to keep us broadcasting!

For the full history of NLR, go to the main page of [www.CRFR.org](http://www.CRFR.org) , and download "The Beginnings of Christian Radio in Russia"



### **NLR Listener letters come in:**

*Hello NLR! Greetings from Benderi, I would like to thank you for your work, I got so many good advices from your programs, praise God! Blessings and wisdom from the Lord to you!*

**Igor, Benderi, Moldova**

Listen to NLR daily at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net)



*Thank you NLR and all your team for your great work! I like your high quality music and good programs.*  
**Alexander, Mtsensk, Russia**

*Hello NLR! Thanks again for everything! Every short spot, every program, sermon, everything supports and helps me. Thanks again! Blessings from the Lord.*  
**Sergey, Jacksonville, Florida**

*Hello NLR! Thank you for all the wonderful times that you give me, I listen to you always and get inspired, praise the Lord! I do construction work and listen to you at work, and other people when they hear, start asking me questions about God so I can tell them about the Gospel!*  
**Max, Irkutsk, Russia**

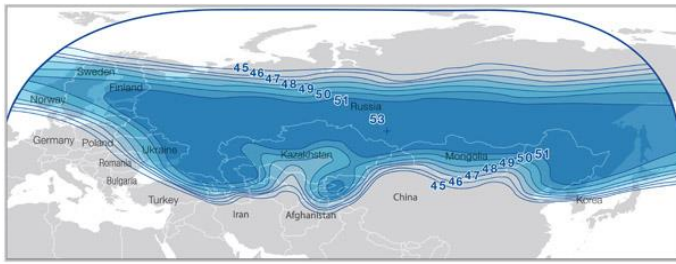
*I listen to NLR for about a year now. I love it! Music, sermons, interesting shows, drama. We got a newborn baby (10 days old), and we don't always have opportunity to go to church, so your Church Channel helps a lot! Thank you!*  
**Anton, Belaya Tserkov, Ukraine**

*Hello NLR! I am a potter (pot master) and I always listen to New Life Radio at my workshop. May the Lord bless you. It's good that you're there.*

**Vitaly, Gantsevichi, Belarus**

*Hello New Life Radio! It's my first time listening to you. My friend gave me to listen to NLR. You are simply great! Wonderful station and a special song for me, you give me a positive mood. Thank you for opening NLR to me, thank you for being there!*

**Roman, Philadelphia, PA**



**REACHING coast to coast for \$2200 a month!**  
 That's the goal for CRFR as we seek to provide blanket signal coverage of New Life Radio via satellite from Norway to the Pacific Ocean, and to thousands of Russian-speaking communities. WHY the need?

Our satellite broadcasts via *Hotbird* cover Europe and Russia to the Ural Mountains. Beyond that, there is no signal available to provide Christian encouragement to scattered communities in Russia and other republics, with only 1 local Christian FM station in that area of 5 time zones! CRFR has an offer from an Israeli telecom company near Tel Aviv to access the *Yamal* satellite in order to give us true nationwide coverage of Russia. With 99% of Russian cities without a local Christian radio station, the need is truly great, and as Russians regularly use direct to home satellite as their way to get programming, it is easy for them to hear NLR as it appears as a free channel on their satellite receivers.



**11 people or churches in America pledging just \$200 a month can make this happen! Contact CRFR for more details.**

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Andre, our NLR FM radio affiliate founder in Aktubinsk, Russia, has reported having problems with state communication officials who are uncomfortable with his ties to NLR in Moscow. Pray for God's protection over this newest radio service that rebroadcasts our signal 100% of the day, and for their ability to change their media license to use programming for the new radio organization we register in Moscow.



**PRAY also that CRFR is able to meet its monthly budget goal of \$20,000 to operate this global evangelism and discipleship ministry.**

*NLR listener letters continued:*

*Thank the Lord for NLR hosts who are so wise and smart! May God keep inspiring you, giving you new opportunities to broadcast!* **Irina**

*NLR! Hello from Ukraine and blessings to you!*  
**Gayana, Donets, Ukraine**

*I cook dinner and listen to you! Super music, thanks for always being positive!* **Darya, Moldova**

*New Life Radio, thank you for your work! May the Lord bless you. You help me grow in faith!*  
**Vladislav, Russia**

*Hello New Life Radio! Greetings and blessings to you, dear brothers and sisters,*  
**from White Prata, Brazil**

*Hello dear New Life Radio! I love everything that sounds on the radio! May the Lord bless you!*  
**Svetlana, Russia**

*Hi New Life Radio! Thanks to the Lord for you and to you for your ministry to us!*  
**Joanna, Duisburgh, Germany**

*Dear NLR! Heaven's breeze to you and all the listeners! We love you and thanks for everything!*  
**Eugene and Nadezhda, Ukraine**

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