



CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR RUSSIA

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

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Celebrating another year on the air to fulfill Christ's command to proclaim the Gospel

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Who could imagine that this experiment in making Christian radio available across the vast landmass of Russia would survive year after year amidst extremely difficult circumstances that might challenge even the best equipped of ministries?



Somehow at the end of December, we find ourselves still broadcasting out of our radio studios near the center of Moscow. Anyone in the know should realize that New Life Radio is the least likely of ministries to stay in operation, if the subject of our financing or dealing with multiple obstacles was raised. If any radio station in the country should be bankrupt and off the air, one could expect it would be ours, except for one simple reason: The LORD! That He keeps us going is simply miraculous!

As 2014 comes to a close, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all of our ministry partners who have been faithful to Christ's command to proclaim the Gospel by investing in our broadcasts. If it is God's will, NLR will continue sharing His WORD using our radio signals over satellite, Internet, and FM that reach the most remote corners of the earth--challenging the Russian-speaking

peoples of the world with the claims of the babe born in a manger so long ago. In praise to HIM, we say to all of you, **Merry Christmas!**

Our radio missionaries faced another year of challenges, with events revealing that NLR has become an even more critical Christian media service in the task of uniting believers who have been at war this year (Russia/Ukraine). They have done a fabulous job amidst various crises, being consistently able to offer high quality broadcasts 24/7 featuring solid Biblical encouragement and instruction to young people sadly lacking spiritual counsel. So we joyfully **CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR ON THE AIR**, sharing the Christmas message and God's plan of salvation to the Slavic world!



NLR staff: *Inna Sarul, Dima Vatoulya, Andre R, & Andre M*



NEWLIFE RADIO
from Magadan to Moscow
and worldwide



MINISTRY GOALS for 2015

In 1996, NEW LIFE RADIO-FM became the first Christian FM station in Russia—proclaiming the Gospel to this city of 130,000 people and setting a precedent for the expansion of Christian radio in cities across the country. It soon became clear that thousands of communities throughout Russia and other ex-Soviet republics needed Christian radio as well. With this ministry goal and vision, the Lord blessed our efforts, and from radio studios located on Red Square in Moscow, NEW LIFE RADIO initiated nationwide satellite direct to home Christian radio broadcasts in December 2000!



During this Christmas season of 2014, we take a moment to thank the Lord for the last 14 years of satellite broadcasting, while looking once more at the calling we have to support the evangelism and discipleship efforts of the evangelical Church in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and many other former Soviet republics, even to Slavic congregations scattered across the globe.

Looking at our station's logo, you might call us fishermen, because we are seeking souls for the Kingdom, using radio as our net to bring in the harvest. We are grateful for the privilege God gives us to serve him, and while it has not been an easy year, it has been one of fulfillment as we stay true to the ongoing challenge of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, day in day out to a people so needy and desperate to know the love of God and the gift of eternal life. That's the Great Commission, and meeting it is our first goal for 2015.

What will happen in the coming year, and what do we hope to accomplish in God's service? Let us list four things:

1. **REMAIN ON THE AIR** despite ever increasing government obstacles to our operations
2. **INCREASE our monthly funding** support by \$5000, so we can properly take care of our missionary staff, including the addition of one more full time radio staff person.
3. **SEEK a deeper partnership relationship** with the many Russian evangelical unions that would lead to greater involvement in new programming and indigenous financial support
4. **EXCELL** in every aspect of our broadcasting so God may be pleased, new listeners reached, and the Kingdom expanded!

NEW LIFE RADIO studios in Moscow

Broadcasting over the
--HOTBIRD satellite
(100 million homes can potentially get our signal)
--INTERNET radio at
www.NLRadio.net
--NLR-FM in Dudinka, Russia,
and Aktubinsk, Russia



COST to operate NLR \$20,000 per month

UPDATE on NLR reorganization plans



In October 2014, the Putin government forced through a new media law against foreign ownership that will force NLR to end its current non-profit organization, headed by Daniel Johnson.

In January 2015, a new legal entity, titled *Information Center for Radio Broadcasting-NEW LIFE* will be registered in Moscow, by NLR station director Dima Vatoulya, along with three other individuals representing long time NLR ministry partners; *Russian Christian Radio, Reach Beyond (HCJB)*, and the *Russian Baptist Union*.

Once registered, the new entity will then apply for mass media organization status, as well as various broadcast licenses in order to continue satellite and FM transmissions. Pray that the Lord grants us His favor to succeed at these tasks.



