



Christian Radio for Russia

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NEW LIFE RADIO--presenting Biblical truth to a skeptical Slavic world

A busy summer season of programming, music, network expansion, and watching God work in people's lives



Why do people listen to Christian radio anyway?

If you went online to get an answer to this question, you might find responses like these: *It helps me worship God throughout the day; It helps me grow spiritually; I want to be encouraged; It's more of a lifestyle than a radio station; It makes me part of a Christian family: It helps me get through my day; Radio is medicine for my loneliness; The radio provides better teaching than what my pastor gives me...*

While each person has their own reasons for listening to New Life Radio, it is our greatest hope that no matter what is put on the airwaves, everything comes down to proclaiming the Gospel faithfully in word and song, making the Christian faith understandable to both the skeptic and mature believer. All of our activities revolve around these challenges. And from a format perspective, radio needs to honor the proclamation put forth by the Protestant reformers: *the Scriptures are the sole authority for faith, doctrine, and conduct*. Whether speaking or singing, it all must conform.

This summer has been a time of gearing up to provide the best programs we can as we see a continuous rise in audience numbers listening to NLR. Christian radio can't rest on past laurels—it must constantly provide fresh, insightful, creative, and fundamentally true material for the listener. That's part of the pressure of running a 24/7 global radio operation. Our radio missionaries—Ivan, Lena, Eva, Olga, Dima, Oksana, and Yuri—come to work each morning knowing that they have been charged to explain the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, using a variety of program themes and apologetic approaches, coupled with inspired music to make the daily on air experience one that listeners keep coming back for. If you take your job as one working for the King of the Universe, it keeps you focused and doing your best for HIM!

Here are some themes our team has discussed **ON AIR** this summer:

- Sufficiency of Christ ; Security in Christ, Gnosticism's Invasion; The failure of Psychology and Philosophy; Legalism, Mysticism, Asceticism; Sanctification; Quietism and Pietism; Spiritual Warfare; All-Sufficient Grace; False teachings (Humanism, Agnosticism, Atheism, Dualism)—see next page 2

NLR music format refinement:



Listeners have noticed a subtle change in our music format this summer. When NLR was conceived in 1993, there was little Russian language Christian music available. Today, there is a vast assortment of songs that we access in both Russian and English.

Many stations offer the latest in CCM and worship music from across the Christian world, however, NLR is refining and winnowing our music selection to better reflect the Bible teaching component of our broadcasts. This forces us to **not** use much of what is coming out today from popular artists (with lyrics often containing questionable doctrines) and instead, New Life Radio is moving to a music format simply called: *"The Best in Christian music."*

From hymns (in updated recordings) to classic songs from the best artists in the last four decades, NLR's music format reverently glorifies and praises our Lord, while teaching the faith. One result is a much greater variety of songs that the listener won't get tired of, while communicating a message that informs and inspires. And to encourage the production of new Christian music, NLR has revamped its Friday night live concert series to provide a showcase for new compositions by Slavic Christian artists.

The staff is excited at this new format change, and our listeners have definitely noticed the subtle shift. May God bless this aspect of our broadcasting!



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NEW LIFE RADIO programs and descriptions continued:



• **History of Christianity** --following the faith of the Apostles and historical annals of the Church throughout twenty centuries

• **What do you believe in?**--There are many religions and philosophies in the world. Humanism. Atheism. Pantheism. Existentialism. So many people have lost themselves in this variety. But which one is **THE ONE**? How to find the truth in the world of lies? We will tell you the answer!

• **The living Word** --Listen, as the Word of God comes alive from the pages of Scripture. Hear the voices of prophets, kings and apostles. This is the living Word of the eternal God. For faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

• **Soteriology** --The issue of salvation is the most valuable issue in your life. Don't waste your time, and answer the most important question: Have you been **SAVED**?

Additional On air discussion themes: • Feelings in Christian Life and what causes spiritual Depression (Mind, Heart and Will); What about Sin?; Vain regrets about the past; Fear of the Future; False teachings; lack of Faith. These are some of the topics we address to aid the maturing believer.

NLR features a Scripture-centered approach that permeates all programming as we explain the Gospel and the Christian life.



Over 55 rehabilitation centers across Russia and Ukraine installed satellite antennas since last October to listen to this programming from NLR! This is just one component of our overall mission outreach strategy that also includes direct to home satellite radio broadcasts to over 40 nations, as well as Internet radio to reach Russian-speakers globally.

IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST SET US FREE--regardless of the world's control--proclaiming the Gospel unhindered. NEWS impacting our listeners across the former Soviet Union.

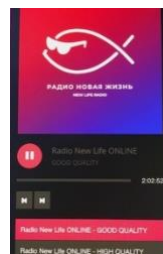
UZBEKISTAN: Uzbekistan's new Religion Law [signed by the President July 5th, maintains almost all the restrictions on freedom of religion and belief in the current Religion Law. It continues to ban: all exercise of freedom of religion and belief without state permission; teaching about religion without state permission; sharing beliefs; and publishing, distributing or importing printed and electronic religious materials which have not undergone compulsory prior state censorship. (Forum 18 News, July 5, 2021)

Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, and other republics have similar repressive laws.

Continuing restrictions in these nations against the Church and police scrutiny of clergy and active members of religious communities are in defiance of legally-binding international human rights obligations. Local Christian radio is absent in nearly all communities in these countries, which is why New Life Radio targets them via satellite and Internet radio. For many believers, we are their only Christian media lifeline.

NLR LISTENERS comment:

Shalom from Israel! Peace to all saints! We are sending greetings to Shamil, who is riding from Ashdod to Jerusalem on the rocket train. From Uri and Alex



(note: this is a typical call to our NLR daily song request hour...where listeners send greetings to people all across the Slavic world).

Dear NLR team, the Lord is with you! You are doing a very great work, sharing the love of the Lord with the children that are currently visiting our summer camp titled "Empire of life."

Greetings to my favorite radio NLR! I am listening to you around the clock, giving rest to my notebook periodically. I really love the hour of greetings and overall I have fallen in love with Ivan and Eva! You make us happy with your music, understanding the Word, interviews with interesting preachers, tenderly and with love. I am grateful to God for you. Luba Morozova.

New Life Radio--the only radio which you want to listen to! Great thanks to the NLR team! **Dmitri**

Thank you! For me, this has become a revelation when recently I discovered New Life Radio. Praise God! **Valentina**

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