



Christian Radio for Russia

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NLR: Providing a reasoned defense of the Gospel to the Slavic world:

A visit with RAVI Zacharias in Moscow

Faces across the evangelical world on NLR to encourage young Christians and the unbeliever

New law against freedom of religion passes

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UPDATE: Ravi Zacharias came to Moscow and met with NLR station manager Dima Vatoulya for a radio interview, while attending a conference of Russian Evangelical Christians with over 1500 pastors attending.

Ravi is a leading Christian apologist who represents in his ministry (RZIM), the role that New Life Radio has taken on since its first day of broadcasting to the Russian people: to proclaim the Gospel and provide a defense of the Christian faith to an unbelieving world.

In a short excerpt from the interview, here is what Ravi stated when asked about the challenges facing the Russian church today and reaching the next generation for Christ. RAVI: *“How did the early church reach the world? You got to find the road and you’ve got to find the language that gets you there. Today’s language is through social media: today’s road is through music, the arts, and language the millennials understand. In the church we love to sing the old hymns and tell the old story. My daughter turned 40 and said she can’t connect with millennials. 30 year olds can’t reach teenagers. We have to find means that is opening the doors to this generation’s heart, and we have to find the means to reach this*

world. We need to be bringing together two powerful realities: music and philosophy.



The Russian Christian has a lot to say to us and to the west. But one thing we can help with, is stressing the authority of the scriptures. I say to the Russian church, reach the young, reach the young, reach the young! Find the bridge between the head and the heart. If you reach the young, the message will continue. If you don’t reach the young, its over for this culture. We have to write, to produce music, to be on university campuses. If we don’t go to where the thinkers are and where the future is, our message will be time bound. The resurrection story is that Jesus is risen! We must think FUTURE. The church must have a solid youth program, otherwise we will be talking to each other.”

CRFR Note: Ravi has two apologetics-based radio programs we have been attempting to have translated for broadcast over NLR, but without success. Pray that we can find funds that will result in a Russian version that can help us reach those young people that all of us have a passion for evangelizing.



Faces across the evangelical world on NLR



As CRFR partners, it is our privilege to work in a close partnership with a vast variety of evangelical believers whom are called to share their faith and expertise over our global network, in order to build the Church. Our airwaves know no nationality, and feature outstanding personalities and programs that are informative while providing Biblical answers to the most pressing

questions of life. As preaching and teaching God's Word is our highest priority, we depend on a mix of leading Russian pastors as well as trusted teachers from the USA.

Here is a sample of some of the faces appearing this past month on New Life Radio:



Pastor Vladislav Treskin, of the Moscow "Russian Bible Church" is featured on the talk show "HONESTY". The show is straight talk, featuring uncensored and tough themes that people are reluctant to talk about—but who can benefit from a pastor's guidance and insight.

Talk show "EDITORIAL" featuring Russian lawyer Inna Zagrebina.



The intensity of the work of Russian legislative bodies overseeing (and controlling) non-profit and religious organizations is growing exponentially. Discussion points: "While we were sleeping, some new law will come up, and enter into force. And 'I do not know' - is not an excuse for ignorance of how these restrictive laws impact us. Knowledge is power! To explain all the nuances of Russian legislation concerning NGOs, churches, religious associations—Inna is our NLR expert in this field giving sound advice to the Church on what to expect.



TALK SHOW: "Gifts of the Reformation" hosted by Andre Ryabenko, with special guest, Oksana Kuropatkin, Ph.D. THEME: "At the end of the last century, the Calvinist-Arminian debate came up to Russian Protestant communities, which led to a split among Christians What is the dispute? What actually did John

Calvin and Arminius write? Let's explore the debate and come to terms with it."

Talk Show:
HOURLY TRENDS with
Pastor Eugene
Bahmutski



Theme: *Teenage Suicide--
The Biblical way of
overcoming the problem.*

There is much discussion about death within social media about communities in which teenagers allegedly are deliberately brought to suicide. During the day, the number of views for this material is close to a million, and the content of the text and the question of suicide caused widespread discussion in the social networks._____

THE BEST Program
Resource on NLR is the
WORD OF GOD

Solid teaching from the Bible is featured daily through the ministry of Dr. Charles Stanley and IN TOUCH!



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at www.NLRadio.net**



NEW LIFE RADIO is extremely active on the Internet, on Social media sites, and also on traditional broadcast media in order to reach Russian-speakers across the world.

A few statistics on our Internet audience:

Male listeners: 51%, Female 48%
 Age of listeners 3% up to 18 years old
 19% 18 to 25
 46% 25-35
 31% 35 and older



NLR Program format: 70% contemporary Christian music, 25% Bible teaching and Christian drama, and 5% news and discussion programs of relevance to the Christian community.

