



CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR RUSSIA

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

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NEW LIFE RADIO-Moscow: Continuing its service to proclaim the living Christ amidst times of trial



**CRFR has asked NLR station
director Dima Vatoulya
to give our donors an update
on the situation in Russia and
our radio ministry there**

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"In 2015 *New Life Radio* faces a critical point in its ministry. During the 12 last months, Russia and its society has been dramatically changing. I remember when we began 15 years ago, Russia was quite open and friendly to the Gospel mission that NLR started. There were troubles all the time, but I couldn't have imagined back then that changes like 2014-2015 were at all possible. Decline of democratic freedom, growth of corruption in state politics and public rhetoric is very troubling.

Today, every evangelical mission, non-profit entities, and non-orthodox Christians are treated as a threat. TV and mass-media propoganda shows the West and everything from the West as the enemy to Russian faith, Russian-speaking society and even the state. If an organization operates with funds from abroad, it is immediately treated as a foreign political agent working to destroy Russia. It all seems insane, but this is the reality NLR currently lives and operates in.

It is a miracle to me that we are even allowed to exist as an entity to this point in time. We live and work with an understanding that our broadcasts can be shut down at any moment. Every time we try to make a few steps forward to develop our network, we experience huge pressures and face obstacles. Our licenses and registration applications were denied by officials so many times, yet our satellite, Internet, and FM broadcasts continue!

Russian legislation is getting more and more hard on non-commercial broadcasters. Recently there was a new law issued that any non-profit organization can be treated as *not appropriate* and shut down immediately.

Russian society is divided on the matter of Ukraine as well. People increasingly see each other as enemies. All evangelical ministries and churches are considered as western influence and treated negatively.

But the wonder is that in such difficult circumstances *New Life Radio* is broadcasting love, faith and hope. We get daily responses from our radio listeners in Russia, Ukraine, East and Western Europe, USA, and Asian nations expressing words of appreciation that NLR is bringing reconciliation, peace and acceptance. People need to hear NLR with its 24/7 broadcast speak about Christ and His calling in our lives. This is what we do and will be doing as long as the Lord allows us to. Thank you for being a big part of it. You make it possible!

You help NLR to keep going, to speak words of truth and life. May the Lord bless you for helping us do our job to proclaim His salvation!"

Dima Vatoulya



NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN...*servicing the Lord during times of trial in Russia*

a response from CRFR President, Daniel Johnson

Each week I am usually up early in the morning, checking the latest headlines from Russian newspapers, scouring the news to see what has happened that might impact the work of our radio network in Moscow. Lately, it seems like the Kremlin engineers a new law against some established freedom every month. The list of laws stack up so high that anyone who might want to develop a Christian media ministry in Russia could be forgiven if they reassessed and gave up in their attempt. That God has us in place running this nationwide and global radio mission simply brooks disbelief by many who want to come here but are deterred from all the latest developments. But when God calls you to do HIS work, it doesn't matter what external circumstances we face: God's WORD will go forth and accomplish His purposes exactly as He has planned. With that confidence, we can face anything, and the staff at New Life Radio has that confidence. It is a privilege to work with them!

The Apostle Paul, writing from his Roman prison cell reminds us of a troubling scenario facing the prophet Elijah, when encountering death threats from the King and Queen of Israel, pleaded with God saying, *LORD, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars and I alone am left and they seek my life?* God's response; *I have reserved for Myself 7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal.*" What was Elijah worried about? What are we worried about? Paul continues to reassure us that in carrying out Christ's calling, we may have to experience similar things that he faced, like stonings, beatings, shipwreck, hunger, and even social, cultural, or personal persecution. Then comes that ringing response, "count it all joy...! And that's what you hear on our airwaves!

When I asked Dima to submit his update from Moscow, I had spent some time reading news articles about the repression of Christians in America and the growing movement against the way of Christ in this land that was founded by people who considered Jesus the bedrock foundation of this country's existence. Then I thought to myself that the situation Dima faces in Moscow is really no different from what we are starting to face here. Standing up for the Gospel, broadcasting it across the land, taking flack for His Word from those in power who oppose it—what really is the difference between our ministries in Russia and the USA? No difference. One day,

Putin can come up with a law on religious extremism (already enacted) that can force the arrest of anyone who repeats Jesus' claim that He is the way the truth and the life. And yet a Christian chaplain in the US Army can be forcibly retired for ministering to a soldier in Christ's name.



We stand ultimately as citizens of a wholly separate kingdom, the Kingdom of God and of His Christ. We claim His protection, and for this reason, NEW LIFE RADIO continues to be able to broadcast day in, day out, with sound Biblical teaching, inspired music that praises our Savior, and messages of hope that can save the lost. Your partnership with us keeps this vital radio lifeline to the Slavic peoples of the world intact and operating, like a beacon that beams out the message: JESUS SAVES!

Thanks for all you do to keep this mission on the air! It is a Kingdom investment worthy of your on-going support.