Andrei Ryabenko:

We are in the middle of information technology breakthroughs--bringing the Gospel to people using the Internet is crucial. One of the best ways to do this is radio broadcasting that takes salvation to the farthest ends of the world. As I see it, the most important task for New Life Radio is to bring the Gospel to people everywhere. We make it simple, easy-to-comprehend and contemporary at NLR. We use it to bring Christian teaching to our listeners. Our second mission as NLR is to enlighten people. With our programs and talk-shows we are giving wide views, explaining historical and cultural context of the Biblical texts, and it helps our listeners to deeply understand Bible truth, and it's an apologetics for non-Christians too. And the third mission as I see it is to encourage believers; move towards inner revival, and we are calling people to take an active Christian stand in their lives. I am happy to be a part of the NLR team!



Andrei Mironov:

New Life Radio is not only to entertain; it's an effective way to spread the Gospel to the modern world. It's a chance to take the Truth to distant places via radio waves and Internet. It all became possible because of the team work of missionary radio professionals and those faithful NLR partners who constantly, day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year donate to this mission with their own funds. Only these two parts together make it happen to maintain this 24/7 radio channel. Everyone on this team is fulfilling the task given to them by God, no matter whether it is a big or small part. Today it appears crucially important to preach and to be understood using people's language. And that's what we do at NLR. I'd like to tell everyone who helps and donates--a big thank you that you're with us in this ministry. You help us keep faith and struggle when many already would give up. I'd like to wish you all blessings, strength, faith, perseverance and a wide perspective. We already have God's presence, and the best is yet to come!



Inna Sarul:

I would like to say thanks to our God, our director, our founders, and those who keep giving of their tithes to keep New Life Radio on the air and developing. Thanks to you, I have this great opportunity to tell other people about the joy of forgiveness and salvation by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is so important that we can read and comment about the Bible on the air so it becomes alive and understood among our listeners. While producing programs, I have a chance to tell our listeners about many heroes of faith worldwide; how can they apply Biblical teaching to their own lives, and how they can serve God. I tell people on the air how great can be a changed life that is moved towards the Lord and salvation. I can encourage listeners and be encouraged myself. This aspect of my work is a great joy for me. Thank you for making it possible!



Dmitry Vatulya, Station Director

After 15 years with New Life Radio I can say only this: it's been great! But it's only a beginning. I see there are more things to do than those that have been accomplished. I am thankful to God that for the last 15 years we kept the main focus: simple teaching of the Lord brought to people. What could possibly be more important, bringing more joy and meaning? Day by day I thank the Lord for each and every NLR team member. It's the best team of those who speak on the air, sing songs, make the Word of God sound. But all this is made possible only because there are many NLR team members in America,

God's servants, who keep NLR going by donating and supporting us in prayer. We are going through tough times, not knowing what is to come next. But I am sure of one thing – that we are here is miraculous! God keeps NLR and gives us all means to tell His story to those who listen. He adds more listeners. He keeps doing it through you. Thank you! And until he allows and until you help us, I can assure you that we will hold on to one NLR mission: bringing faith, hope and love to everyone who turns on their radio to hear: "This is New Life Radio, God loves and saves each and everyone who believes in His Son our Lord Jesus Christ." *(listen to NLR at www.NLRadio.net)*



Daniel Johnson, NLR network manager

From our inception, NLR exists to carry out the command that Jesus gave his apostles: to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We do this through the provision of Christian radio programming to Russian-speaking peoples worldwide using new mass media formats.

From 1993 through today, NLR continues on because the Lord sees a place for it and continues to bless this radio mission that is more than ever, critically important to maintain as Russia has entered a new period of instability and trouble for Christian media that simply seeks to share the freedom, peace and assurance of eternal life that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus.

Please consider how you can help equip NEW LIFE RADIO with the means to serve the Evangelical Church in Russia and other Slavic lands through media that enhances evangelism and discipleship efforts in thousands of communities.

OUR LISTENERS respond this month



NLR is amazing! You are my source of inspiration, and I'm totally honest here! I start my mornings with you, my days and my late nights! There are no boring programs. Everything about you is great! I can hear so much great music, very good humor, Word of God of course, other great shows and news! And it's very important that I can recommend NLR to all seeking people and non-religious too! Great sound, I get never tired of your voices! Great thanks! **Gloria, Russia**

Hello Dear New Life Radio! I would like to say to all Christians in Ukraine and Russia that we are all believers in Jesus and kids of our Father in Heaven! And this is the most important thing that NLR tell us about no matter what happens in politics! Thank you for being there! **Yuri, Ukraine**

Praise God for New Life Radio! I have a celebration today - we are alive and we are listening to NLR! It would be so much worse without you! Thank God that you bring blessings to our homes and hearts! May the Lord bless you! **Eugene, Ukraine**

I thank the Lord for you NLR! I go through tough times of my life and on the occasion I googled "Christian radio", I didn't hope to find anything good and didn't think that it exists. But Google gave you to me. Guys, what you do is awesome! I receive so many blessings from you! Thanks so much! May the Lord bless each and every one of you. I love you! **Anastasia, Germany**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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