New Life Radio global network encompasses these media

- Direct to home satellite radio on the HOTBIRD satellite
- Two FM radio affiliates in Russia
- Internet radio at www.NLRadio.net

CHRISTIAN RADIO for RUSSIA ministry partners help New Life Radio offer its airwaves for free to the leaders of domestic evangelical denominations and ministries, in order to provide them access to a national audience that has few options to hear Christian content from the secular media.

defines as “missionary activity” any kind of religious practice that takes place outside special establishments, cemeteries, houses of worship, or religious schools. This applies to acts of worship, ceremonies, the distribution of literature, and open preaching. “The sharing of beliefs and religious convictions” through the *mass media* and the Internet is also considered to be “missionary activity.” (Note: even home Bible studies with a non-believer present is banned.)

The amount of restrictions on evangelical activity are beyond what many of us could imagine possible when Russia first opened in 1992. We ask Christians in the USA to pray that the Lord would strengthen His Church and workers in Russia. It is for FREEDOM that Christ set us FREE!



Federal anti terrorism bill ushers in new era of vast restrictions on civil rights and religious freedom in Russia *by Meduza.io news service*

On June 29, 2016, Russian lawmakers passed some of the harshest legislation in post-Soviet history under the guise of preventing terrorism. Introduced by Duma deputy Irina Yarovaya, the legislation amended nearly a dozen different laws, broadly expanding the state's powers, tightening the controls placed on citizens and limiting the civil rights guaranteed by the Russian Constitution. Without any consultation with state bodies overseeing religious matters, the bill's sponsors added language that severely restricts the rights of individuals to express their religious faith.

After the law was signed by President Putin, only special people in special places will be allowed to preach, and it will be illegal to preach certain ideas. Lawmakers amended the legal definition of missionary activity as defined under the Russian constitution's articles on freedom of conscience and religion. The legislation

AND NOW THE GOOD NEWS...
listener reports from around the world



Sergey in Crimea--“Thank God that we have NLR! I listen every morning. I pray that we Crimeans can listen to New Life Radio without the Internet and simply by the FM receiver. God bless you!



NEW LIFE SATELLITE NETWORK is an oasis of Christian content for this nation where 1% of Russia's population are evangelical Christians.

Listener Misha Volgograd Region. Russia.

Hello Radio "New Life"! You're the best radio, though I am with you only 2 days, but I think that this love will not grow cold. I listen to you via satellite, so the neighbors will hear your beautiful songs and software. God bless all those who created you.

Andrew Dashko Sweden

Thank you very much for your broadcasts and songs of praise and worship! For me in Sweden, your radio is like an oasis of Russian sermons and music! Thank God for you and what you are doing through this ministry! Blessings to you dear friends!

Ivan Voronezh, Russia

I respect New Life Radio. I listen to it since I can't even remember. I work in the television industry, but I don't turn on the TV at home since I started listening to NLR. There is nothing good on TV compared to New Life Radio!

Elena Pogorotskaya Russia

About a year ago I discovered NLR and I am very fond of your radio. Thank you for your work. I like the program "Choice," the talk show, "Purity" --this radio show is just marvelous! I often cling to songs that have not been heard for some time. I am particularly pleased when there are people on the air whom I am familiar with. I think a very good addition to your format is the jazz and blues instrumental tunes. Your radio often accompanies me at work and at home. I highly recommend NLR to friends and acquaintances. Thank you friends!

Anna and Vysheslav from Belarus

We thank God for your on-air work. Since we became Christians when we were adults, we had to learn how to live from scratch. And NLR became our blessing on this new road of life. So many issues are not covered at church, and often those denominational differences make it even harder. But your ministry is so interesting and diverse, and covers a great deal of spiritual issues and everyday problems! And it helps! Before you, I couldn't solve so many issues by myself, but God started leading us through your ministry! You help us to solve even our uncomfortable questions! You opened a

big world of Christian music for us! Your spots, shows, programs make a difference! Let the Lord bless you!

Dmitri from Ukraine.

Thanks for a great effort for soul, mind and spirit. Where do you find so many good Christian songs? NLR has high spiritual standards-- I can tell! Great balanced radio station, no preferences to any denomination, equal to everyone! So many times I heard hints from guests and listeners for controversial issues, but your hosts solved it very sensitively and professionally every time without blaming any particular denomination. I recommend NLR to my friends!

Oleg Vishnevsky USA

I am a truck driver and listen to you almost daily. You do an awesome job 4 Jesus!

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- full time radio missionary **\$1500/month**

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