Broadcasting live from Moscow at our studios on Namyotkina Street. TUNE in daily at

www.NLRadio.net





NEW LIFE RADIO listeners around the world respond:
--a sample of responses in May

NLR is very up-to-date radio, not just another entertainment but a good support for a believer and a chance for salvation for any unbeliever. Thank you. **Nina, Ukraine**

Thank you for your broadcasts. It is tastful and edifying.
Roman, Kahovka, Ukraine

Hello to you from South Korea, NLR! I have a night shift at work, and I'm having a great time with you! Thank God for ministers like you!
Phatun Pathamil, South Korea

Hello to NLR from Belarus! Thanks for being such a positive station! You bring us blessings. **Vitaly and Irina, Brest**

Thank you NLR for broadcasting! We are 10,000 miles away and we love you very much! **Evgeny, Hawaii, USA**

Thank you NLR for great radio! Lord bless you!
Ivan, Murmansk, Russia

Hello dear New Life Radio! I thank God for your broadcasting, for all those great and useful programs that help us to grow spiritually. Thanks for all your effort!
Someone from Kiev, Ukraine

Grace and peace from God to you NLR! May the Lord fulfill your every need during these hard times! Keep going forward! Blessings to you in your hard work. **Slava, Buffalo, New York**

I listen to your radio every day and am very thankful to everybody who works there. There are a lot of edifying sermons, contemplations and funny radio spots which have good humor and are up-to-date.
Nina Novikova

Christ is risen! Thank you NLR for wonderful music! Hello to all Ghanian Baptists from Africa who live in Russia.
Abigaillinda Etrue, Moscow, Russia

Thank you for your work! I can always here something useful and cheering. **Daria Kurbik**

My family and myself with you NLR for already six years. Do not ever stop!
Polina

Hello to you New Life Radio from rainy Cologne! May God bless you brothers and sisters. I listen to you with my daughter all the time!
Marina, Germany



Great radio! I listen to it in the morning and at work. It is edifying and cheerful! Glory to God and thank you!

Alyana Talibdzhanova

I go jogging in the mornings with you. Thank you for your ministry! Blessings from God!
Fyodor

New Life Radio is with me always, every day in my smartphone, tablet and PC!
Valiantsin Pych

Thank you NLR for Charles Stanley's programs. They are right on time and good topic. Thank you for talking about mercy on the air!
Nina, Kotovsk, Ukraine



Hello NLR. Thank you for doing your ministry. I'm listening for six years already. I love everything on NLR, your music and programs. May the Lord bless you and your families.
Moses, Melitopol, Ukraine

Hello to all beloved NLR listeners. We are with NLR for a long, long time. You are a huge blessing to us all!
Vyacheslav Lodigin

Thank God for you! You do a great ministry for so many people! You are the best radio station! So many good and needed programs! I thank God for you! Be blessed! We are with you!
Slava

I listen to New Life Radio every day with joy! You are great! Praise God for your ministry!
Arina, Russia

REFLECTING on the crisis between Russia and Ukraine:

There is little Christian influence within the mass media of both nations that can positively impact the relations of Russia and Ukraine. 99% of cities have no local Christian station, so it is critical for believers in America to financially support the few remaining Christian media operations like NEW LIFE RADIO that serves as a vital Christian information link and spiritual bond between these struggling countries and our own.

Only by promoting a Christian worldview among the peoples can there be any true hope for positive and benevolent relations between Russia and Ukraine, and NEW LIFE RADIO is putting its energy into this aspect of our mission.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP US FINANCIALLY each month

RADIO MISSIONARY sponsorship in 2015 --full time staff (5 needed) @ \$1750/month



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Andre Mironov



Andre Ryabenko

Note: Moscow is one of the most expensive cities in the world and we have not been able to pay a proper wage to our staff for some time now. Please consider individually co-sponsoring one of our team, and ask your church to partner with others so we can keep NLR properly staffed

Contact the CRFR office in New York if you can help with missionary support, or these recurring costs:

- New Life Radio station rent: \$900/month
- Internet radio bandwidth costs: \$1000/month
- Broadcast and Music copyright cost: \$200/month
- Internet webmaster/hosting fees: \$500/month
- HOTBIRD Satellite channel: \$2200/month
(Hotbird estimates audience potential of over 100 million homes that obtain their radio/TV programming from the satellite) Actual NLR listener numbers not tabulated.



- NLR accountant (Nadezhda Zakirova-\$1300/month)

MORE LISTENERS say...

Hello my beloved New Life Radio! Thank you for being with us! **Roman, Krivoy Rog, Ukraine**

Thank you NLR for being such a great radio! It's always a joy to listen to you and get to know something new and great! **Anna**

Hello NLR from Engers, Germany! It's so great that you are here, We love you! **Viktoria and Alexander, Germany**

Hello NLR! I like your music compilation very much! Thanks! **Sergei, Moscow, Russia**



A quick technical history of NLR for Christian radio inside Russia:



- 1996: 1st Christian FM radio station
- 2000: Introduced nationwide Christian satellite radio
- 2006: Introduced live 24/7 Internet radio streaming

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